

ebrary Signs State-Wide Deal in Delaware for Public Library Complete

December 21, 2010 – Palo Alto, CA – ebrary®, a leading provider of digital content products and technologies, today announced that the Delaware Division of Libraries is participating in its Public Library Complete Pilot Program. Public libraries throughout the state of Delaware will now have simultaneous, multi-user access to more than 21,000 e-books from leading publishers, and Delaware public high schools are eligible for complimentary onsite and offsite access. Additionally, as part of the program, the Delaware Division of Libraries may use DASH!™ (Data Sharing, Fast), ebrary's do-it-yourself e-publishing tool, to upload and share its own special collections and digitized materials with member libraries, other institutions, or freely on the web.

“We’re very happy to announce our new e-book offering from ebrary. Now, every public library cardholder in the State of Delaware has unlimited, multi-user access to an incredible variety of topics, delivered to personal computers or portable devices equipped with web browsers,” said Annie Norman, Director and State Librarian at The Delaware Division of Libraries. “The ebrary platform also includes some amazing contextual tools for deeper exploration of the texts. We look forward to working with Delaware Library patrons to ensure wide use of this important new digital resource.”

“A growing number of public libraries rely on their state libraries to select and provide access to authoritative information, especially in light of the economy. At the same time, public schools throughout the U.S., which have experienced significant materials budget cuts, are increasingly looking to their public libraries for support,” said Christopher Warnock, CEO of ebrary. “We are very excited that Delaware has selected our Public Library Complete Pilot Program as an affordable and efficient way to extend access to authoritative information, and we look forward to learning from this pilot to ensure we address community needs.”

Available today, ebrary's Public Library Complete Pilot Program includes the following:

- A growing collection of more than 21,000 full-text e-books from leading publishers such as Random House, Penguin, The McGraw-Hill Companies, and Taylor & Francis in multiple subject areas for schools & studying, career development, fiction, practical life skills, arts & leisure, and more. It also includes more than 4,200 Spanish language titles. Preview the selection at <http://site.ebrary.com/lib/publiclibrarytitles>.
- Affordable, subscription-based pricing with simultaneous, multi-user access – no checkouts required.
- Free access for local public high schools.
- DASH! for uploading, integrating, and sharing searchable databases of government forms, community college programs, ephemera, special collections, and more.
- Complimentary marketing services and 24/7 web-based training with a real person.

Additional Key Features and Benefits

- Highly affordable with discounts for states, systems and consortia.
- Available 24/7 through any web enabled device including the iPad -- no cumbersome downloads.
- Continued collection growth at no extra cost throughout the subscription term.
- Text-to-speech and other accessibility features.
- Free MARC records.
- COUNTER-compliant usage statistics.
- Powerful tools for easy researching:
 - Multiple options for searching, navigating, and browsing.
 - ebrary InfoTools™, which turns every word into a portal to additional information on the web. InfoTools can be customized to link patrons to resources of the library's choice.
 - Notes and highlights that are automatically stored on a personal bookshelf.
 - Ability to copy/paste and print text with automatic citations and URL hyperlinks back to the source.
 - Personal bookshelves with moveable folders that can be emailed to others.
 - Much more!

State, public, and other libraries interested in a demonstration or more information may email sales@ebrary.com.

Meet ebrary at ALA

ebrary is showcasing Public Library Complete and other products and services at ALA Midwinter, January 7-10 in San Diego, CA (booth #1701). For a listing of ebrary events please visit <http://www.ebrary.com/corp/newsALA.jsp>.

About ebrary (www.ebrary.com)

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All ebrary products and services can be integrated and delivered via a single easy-to-use interface that includes powerful tools for finding, discovering, and managing information. With ebrary InfoTools™, every word in the ebrary system is a network to other online resources of the customer's choice, extending content value while increasing end-user knowledge and efficiencies.

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