

MPS Technologies and Ex Libris Perform SUSHI Usage Data Transfer for Yale University Library

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MPS Technologies and the Ex Libris™ Group announce a successful transfer of Yale University usage data between their systems using the automated SUSHI protocol. This test has been made in preparation for future integration of ScholarlyStats usage data into Verde®, the Ex Libris ERM system. This will provide Verde libraries with access to a suite of integrated reports combining usage data with other subscription, holdings, and pricing information.

The emerging SUSHI standard (www.niso.org/committees/SUSHI/SUSHI_comm) was the natural technology choice for delivering data collected and cleaned up by ScholarlyStats into Verde. The delivery of ScholarlyStats reports will make it possible for Verde to automatically integrate the latest usage data from over 35 major vendor platforms with other subscription information.

Ted Koppel, Verde Product Manager, Ex Libris said "The SUSHI protocol shows tremendous potential as an efficient means for libraries to collect usage statistics for expanded analysis of their electronic resources. We're happy to be working with both Yale and MPS in this step towards integration of SUSHI into our Verde Electronic Resource Management system."

Jayne Marks, CEO, MPS Technologies said "Since MPS is dedicated to improving the value of usage statistics for library users, we are very pleased to collaborate with Ex Libris. Our aim will be to work towards a new view option for our librarians in addition to the service available through their ScholarlyStats portal."

About MPS Technologies and ScholarlyStats

MPS Technologies provides a range of technology-driven services specifically designed to support libraries and publishers. These services include web analytics, fulfillment services and content delivery. MPS Technologies is part of the Macmillan group of companies and has offices in London, Boston, New York, Basingstoke, Hamburg and Delhi.

ScholarlyStats provides libraries across the globe with consolidated vendor usage statistics. ScholarlyStats collects, standardizes and consolidates journal and database usage reports, providing libraries with a single point of access to their valuable usage data.

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About Ex Libris and Verde

Ex Libris is a leading worldwide developer and provider of high-performance applications for libraries, information centers, and researchers, with installations in 62 countries. ALEPH®, the Ex Libris integrated library solution, has been installed at over 1700 sites worldwide. MetaLib®, the information portal for library collections, and SFX®, the context-sensitive

linking solution for heterogeneous electronic resources in the scholarly information environment, have collectively been purchased by over 950 institutions in 40 countries. DigiTool®, a solution for the construction of digital collections, and Verde, the electronic resource management (ERM) system, have been warmly adopted by customers worldwide.

Primo®, our next-generation, user-centric discovery and delivery solution--and the newest addition to the Ex Libris product suite--was launched at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans in June 2006.

For additional information on Ex Libris, please see: <http://www.exlibrisgroup.com/>

For additional information on Verde, please see: <http://www.exlibrisgroup.com/verde.htm>.

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