**ILS Evaluation Circulation Workgroup**

**December 5, 2024**

Attending: Nate Snortun (DCL), Heidi Cox (MCF), Alyssa Diaz de Leon (REE), Alicia Fisher (ORE), Theresa Skov (VER), Debbie Bird (POR), Margie Navarre Saaf (MAD), Eddie Glade (STP), Steev Baker (SUN), Cindy Weber (SCLS), Heidi Oliversen (SCLS)

1. SirsiDynix site visits
   1. Still working on trying to find virtual SD site visits where staff are primarily using Blue Cloud for Circulation.
2. Review documents
   1. Reviewed checklist responses –preferences based on checklists
      1. CIRC1: Satisfaction about equal, SD slight edge
      2. CIRC2: Satisfaction about equal, with Polaris having a slight edge
      3. CIRC3: Satisfaction was higher for SD than Polaris.
      4. CIRC4: Satisfaction was much higher for the Polaris demonstration.
      5. HOLDS1:SD for PH and BG, equal for holds history
      6. HOLDS2: Satisfaction was higher for SD overall.
      7. OTHER1: Satisfaction higher for Polaris than SD
      8. PATRON1: Satisfaction was equal for Patron record and Patron record defaults and higher for SD on barcode validation.
      9. PATRON2: Satisfaction about equal, SD slight edge
      10. PATRON3: Satisfaction about equal
      11. PATRON4: Satisfaction was higher for SD than Polaris.
3. Round robin – overall do you prefer SirsiDynix, Polaris, or Bibliovation?
   1. Theresa: wants anything but Bibliovation. We would then have an option to have a different DL if we wanted it.
   2. Heidi C.: anything but Bibliovation. These two vendors are known entities that work better with third party vendors.
   3. Alicia: anything but Bibliovation.
   4. Debbie: Ready to move on from Bibliovation. Both Polaris and SirsiDynix seem equally functional for our purposes.
   5. Steev: Really like Polaris, site visit was very useful. But staff search was not fast or easy.
   6. Margie: Site visits are very valuable but concerned about Polaris record lock. Really want to have an opportunity for SD site visits.
   7. Alyssa: likes both but SD has more that she likes. Blue Cloud has good frontline circ staff functionality and supervisors can use Symphony web
   8. Nate: Leaning more towards SD.
   9. Eddie: No wow in Polaris or SD that would warrant moving to either product. Interested in improving the patron experience as more important than improving the staff experience.
4. Do you need any more information on these products? Does anyone have any additional questions for the vendors?
   1. If yes, send to Heidi no later than 12/20 and she will either answer them or send to vendors.
5. Next steps
   1. SCLS will continue to try to find libraries willing to provide virtual site visits for BlueCloud Circulation.
   2. SCLS will work out framework for preliminary reports and plug in some basics, collate data from demonstrations, responses and site visits.
   3. Will reconvene mid-to late January.