**ILS Evaluation Discovery Layer Workgroup**

**November 14, 2024**

1. SirsiDynix site visits
   1. Review status of SD site visits. Talked about SD BC Mobile2 app – in production. BC Discovery in development and due for general release at end of 2025.
2. Review documents
   1. Reviewed checklist responses – here are preferences based on checklists
      1. DL1: preference SD, Aspen (Bcommons and Vega close in 3rd)
      2. DL2: preference SD, Aspen, Bcommons
      3. DL3: preference SD, Aspen, Bcommons
      4. DL4: preference SD, Bcommons, Aspen
      5. DL5: preference SD, Bcommons, Aspen, need more info re mobile app Bcommons, Aspen
      6. DL6: preference, SD, Aspen
3. Round robin – do you prefer SirsiDynix, Polaris, Bibliovation, Aspen, Bibliocommons?
   1. Tina MAD: SD favorite, others are probably fine
   2. Emily SGR:
      1. Bcommons – liked look and rollups (which was also in other products)
      2. Thinks we need a new DL – we could do a better job, doesn’t have strong feelings about the rest of the system
   3. Alyssa REE:
      1. didn’t like Polaris re patron searching – ex NCIS season 13 – numbers didn’t normalize depending on what you typed in
      2. Favorite was SD – liked Aspen/Bcommons rollups
      3. Bibliovation lacks spell checking and “did you mean” feature – other options have this ; also likes the “Netflix” style views of other options
   4. Jake MAD: in Aspen liked ability to bring in non-book content such as events “you might also like” – missed SD maybe they have this too?
   5. Tom MAD: SD like the best but also liked Aspen and Bcommons
   6. Tina MAD: Bibliovation doesn’t have good DL interface but also doesn’t like change
   7. Tonja VER: strong preference for Aspen or SirsiDynix
   8. Rose SCA:
      1. seeing other DLS from other vendors underscored how working with LL in the open source space has not resulted in new features, examples:
         1. OverDrive integration esp re placing holds and checkouts
         2. Rollups
      2. These are not in Bibliovation because no one can fund them – we would have to fund solo – in the proprietary vendor space the vendors are forced to develop new features to keep customers
4. Do you need any more information on these products?
   1. Mobile apps: Aspen, Bibliocommons
   2. SirsiDynix: BC Discovery
   3. Aspen and Bibliocommons reading history:
      1. Where is reading history stored?
      2. If patron turns off reading history in DL, then how does ILS know that the reading history needs to be cleared out for this patron?
5. Next steps
   1. SCLS will work out framework for preliminary reports and plug in some basics. Will reconvene after holidays.