

V-Cat ILS Evaluation and Review Committee

Meeting Notes for Thursday, March 9, 2023

This meeting was held in the WVLS office and remotely via GoToMeeting.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Committee Chair A. Johnson.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present: A. Polinski (Rhineland), M. Pregler (Antigo), H. O'Hare (Tomahawk), K. Heiting (Granton), M. Handel (Medford), A. Johnson (MCPL), C. Luebbe (MCPL), T. Blomberg (Rib Lake), R. Metzler (WVLS), K. Zimmermann (WVLS).

Others present: J. Johnson (NWLS).

3. Approval of Agenda

K. Heiting moved to approve the agenda, seconded by M. Pregler. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

An amendment to the prior meeting minutes was noted: E. Brewster (Three Lakes) was not in attendance. C. Luebbe moved to approve prior meeting minutes as amended, seconded by M. Pregler. Motion carried.

5. Site Visit Scheduling Update

Koha. Unfortunately there are no Koha supported by Bywater public libraries within a reasonable driving distance. Bywater provided a list of public library consortiums using their product who would be amenable to sharing with us, they are in: Colorado, Dallas-Fort Worth, Vermont and Kansas. Due to expense and time required, we need to consider virtual site visits or sending a smaller group. Discussion followed.

- Virtual due to expense
- Need good virtual presenter who is comfortable with format
- 2 virtual site visits?
- It may be possible to schedule an on-site visit with an academic or special library instead of a public library
- Which modules are most important to see?
- Possible money request to V-Cat Council to fund on-site visit for 2 people (April meeting)
- Committee splits up virtual site visits?
- Are the consortiums listed by Bywater able to provide an in-depth experience?
- Pursue virtual visits in more than 1 module

Sierra. As we are already using Sierra, there is probably no need for a complete demo, so K. Zimmermann obtained quotes for 3 products we are not currently using:

- Mobile worklists – currently used by Gateway Technical College in Kenosha Wisconsin. Consensus of the committee is that it is expensive and we would need to see it in person before making a recommendation to buy it
- LX Starter – does not require Vega Discover
- SkyRiver – reasonably priced

6. Refinement of Site Visit Objectives

- Need to develop questions for follow up: In person OR Virtual
- Top 5 questions, likes/dislikes
- Will try to schedule 2 virtual demos
- Volunteers for “design the ask”
- Request information on training tools from demo libraries

7. Possible Revision of Committee Timeline (based on committee progress, NICE Project progress)

- Committee will not be ready to make a recommendation to V-Cat Council in April, may be ready by June
- NICE Exploration Team report due end of June
- Annual end of current ILS contract is in August. We will not be able to take all necessary steps (see ILS Review Timeline Gantt Chart) by August 2023. This will push migration (if any) into 2024

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Review site visit feedback. Two meetings may be needed.

9. Set Next Meeting Date

Thursday, May 11, 2023. Additional meeting scheduled for May 25, 2023 (if needed).

10. Adjournment

C. Luebbe moved to adjourn, seconded by H. O’Hare. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 11:40 a.m.

C. Luebbe, Recorder