



DALNET BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting: Monday, January 24, 2000
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Detroit Institute of Arts Board Room

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Call to the Audience
2. Approval of the Minutes of November 29, 1999 (previously mailed) - ACTION
3. Ameritech Liaison Report (M. Auer)
4. Finance Committee Report (J. Bosler)
5. Grants Committee (D. Murphy)
 - John Cotton Dana Award
 - Other Projects
6. Director of DALNET Online System Report (L. Bugg)
 - Information Hub Development Committee/Charge - ACTION
 - Appreciation Luncheon - Discussion
 - Evaluation/Project Leaders & Recognition Letter/Other ALS Staff - Information
 - Ameritech Grant - Update
7. DALNET Project Leaders Report (S. Muir)
 - Course Reserve Task Force - Change to Charge - ACTION
 - Horizon Migrations Report
 - Enhancements Update
 - WebPAC - UNIX/NT
 - Help Desk Implementation
 - System Performance
 - System Upgrade
 - ALA Midwinter Update
8. DALNET Outreach Coordinator Report (D. Callaway)
 - Status of member prospects
 - Press Release
9. WSU/DPL Subcontract - Information - (R. Holley/M. Wheeler)
10. Old Business
11. New Business.
12. Next Board meeting.
13. Adjournment.

DALNET BOARD MINUTES

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Monday January 24, 2000
Board Room
Detroit Institute of Arts

Present:

Phyllis Jose, Chair	OCL
Jerry Bosler	MCC
Debbie Adams	Botsford
Robert Holley	WSU
James A Flaherty	WCC
Margaret E Auer	UDM
Karen Tubolino	VA
Ann Walaskay	OCC
Nancy Bulgarelli	Beaumont
Jennifer Moldwin	DIA
Sandra Clemens for Maurice Wheeler	DPL
Cathy Eames	Childrens
Jean Brennan	Harper
Tim Cromer	DPL
Nancy Skowronski	DPL

Staff: Scott Muir
Louise Bugg
Robert Harris

1. The meeting was called to order by P. Jose, Chair at 1:35PM.
2. **ACTION:** J. Bosler moved, seconded by R. Holley, that minutes of the November 29, 1999 Board meeting be approved.
APPROVED.
3. M. Auer reported that the cost of the imaging database is still unresolved. She also announced the release of the DALNET logo from Ameritech Data Services. DALNET owns the logo.
4. Confirmation of electronic vote by the Board
ACTION: J. Bosler moved, seconded by M. Auer, that the Board confirm the electronic vote taken to appoint Ann Walaskay, OCC, to the Finance Committee filling the position vacated by P. Jose.
APPROVED

The Finance Committee brought forth the issue of the use of English Wizard instead of Reportsmith. It is reported to be easier to use. It is not part of the contract with epixtech and is expensive. The matter was referred to S. Muir for further investigation and assessment of the cost of this program to DALNET. He will report his findings to the Finance Committee which will then take its recommendation to the Board.

5. M. Auer reported for D. Murphy regarding the Grants Committee:
- We must continue to pursue the 501 C3 status in order to be eligible for many funding opportunities.
 - We did not apply for the John Cotton Dana Award this year. It was recommended that we apply at the end of the grant.
 - No information has been released yet on the LSTA grant awards. The next local training on grant writing from the Library of Michigan is at the Plymouth District Library on March 2 and April 28 is the next LSTA grant deadline. L. Bugg will look into it.

On a related note, P. Jose reported that the recent OWLS meeting discussed the issue of combining multiple systems. An exploratory meeting with Eileen Palmer and the Macomb County Cooperative will be pursued.

6. DALNET Online System Report:

The Steering Committee discussed the idea of an Information Hub Development Committee. It would be modeled on the structure of the current Steering Committee and would coordinate efforts to establish and maintain the hub. S. Muir would serve as Chair. The DALNET Outreach Coordinator and another DALNET staff liaison plus six representatives from member libraries appointed by the Board would comprise the membership. The committee itself would exist for an indefinite time frame while task forces for specific projects would have finite assignments. These sub committees or task forces, their membership, formation and disbanding would be Board decisions. It would be the responsibility of the Committee to coordinate projects from individual institutions and to work on standards for all DALNET members. The committee would keep the Board apprised of projects being undertaken by each institution and consider any impact they would have on funding issues.

