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**CIBER to Conduct Library Survey in Conjunction with the
Charleston Conference and ebrary**

Survey to Examine Electronic Resources Changes and Trends in a Challenging Economy

June 1, 2009 – London, UK – Based on input from more than 170 librarians, CIBER research group today announced it will conduct a global library survey to understand electronic resources challenges, trends, and best practices in tough economical times. Sponsored by ebrary®, a leading provider of digital content products and technologies, the survey will be available in the Fall to all libraries, and results will be announced during the Charleston Conference, November 4-7 in Charleston, SC, USA.

“We are very pleased that our survey topic was selected entirely by the library community, and we would like to thank those who participated for their input and support,” said Professor David Nicholas, Director of the Department of Information Studies, UCL Centre for Publishing and CIBER research group. “We realize that librarians are frequently asked to participate in surveys, and there have been a number of studies conducted this year. By having librarians choose the topic and provide suggestions regarding the types of questions that we should ask, we believe that the results of this survey will be of utmost value to libraries worldwide.”

“The theme for this year’s Charleston Conference is “Necessity is the Mother of Invention,” so this survey is a perfect fit,” said Katina Strauch, Charleston Conference Founder. “We look forward to exploring and discussing the results in detail with conference attendees and the library community at large.”

“Over the past few years, ebrary has collaborated with librarians to learn their perspectives as well as those of students and professors with regard to the use of digital content,” said Christopher Warnock, CEO of ebrary. “We are proud to sponsor this survey and believe it will help vendors, publishers, aggregators, and others who serve the library community better understand and address librarians’ issues and concerns in a difficult economic climate.”

About CIBER

CIBER’s expertise lies in the mapping, monitoring and evaluating of digital information systems, platforms, services, roll-outs and environments, using robust, big picture and innovative research methods, especially deep log analysis. CIBER has published a number of studies regarding digital information use, ejournal use and impact, cultural heritage online, impact of electronic course texts, information-seeking behavior of business students, and the like. For a full listing visit <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/infostudies/research/ciber/>

About the Charleston Conference (<http://www.katina.info/conference>)

The Charleston Conference is an informal annual gathering of librarians, publishers, electronic resource managers, consultants, and vendors of library materials in Charleston, SC, in November, to discuss issues of importance to them all. It is designed to be a collegial gathering of individuals from different areas who discuss the same issues in a non-threatening, friendly, and highly informal environment. Presidents of companies discuss and debate with library directors, acquisitions librarians, reference librarians, serials librarians, collection development librarians, and many, many others. Begun in 1980, the Charleston Conference has grown from 20 participants in 1980 to over 1,000 in 2005.

About ebrary (www.ebrary.com)

ebrary helps libraries, corporations, publishers, and consumers get the most out of their digital content. The company offers a growing selection of more than 170,000 digital books, handbooks, reports, maps, journals and other valuable content from over 350 of the world's leading publishers under flexible subscription, purchase, and usage-based models. Additionally, ebrary offers e-publishing services for customers to cost-effectively distribute their own PDF content online on ebrary's servers or their own.

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