

TO: Plymouth District Library Board

RE: ILS Evaluation Criteria

DATE: February 13, 2024 FROM: Shauna Anderson, Director

PDL is engaging in a process to evaluate whether our current Integrated Library System (ILS) is performing adequately for our needs as a 21st century public library. We have used SirsiDynex' Symphony product for almost 15 years, working with another SirsiDynex product (Horizon) previous to that. I have convened a group of staff members with particular expertise to work together on selecting the best product to meet the demands of our collection, and set us up for success as technology becomes ever more ubiquitous.

Over the past few months, we have assessed the current affordances and concerns present in our current ILS. Additionally, we have done extensive research on the current product landscape available to us. With this in mind, we put together a rubric to help us evaluate the different products available to us.

I have asked staff in the committee to present our selection criteria for the board for feedback. We will use this criteria during product demonstrations over the next few months of additional research to come to an agreement of what product we suggest moving forward.