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 Acquisitions attributes, including a more extensive record of changes (than Bibliovation), ability to search catalog from Acquisitions, ISBN 10/13 searching in Acquisitions, as well as many options for reports.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Acquisitions

SYSTEM REVIEWS

Polaris

The vendor demonstrations mostly featured Polaris Leap.

Pros
- Options for streamlined ordering and receiving
- Can search ISBN-10/13 in Acquisitions
- Can navigate between Acquisitions and Bib records and vice versa
- Many options for reports
- Granular permissions
- From within a PO record, can click on a Fund and see that it's encumbered
- Can partially receive from a PO and from an Invoice
- ASN option available
- Can bulk add existing Bib info into a PO
- Can search full catalog from Acquisitions

Cons
- Uncertainty over the effect of record locks
- Can only move funds at the beginning of fiscal year
- No average discount
- Uncertain whether a PO line can be un-cancelled

SirsiDynix

The vendor demonstrations featured SirsiDynix SymphonyWeb.

Pros
- No record locks
- Audit trail when changing or moving funds
- Average discount
- Customizable layout with holding codes/shortcuts
- Tolerant of network interruptions
- Options for streamlined ordering and receiving
- Can navigate between Acquisitions and Bib records and vice versa
- Can search ISBN-10/13 in Acquisitions
- Can search full catalog from Acquisitions
- Many options for reports

- Granular permissions
- Common tasks dashboards can be customized- including font & size

Cons

Unsure about functionality for moving funds within hierarchy

Status information hard to find

No real fund hierarchy, each fund is standalone but can define up to 6 levels within each

Bibliovation

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

Pros

- No record locks
- Purchase orders and Invoices are color-coded by status
- Already familiar with Bibliovation

Cons

- No average discount
- Cannot easily designate ordering of multiple copies of the same title
- Standing orders functionality not usable
- Enriched EDI only tested with one vendor, adding additional vendors requires more extensive testing and setup
- No options for streamlined ordering and receiving
- Cannot do ISBN-10/13 searching in GetIt
- Cannot do automatic UPC searching from PO
- Cannot navigate from Bib record to GetIt
- Cannot search full catalog from Getit
- Neither library staff nor SCLS staff can easily create custom reports in GetIt
- Permissions options for GetIt are not very granular
- No options to purge or archive old data
- Minimal audit trail

RECOMMENDATION

Overall, the group consensus is that either Polaris or SirsiDynix would work for Acquisitions. The group would like to move away from GetIt Acquisitions/Bibliovation.