

WPLC Board Meeting

Minutes
7 April 2010
SCLS Meeting Room

Present: Kristen Anderson (WRLS), Noreen Fish (WRLS), David Sleasman (RLL), Jim Trojanowski (NWLS), Linda Miller (Project Manager), Phyllis Davis (SCLS), Krista Ross (SWLS), Steve Platteter (MWFLS), Ruth Ann Montgomery (ALS), Kathy Schneider (WILS), Stef Morrill (SCLS), David Weinhold (ESLS), John Thompson (IFLS), Mellanie Mercier (WCFLS), Joshua Klingbeil (WVLS), Ines Christman (WVLS), Lynn Swartz-Truesdell (KCLS), Mark Arend (WLS), Joy Schwarz (WLS).

Stef Morrill called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Partner Reports: SCLS has an iPad. Reference and Loan Library is adding Sounds Abounds to BadgerLink.

Budget: Budget sheets were distributed. No action was necessary.

Current Projects:

OverDrive:

- New Berlin Public Library is going live separately from WCFLS because it is not part of the shared ILS.
- The training sessions were well-attended.
- The Advantage program appears to be at a standstill since the letter from Mike Cross stating DLTCL's opinion that any titles added through it must be shared statewide. However:
 - OverDrive is reviewing the statute cited by Cross.
 - Madison Public Library received an invitation to join an out-of-state consortium so it could participate.
 - Weyenberg Library is considering options to put additional titles into the catalog.
- There was discussion of whether to explore download stations. Consensus was that there is little value to this.
- Linda Miller has submitted a request for enhancements on behalf of WPLC. Among them were the ability to view more than 10 results on a page in the basic search and the ability to search by devices the titles play on.
- OverDrive is testing a service for the visually impaired in conjunction with Book Share.
- Library card numbers can now be used to authenticate patrons.
 - Linda Miller is waiting for a reply about whether this can be used to authenticate patrons in systems with more than one shared ILS and whether there will be additional charges to do so.
 - This may be a way to open OverDrive to public libraries not in a shared ILS.
 - This method of authentication does not use barcode ranges. Instead, batch load adds and deletes are necessary.

- OverDrive is developing selection tools that permit content analysis in real time.
- There is discussion with copyright holders of other types of digital content to add them to the OverDrive catalog.
- OverDrive is exploring the addition of DRM-free content.
- Mobile website capability is available, but only to those who permit patron-defined loan periods. WPLC could choose not to offer some lending periods, but it must allow at least two choices for each media type. The consortium can also choose the default lending period. Following discussion, motion by Phyllis Davis and second by Jim Trojanowski to permit patron defined loan periods as follows:

- Books: 7 and 14 days with a default of 7 days
- Music and video : 3, 5, 7, and 14 days with a default of 7 days

Motion carried unanimously. Linda Miller said the changes will be made by the end of April and the catalog will then be mobile website capable.

- Some publishers are beginning to pull the epub format.
- The Selection Committee asked for permission to delete all titles, 105 in all, for which there are 10 or fewer circulations in the past two years. All the titles are non-fiction. The board was reluctant to proceed without knowing more about the titles and rationale for doing this.
- The Selection Committee recommended a spending plan for the \$92,000 budget for materials as follows:
 - \$50,000 for new OverDrive titles
 - \$25,000 for additional OverDrive copies of titles with lengthy waiting lists
 - \$15,000 for purchase of materials from other digital providers
 - \$1500 per month of the purchase of additional titles would be used through OverDrive's auto selection program. The committee would set thresholds on the number of additional copies.
 - Following discussion, David Weinhold moved and Krista Ross seconded approval of the spending plan as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.
- The Selection Committee is interested in exploring a contract with Amazon, but whether Amazon is open to this is unknown.
- There is interest in exploring adding Freegal to the WPLC collection. Freegal would open the Sony music collection to WPLC, but patrons would own the titles once they downloaded them to their devices. Limits can be set on the number of downloads by each patron. Following discussion consensus of the board was that it would be helpful to know more about Freegal so that the possibility of a pilot could be explored.
- Some WPLC members are interested in counting where circulations for the collections go. While the SIP connection to OverDrive in some catalogs does not permit this, OverDrive is working to resolve the problem. Currently, these circulations are not eligible for reimbursement under Act 150 or Act 420.
- WiLS is working with OverDrive to develop a contract for the K-12 market.

netLibrary:

- The Selection Committee would like to spend \$8500 for 85 mostly reference titles. Funds would come from the \$15,000 set aside for other digital content providers. Each system would need to purchase a license for the Adobe Content Server (\$350 per system) to use the content. David Weinhold moved to approve the purchase, Phyllis Davis seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- The Selection Committee would like to weed all non-downloadable e-books from the collection in an effort to hold only downloadable content. The board discussed the desirability of weeding content still in use and weighed it against the desirability to have a collection of downloadable materials. Consensus was to permit the committee to delete non-downloadable content that is receiving limited use, that for there are downloadable titles with similar content, and that for which similar titles are purchased in the future. The committee may decide how to define what the board intends.

Gadgets: Stef Morrill reminded partners to use the online form to report problems with the gadgets instead of leaving a note in them.

Project Manager Search: Kathy Schneider left the room before this discussion began. David Weinhold outlined the search process and discussed the applicants. The search committee unanimously recommended WILS be chosen as the new Project Manager at \$13,000 annually for up to 200 hours of work per year, including the current work with the selection committee. Steve Platteter moved to approve the recommendation and Ruth Ann Montgomery seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Kathy Schneider was invited back to the meeting.

New Projects/Proposals: SRLAAW has appointed a committee to discuss the purchase of digital content.

Future directions: There was a brief discussion on WPLC's original intent to be an incubator for new projects versus its current status as a long-term service provider for at least some projects.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at 10:00 am on June 16, 2010, in the SCLS Chester Room.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Trojanowski