

Migration Update

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I am delighted to announce that yesterday the TLN Board approved a seven year contract with the Carl Corporation for a new library automation system. There will be no annual maintenance increases during the life of the contract.

The next step in this process will be to work out a migration timeline. We will migrate to our new system next spring and we will release the timeline as soon as we have it. I know that all of you are eager to move to our new vendor as soon as possible, but doing it right is more important than doing it quickly. They will need time to make the software changes necessary to accommodate our current four letter agency codes, and we want to have plenty of time for testing and training.

If you are looking at the 2017-18 fiscal year budget that Anne just sent out and wondering why you don't see any savings, please remember that next year is the transition year and we will still be paying SirsiDynix for maintenance for up to nine months of the year. The Brandon Township Library is also leaving the shared system so there is one less library to help pay for the operating costs. The lower annual costs will affect the 2018-19 fiscal year budget and beyond.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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