ACTION: J Bosler moved, seconded by M. Auer, that the Board approve the formation of the DALNET Information Hub Development Committee as outlined in the draft statement from the Steering Committee.

APPROVED

P. Jose asked that Board members forward names of nominees for the six positions by February 4. We will take a vote via e-mail. Committee members should include some Board members, some Project Managers and some library staff.

The Steering Committee felt a celebration was necessary now that all libraries had successfully migrated to Horizon. A proposal for this was sent to Finance Committee.

ACTION: The Finance Committee recommends that the Board host a luncheon event for the DALNET Board, The DALNET Systems Staff, The Steering Committee, Project Managers, Wayne State University legal counsel, Lana Porter and Bill Easton. And that up to \$1600 be allocated to cover the cost of the event, and gifts for the DALNET Systems Staff.

APPROVED as stated

Evaluations of epixtech staff are done in January. According to our Partnership agreement, they wanted input from the Board. A letter was sent regarding Harry Masek and a comprehensive review was sent for Scott Muir. This went to Lana Porter through Meg Fisher. Reviews on other ALS staff who worked on the project were also sent. The Steering committee had input into the evaluations. For Scott Muir, input came from both the Steering Committee and the DALNET staff.

We received a check for \$50,000 from Ameritech for the second half of our grant. M. Wheeler received the check and sent it to the Friends. S. Clemens will verify this and report to P. Jose.

(Item not on the Agenda)

L. Bugg passed out a notice from the Institute for Legal and Ethical Issues. They are presenting a conference for 45 participants in Milwaukee from May 20 -26 on challenges for libraries in the information environment. She recommended that Adrienne Lim be nominated to attend and then be responsible for training other DALNET staff upon her return. The application is due in by January 31 and needs a supporting letter from the "institutional director" in this case Chair of the DALNET Board.

ACTION: B. Holley moved, seconded by D. Adams, that the Board support the nomination of Adrienne Lim to attend the conference sponsored by the Institute for Legal and Ethical Issues in Milwaukee.

APPROVED

7. Scott Muir reported on the following issues:

The Course Reserves Task Force wanted to clarify the issues that they are to review. They submitted a revision of the charge to the Board.

ACTION: J Bosler moved, seconded by M Auer, that the charge to the Course Reserves Task Force be amended as follows: the charge *Analyze alternative and best methods for data entry* be eliminated and the following two charges added, Gain better understanding of Horizon course reserves and distribute information across DALNET libraries and Define required functionality to address the needs of DALNET libraries. *Establish DALNET standards* change to Establish DALNET guidelines.

APPROVED

Notis is gone; all members of Horizon Groups 1-4 have migrated.

Enhancements

- A meeting was held on short and long-term goals for cataloging authority and union catalog. Third party vendors are being investigated. Epixtech will not be working on this until after Sunrise goes to beta testing sometime this summer. Two libraries in Germany have also requested this enhancement.
- Work is progressing on the Children's OPAC. They are close to finishing the specifications but the issue of relevancy searching has not yet been addressed.
- It was discovered that most members would be able to use SS#s as internal controls for the Shared Patron file. In 5.3 this number will not be displayed. We will need to be up on 5.3 to implement this feature anyway due to structural changes needed in the database. The current time frame for 5.3 conversion is mid March for WSU and a further time table is being worked on. It is hoped we can then migrate to 6.0 (Sunrise) over the summer. We will be emphasizing this need with epixtech on the next call.

Broadcast searching is of great importance to DALNET so epixtech has agreed to loan us two NT servers as an interim solution until the next version of WebPAC is released. It is anticipated this can be delivered within the next few months. Main searching will be done on the Unix servers but when broadcast searching is needed the search will be switched to the NT servers. Right now the target for the new version of WebPAC release is third quarter 2000.

The hope is to roll out the Help Desk to all members sometime around the second week in February. DPL has Remedy up and running but it is not replicating well and this must work before it is made available to all of DALNET. They are using Lotus Notes as a log but will be transferring this information to Remedy. Help Desk staff will be setting up site visits with DALNET libraries.

