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ebrary to Replace its Reader Plug-in, Seeks Beta Testers

June 18, 2007 – Palo Alto, CA – ebrary® (www.ebrary.com), a leading provider of eContent services and technology, today announced that it will begin testing its new Java-based Reader in August and is currently seeking beta testers. The new ebrary Reader™ will replace its current proprietary plug-in and will provide better functionality and ease-of-use.

Libraries, publishers, and other organizations that participate in the program will receive institution-wide access to a select collection of ebrary’s eBooks and other titles for one year, subsidized by ebrary. Organizations that are interested in participating should email marketing@ebrary.com.

“It has long been ebrary’s belief that the computer can do more to increase user efficiency when interacting with information, and that is why we originally developed the ebrary Reader plug-in with InfoTools,” said Christopher Warnock, CEO of ebrary. “With the help of our customers, partners, and end-users who have been providing us with valuable feedback, we have developed this new Reader that will replace our current plug-in to provide an even better and more valuable service. We are very excited to begin beta testing this new technology and encourage libraries and other organizations in all parts of the world to participate.”

ebrary’s new Reader will initially be tested on Linux followed by Windows and Macintosh environments. The new Reader will launch on all platforms simultaneously later this year.

The ebrary Reader enables documents to be viewed online, page-by-page, eliminating the need for cumbersome document downloads. It also gives the ebrary platform all of its rich functionality including ebrary InfoTools™, which enables integration between multiple online resources and instant, contextual linking when end-users select words of interest in a document.

Key enhancements and new features include the following:

- Better annotating features: highlighting with or without “sticky notes” and multiple “sticky notes” per page.
- Ability to convert selected text to hyperlinks.
- Improved keyboard shortcuts to assist end-users with special accessibility needs.
- Transparent updates, eliminating the need for end-user or IT intervention.
- Ability to display, print, and copy/paste text from documents in any foreign language.

About ebrary (www.ebrary.com)

ebrary® is a leading provider of eContent services and technology. The company helps libraries, publishers, and other organizations disseminate valuable information to end users, while improving end-user research and document interaction.

The company has developed a flexible eContent platform, which customers may use in a number of different, integrated capacities: ebrary customers may purchase or subscribe to eBooks and other content under a variety of pricing and access models, and they may license the ebrary platform to distribute, sell, and market their own content online. All options are delivered using a customizable interface and include the ebrary Reader™ with InfoTools™ software, which enable integration with other resources to provide an economical and efficient way to utilize information.

ebrary currently offers a growing selection of more than 120,000 eBooks and other titles from more than 260 leading publishers and aggregators.

For four consecutive years, ebrary has been named to the EContent 100 list of “companies that matter most” in the digital content industry.

Founded in 1999, ebrary is privately held and is headquartered in Palo Alto, CA.

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