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Scottsdale Public Library Sees Savings with SkyRiver

Emeryville, CA—Scottsdale Public Library System (AZ) has switched to SkyRiver for its cataloging services. With lower cataloging costs, easy transition, and book vendor support, SkyRiver is an increasingly attractive alternative to legacy bibliographic utility cataloging services.

"Our cataloging operation was up and running with SkyRiver within a day of our SkyRiver training," says Scottsdale Public Library Director, Rita Hamilton. "In addition to their ease of implementation, SkyRiver integrated easily with services we purchase from Baker and Taylor, which include shelf-ready materials. Because of this, I'm excited to say that we now have a seamless workflow for all of our new acquisitions moving through a single bibliographic utility."

Shortly after Scottsdale implemented SkyRiver at its existing four branches, the city opened its fifth branch; which was a challenging time to execute such a change. Hamilton continued to say, "Rather than wait until after our newest branch opened to work with SkyRiver, we chose to make the change as soon as possible. Our cataloging costs have decreased significantly and we are now getting real time database updates and a far more flexible cataloging interface. Cutting costs is always important, but it is even more critical in these current economic times. The funds saved can be re-distributed to help the Scottsdale Libraries better serve the community. We have SkyRiver to thank for that."

About Scottsdale Public Library System

The Scottsdale Public Library provides a supportive environment for the community to discover opportunities, explore ideas, interact with others, and become lifelong learners. Care is taken to ensure that residents from all racial, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds receive materials, services, and programs that meet their unique needs. It maintains libraries in five Scottsdale locations providing great spaces to browse, relax, read, research, explore, meet, study, and interact. The Scottsdale Public Library serves a population of over 240,000 and boasts a circulation volume of over 3.6 million transactions and 1.5 million visitors per year.

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About SkyRiver

SkyRiver (www.theskyriver.com) announced its new bibliographic utility service on October 6, 2009. SkyRiver is dedicated to the development and deployment of efficient, economical cataloging services for libraries.