

Next ILS Discussion questions for CARLI Board and Directors Meetings

1. What are the essential and organizing principles of I-Share (regardless of the software)?
2. Assuming a timeline is NOT forced by outside circumstances, how will we know when it is time to move to a new system?
3. Should the implementation of a new ILS serve a defined community, as I-Share has for over 25 years, or should the introduction of a new ILS create the opportunity for disparate systems (CARLI managed systems, remotely hosted commercial systems, other consortial systems, stand alone systems) to function in coordination to support comprehensive resource sharing for CARLI, as a whole? If the former, how large a community must the new ILS be able to serve?
4. What is the member libraries' tolerance for risk (open source, mixed modules) in selecting/developing the next ILS?
5. Will the transition to the next ILS be generational, as in the past (LCS/FBR →DRA →Endeavor/ExLibris), or evolutionary, through the acquisition/development of a series of components that perform the functions of a traditional ILS, and potentially more?