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Amigos eShelfSM Service Partners with eBooksAreForever

Dallas, TX – Amigos Library Services is pleased to announce its partnership with eBooksAreForever (EAF), San Antonio, TX. This partnership allows the subscribers of Amigos eShelfSM Service, an e-book distribution platform, access to the comprehensive catalog of independent e-book titles offered by EAF.

“EAF has been working directly with Amigos throughout the build-out and testing of the Amigos eShelfSM Service platform, and we couldn’t be more thrilled to see our two services integrated in such a seamless way,” said August Wainwright, cofounder of eBooksAreForever. “Libraries want titles from indie authors – this is something we’ve heard over and over – but many feel overwhelmed with the process of selecting titles. Now, any library who has access to the Amigos eShelfSM Service can easily purchase a collection of curated indie titles and have those titles available to their patrons with little to no additional effort.”

Amigos has worked closely with EAF in support of EAF’s application program interfaces, or APIs, to facilitate the integration process between the two services. As a result, a library can now visit the EAF website and purchase individual titles or the entire collection using its Amigos eShelfSM Service identification number. The purchase is automatically synchronized with the library’s eShelfSM Service account, making the purchases immediately available to the library’s patrons through the eShelfSM Service. The seamless process takes only minutes and eliminates the need for invoicing or purchase orders.

“We’re very excited to see this come together,” said Amigos eShelfSM Service Manager, Christine Peterson. “This partnership opens up the EAF collection to Amigos member and nonmember libraries who use our service. It significantly expands our available titles as we continue to grow this exciting new program.”

Wainwright noted that the independent titles EAF represents are popular in the consumer marketplace, but may have never been made available to library patrons. “This opens up patrons to an entire segment of the market that is vastly underserved,” he said. “We’re confident readers will love our titles, so it’s great to make them so easily accessible through the eShelfSM Service platform.”

The Amigos eShelfSM Service e-book platform, designed by libraries for libraries, offers an affordable and flexible option for libraries seeking to capitalize on their patrons’ growing use of electronic books and readers. Amigos is actively enrolling libraries in the new service that debuted late in 2015. For more information on the service, visit the [Amigos eShelfSM Service website](#), send an email message to eShelf@amigos.org, or contact Christine Peterson, peterston@amigos.org or 800-843-8482, ext. 2891. For more information about eBooksAreForever, visit the [EAF website](#) or contact August Wainwright, support@ebooksareforever.com.

About Amigos Library Services

Amigos is one of the largest consortia of libraries and cultural heritage institutions in the United States. For more than 40 years, Amigos members have collaborated to obtain affordable services and shared library resources and knowledge. Through membership in Amigos, libraries collectively gain access to the latest innovations and services in the library community; pursue opportunities for continuing professional education; and leverage their buying power. This collaboration strengthens each member’s ability to serve and lead its community in the creative and effective use of information resources. www.amigos.org

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