

INNOVATION

Topic discussion for the MCPL

Task Force

The Leadership Team at MCPL has been considering the Task Force topic of Innovation in order to submit our organizational goals as related to the future. For the consideration of the Task Force, we have limited the discussion to three general goals that we have for the near future at MCPL. During the beginning stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, we believe that anything more ambitious would likely go beyond the realm of reasonableness.

The first goal related to innovation would be our intention to make full use of the features available in the System's ILS (Integrated Library System). Currently, the ILS is the proprietary Innovative Interfaces ILS, which offers a wide array of features which could be very useful to MCPL. We have been denied access to features which are considered by the software maker to be primary advantages of their software by the current consortium. We would very much like to use those features, or the equivalent available in another System's ILS, to facilitate better customer service interactions while also improving financial reporting and other interactions with patrons.

Second, we need to find a less constrictive and less expensive RFID/processing vendor than our current vendor, 3M. We believe that Envisionware is that vendor. To our knowledge, SCLS has used the Envisionware products among its member libraries. We are not aware of any libraries in WVLS who use either technology to process their books other than Antigo.

Third, we will be developing our MakerSpace with Engberg Anderson's designs over the next year. How do the systems compare in their support/development of MakerSpace technology?

These are the three agreed priorities for MCPL in the coming few years that will most rely on the concept of Innovation.