

The Austrian Library Network Goes Live with Primo

Ex Libris Primo provides a one-stop search interface for member institutions and facilitates access to the central catalog of the Network

Hamburg, Germany—13 July 2010. Ex Libris® Group is pleased to announce that the Austrian Library Network has gone live with the Primo® discovery and delivery solution. Primo provides a unified interface to the Network's central catalog and is now in use at the University of Innsbruck library and the University of Vienna library. Over the coming months, the Austrian National Library, the University of Graz, the Vienna University of Economics and Business, the University of Applied Arts Vienna, and the University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna will join the consortium.

"We are delighted to increase the visibility of our physical holdings and electronic resources to our users and to have successfully completed this wide-reaching project ahead of schedule," commented Wolfgang Hamedinger, managing director of Austrian Library Network and Services Ltd. (Österreichische Bibliothekenverbund und Service GmbH, or OBVSG).

"With its shared Primo platform, the Austrian Library Network has reached a new milestone in the collaboration between members. Our relationship with Ex Libris has been strong and effective throughout the project—particularly with respect to the development of a number of additional functions. Without this cooperation, a project on this scale would have been unthinkable," Mr. Hamedinger added.

Ullrich Jüngling, vice president of sales at Ex Libris Germany, commented: "In its adoption of Primo as a unified gateway to the rich resources of the Network and its members, OBVSG has expanded and improved the service it delivers to member libraries, and takes a leading role among European library consortia. The ongoing productive collaboration between the Austrian Library Network and Ex Libris has provided us with an opportunity to further enhance the consortial functionality of Primo."

About the Austrian Library Network:

The Austrian Library Network (abbreviated in German as OBV) is the major association of scientific and research libraries in Austria with 63 organizations representing over 80 individual institutions, including the Austrian National Library, the country's university libraries, university colleges of teacher education, government ministries, universities of applied sciences, and many other institutions.

Österreichische Bibliothekenverbund und Service GmbH (OBVSG) is the service provider and operational management facility of the Austrian Library Network. OBVSG is the application service provider for the implementation and operation of local library systems (approximately 40 institutions) and also offers a range of its own products in the areas of software development and system integration.

About Ex Libris

Ex Libris is a leading provider of automation solutions for academic, national, and research libraries. Offering the only comprehensive product suite for electronic, digital, and print materials, Ex Libris provides efficient, user-friendly products that serve the needs of libraries today and will facilitate their transition into the future. Ex Libris maintains an impressive customer base consisting of thousands of sites in more than 75 countries on six continents.

Dedicated to developing creative solutions in close collaboration with customers, Ex Libris enables libraries to maximize productivity and efficiency and, at the same time, greatly enhance the user experience. By empowering users to discover and obtain the information they need, libraries ensure their position as the bridge to knowledge.

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