WSU still has problems with some searches taking too long. They will need to reindex to speed up the process. Many large databases are experiencing this.

Upgrades to the system are expected to follow this sequence:

- 1 – Horizon 5.3 this spring. There are no known changes needed in hardware or software
- 2. – Then migrate to Sybase 1194. Sunrise must run on 1194 but it will be transparent to users. This will be coordinated with DPL
- 3. – Sunrise or 6.0 during the summer. This will require desktop NT
- 4 – We will need to upgrade the servers but are waiting for the specs from epixtech on what is needed for 6.0.

The bandwidth for frame relay is up to each library but the T1 lines connecting the servers to the frame relay is the responsibility of DALNET. Monitoring the traffic on the frame relay is one of the responsibilities of the Help Desk. Ms Cherewick will help to install the software needed to do this.

8. L. Bugg distributed D. Callaway's report on Outreach activities.

We are close to a contract with Greenfield Village.

Tyndale College is new to the list but they seem anxious to move on the issue

ACTION: The Finance Committee recommends that the Board approve negotiations with Tyndale College for Option 1 proceed.

APPROVED

Rochester College's Advisory Board wants to get a bid directly from epixtech and look at other systems. The current library director leaves June 30.

MI Psychiatric Institute did not like the price and have decided on another system, Inmagic. They are interested in a link.

The Horizon migration press release was mailed with the agenda and will be sent to Detroit and major community newspapers on DALNET stationary. Corrections were made to the list of members and each member will be receiving a final copy

9. A meeting on the WSU/ DPL subcontract has been scheduled for Friday Jan. 28th and results will be reported back to the Board.
10. Old business – none
11. Next meeting was set for March 20, 2000. The Board meeting will be held at 10AM at UD Mercy followed by the luncheon at 12:30PM
12. New business
Meeting adjourned at 3:00PM with a consensus of the Board to go into Executive Session which lasted until 3:35PM.

Karen M Tubolino
Secretary

The logo for Ameritech, featuring the word "Ameritech" in a serif font with a horizontal line underneath it.

December 28, 1999

Dear ALS customer:

I am writing to share exciting news about Ameritech Library Services with our customers. As you know, during November Ameritech Library Services (ALS) announced an agreement under which Ameritech, a company of SBC Communications, Inc., sold ALS to a private investment group. We want you to know that this transaction has been completed as of December 15, 1999. Ameritech Library Services is now pleased to announce to our worldwide customers our new corporate name of "*epixtech, inc.*"

In its new incarnation as *epixtech*, the company will carry on its long tradition and commitment to customer service, developing technology solutions and services for libraries worldwide. We are committed to continuing to provide the library industry and you, a valued customer, with the high quality solutions and services that established the company's leadership in this market. The formal unveiling of *epixtech* will take place at the ALA Midwinter conference in San Antonio January 14-17, 2000. I have enclosed a copy of the press release that was distributed to library publications and to the national media.

You may preview the new *epixtech* logo on our web site (www.epixtech.com). Another change accompanying the adoption of a new web domain is our adoption of a company standard for e-mail addresses—first initial of first name, period, last name@epixtech.com (with country extension as appropriate). For example, l.porter@epixtech.com. Duplicate name forms will add a second letter or number. This standard should help customers derive most e-mail addresses for *epixtech* staff from their first and last names. Our new web domain and e-mail addresses are already active; old addresses will forward e-mail for the next few months.

One final change involves the street address of our headquarters building in Provo. In order to adhere to local public safety guidelines and respond to a request from our business park association, we have been asked to change our street name from "Dynix Drive" to the assigned standard street number of "5050 North." We have begun to use the new address of "400 West 5050 North" on all materials. Please update your library and accounting office records for *epixtech* with this new street address effective immediately.

The new name of "*epixtech*" is pronounced as you would pronounce the word "epics" with "tech" added. The new corporate name is spelled with a lower-case "e" and will appear in Italics type font except in address blocks. The new name and logo were created by an in-house marketing team working with The Brand Effect, a Chicago-based branding company. The team considered hundreds

of possibilities to find a new name that was distinctive, contemporary, and globally appropriate. The hardest part of naming a new company today is finding a name not already trademarked or in use as a web domain name.

