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The Voyager Library Management System Reception

Staff from the Northwestern University Library, NU Information Technology and other University departments gathered in Hardin Hall on January 13 for a reception recognizing key participants in the Voyager Library Management System project.

"I'm very proud of our library, and I'm sure it will continue its history as a leader in technology," said Mort Rahimi, Northwestern University vice president for information technology.

Rahimi acknowledged members of the Voyager Implementation Committee (VIC) chaired by Roxanne Sellberg of the University Library, and the project's four Module Implementation Teams. Information Technology staff on the VIC are Dana Nielsen, director of IT Computing Services and Scott Swanson, IT Computing Services.

"I applaud the working relationship between the Library staff and Information Technology," said University Provost Lawrence Dumas. He said Northwestern "sustains the reputation of having one of the leading American university and research libraries," especially with regards to the use of technology in providing library services.

Voyager, a client/server-based system with a graphical user interface (GUI) will replace the mainframe-based NOTIS library system which was designed and first implemented at Northwestern in the 1970's. NOTIS is a highly-regarded, reliable system used by many other large academic and research libraries.

Voyager was chosen to replace NOTIS largely because of its flexibility and interconnectivity. The new library management system will include a World Wide Web interface to the NUL catalog, allowing user access virtually all the time from any location.

"We're fortunate to have a solid computing infrastructure here at Northwestern, as well as a competent and sophisticated staff to work with it," said David F. Bishop, Charles Deering McCormick University Librarian.