5 points about the VALUE of the WYLD INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM

01 ***41*** **LIBRARY INSTITUTIONS** - *108 total outlets*
23 county public library systems, ***7*** community college libraries
4 school districts, ***7*** special libraries, ***300,000*** active patrons

02 The WYLD Network uses an Integrated Library System software package from SirsiDynix to manage and coordinate library services

03 The WYLD Network maintains a shared library catalog of approximately ***1.2*** million bibliographic records & provides access to ***3.7*** million items

04 More than ***100,000*** items are added to the system each year; nearly ***5*** million transactions occur annually

05 Benefits of the shared system include support of statewide Interlibrary Loan service and management of authentication for access to shared resources

The cost of the Integrated Library System is shared by all member institutions. The Wyoming State Library uses Federal Library Services and Technology Act Funds and State General Funds to pay approximately 78% of the cost of software and hardware and 100% of salaries of the four WSL staff members who manage the system.

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COST/VALUE ANALYSIS

Representative libraries	Average cost to participate in WYLD system	Cost of comparable system
Large Public Library System *50,000+ population,* *600,000 annual circulation*	$18,908	$87,500 - $96,630
Medium Library System *25,000-49,000 population,* *200,000 annual circulation*	$10,539	$69,207 - $85,900
Small to Med Library System *10,000-24,999 population,* *100,000 annual circulation*	$5,713	$44,400 - $55,584
Small Library System *less than 10,000 population,* *45,000 annual circulation*	$3,007	$32,651 - $41,600
Community College Library *60,000 bibliographic records,* *9000 annual circulation*	$2,436	$40,800 - $54,161

This comparison uses information from the 2020 SirsiDynix contract as well as multiple quotes for representative libraries from both SirsiDynix and Innovative Interfaces, Inc., a comparable, full-service vendor used by the University of Wyoming Libraries.

Quotes were given for a similar level of service currently provided by the WYLD Network. Quotes included the cost for vendor hosted ILS software, *but not the staff needed to manage the system*.

It's estimated that each library would need between one-half and one-and-a-half full-time employees to manage an ILS system depending on collection size and the level of system selected.

Supplemental services such as VDX, OCLC, and proxy server hardware, *are not included in this comparison, which further demonstrates the value of WYLD to partner libraries*.

Conclusion

The WYLD Network's shared Integrated Library System (ILS) costs member libraries 4-10 times less than if they contracted for their own system with a comparable number of features. The State Library uses Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and State General Funds to pay roughly 78% of the cost of software and hardware and 100% of the salaries of the four WSL staff members who manage the WYLD ILS.

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