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Orbis Cascade Alliance Selects YBP Library Services as Preferred Book Vendor

Contoocook, NH: August 20, 2007 -- Following a review of academic library book suppliers, the Orbis Cascade Alliance has chosen YBP Library Services as their preferred vendor. The Alliance, a consortium of 34 academic libraries in Oregon and Washington, "...believes that YBP is well-positioned to offer a full array of important services for local libraries, along with the added benefit of consortial support", according to Mark Watson, AUL of Collections and Access at the University of Oregon and the current Chair of the Alliance's Collection Development and Management Committee (CDMC).

"YBP is also making good progress as a vendor of electronic books, and Alliance members are hopeful that, as a group, we can work with YBP on new initiatives like sharing access to electronic books, creating a consortial approval plan, and developing coordinated eBook and paper joint initiatives," Watson said.

The Orbis Cascade Alliance joins a number of other consortia of academic libraries using YBP including, OhioLINK, MOBIUS (Missouri), Tri-Colleges (Bryn Mawr, Haverford and Swarthmore), Colby-Bates-Bowdoin (Maine), and CTW (Connecticut College, Trinity, College, CT, and Wesleyan University, CT).

The Alliance operates *Summit*, a union catalog and borrowing system that combines information from member libraries into a single unified database of 8.8 million titles representing 27.8 million items. Patron initiated requests and items for interlibrary loan are delivered by a courier system that offers 24- to 48-hour delivery between more than 76 drop sites serving in excess of 250 libraries in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

"One of the most persuasive advantages that YBP provides is GobiTween, a management tool that allows selectors to view consortium-wide activity for any title under consideration. Using GobiTween, selectors can identify copies that will be added to *Summit* that are in the pipeline

before they are received and cataloged,” said Lynn Chmelir, Interim Library Director at Clark College in Vancouver, WA, and immediate past Chair of the CDMC.

Chmelir went on to say, “The bottom line is that YBP is the vendor that the Alliance considers most capable of helping member libraries to think consortially and act locally.”

About YBP Library Services

YBP Library Services, a Baker & Taylor company, provides books and supporting collection management and technical services to academic, research, and special libraries in North America and around the world. GOBI®, YBP's online, interactive bibliographic information service, provides access to 3.0 million titles in an English-language database. YBP's corporate headquarters are in Contoocook, New Hampshire, USA. Further information about the company is available on their web site, www.ybp.com.

About the Orbis Cascade Alliance

The Orbis Cascade Alliance represents 34 member institutions in Oregon and Washington comprising community colleges, colleges, and universities. Both private and public institutions are included and the Alliance serves 90% of all students attending four-year colleges and 20% of all students attending two-year colleges in the region. The Alliance's union catalog and borrowing system, Summit, includes 8.8 million titles representing 27.8 million items. 67% of these titles are unique; owned by only one member library. The associated courier service delivers more than 350,000 packages per year. On an annual basis, members collectively gain access to additional electronic resources valued at \$8 million each year. This program allows members the option of participating in group purchases of databases, eJournals, and eBooks supporting teaching and research. For additional information, visit <http://www.orbiscascade.org/>.

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