epixtech

The *i*Library company

World-leader in library automation, *epixtech,* has almost twenty years experience in the industry, and has more than 7600 customers worldwide. Headquartered in the USA, *epixtech* has offices spanning the globe.

The Asia Pacific region is managed from the Australian registered company's regional centre in South Australia. The head office is situated in Adelaide, and the staff is engaged in system development, system installation and support, customer management, sales and marketing, and office administration. Branch offices are located in Sydney, New Zealand, Singapore and Taiwan, and agents are situated in China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand. This extensive network provides the infrastructure and resources to effectively support libraries throughout the region.

The founding of Dynix Inc in 1983 marks the beginning of epixtech's epic journey. Robust and reliable, and leading the way in early library automation, the legendary Dynix system is the heritage of this golden age and still holds its own today. Progressive management resulted in the birth of Ameritech Library Services in the early 1990s, which achieved the consolidation of strength and global expansion needed to develop and deliver systems in a changing market. The era of Ameritech is noted for dynamic new technologies development and creation of next generation systems. epixtech marks a new milestone. Reshaping Ameritech at the close of the 1990s into an independent company facilitates accelerated research and development and system delivery. This greater flexibility supports our vision of delivering cost-effective web services that will empower libraries in the emerging network-driven economy.

Supplemental to our library systems derived from co-operative effort of the international corporation, our Asia Pacific office delivers multi-lingual system development and special partnerships to tailor solutions for the local environment.

epixtech recognises the value of strategic partnering with organisations that provide leading technologies to add value to the products we offer. Some examples include partnerships with leaders in smart card technology which enable us to deliver state-of-the-art smart card solutions with our systems. A partnership with EasyAsk Inc gives our Horizon system unparalleled reporting capabilities. Similarly, our partnership with Gemplus means we can offer libraries leading-edge solutions for rapid circulation, inventory and sorting through the use of radio frequency identification (RFID) technology.

Our Adelaide office pioneered the way in CJK system development so that today we deliver a Unicode Chinese CJK client-server solution running full library system functions, including DualMARC capability to enable libraries to catalogue in both USMARC and CNMARC formats. Ability to meet the multi-lingual needs of the region is epixtech's forte. Our team of specialists in Adelaide are dedicated to developing software solutions to meet the needs of the libraries in Asia. Their expertise, cultivated and honed over the last ten years, means that epixtech can meet the challenges of multi-lingual system development and deliver systems for the languages used in Asia.

Enjoying a long-standing reputation for delivering the automation solutions that bring the latest technologies to libraries, epixtech is leading the way in providing libraries with cost-effective web solutions that enter a new realm of service delivery possibilities. Offering the first application service provider (ASP) business model for libraries, epixtech's innovative web services model, *i*Library, offers a unique advantage to our customers in the Asia Pacific region. Presenting a new paradigm in library automation *i*Library provides libraries with the first real opportunity to eliminate upfront capital expenses, implementation challenges and a continuing need for onsite maintenance and upgrades.

Having a real understanding of the needs of libraries in the current environment, epixtech offers expertise in library automation and a full suite of products and services that empower our customers to deliver the very best in library services.

epixtech are the sole principal sponsor of the ALIA2000 Capitalising on knowledge conference being held in Canberra in October. You can visit them at stands 15, 16 and 17 the conference exhibition

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The new library technicians course: how will it affect you? State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne, 2–4pm, meet entry Nº 3, LaTrobe Street. *RSVP to:* Patrica Murray, ph 03 9925 2063, patricia. murray@rmit.edu.au

• **14/10 Vic School Libraries section**. *Electronic technologies.* For further information contact: Anne Girolami, ph 03 9851 1550, fx 03 9851 1555, mareeanne@bigpond.com

• **21/10 Vic Library Technicians section**. *Visit to the University of Ballarat.* City-based techs meet with students and staff to discuss their library experiences and the work of ALIA. Contact: Kerrie Kelly, ph 03 9669 9721, kkelly@slv.vic.gov. au for details.

• **18/11 Vic School Libraries section**. *AGM.* Statewide Resource Centre, 217 Church Street, Richmond, 9:30am, all members welcome. Contact: Anne Girolami, ph 03 9851 1550, fx 03 9851 1555, mareeanne@bigpond.com

• **21/11 Ballarat Regional Group**. *AGM, guest speaker: Steve O'Connor,* CAVAL. Barkly's Restaurant, Corner Barkly Street and Main Road, Ballarat, 6 for 6:30pm. 3 course meal: $25 ALIA members, $30 non-members. *RSVP by 17/11 to:* Kerry Matheson, ph 03 5327 9588, k.matheson@ballarat.edu.au

• **4/12 Home Library Service SIG**. *General meeting.* Yarra Plenty Regional Library, Ferris Boulevarde, South Morang, 10am. Contact: Marie McMahon, ph 03 9401 0725.

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• **2/8–6/12 WA Children's and Youth Services section**. *General meeting,* the more the merrier! Brass Monkey in Northbridge, 6:30pm. 2/8, 6/9, 4/10, 6/12. For further information contact: Hilary Hatfield, ph 08 9411 3494, fx 08 9411 3493, hilaryh@cockburn.wa.gov.au

• **8/8–12/12 WA Public Libraries section**. *General meeting,* all members welcome! Morley Public Library, 7 Dewar Street, Morley, 4pm. 8/8, 12/9, 10/10, 12/12 (second Tuesday of each month). For further information contact: Judi Willmott, ph 08 9354 5327, fx 08 9354 5953, jwillmott@canning.wa.gov.au

• **14/8–12/11 WA Branch Council**. LISWA, Room 2.9. 14/8, 11/9, 9/10, 12/11. Contact: Tracy Gerritsen, ph 08 9272 1267, tracy@eon.net.au

• **15/8 WA Library Technicians section**. *General meeting.* Australian Society of CPA's, Australia Place, Level 1, 15–17 William Street, Perth, (Corner William & St Georges Terrace), 5:30 for 5:45pm start. Contact: Sandra Wilson, wilsons@boris. curtin.edu.au or Bev Dallas, ph 08 9322 2242.

• **28/8–27/11 WA Special Libraries section**. *General meeting.* Café at LISWA. 28/8, 25/9, 23/10, 27/11. Contact: Pauline Sawer, psawyer@agric.wa.gov.au