

## **Commonwealth Libraries State-wide Integrated Library System (ILS) Task Force**

When developing recommendations, the State-wide ILS Task Force will take into account the concepts developed in PaLA's "Libraries and Literacy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" and Office of Commonwealth Libraries' Strategic Plan.

### **Objective:**

The Task Force is charged with assisting the Office of Commonwealth Libraries in the creation of a state-wide integrated library system and delivery service for public libraries in Pennsylvania, and with making recommendations with regard to organizational structure, governance, administration, policy, technical architecture, feature sets, and technical standards as may assist Commonwealth Libraries in formulating an implementation plan for such a system.

### **Project Goals:**

Commonwealth Libraries has established the following service goals for such a system:

1. To produce long term, overall, cost savings for public libraries in the Commonwealth;
2. To facilitate and encourage the provision of highly available, consistent, high quality, and high value services to library patrons across the state, including state-wide circulation of materials;
3. To provide a technology framework upon which new library services can be built and offered.

### **Operational Goals:**

In addition, Commonwealth Libraries has established the following technical goals for the system:

1. The system should, to the greatest possible extent, support open technical standards that facilitate integration of functional modules from different vendors or open source projects and data exchange between disparate systems; and
2. Any software to be developed in order to meet function§3.1 requirements, ensure standards compliance, or facilitate system integration should be protected by both copyright and open source license so that its source code is available for use, examination, modification, or distribution by all participating libraries without charge.