

Task Force Status: The Technology Working Group has developed a draft recommendation for uptime and response time requirements, system monitoring and back-up, server, power, and network redundancy requirements. These were based on a review of existing ISP, ILS and web-hosting contracts, as well as discussions about accommodating libraries of all sizes and functional levels.

What You Can Do to Help: Please share information (especially if you believe it may be fairly unique) about what your library needs in terms of uptime, system monitoring and the like. You can send your input to Nathaniel Rasmussen at nasmus@schlowlibrary.org

Functional Recommendation:

Proper evaluation of software for a state-wide system must take into account the needs of disparate libraries and library users-.The Working Group is asked to develop a set of functional goals (consistent with those already articulated in the Task Force Charge), and then to use those goals to create a prioritized list of broad functional requirements for a state-wide system. The Working Group is specifically asked not to describe specific workflows or a user interface, but rather to concentrate on broad functionality.

Task Force Status: The Technology Working Group has begun an extensive (if broad) , module-by-module review of key ILS functionality--much of the review was based on the functional documents developed by the Galecia group, found here: <http://oss4pLorg/resources/other-resources/> The Group is beginning the process of prioritizing these components, and will be drafting a more cohesive list of weighted recommendations during-a meeting in April.

What You Can Do to Help: While it is not the charge of the Work Group to evaluate specific workflows within an ILS, it is important to identify "show-stopping" functional components that would prevent your library from considering involvement. Please share any functionality your library uses that you could not operate without--especially if you believe the functionality may not be used by all libraries (such as "acquisitions: selection & approval"). Your input may be sent to Scott Thomas at scott@albright.org.