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- Macomb Community College
- Oakland Community College
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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 personnel with consulting services from epixtech. They are the Architecture Imaging Database and the Great Lakes Shipping Collection Database.

To see Im@gine, including the demonstration image databases, and monitor progress toward the Information Hub, go to <http://imagine.dalnet.lib.mi.us>

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