We hope that you will join with us in welcoming this new era for Ameritech Library Services as *epixtech*. My employee team and I welcome your questions about this announcement. You are invited to direct questions to your contacts in sales, customer service, or in your local ALS office. We will provide responses as quickly as possible.

We value our relationship with you and look forward to continuing to provide your library with excellent products and services.

Sincerely,



Lana Porter, President
epixtech, inc.



Encl:
**(News Release) EPIXTECH, INC., FORMERLY AMERITECH LIBRARY SERVICES,
ANNOUNCES NEW CORPORATE IDENTITY**



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EPIXTECH, INC., FORMERLY AMERITECH LIBRARY SERVICES, ANNOUNCES NEW CORPORATE IDENTITY

—Leading library services company transforms libraries with forward thinking, Web-based solutions and services—

Provo, Utah (December 20, 1999)— *epixtech, inc.*, formerly Ameritech Library Services (ALS), the world leader in library automation and a former subsidiary of Ameritech Corporation, today announced its new corporate identity positioning the company to meet rapidly increasing demands for Internet services in the library industry. The company has been the leader in library automation services since its incorporation in 1994. With more than 7,600 customers worldwide, the company's accomplishments include award-winning technologies and library automation systems. *epixtech* will continue to provide existing products and services while offering avenues of support to libraries with its newly developed Web-based solutions and services that enable libraries to better service their patrons for remote access via the Internet.

During the recent acquisition of Ameritech Corporation by SBC Communications, Inc., company veteran and ALS President Lana Porter secured long-term financing in order for ALS to become a privately held company. Funding was obtained from 21st Century Group, LLC and Green Leaf Ridge, LLC. The rebirth of the company as an independent entity positions *epixtech* for continued leadership, profitability and growth in the library services industry.

"*epixtech* is already a leader in the next evolutionary phase for libraries," said Lana Porter, president and chief executive officer. "We have demonstrated our commitment to balancing our customers investments in existing technologies while offering long-range planning and strategies. As a privately owned,

independent company, we will be able to accelerate our development of new Web-based solutions to help libraries serve today's mobile communities."

epixtech will continue to focus its efforts on automation solutions and on emerging Web-based trends by establishing a new model for web services. The company will also accelerate research, development and strategic alliances, delivering new technologies and services quickly and efficiently.

Management Team

epixtech will retain its strong infrastructure and management team with CEO and President Lana Porter directing decisions for development and growth of the company. Since joining the company in 1996, Porter has established business processes, strategic plans and partnerships, and expanded the company's international market presence.

Library industry veteran of seventeen years, Vice President of Sales and Marketing Kate Noerr leads *epixtech's* international sales and marketing departments as well as all international operations. Noerr is a member of the American Library Association, the American Society for Information Science, the British Computer Society and the Association for Computing Machinery and is the author of more than fifty articles.

Tyler Gingrich, vice president of software engineering, focuses on designing multilingual software and Internet-based services for *epixtech*. Gingrich's background in business, systems analysis, and global software development provides consistent standards for all design and development efforts.

Scott Wheelhouse, vice president of product management, is another ALS veteran of over eleven years. He leads *epixtech's* development of product plans and marketing strategies to further improve client communications and coordination of the company's solutions and services in the global marketplace.

Vice President of Customer Operations Margaret (Meg) Fisher has extensive experience in information systems management. She directs support of *epixtech's* customer services worldwide.

Chief Financial Officer Rick Lawhun has served in a number of positions at Ameritech over the past ten years. He oversees *epixtech's* financial goals, balancing the needs of customers and operating costs.

epixtech, Inc. is the leading provider of automation technologies, solutions and services for more than 7,600 libraries worldwide. *epixtech's* award-winning library automation systems, ConnectLib solutions for patron self-services, desktop management and interlibrary loan, and its new Web-based solutions and services empower libraries and their patrons. *epixtech* was formerly Ameritech Library Services, a

subsidiary of Ameritech, and became a private corporation in December 1999. *epixtech's* library automation solutions meet the needs of research, public, corporate, medical, and K-12 school libraries. Headquartered in Utah, *epixtech* has offices in Evanston, Illinois; Waterloo, Ontario; and throughout Europe and the Pacific Rim. *epixtech, Inc.* is located at 400 West 5050 North, Provo, Utah, 84604; Tel: 1-800-288-8020; fax 801-223-5202; and at www.epixtech.com.

