

# Plumpton College Eclipse Case Study

Plumpton College are a FE and HE College and a partner of the University of Brighton and we specialise in land-based subjects.

Before Eclipse we used an in-house program and before that the old card system. Our in-house system proved to be not very good and slow; also the programmer of the system had left the college so there was no back-up for it.

In 2002 we evaluated Eclipse, Heritage and Silver Platter. We chose to go with Eclipse as it seemed ideal for our library and also the cost of the software was very competitive.

We installed Eclipse on a windows operating system on two machines for our library management side of things and the catalogue was made available through MSLibraries.net, which our users can access through a standard web browser. We currently have 3,500 users utilising our catalogue. We also use Discovery which adds book covers and blurb to our catalogue as well as assisting with the cataloguing of our resources retrospectively.

The software does everything I need it to do and if you do need anything MLS listen to your suggestions and make changes where appropriate.

The conversion from our in-house system was very efficient and we were very happy with our training, installation and the documentation provided by MLS. The help desk staff are excellent and friendly, I can't think of a way they could improve their service! Feedback from the library staff, IT Department and students has been extremely positive.

I would not hesitate to recommend MLS and their software to anyone.



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