

Wisconsin Public Library Consortium
Digital Library Steering Committee Meeting Notes

April 13, 2023, 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), LLS/PLS: Sara Swanson, (Union Grove), MCLS: Lisa Pike (Manitowoc), MCFLS: Elizabeth Hjelle (Shorewood), MCFLS: Karli Pederson (Milwaukee), MLS: Alex Harvancik (Horicon), NFLS: Clare Kindt (Brown County), NWLS: Sue Heskin (Superior), SCLS: Eric Norton (McMillan), SCLS: Molly Warren (Madison), SWLS: Karina Zidon (Platteville), WLS: Christina Lyon (Caestecker), WRLS: Kayla Mathson (Independence), WVLS: Ada Demlow (Antigo), WPLC Board Representative: Rachel Metzler, WVLS

ABSENT: ALS/PLS: Michael DeVries (Beloit), OWLS: Holly Selwitschka (Kimberly), SCLS: Heidi Cox (McFarland), WLS: Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm (Neenah)

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

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm.

2. Review Agenda – changes or additions

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

3. Approval of minutes – [February 16, 2023](#)

Motion: Approval of Minutes

Made by: A. Armour

Second: K. Pederson

Discussion: None

Results: Motion Passes unanimously

4. Reports: Committees, Workgroups and Project Manager Updates

a. WPLC Board Report

R. Metzler reported the Board met February 20th. The Advocacy Group has reconvened and will begin a plan to look for outside funding sources for the WDL. The WPLC Budget Committee was formed and the budget will be approved at the June meeting. The WPLC Annual Meeting is April 26th at 1:00 pm at WAPL.

b. Selection Committee

S. Gold reported the Selection Committee met March 23rd, and Laura Damon-Moore provided an update on the Diverse Collection Support Toolkit which will now be updated quarterly instead of monthly. The Project Managers will continue to coordinate with OverDrive on Diversity Audit reports, as well as keeping ongoing knowledge of the collections through a diversity and inclusivity lens. She also introduced a plan for the use of Shelf Talkers for the collection and provided a document that covers best practices and contains an FAQ. The committee reviewed the changes regarding Libby, particularly the rollout of Notify Me and Libby Deep Search that went live on March 21st. The

recommendations feature has been disabled and has been replaced by Notify Me, which allows patrons to apply tags to titles they want to be notified about if the consortium purchases them. The feature has been very popular thus far, and the selection committee is working to adjust the collection budget to allow for more funds to go towards this feature, as recommendations are a quick and easy way to increase patron satisfaction. The Committee reviewed information about Advantage Plus titles that are causing issues with shared titles expiring but not being repurchased by the advantage systems originally sharing them. This affects approximately 6,000 titles. Effective March 1st, the following changes have been made to the Holds Managers to more effectively manage high- demand titles.

OC/OU HD 20:1 eBooks Cart

Cap of 50 copies per title
1x a month
\$3000 cap

HD 25:1 Audiobooks

Cap of 50 copies per title
1x a month
\$9000 cap

10:1 ration under \$20

Cap of 50 copies per title
1x a month
\$3000 cap

Metered HD 25:1 eBooks

Cap of 50 copies per title
1x a month
\$8000 cap

Juv Ebook and Audio Holds Manager

Cap of 25 copies per title
1x a month
\$2000 cap

YA Ebook and Audio Holds Manager

Cap of 25 copies per title
1x a month
\$3000 cap

The committee decided to weed a collection of travel books that were out of date and discussed an alternative source for travel information for patrons. The committee also discussed other titles like the “for dummies” series and bundled series/boxed sets that are not currently purchased at the consortium level and has asked for guidance from OverDrive.

