

Wisconsin Public Library Consortium
Digital Library Steering Committee Meeting Notes

February 18, 2021, 1:00 PM
Meeting held online, via Zoom

ATTENDEES: Abby Armour (Johnson Creek/BLS), Annie Bahringer (Hustisford/MLS), Eric Branske (Hales Corner/MCFLS), Shawn Carlson (Waukesha/BLS), Heidi Cox (McFarland/SCLS), Michael DeVries (Beloit/ALS), Dominic Frandrup (Antigo/WVLS), Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm (Neenah/WFLS), Sue Heskin (Superior/NWLS), Clare Kindt (Brown County/NLS), Darcy Mohr (Racine/LLS), Eric Norton (McMillan/SCLS), Judy Pinger (Milwaukee/MCFLS), Kelly Rohde (Mead/MLS), Martha Spangler (Altoona/IFLS), Amy Stormberg (Amery/IFLS), Shannon Urban (Kenosha/KCLS), Molly Warren (Madison/SCLS), Maureen Welch (IFLS), Karina Zidon (Platteville/SWLS)

ABSENT: Noreen Fish (La Crosse/WRLS), Rachel Hitt (Brillion/MCLS), Tina Kakuske (Door County/NLS), Jennifer Loeffel (Franklin/MCFLS), Holly Selwitschka (Kimberly/OWLS)

GUEST: Rachel Metzler (WVLS)

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

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm

2. Review Agenda – changes or additions

There were no additions or changes to the agenda

3. Approval of minutes – [November 2020](#)

Motion: Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: M. Spangler

Second: E. Norton

Results: Motion passed with changes

Discussion: 4b. Typo – change to “as” rather than “has”

4. Reports: Committees, Workgroups and Project Manager Updates

- a. Decisions made between 11/12/2020 and current meetings:** There was discussion regarding adding a magazine collection to the Wisconsin’s Digital Library. The reps were surveyed and the majority were interested but did not want to use current buying pool funds. Project managers took this to the interested libraries to pursue as a cooperative purchase that could be extended to the consortium. Magazines became live in the WPLC collection on February 5, 2021. It was noted that right now this is a cooperative purchase that has been extended to the WPLC consortium and will be available for one year. Project managers have informed OverDrive that it is extremely important that they get pricing for 2022 as soon as possible. As soon as we have that, a discussion on if and how to renew magazines for the consortium can be had. A question was asked if Time Warner titles are made available in the future will there be an option to add those titles. It is unknown at this time.

- b. **WPLC Board Report** – M. Welch reported the Board has not met since the last DL Steering meeting. The next meeting will be February 23, 2021. At that meeting the Board will be looking at any budget carryover from 2020 to 2021, creating a budget committee to work on the 2022 budget, as well solidifying planning for the virtual WPLC annual meeting.
- c. **Selection Committee** – S. Gold reported that the Selection Committee met on February 11, 2021 and welcomed two new selectors from Bridges, Amanda Brueckner from Waterloo Public Library who will be selecting for Childrens/YA, and Samantha Stark Quail from Muskego Public Library who will be selecting adult materials. There was a review of and reassigning to some selection areas where there were vacancies and a review and discussion of the updated Advantage and Consortium selector guidelines. New this year as part of the Collection Development Committee’s 2020 recommendations, we have included a [WPLC Statement on Publishers](#) available on the WPLC website. In addition, project managers are working on a comprehensive guide for Advantage selectors that will be reviewed at the May 13th Selection meeting. The committee reviewed action items from November meeting including an error in labeling an infographic on the WPLC website was identified and has been updated. In addition, the 352 simultaneous use Biblioboard titles were repurchased in December. They circulated 55,000 times in 2020. Finally, budget reallocations suggested at the November meeting were incorporated into the 2021 selection budget. Politics is now its own genre with its own allocation. We saw a slight decrease in use of both gardening and religion/spirituality genres and the budget was reallocated to add \$4000 for Juv and YA materials annually. There were questions from the committee regarding future funding for OverDrive magazines. There are some issues with Bridgerton titles not available and getting weeding without the committee’s knowledge and we are working with OverDrive on an ongoing basis to identify these titles and find alternative editions. Finally, IFLS has reported they are not receiving MARC records for Advantage titles and are working with OverDrive to remedy this.
- d. **Collection Development Committee** – It was noted that an update will be provided in 6.a

5. Ongoing Discussion Items

a. Patron Focus Group

This is an opportunity to discuss and identify questions for the WPLC Patron Focus Group. It was suggested to survey the patron focus group regarding use of magazines. This could be useful when considering renewing for 2022. There was also a question about the process on how the magazines went live and how long they will be available. It was explained that a cooperative purchase was made by a few libraries and systems. The cost per system to renew on their own was cost prohibitive but the shared costs for the state was only \$75,000. Eight systems and libraries are paying for the collection for this year, 2021. Project managers are unsure of costs for 2022 and how that will be handled if renewed. So far, response to magazines from patrons is very positive.

6. New Discussion Items

a. Collection Development Committee DRAFT Recommendation

The Collection Development Committee has a first draft of the 2021 recommendations available for review. The group reviewed and discussed the draft recommendations and were asked to provide feedback to the Collection Development Committee. The group shared that they think the recommendations are well thought out. M. Warren mentioned the collection audit and reallocations mirror the process Madison Public Library is going through as well.

There was a question about what the buying pool increase will be used for. It was explained the increase recommended in 2020 was intended to be used to fill holds across all collection areas.

There were no suggestions for change for the Collection Development Committee on the recommendations.

b. Steering Committee Orientation Packet

The orientation packet is updated at the beginning of every year to include updated information for the Committee. The Committee reviewed the packet.

7. Committee information sharing and questions

- E. Norton asked if there is anything the WPLC Technology committees can do in terms of addressing the digital divide? It was noted that the Technology Committees may address this issue as well as potential for the new Board advocacy workgroup to address this issue in their work this year.
- D. Frandrup thanked all the systems and libraries purchased the the magazines.
- M. Welch noted that some of the IFLS libraries had questions as to why the annual report collection counts for ebooks were down compared to last year. This is due in part by the format type. Most of the ebooks being purchased now are metered access and not one copy/one user. A collection count report is a snapshot of the current collection and is not reflective of the number of copies purchased and used throughout the year. It was noted that DPI may need to change the wording and type of information they are requesting in regard to electronic books to account for various formats.
- N. Hardina-Wilhelm was recognized for her first meeting as committee chair.
- M. Clark mentioned a digital dashboard for Wisconsin's Digital Library is now available and libraries and systems are able to embed the code into their own websites if they wish.

8. Next Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Digital Library Steering Committee will be April 15, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn

Moved to approve: J. Pinger

Second: M. Warren

Results: Motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at 1:57 pm