

# ILS Evaluation & Review Committee

## Report to V-CAT Council – February 2, 2022

Since the last V-CAT Council meeting, the three selected ILS vendors (ByWater Solutions, showing **Koha**; the Library Corporation, showing **CARL**; Innovative, showing **Sierra**) have demonstrated their products to the committee and to other staff members.

Staff who attended the demonstrations (either in real time or by viewing the recordings) were invited to fill out a Google survey in order to offer feedback on the specific modules of each demonstration they attended. The results will be aggregated for the committee's review. The committee did not receive as much feedback from staff as hoped, with one of the most common cited obstacles being the amount of time required to review the demonstrations. The deadline for staff to submit feedback was extended in order to gather as much input as possible, and the committee will make the best recommendation possible with the information available.

The committee also met on December 8, 2022 to discuss the process for integrating staff feedback and committee member perspectives into a single recommendation for moving forward. This (called “Survey II” in our timeline) will involve a ranking of the products. The committee members' rankings of the products will form the basis of the committee's final recommendation to the V-Cat Council this year.

Additionally, the committee received an open records request from a vendor not selected for a demonstration (Sirsi Dynix), asking for information about the committee’s selection process. K. Zimmermann sent them a link to the V-Cat ILS Evaluation & Review Committee page on the WVLS website. All of the RFI information not marked confidential is viewable there, including: Meetings & Materials and the ILS Review Timeline/Gantt chart.

Tentative timeline of the committee's remaining work:

1. Committee Members Meet to Discuss Demonstrations and Survey - I Results (Feb)
2. Committee Members Complete Post Results Survey – II to Rate Products & Rank Products (Feb)
3. Committee Members Review Post Results Survey – II (Feb - Mar)
4. Committee Meets to Discuss Survey – II Results and Selects Vendors for Site Visits (Mar)
5. Committee Site Visits (Apr)
6. Possible additional metrics
7. Final Recommendation from Committee to V-Cat Council