INTRODUCTION

The 2024-25 ILS evaluation process included vendor demonstrations as well as in-person and virtual visits to libraries currently using reviewed software products. Both Polaris and SirsiDynix have some positive Reports attributes, including many options for canned reports and the ability to schedule and email reports.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

[Reports](#)

SYSTEM REVIEWS

Polaris

The majority of the vendor demonstrations featured Polaris Leap.

Pros
- Many options for canned reports
- Ability to edit and save copies of canned reports
- Granular reports permissions for library staff
- Ability to "favorite" and subscribe to reports
- Ability to schedule and email reports
- Record set functionality is very robust
- Staff can run reports for multiple branches at the same time
- Reports can be made functional so you can check in or delete items from a list using a tablet

Cons
- Results for reports run through Polaris are limited to 99,999 entries. We run reports larger than that so we would need to develop ways to run those reports outside of Polaris. ODBC connection should be available.

SirsiDynix

The majority of the vendor demonstrations featured BlueCloud and Symphony Web.

Pros
- Many options for canned reports
- Ability to edit and save copies of canned reports
- Granular reports permissions for library staff
- Ability to set custom schedules and email reports
- Reports can automate some tasks
- Staff can run reports for multiple branches at the same time
- BlueCloud Analytics reports can include external data to create dashboards that combine data sets to create one snapshot of data

Cons
- To use an ODBC connection, we will need a VPN setup

Bibliovation

We did not have vendor demonstrations or visits for Bibliovation. Assessments are based on our current experience of the software.

Pros
- Report infrastructure is already set up

Cons
- Limited ability for report editing for the libraries to run reports. Currently limited to just selected fields as there are no granular permissions for reports
- There are not many options for canned reports
- Staff cannot run on-demand reports for multiple locations. (Reports are currently limited due to time and report size constraints. For example, Madison staff cannot run on demand reports for some or all Madison branches - they are limited to one branch).
- Library staff do not have the ability to email reports

RECOMMENDATION

There seemed to be a slight preference for SirsiDynix but the group would be comfortable with either SirsiDynix or Polaris. The group does not recommend Bibliovation.