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R.R. BOWKER® SIGNS LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH EBRARY® TO CREATE POWERFUL LIBRARY RESEARCH TOOLS

New Providence, N.J. – November 6, 2002 – R.R. Bowker, one of the world’s leading publishers of bibliographic information, will begin selling a customized Bowker-ebrarian® research database to librarians, library patrons, students and faculty as the result of a recently signed licensing agreement with ebrary, a leading provider of information distribution and retrieval services.

The new Bowker-ebrarian research database—accessible from booksinprint.com® and globalbooksinprint.com®— will provide simultaneous, multi-user access to a searchable collection of full text from more than 13,000 books and other authoritative content derived from 130 of the world’s leading publishers. It easily integrates with a library’s existing ILS system and can be used to search by keyword or phrase through dictionaries, encyclopedias, Web sites and other reference materials.

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“This partnership with ebrary will enable our library users to not only make more informed collection development and interlibrary loan decisions, but also provides an electronic resource to conduct actual research using a wide range of sources,” said Michael Cairns, president of New Providence, N.J.-based R.R. Bowker. “We have a proud history of being a leading provider of bibliographic information to libraries, and this agreement represents a major step forward in our strategy to continue providing value-added electronic research tools as well.”

“Bowker has 130 years of experience in this market and ranks as the world’s leading source for bibliographic products, so we are delighted that they will be reselling our ebrarian database and integrating our technology into booksinprint.com and globalbooksinprint.com,” said Christopher Warnock, chief executive officer of Mountain View, Calif.-based ebrary. “Through our partnership, we can fulfill our mutual goal of providing the highest level of services to librarians, staff and patrons.”

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