

**Wisconsin Public Library Consortium**  
**Digital Library Steering Committee Meeting Notes**

November 10, 2022, 1:00 pm  
Teleconference meeting held via Zoom

**ATTENDEES:** Abby Armour (Mukwonago/BLS), Shawn Carlson (Waukesha/BLS), Heidi Cox (McFarland/SCLS), Ada Demlow (Antigo/WVLS), Michael DeVries (Beloit/ALS), Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm (Neenah/WFLS), Alex Harvancik (Horicon/MLS), Sue Heskin (Superior/NWLS), Clare Kindt (Brown County/NLS), Jennifer Loeffel (Franklin/MCFLS), Kayla Mathson (Independence/WRLS), Rachel Metzler (WVLS), Eric Norton (McMillan/SCLS), Karli Pederson (MPL/MCFLS), Lisa Pike (Manitowoc/MCLS), Deb Sadowski (Coloma/WLS), Holly Selwitschka (Kimberly/OWLS), Martha Spangler (Altoona/IFLS), Shannon Urban (Kenosha/KCLS), Molly Warren (Madison/SCLS), Karina Zidon (Platteville/SWLS)

**ABSENT:** Sara Swanson (Union Grove/LLS)

**GUESTS:** None

**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 changes or additions to the agenda.

**3. Approval of minutes – [September 15, 2022](#)**

*Motion:* Approval of Minutes

*Made by:* A. Harvancik

*Second:* M. DeVries

*Discussion:* None

*Results:* Motion Passes unanimously

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

**a. Decisions made in between September 15, 2022, and current meeting: None**

**b. WPLC Board Report**

R. Metzler reported the Board met on October 24<sup>th</sup>. It was determined that the approved 2023 WPLC Budget would stand as is with the merger of ALS/LLS. The Board discussed the possibility of becoming a 501c3 and will continue the investigation into 2023. New leadership for 2023 includes Steve Hesel as Chair, and Rebecca Scherer will serve as Vice Chair. In addition, there are several new liaisons to committees. Seat apportionment for the Steering committee was discussed and although the percentage to determine how many seats a system receives on the Steering Committee has changed the number of seats per system has not changed for 2023. The Board approved WiLS as project manager for the WPLC for 2023.

**c. Selection Committee Report**

S. Gold reported the Selection Committee has not met since the last WPLC Steering Committee Meeting and will be meeting Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Wisconsin's Digital

Library received \$100K in LSTA funds which will be used to fill holds and repurchase some simultaneous use ebook and audiobook plans. In addition, the committee will be working more closely with OverDrive staff as we head into 2023 to help better manage the holds in different areas of the collection and with the deselection process of titles with very high holds with no option to order additional copies. The committee continues to work with systems to get Advantage weeding plans set up for each system and we are getting closer to 100% participation!

**d. Collection Development Committee Report**

M. Clark reported that the Collection Development Committee convened in October. The patron survey was out in the field for three weeks and we received over 5,700 responses. That is up over 1000 from last year. This year will give us a new baseline as we were able to add the link to Libby for the first time. The library staff survey is out in the field now and will be open until November 18<sup>th</sup>. The group was encouraged to take the survey and to pass it along to their colleagues who assist the public with Libby and Wisconsin's Digital Library.

**5. Discussion and Action Items**

**a. Discussion and Action: 2023 Officers**

The Nominations Committee recommended the following slate of officers for 2023.

DL Steering Chair: Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm

DL Steering Vice Chair: Sue Heskin

*Motion:* Approval of recommended officers

*Made by:* S. Carlson

*Second:* E. Norton

*Discussion:* None

*Results:* Motion Passes unanimously

**b. Discussion: Collection Development Policy**

The Selection Committee and Collection Development Committee have reviewed the current [WPLC Collection Development Collection Policy](#) and have made suggested changes.

The Steering Committee reviewed the policy and suggested the following changes: Under the Deselection section, a line explaining that deselection is managed at the local level, incorporating the suggestion from J. Potrantz. It was noted that the policy will be presented and voted on for approval at the Board meeting in February.

H. Selwitchka asked how systems are managing their Advantage spending and would like examples from different systems. There is an extensive information on the WPLC website to help support Advantage selectors which can be found here: [WPLC Advantage Selector Resources](#). S. Gold mentioned Advantage selectors are encouraged to attend selection meetings and share how they manage their system purchases. S. Carlson, the Bridges selector, offered to share how Bridges spends Advantage funds. S. Gold will discuss the possibility of a survey to Advantage selectors to gather this information as well.

**c. Discussion and Possible Action: Explicit Cover Art**

It was asked what our options are for hiding explicit cover art from Wisconsin's Digital Library as well as what others are doing locally. M. Clark noted that we do currently have mature art hidden in our carousels on Wisconsin's Digital Library and on the Director's Dashboard. However, we have no control over the showing of the cover art in local catalogs. It was asked what folks are doing in their local catalogs.

A. Harvancik shared that this request originated from a library in Monarch and mentioned that Monarch is planning on adopting Vega as a discovery layer which will allow libraries to hide content. L. Pike mentioned MCLS is considering removing OverDrive titles from their catalog because they do cause confusion for some patrons.

**d. Discussion: 2022 Recommendations Update**

The 2022 Recommendations were approved in May by this group. Project managers have begun work on recommendations and shared a [written update](#).

It was asked if there were any questions about the work on the current recommendations.

It was asked if the results of the diversity audit could be shared with the Steering Committee. [Links](#) to the initial and most recent Diversity Audits were provided.

A question was asked if there are plans to continue with social media ads to promote Wisconsin's Digital Library. This is a pilot project by the Board and Social Media Committee, and no concrete plan has been established about a regular schedule of ads.

**6. Committee information sharing and questions**

A question was asked if Amazon has plans to allow the Kindle App for Libby in its' store, and unfortunately, it does not in the near future.

**7. Next Meeting Date:**

*Next Meeting Date: February 16, 2023, at 1:00 PM*

*Motion: To adjourn the meeting*

*Made by: K. Peterson*

*Second: A. Demlow*

*Discussion: None*

*Results: Motion Passes unanimously*

Meeting ended at 1:46 pm