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WPLC BROCHURE

Help us spread the word about WPLC!

We want all public libraries to understand what WPLC is and what it does beyond Wisconsin's Digital Library.

To help with that endeavor, the Board has created a brochure about WPLC. You can help spread the word by printing copies of this brochure and bringing them to all-directors meetings, ILS consortium meetings, in-person CE events, etc.

You can find the brochure on the [WPLC website here.](#)

Thank you for your help!
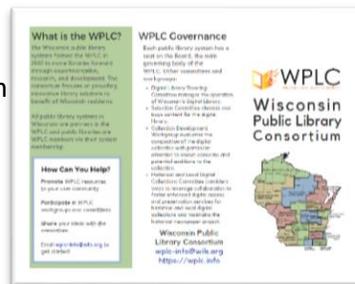
UPCOMING IDC DISCUSSION

OverDrive's Instant Digital Card (IDC) program has been a discussion of the Steering Committee for the past year. The program has been offered to the WPLC for free if we choose to validate on mobile phone number area code only, otherwise if we choose to use a patron's name and mobile phone to validate that they have a recent residential address within the boundaries of WI, it will cost the WPLC $0.90 each time a patron is submitted for validation.

A fact sheet with more information was sent out to Committee members in November to share with their systems to gain feedback on pursuing this program. The Committee will discuss and make a decision on whether or not to implement this program for the WPLC at their next meeting on February 21, 2019. [The fact sheet can be found here.](#)

BIBLIOBOARD UPDATE

Every month, a resource from the BiblioBoard package is highlighted and promoted.

A new selection of Popup Picks has been added to WPLC's [BiblioBoard library](#) as a part of [Wisconsin's Digital Library](#) and will be available until April 2019.

WI Author Project Webinar

A webinar to help prepare WI libraries for the second year of the WI Author project will be held on **Wednesday, February 6 at 10 AM.** Register to learn more about how the Indie Author Project works, hear about the success of the 2018 contests, get news on the expansion of the project in 2019, and most importantly hear about how you and your library can get involved.

[Register here!](#)

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DATA MEETING WITH OVERDRIVE

On December 14, project managers spent the day with three OverDrive staff members to discuss long-standing data and reporting concerns. Some outcomes from the meeting included:

- A plan for more frequent weeding/elimination of titles no longer available from the collection.
- A commitment for a new holds ratio calculation that will help Advantage purchasing.
- A commitment to supply data needed for collection that is not available through existing reports (historical average waiting period by system, for example.)

- New roles and involvement for OverDrive staff with WPLC collection development, including assistance for Advantage selection (if desired) and for report generation.
- A commitment to continue to work together toward getting the information needed to evaluate and grow the collection.

NEXT WPLC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING:

February 21, 2019
1:00 PM

NEW GOVERNANCE YEAR, NEW ROLES

2019 Board Chair: Kristen Anderson, WRLS
2019 Steering Liaison: Maureen Welch, IFLS

2019 Board Vice-Chair: Martha Van Pelt, SCLS
2019 Steering Committee Chair: Amy Stormberg, IFLS

TRANSPARENT LANGUATES UPDATE

Eight systems will go live with Transparent Languages in February 2019: Arrowhead Library System, IFLS Library System, Milwaukee County Federated Library System, Manitowoc-Calumet Library System, Nicolet Library System, Outagamie Waupaca Library System, South Central Library System, and Southwest Wisconsin Library System.

Pricing was held to the amount originally provided, even though not all systems ended up participating.

NEW NEWSPAPER TITLES

The Wisconsin Newspaper Association completed the most recent batch upload of historical newspaper content in October. This batch totaled 100,000 pages from 6 contributors: Amery Area Public Library, Black River Falls Public Library, Kiel Public Library, Mukwonago Community Library, Stanley Area Historical Society and Waupun Public Library.

A private individual in Michigan has made a donation to WPLC to digitize specific titles from Columbia, Dodge and Racine Counties (approx. 20,000 pages).