



**Northern Illinois
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Ex Libris Primo

WHY?



Strategic Plan – Action Item

SELECTION PROCESS



- RFP December 2010
- Small implementation team
- Vendors invited to give presentation
- Uniform testing criteria and evaluation scorecard

SELECTION REASONS



- Articles retrieved more relevant
- Tie in with SFX and Voyager
- Ability to influence relevancy ranking
- Familiar interface
- Availability of mobile interface

SELECTION REASONS



- No additional connectors required
- Hosted solution

IMPLEMENTATION TIME



- Initial implementation began in April 2011
- Manually activated collections
- Configuration work (SFX, Voyager)
- Look and feel
- Launched in January 2012

I-SHARE IN PRIMO



- Only local holdings
- Items held in both local and I-Share catalog are listed under the tab “Details”
- Links out to native VuFind interface

REQUESTING



Option is not available

PROBLEM RESOLUTION



- Implementation stage
- Post implementation

ADVANTAGES



- Single entry display for an item available in other databases, versions or formats
- bX recommender (add on)
- No local hardware to purchase or maintain
- Did not have to learn the complexities of the back office

ADVANTAGES



- Version updates are handled
- Learning experience

DISADVANTAGES



- Limits to customization
- No report writing access
- Problem resolution is longer
- Lack of integration with I-Share