

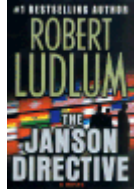
## New Quad-LINC System Fact Sheet

Vendor selected: Sirsi

New system will be available: March 2004

### Benefits of new system:

- Patrons will see image of book jacket and be able to access reviews, summaries and table of contents. This will enable them to make more informed decisions about their selections for research or recreation.



Example:

- Patrons will be able to renew their items by phone or online and receive notification of items available by phone or online.
- Children will have a special catalog that allows them to access items by selecting a picture rather than having to spell a word. Example:



by clicking on this picture of children laughing, kids will obtain a list of books of jokes and riddles.

- Patrons will be able to search the QuadLINC catalog, the web and licensed databases simultaneously. They will receive a list of pertinent selections from all sources saving them time and effort.
- Patrons can choose to search only their own library holdings, just academic holdings, only public library holdings or whatever combination they are comfortable with.
- Librarians will finally have the ability to schedule meeting rooms by computer....no more paper calendars! They will also be able to book audio visual equipment with this system.
- Patrons will be able to access photographs and other media and archival information through the catalog. This will be especially useful for genealogists, regional historians, and students.
- Patrons will have access to the catalog from home computers, work computers as well as from library computers.

- **Patrons who are more comfortable with Spanish may click the button for the Spanish version of the library catalog and do their research in their native language.**
- **Libraries that deliver to the homebound will have a way to track those deliveries and better serve the aged and disabled patrons.**
- **Partnership possibilities will be enhanced. For example: Genesis Health System will be able to link directly from its web site to health information in QuadLINC.**
- **Patrons will be able to set up personal accounts and be notified by e-mail when materials that they have identified an interest in are available.**
- **Technologically adept patrons with PDA's will be able to search the catalog with their own device.**
- **Senior citizens will find the catalog simpler to use and more forgiving of spelling or typing errors, thereby allowing them more privacy and confidentiality as they look for information.**
- **Member colleges and universities will find it easier to attract students and faculty because of the searching capabilities and technical advantages of the new system.**
- **Employees can be more productive. For example: a Deere and Co. employee can look for the Kiplinger report and read it online wherever in the world they happen to be.**
- **Student confidence will increase. In a recent needs assessment conducted by MGT of America for the Quad City Graduate Center, students identified access to library materials as one of the areas most needing improvement. The new system will offer students the ability to create their own research library based on their own unique needs and receive automatic notification of new books in their area of interest.**