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TRLN Purchases Endeca Information Access Platform for Libraries

Chapel Hill – Members of the Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN) have jointly purchased the Endeca Information Access Platform. Duke University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will use the Endeca platform to create a single interface that will search across the online catalogs of all four institutions.

“TRLN was a pioneer in the creation of the first consortial online catalog in the 1980s,” explained TRLN Director Mona Couts. “With Endeca, patrons will again have seamless access to the 14 million volume combined collection, this time with next-generation search capabilities.”

Endeca’s approach to information retrieval mimics the human discovery process by integrating the two most common means of finding information online – searching and browsing – allowing people to adapt and hone their searches continually based on their own determination of relevancy.

In implementing Endeca, TRLN will build upon the experience of the North Carolina State University Libraries, which in 2006 was the first academic library in the world to deploy the popular e-commerce software. The TRLN libraries will use the Endeca platform to research and develop additional services in support of consortial activities.

The new “Search TRLN” catalog will debut in 2008.

For information about Endeca: <http://www.endeca.com>

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