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Libraries of the twelve community colleges in the state recently joined together to purchase and share the Endeavor Voyager integrated library management system.

The twelve Connecticut Community College Libraries in previous years had each been members of separate private library consortia within the state. At the time these consortia were set up, the main emphasis had been on migrating from old card catalogs to automated systems. In recent years staff at the community college libraries began researching options for sharing a next generation system. After a lengthy review of the different products on the market, the staff of the twelve libraries opted for a system that offers the functionality needed for the technologically savvy students of the 21st Century, while still providing room for growth in the future.

This project scheduled for completion during 2001, will be a unique technological initiative for the schools, as this new joint venture breaks through traditional geographic barriers. Each of the twelve campus libraries will now share a server, located in the Connecticut Community Colleges' System Data Center in the state's capital, which will manage the functions of the new software through the colleges' existing Wide Area Network. Staff at the libraries look forward to the completion of their migrations, as Connecticut Community College Library users will have new modes of access to several remote aspects of distance learning and research, as well as an improvement on traditional library services.

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