

Wisconsin Public Library Consortium
Digital Library Steering Committee Meeting Notes

February 13, 2025 at 1:00 pm

*Teleconference meeting held via Zoom – See instructions at end of agenda

ATTENDEES: BLS: Shawn Carlson (Waukesha), BLS: Abby Armour (Mukwonago), IFLS: Martha Spangler (Altoona), KLS: Shannon Urban (Kenosha), MCLS: Lisa Pike (Manitowoc), MCLFS: Beth Henika, proxy for Karli Pederson (Milwaukee), MCFLS: Kenny Schlueter (Greenfield), NFLS: Clare Kindt (Brown County), NWLS: Leslie Mehle (Superior), OWLS: Megan Kloeckner (Little Chute), PLLS: Michael DeVries (Beloit), SCLS: Eric Norton (McMillan), SCLS: Katie Hanson, proxy for Molly Warren (Madison), SWLS: Karina Zidon (Platteville), WRLS: Kayla Mathson (Independence), WLS: Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm (Neenah), WLS: Laura McDonald (Oshkosh), WVLS: Elisha Sheffer (Rhineland), WPLC Board Representative: Gina Rae

GUESTS: Elizabeth Neumann (DPI)

Project Managers: Melody Clark (WiLS), Sara Gold (WiLS)

Meeting started at: 1:00 pm

1. **Call to order -**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm

Attendees introduced themselves. Note: There was 100% attendance!

2. **Review Agenda – changes or additions -** There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

3. **Approval of minutes – [November 14, 2024](#) -**

Motion: Approval of Minutes

Made by: K. Mathson

Second: K. Hanson

Discussion: None

Results: Motion Passes unanimously

4. **Reports: Committees, Workgroups and Project Manager Updates**

a. **WPLC Board Report -**

G. Rae reported that the board hasn't met since the last Steering meeting.

Reiterated:

- The Board approved the new [mission and vision statements](#) created through the strategic planning process.
- The Board confirmed the days and times for the Annual Membership meeting and listening session:
 - Friday, April 4, 2025, at 10:00 AM - Virtual annual member meeting

- Friday, April 25, 2025, at 10:00 AM - Virtual listening/feedback session

b. Selection Committee -

S. Gold reported that the Selection Committee met for the first meeting of 2025 on January 16th and welcomed two new members, Zander Miller from Kenosha County Library System and Margie Dorn from Winnefox Library System. The Committee received updates from OverDrive and an overview of upcoming content sales. Highlights included new metrics other than current average waiting period are being considered by OverDrive (i.e. how long to fill holds). Also Katie Strong, project manager for OD, is running Peer Advisory Reports(PAR) for Individual systems, and a few systems have reached out for current average waiting reports. There is a Town Hall Webinar scheduled for March 6th from 1-2 pm for interested library systems and staff to review the PAR Advantage reports. The group reviewed the strategic initiatives around collection development for 2025 which include continuing collaboration and training between OverDrive and Advantage selectors, ordering simultaneous packages in Jan which benefit the entire state and focusing holds funding on the max access model (100 licenses available at once) as well as repurchasing titles with expired licenses that are owned at the consortium level. We added two sim use audio packages from Tantor and Blackstone for 200 titles total. Also added was an All Access Romance package of over 1800 titles that has titles added throughout the year. Selectors were advised they are free to purchase titles of local interest to their patrons that are not owned by the consortium. Responsibility for filling holds on titles unique to Advantage accounts are that of systems and individual libraries. For information on reports available to assist with this, Advantage selectors are encouraged to reach out to Katie Strong kstrong@overdrive.com Highlights from the Library and Patron surveys were shared with the Committee and the next meeting of the Selection Committee is March 20th at 1:00 pm. Anyone interested in selection is welcome to attend.

M. Clark added that PAR reports will be sent to Board reps next week. Katie Strong and Meghan Volchko from OverDrive will be joining the next Steering Committee meeting in April.

5. Discussion and Action Items

a. Discussion and Potential Action: Collection Development Committee Draft

A brief history of the Collection Development Committee was provided for new members. It was noted this is a group that is populated every two years to review the collection, facilitate the patron survey, and prepare recommendations for the next two years around Wisconsin's Digital library. This group is made up of three board members, three Digital Library Steering members, and three Selection Committee members.

They met last fall to begin work on the recommendations and facilitated the patron survey. [Survey results](#) were shared with the committee during the meeting.

The Collection Development Committee provided the Committee with a first draft of the [recommendations](#). It was noted that the WPLC Board is undergoing a strategic planning process. They will review and potentially approve the plan at their upcoming meeting on the 17th. If approved, they will also prioritize activities for year one. It is important to note that activities may impact the work of this group and the recommendations. There also will be overlaps. For instance, project managers have determined that a website update is needed. This is included in both the strategic plan and the recommendations to ensure that Wisconsin's Digital Library aspects of the website are reviewed and updated with recommendations from the Collection Development Committee.

The Steering Committee reviewed and discussed the recommendations. There was no feedback or suggestions for change for the Collection Development Committee, so the group determined to approve the recommendations.

Motion: Approval of the Collection Development Committee Recommendations

Made by: S. Carlson

Second: M. Spangler

Discussion: None

Results: Motion Passes unanimously

b. Discussion: Collection Development Policy

The Selection Committee and Collection Development Committee have reviewed and made suggested changes to the [WDL Collection Development Policy](#). The group was reminded that this body also weighs in on the policy and then it is taken to the Board for final approval. The Committee reviewed the changes and discussed dramatized/graphic audiobooks. A discussion of this format will go back to the selection committee for discussion and guidance. A question was asked about including wording around AI titles and the consensus was to wait until the next Coll Pol review to add wording around the purchase of AI Titles. The Policy will be shared with the WPLC Board for review and approval.

c. Discussion: AI Generated Content

An update from OverDrive was given. OverDrive does not exclude titles created with AI tools from the catalog. They currently ask that publishers self-identify content that was created with AI assistance.

For audiobooks, the narrator will usually be listed as "Apple Books", "Synthesized Voice" or something like "Digital Voice Mike G." These will be found in the second 'creator' field

where the narrator's name would usually be. For eBooks, they are currently reviewing options on how they can include metadata to indicate AI generated content in a more standardized way.

This information will be shared with the Selection Committee members as well. S.Gold asked Steering Committee members to share any correspondence from other vendors (ie Hoopla) regarding AI with project managers via wplc-info@wils.org A question was asked if any states have developed statements or policies around AI and S. Gold reported that she has only seen information from academic libraries. E. Neumann with DPI will share if she hears of other states with policies around AI.

d. **Discussion: Steering Committee Orientation Packet**

The orientation packet is updated at the beginning of every year to include updated information for the Committee. The packet was reviewed and there were no questions or comments

6. **Committee information sharing and questions**

There were no comments or information shared.

7. **Adjournment**

Next Meeting Date: April 10, 2025, at 1:00 PM

Meeting ended at: 2:11 pm