

WYLD ILS Review Project, 2020-2022

After nearly 20 years, the WYLD Library Network will perform a needs assessment in 2020 to identify issues related to the current ILS software. Once the needs assessment has been completed, an ad hoc committee will be appointed to review the work and to start the process of a vendor comparison to determine whether the current vendor (SirsiDynix) is still the best fit for WYLD or whether a competitor offers advantages to the consortium. Drafting, conducting, and reviewing the needs assessment is projected to take 6 to 9 months.

Based on the needs assessment and vendor comparison, the State Library, along with input from the ad hoc committee, may draft a Request for Information (RFI) calling for vendor responses. The WSL and the ILS Review committee will review all RFI responses and arrange for vendor presentations as well as arrange interviews or on-site visits with current customers. Drafting the RFI and arranging for vendor presentations and on-site visits is expected to take 6 to 9 months.

If the RFI process identifies a clear need to proceed in the direction of selecting a new vendor for the ILS, an RFP (Request for Proposal) may be drafted and vendor responses will be considered. An RFP process is expected to take 3 months.

If a vendor different from SirsiDynix is selected at the end of this process, then a timeline will be established for reviewing contract language and for migration of the system, including comprehensive, state wide staff training. Entering into a new contract and seeking a new business case approval is expected to take 3 months.

Subsequent to contract signing, staff training and data mapping and migration of the WYLD system is expected to take 6 months.

Outside consultants may be used to assist with parts of this project.

Draft Timeline:

- Announcement of needs assessment - June 2020
- Needs assessment completed & reviewed - by Dec 2020
- Request for Information drafted, vendor responses, etc - completed by July 2021
- Request for Proposal period - completed by Dec 2021
- Contract negotiation - completed by March 2022
- Staff training, data review and migration - April - Sept 2022
- Go Live on new system - October 2022

*This project outline was approved by the WYLD Governing Board in November of 2019.