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DALNET INFORMATION HUB DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

As DALNET works toward its vision of becoming a regional information provider of the unique resources of the member libraries and their communities, it needs a group to oversee this development. The DALNET Steering Committee recommends the creation of the DALNET Information Hub Development Committee (IHDC) to be responsible for the databases that go beyond member libraries' traditional library catalogs and index/abstract databases.

Committee Charge

The IHDC will be responsible for:

1. Preparing goals and objectives for the development of the Information Hub;
2. Developing time-bounded plans to achieve the goals and objectives;
3. Proposing policies and standards to the Board for approval;
4. Reviewing appointment of project teams and task forces;
5. Overseeing Information Hub projects;
6. Identifying training needs;
7. Reviewing grant proposals, budget requests and reports on projects.

Membership

The DALNET Board will appoint up to six representatives to the IHDC. The DALNET Project Leader will serve as the chair. The DALNET Outreach Coordinator and a DALNET staff liaison will serve on the Committee as an ex-officio, non-voting members. Membership will be reviewed annually.

L.Bugg and P.Jose
Rev. 1-7-2000

Subject: Course Reserves TF - Request to Revise Charge

Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 19:45:38 -0500

From: "Sheble, Mary" <MASHEBLE@occ.cc.mi.us>

To: "pjose@tln.lib.mi.us" <pjose@tln.lib.mi.us>

Phyllis,

Attached:

1. Original Course Reserves TF charge
2. Revised Course Reserves TF charge (as of 01/13/00)

Reasons for the requested changes to the charge are included in the minutes of the 12/6/99 task force minutes.

Please let me know if you need more information before distributing our request to the DALNET Board of Directors.

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HORIZON COURSE RESERVES TASK FORCE
(Original TF Charge)

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The Task Force charge includes:

- Analyze alternative and best methods for data entry.
- Explore options for integrating electronic reserves.
- Establish DALNET standards.
- Identify and/or develop reports needed for routine operations.
- Recommend Enhancements for the Horizon Course Reserves.

The members of this Task Force should be actively involved in setting up or using course reserves at their library. This Task Force should complete their assignment by December, 2000.

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Becky Riesterer (Walsh)

Maryann Sheble (OCC)

Scott P. Muir/mas
September 21, 1999

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(Proposed Revisions to TF Charge: 1/13/00)

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Horizon Course Reserves TF
12/5/99; 9:30-11:30 a.m.; WSU Kresge Purdy Library Conference Room
Minutes

Present: B. Burningham (WSU), A. Evans (DALNET), R. Luo (WCCC), M. Sheble (OCC)

Excused: B. Bett (MCC), R. Davidson (UDM), B. Riesterer (Walsh)

Minutes: Responsibility for taking minutes will be assigned to TF members in reverse alphabetical order. Minutes will be distributed to TF members via e-mail for review. After revisions are incorporated, minutes will be sent to ~~L. Bugg~~ ^{S. Muir} for distribution to the DALNET Steering Committee.

TF Charge: The TF charge was reviewed:

Delete

Analyze alternative and best methods for data entry .

Add

Learn more about Horizon course reserves and distribute information across DALNET libraries.

Rationale: Members of the TF would like the group to function, in part, as a forum for exchanging ideas on ways to use course reserves to enhance the utility of the module for DALNET libraries. The functionality of the module is very different from the NOTIS counterpart and learning more about how the module can be used to full advantage by DALNET is important. As an example, A. Evans mentioned the possibility of using an 856 field in Fast-Add (and other!) records to provide a link to electronic reserves.

Define required functionality to address the needs of DALNET libraries.

Revise

Establish DALNET guidelines (Changed from: Establish DALNET Standards.)

Rationale: Course reserves will not be a shared file and patrons will not use course reserves in libraries other than their home institutions. Guidelines may be useful to establish some degree of continuity across DALNET libraries, but some variation between libraries to address local needs should not be problematic.

Keep

Explore options for integrating electronic reserves.

Identify and/or develop reports needed for routine operations.

Recommend enhancements for the Horizon course reserves.

