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### ***ExtraLib.Com* - Free Web Site Hosting for Medical Libraries**

North Andover, MA, USA -- May 1, 1999. Ever since the emergence of the World Wide Web, medical librarians have been told that the Internet offers them an opportunity to serve patrons in a new medium. In reality, however, the majority of libraries have been starved of the resources and tools required to launch their libraries into cyberspace - many cannot even get the IS resources to set up a library web site. As a result, librarians are increasingly “dis-intermediated” by “free” services that are supported through advertising or other means, and which do not recognize the value of librarianship.

*ExtraLib.Com*, recently launched by Aries Systems Corporation, North Andover MA, is designed to provide a platform for medical librarians to effectively compete in the Web environment by providing patrons with a value-added experience of the Internet. Librarians can use *ExtraLib.Com* to create mini medical “portals” which accurately anticipate the information needs of their specific patron community.

*ExtraLib.Com* offers FREE web site hosting for qualifying medical libraries, including 20 million characters of storage space so that librarians can design and upload their own web pages.

*ExtraLib.Com* also integrates with *Knowledge Finder* databases so that librarians can manage the demand for full content by integrating serials holdings information with literature searches; inserting links to E-Journals; and setting up e-mail SDIs for patrons.

Richard Wynne, Director of Sales and Marketing at Aries Systems, said “I’ve talked to dozens of medical librarians who tell me that they don’t have the resources or institutional visibility to set up library web pages. We’re responding to that need by offering them a free service. Now, within a few hours, any medical library can have a web page for its patrons.”

Librarians wishing to register for a free *ExtraLib.Com* Web site can do so at  
<http://www.ExtraLib.Com>.

About Aries Systems Corporation... Since 1986, Aries Systems has successfully delivered technology which connects medical knowledge workers to the most accurate and comprehensive answers to their questions. Aries provides the navigation infrastructure which empowers all of the participants in the knowledge retrieval chain: publishers, database developers, knowledge workers and librarians.

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