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GOBI Edition 2 in the Triangle

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Sixty-five librarians and members of the library staff at Duke University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill viewed GOBI Edition 2 (GE2) screen designs on July 10 at a program co-sponsored by the Triangle Research Library Network (TRLN) and YBP. This event and the recent American Library Association annual conference in San Francisco were the first times YBP has shown these screens in the field.



The screens shown to the Triangle audience detailed GE2 online support in two areas of library monograph workflows, selection and ordering. The key selection screens shown were online review of notification slips, slip search results viewed with brief and full title records, tables of contents and jacket scans, library title history, consortial title history (GobiTween), total YBP history, email options, and selection templates for fund and other local data. Ordering screens included retrieval of online selections, order templates for local data, order acknowledgements, online processing of order exceptions, and a search of open orders.

GE2, due for first release in early 2002, is a complete redesign of GOBI, using today's latest software and system tools. GE2 will retain all current GOBI functions while introducing a wide set of optional new features, and an attractive new look. The suggestions and comments of our customers have always guided GOBI development, something that will not change at all in GE2. We thank Triangle-area librarians for the warm welcome they gave to YBP, and for the suggestions they gave our GE2 development team.

Every GOBI user can follow our GE2 work, as it progresses, through the GobiForum, a feature of the YBP website. Please visit us at <http://www.ybp.com/gobiforum.htm> to view new screens, log your comments, and see comments from other GOBI users.

All of us at YBP would like to say thanks to the talented and gracious Kim Armstrong and Mona Coutts of TRLN, who helped to organize the meeting and who found us a beautiful space at the North Carolina Biotechnology Center, in the Triangle Research Park.