FOLIO
The Future of Libraries is Open
Rethinking the ILS
FOLIO: OPEN SOURCE LSP

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EBSCO is funding the creation of an open source LSP: **FOLIO**

**FOLIO** will include full-featured ILS/LMS functionality and will be extensible to support add-on modules.
Our industry has witnessed a trend toward vendor consolidation, resulting in:

- closed systems
- less choice
- less innovation
- higher costs

The FOLIO goal is open systems, more choice, more innovation, lower costs
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FOLIO is a COMMUNITY of peers including: academic libraries, OLE Partners, Index Data, EBSCO & others
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Openness = Flexibility = Partnerships
FOLIO Participation

• **3000+** librarians have signed up to participate on FOLIO.org

• **500+** librarians have indicated interest in assisting with software development

• **800+** attendees at 4 recent community forums

• **1,700+** Slack messages per week
MODULAR

Choose applications from a marketplace
BASE APPLICATIONS

- Acquisitions
- Cataloging
- Circulation
- Data Conversion Tools
- Knowledgebase
- OPAC Functionality
- Resource Sharing
- Serials Check-In
- Union Catalog
EXTENSIBLE
Extend into new areas

- Content Management Systems
- Data Mining
- Grant Management
- Institutional Repositories
- Learning Management Systems
- Linked Data Triplestore
- Predictive Analytics
- Research Data
• APIs throughout
• Completely open
• Anyone can build apps
Any library may load and operate FOLIO code locally
Completely free for the library, except for staff and hosting / server expenses
Supported Open Source

EBSCO and others will provide hosting, services and support for FOLIO
Global Infrastructure Will Be Available for Hosting

Discrete data centers
Redundant power, networking and connectivity
Benefits

• Better products with library involvement and more innovation
• Greatly lowered annual ILS costs
• More choice for libraries based on their particular needs
FOLIO will be available under an **APACHE 2 LICENSE** the most permissive license.
FOLIO Timeline

**PHASE 1**

- **2015:** FOLIO development begins
- **June 2016:** FOLIO Announcement
- **Aug 2016:** Open Repositories
- **Sept 2016:** Platform and initial apps
- **2018:** Regular code releases
- **Availability of FOLIO Apps to Run Library (ILS/LMS)**

**PHASE 2**

- **2018:** Extended Apps
- **Library Technology Reaching New Heights**

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**OLF (Open Library Foundation) Announced in 2015**

**Open Repositories and Initial Apps Announced in 2016**

**Platform and Initial Apps Available in 2018**
“FOLIO represents a true partnership between libraries and vendors in which we are each making real, substantive contributions based on our unique strengths.

For the first time, libraries will not only be customers but investors with vendor partners.”

DAVID CARLSON  
Dean of Libraries, Texas A&M University
Different ways to participate

From staying informed to actual coding, and everything in between:

• Forums
• Meet-ups
• Newsletters

• Wiki
• And more

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A community collaboration to develop an open source Library Services Platform (LSP) designed for innovation.

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