Members of the TF who did not attend the meeting will be encouraged to submit their ideas for additions and revisions.

Project Priorities

1.a. Define required functionality to address the needs of DALNET libraries.

Discussion: Defining what we need course reserves to do and understanding what Horizon can do now to meet these needs is an important first step. B. Burningham and M. Sheble will distribute information to TF members before the next meeting on (1) electronic reserves functionality required by WSU and (2) NOTIS functionality requests submitted by DALNET prior to release 6.3. WSU has been using course reserves since spring term (1999). B. Burningham volunteered to summarize WSU functionality comments. These documents will provide a base for discussion at the next meeting.

1.b. Establish DALNET guidelines.

Discussion: Can be done concurrently with defining functionality. As more libraries come up on Horizon, it would be good to have guidelines in place. A. Evans will distribute copies of NOTIS course reserve guidelines at the next meeting to use as a base for discussion.

2. Explore options for integrating electronic reserves.

Discussion: There is a need to understand more about options for integrating traditional and course reserves, and perhaps, look over options for third party software for managing electronic reserves. Electronic reserves will be kept in mind during needs definition discussions.

3. Identify and/or develop reports needed for routine operations.

Discussion: A. Evans and C. Steffani are reviewing options for using ReportSmith to generate reports required by WSU on course reserves. Information will be provided to the TF as work at WSU progresses.

4. Learn more about Horizon course reserves and distribute information across DALNET libraries.

Discussion: This should be a continuous process as the TF learns more about using course reserves. Options for distributing information will be discussed.

5. Recommend enhancements.

Discussion: The TF needs to understand more about the needs of DALNET libraries and how the current version and planned enhancements to Horizon course reserves can address these needs before talking about further enhancements.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held at Royal Oak campus of OCC on Thursday, January 13 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. M. Sheble will send a map and directions to TF members. The January 13th meeting will be spent (1) defining course reserve needs of DALNET libraries and (2) working on DALNET-wide guidelines.

Other: M. Sheble will distribute a roster of the TF at the next meeting, with e-mail addresses, phone numbers, and fax numbers.

Minutes for 1/13: B. Riesterer (Walsh)

Minutes: M. Sheble (12/6/99)
Distributed to: TF members

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DALNET (Detroit Area Library Network)

Botsford General Hospital
Children's Hospital of Michigan
Detroit Institute of Arts
Detroit Public Library (including
Highland Park)
Detroit Public Schools
Professional Library (contract
pending)
Detroit Receiving Hospital

Grace/Sinai Hospital
Harper Hospital
Huron Valley Hospital
Hutzel Hospital
Macomb Community College
Mt. Clemens General Hospital
(contract pending)
Oakland Community College
Oakland County Law Library

Rehabilitation Institute
University of Detroit Mercy
Veterans Administration Medical
Center
Wulsh College
Wayne County Community
College
Wayne State University
William Beaumont Hospitals

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DALNET Libraries Go "Live" with Im@gine System

The Detroit Area Library Network announces that all DALNET libraries have successfully migrated from their shared legacy NOTIS computer system to Horizon, their new client/server system, in time to turn off the mainframe on December 31, 1999. Eighteen of the twenty-one DALNET member libraries (listed above) migrated within the past eighteen months. The remaining three member libraries, Detroit Public Schools Professional Library and two hospital libraries (Sinai/Grace and Huron Valley), will be using the Horizon system to automate for the first time in early 2000.

Horizon is a product of epixtech, a new independent library automation vendor, formerly Ameritech Library Services. Horizon features include access from the World Wide Web using popular Web browser software, the ability to display the full text of journal articles on a computer screen, and the ability to link with resources in a variety of formats such as images, sound and video. Now, DALNET library users can call up lists of books they have checked out, check if requested materials are ready for pick up, and request holds on materials that are checked out—all without leaving their homes and offices.

DALNET named its new system Im@gine. DALNET's goal is to develop Im@gine into an Information Hub for Southeast Michigan, with image databases and other digitized collections added to the databases of traditional library materials it already includes. Two demonstration image databases were created by the University of Detroit Mercy staff with consulting services from epixtech. They are the Architecture Imaging Database and the Great Lakes Shipping Collection Database.