

Wisconsin Valley Library Service V-Cat Migration Committee Strategic Plan 2010-2012

Charge of the committee: The purpose of the committee is to make a recommendation to the V-Cat Council for the next generation of automation system for V-Cat. That includes identifying possible vendors of automation systems, getting complete and thorough cost information, inviting vendors in for demonstrations, and making the final recommendation.

2010

- Improve database structure and enhance searching efficiencies with conversion from Sybase to MS SQL
- Purchase and setup server for Horizon database and HIP
- Purchase and implement backup solutions for Horizon
- Upgrade to Horizon 7.5 and HIP3.2 to resolve bugs and prepare for future improvements to Horizon for the time being
- Explore Enterprise, AquaBrowser, OCLC Local, etc. as an enhancement to the V-Cat online catalog
- Develop and promote a “sandbox” to conduct research on various open source products available. All WVLS libraries would be able to explore these products
- Propose a contract with a third party vendor to clean up and organize database in preparation for migration
- Observe and evaluate progress of SCLS/Koha-LibLime, WFLS/Evergreen, and other libraries open source projects
- Identify priorities in database clean-up and policy standardization
- Begin to standardize policies and any relevant details to simplify migration efforts
- Encourage libraries to develop a funding mechanism to support the migration effort

2011

- Dependent on the results of other libraries’ open source projects and development of other ILS systems, evaluate the option of partnering with them for the ILS
- Review possibilities of partnering with other types of libraries for an ILS
- Evaluate ILS vendors and participate in site visits, etc. to update our research
- Continue with planning and preparing for migration
- Evaluate future SirsiDynix upgrades
- Continue to standardize policies and details to simplify migration efforts
- Approach non-V-Cat libraries with the option of joining
- Continue with development of funding to support the migration effort

2012

- Start the migration process

