PRESS RELEASE

October 12, 2016

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Doug West, Chief Operating Officer
(800) 219-6571
(800) 230-4183 (fax)
dwest@booksys.com

Book Systems' Brand New "Community" Concept Helps Bring Libraries and Communities Together

Huntsville, AL - Book Systems, Inc., an innovative leader and provider of library automation solutions, announces a brand new "Community" concept that helps libraries re-envision their role as a central public space and provides an exciting new way to connect patrons who have similar interests.

Libraries have been serving our communities for years, preserving knowledge, sharing resources, and encouraging people of all ages to read and learn. As technology advances, our modern culture has been threatening to make libraries less relevant. In "Libraries That Matter", an article on the Project for Public Spaces website, Cynthia Nikitin and Josh Jackson share that libraries must evolve and "serve as centers of discovery and communication – places where people gather and where information comes alive through teaching and personal interaction."

Community, exclusively available for libraries using Book Systems' Atriuum Integrated Library System, brings patrons together allowing them to share their experience and skills as living resources all while discovering books, eBooks, DVDs, and other reference materials offered by the Library.

Library staff can easily create Community posts for activities or programs sponsored by the library. Patrons, such as quilters, amateur radio enthusiasts, gamers, writers, programmers, scrapbookers, artists and more can post their own events or groups. Community posts can include descriptive details along with a logo, contact information, website, calendar of events, and direct links to social media resources. Once posts are "approved," patrons can search the catalog and find library resources along with Community posts related to their search terms. Librarians can even "spotlight" posts on the home page.

Adding events and community groups to your online catalog is just the beginning of how the Community feature for Atriuum can help the library expand to new horizons and turn a traditional library into a center of innovation and connectedness in the community.

Further information is available at http://www.booksys.com/community.

About Book Systems, Inc.

Book Systems provides state of the art library automation and asset management software to public libraries and schools of all sizes. Book Systems is a privately-owned company with its corporate headquarters located in Huntsville, Alabama.

Further information about Book Systems is available at http://www.booksys.com/company.