5. Discussion and Action Items

a. Discussion: Collection Development Committee DRAFT Recommendation

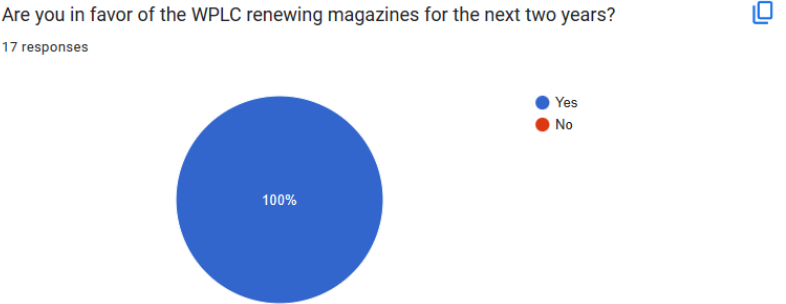
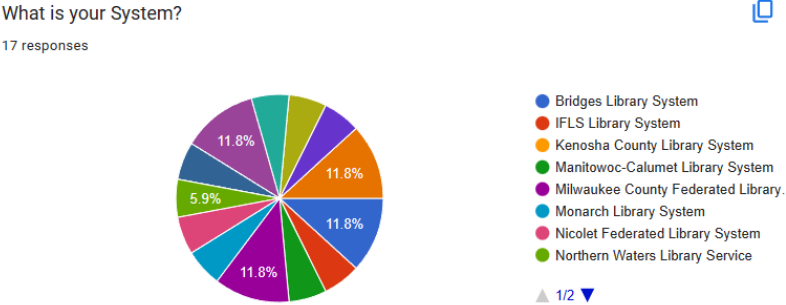
At the last Steering Committee meeting, it was suggested to show comparative circulation and usage data over time to show support for continued need to fund the collection. That was added to the draft. The group reviewed the [final draft](#). It was asked to provide clarifying language around the expenditure chart and explanation. It was also asked to clarify who the peer libraries are. It was noted that OverDrive is unable to disclose this information so a note will be added at the bottom of the Peer Comparison chart in the report. The committee will be asked to approve the document at their May meeting.

b. Discussion and Potential Action: Magazine Renewal

At the end of 2023, the WPLC will have had a magazine collection for two years. The consortium needs to determine if that collection will be renewed for 2024. A [magazine review](#) has been prepared for this discussion. This will be discussed at the annual membership meeting on April 26th. The Steering Committee discussed the review in preparation for the annual membership meeting discussion.

K. Matheson noted magazine usage is consistently around 5% of the usage but costs less than 1% of our budget. The usage has proven it worth the cost. K. Peterson mentioned the Economist was the #2 highest circulating title and was removed from the collection. Will this mean a reduction in the annual fee for magazines? S. Gold noted that this is definitely a point that should be addressed with OverDrive and project managers will do so. M. Warren shared that Money magazine is in the collection and noted that it is not the same as The Economist, but it's similar.

A poll of the Committee overwhelmingly supported renewing the magazine collection for the next two years.



- c. Discussion and Potential Action: Additional Languages for Wisconsin's Digital Library**
Patrons have more options to set a non-English language as the default in Libby than in the desktop version/Wisconsin's Digital Library. Currently, the only options are English and Spanish. We do have the option to [add a few more languages](#). There are a few caveats. It was shared that mainly the consortium would need to provide translations for any curated list titles or descriptions in those languages. M. Clark shared that this request to explore additional languages for Libby came from a member library. She shared a list of additional languages available but noted that manual translations would be required for carousel titles and descriptions or leave them in English. The Committee had questions regarding data for what languages are being used for the Libby interface and for titles in the collection. A suggestion was made for future exploration of what languages might be of interest to have materials in at the Advantage level.

Project managers will research languages requested for the Libby Interface, and number of titles owned by Advantage accounts in different languages and bring back to the next meeting.

- d. Discussion and Potential Action: Purchase of A to Z World Travel Database**
The Selection Committee has recently weeded Wisconsin's Digital Library of all outdated travel materials. The Selection Committee is asking the Steering Committee to consider approving the purchase of a travel database (AtoZ World Travel) through the WPLC with R&D or reserve funds for this year and then roll it into the budget for subsequent years in lieu of purchasing individual travel books that are out of date as soon as they are purchased.

The Committee would like to see circ stats on recently weeded travel guides in the WDL to gauge potential demand. C. Kindt said print travel books are one of Brown County's top circulating items. AtoZ World Travel is not a suitable replacement for travel guides as it is wi-fi dependent and doesn't have an app. In addition, it doesn't include hotel, restaurant, and activity recommendations which most patrons want when using travel guides. Next steps are project managers will take the feedback back to the Selection Committee and will run the travel guide usage statistics. If they are available before the next meeting, the statistics will be shared with the committee via Basecamp.

6. Committee information sharing and questions

The Annual Membership meeting will be held in person at WAPL on April 26, 2023, from 1-2 pm. The WPLC Board meeting follows from 2-3 pm.

7. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: May 18, 2023, at 1:00 PM

Meeting ended at 2:02 pm