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## **SchoolRooms K-12 Discovery Portal Introduced to Ohio Students**

*First phase of statewide project rolled out in partnership with SirsiDynix*

**COLUMBUS, Ohio, February 4, 2008** – INFOhio, the Information Network for Ohio Schools, today announced that the SchoolRooms™ online exploration, discovery and learning portal is now accessible to students, parents and educators throughout the state of Ohio. In the first phase of the project, SchoolRooms will offer the Ohio K-12 community access to educator-selected online content aligned to the state's curriculum, plus powerful search capabilities that ensure students' access to educator-selected Web sites. This announcement was made at the 2008 eTech Ohio Educational Technology Conference, which opened today.

Developed by K-12 solutions provider SirsiDynix in partnership with INFOhio and Ohio educators, SchoolRooms provides a single, student-friendly interface to high-quality content from school library catalogs, online databases, 3 million "Best of Web" teacher-selected Web pages as well as statewide digital resources. Content is presented in virtual rooms that help students discover information, provide educators with access to quality materials and enable parents to find appropriate resources for improving their children's education.

"INFOhio was formed 15 years ago to bring the benefits of library automation to school libraries and students throughout Ohio," said Theresa Fredericka, executive director of INFOhio. "Now, we are undertaking another major initiative with SchoolRooms, whereby more resources will be available to more students than ever before. And we're not talking about just any resources, but high-quality content that Ohio classroom teachers and school librarians have selected to support the teaching of the state's curriculum."

Gary Rautenstrauch, SirsiDynix CEO, said, "Two years ago, SirsiDynix and INFOhio undertook a partnership that combines powerful SirsiDynix technologies with the expertise of dedicated Ohio teachers and librarians. The result is a new kind of educational resource called SchoolRooms. We are excited as our Ohio partners take their first steps with this powerful product and look forward to more exciting things to come."

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**About INFOhio**

INFOhio, a statewide cooperative school library and information network, supports and enriches teaching and learning by providing equitable access to quality resources for Ohio's PreK-12 community of students, educators and parents. INFOhio's components include electronic resources for schools, instructional development for teachers, and school library automation -- all promoting information literacy and media literacy through the use of technology. For more information, please see [www.infohio.org](http://www.infohio.org).

**About SirsiDynix**

SirsiDynix is the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries – vital institutions whose primary mission is to make sense of the vast world of information for people and communities. This is an exciting role as libraries assist people in discovering and using knowledge, resources and other valuable content for their educations, jobs and entertainment. In concert with key industry partners, SirsiDynix supports this strategic role for libraries by offering a comprehensive integrated suite of technology solutions for improving the internal productivity of libraries and enhancing their capabilities for meeting the needs of people and communities. SirsiDynix has approximately 4,000 library and consortia clients, serving more than 300 million people through more than 20,000 library outlets in the Americas, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia-Pacific. For more information, please see [www.sirsidynix.com](http://www.sirsidynix.com).