Item:	Library Materials Discovery Tool

Background: Westchester Library System (WLS) patrons and member library staff currently use the online public access catalog (OPAC) built into the Evergreen ILS (Integrated Library System) for search and discovery of library materials.

The current OPAC does not integrate discovery of both physical and digital library materials and is limited in its overall functionality.

Status: WLS has identified the open-source Aspen Discovery System as a solution that will provide library users with a more robust and integrated discovery experience for both print and digital materials. It also provides opportunities for local customization, better relevancy in search results and a more refined interface than the current OPAC.

WLS has also identified ByWater Solutions as a partner to provide installation, customization, hosting and training.

The cost of the project is $70,200 for the first year and $42,500 in the second year for continuing hosting and support.

This special project will be presented at this meeting as an Information Item for discussion and will be brought to the WLS Board for approval at their November 29, 2022, meeting.

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