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Goal
Provide greater access to library resources for students, residents and physicians at all UMass affiliate hospitals by incorporating the book and journal holdings of all the health care libraries into one centralized location using Endeavor’s Integrated Library System.

Participants
- Harrington Memorial Hospital (Southbridge)
- Health Alliance (Burbank)
- Health Alliance (Leominster)
- Heywood Hospital (Gardner)
- Marlborough Hospital (Marlborough)
- Noble Hospital (Westfield)
- UMass Memorial Hospital (Worcester)

Planning Issues
- Controlling access/ security
- Providing hardware/software
- How will records display in OPAC
- Who will provide technical support
  - Hardware & cataloging
  - Who will do the training

Implementation
- Extended offer to 13 hospitals (librarian or representative)
  - 7 accepted
- One free computer workstation to each site (CPU, Monitor, Printer)
- Paid one year of software licenses
- Provide hardware & software
- Technical support for hardware setup & software configuration

Training
- One full-day training with hands-on session:
  - Overview of the project by systems librarian
  - Basic Endeavor introduction by cataloger
  - Basic system setup and search
  - Creating holdings and item records
  - Basic OPAC searching by reference librarian

Reports
- Endeavor & Microsoft Access
- Items created by date & location
- Circulating & non-circulating
- Over 2,800 items created to date

Outcomes
- Seven Hospital Libraries now have an OPAC to search with their holdings
- Greater exposure for the hospital libraries
- Contributing to and expanding the OPAC
- New working relationships among the participants

Future: Circulation Roll-Out

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