

**Wisconsin Public Library Consortium**  
**Selection Committee Meeting Minutes**

February 11, 2021 1:00 PM– 3:00 PM

**Attendees:** Kathy Baker (SCLS), Shawn Carlson (BLS), Chelsey Gilman (MLS), Katie Hanson (SCLS), Meredith Houge (WRLS), Samma Johnson (IFLS), Scott Lenski (MCFLS), Kayla Mathson (WRLS), Darcy Mohr (LSLS), Lorelee Peterson (WVLS), Jacki Potratz (MCFLS), Samantha Stark Quail (BLS), Rosalia Slawson (MLS), Maureen Welch (IFLS), Julie Woodruff (IFLS) Katie Zimmerman (WVLS)

**Absent:** Kelly Allen (SCLS), Nancy Ashmore (SWLS), Amanda Brueckner (BLS), Sara Christopherson (NWLS), Michelle Dennis (ALS), Chris Hamburg (MCLS), Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm (WLS), Melissa Prentice (Monarch), Irene Scherer (KLS), Camrin Sullivan (MLS) Sara Swanson (LLS), Cindy Wallace (Winnefox)

**Project Managers:** Sara Gold, Rebecca Rosenstiel

**1. Introduction of any new members**

Welcome to two new Bridges selectors, 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.

**2. YTD budget review and review of selection vacancies**

[2021 WPLC Selection Purchases](#)

*Discussion:*

Katie Zimmermann volunteered to be the selector for RTL Juvenile and YA, in addition to current selector areas. Darcy Mohr volunteered to be the selector for Adult NF- Politics, in addition to current selector areas. There is still a vacancy for a Juvenile and YA selector for Odd months, to alternate with Katie Zimmermann- Anyone who is interested can add their name to the spreadsheet.

**3. Discussion of Consortium and Advantage Selector Guidelines**

*Background:* Each year the guidelines for Advantage and consortium selectors are reviewed and revised by the WPLC project managers. These are available in basecamp and will be updated on the WPLC website

[Advantage Selector Guidelines](#)

[Consortium Selector Guidelines](#)

[WPLC Statement on Publishers](#)

**4. Review of action items from November meeting**

- The error in labeling an infographic on the WPLC website was identified and has been updated.
- The 352 Biblioboard titles were repurchased in December
- Budget reallocations suggested at the November meeting were incorporated into the 2021 selection budget. Politics is its own genre w/budget. Slight decrease in gardening and religion/spirituality. Increase of \$4000 for Juv and YA materials annually. Monthly allocations have been updated in the selection purchases spreadsheet.

- Sara will be meeting with OverDrive to create a calendar for sale themes on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## 5. Tools Available to Selectors

*Background:* One of the WPLC Collection Development Committee recommendations is to provide guidance and support to Advantage selectors. The wording of the recommendation is shared below:

***Provide guidance and support to Advantage selectors***

*While some systems have Advantage selectors that prefer to work independently, others could benefit from more guidance and support. Working with OverDrive, the Project Managers will create a plan for providing guidance and support on an ongoing basis so that all Advantage selectors are able to effectively purchase for their systems.*

*For all selectors, tools to quickly make decisions about purchasing and to help them do their job most efficiently would be beneficial. These tools could include a user group, a knowledgebase of information and processes, video tutorials, etc. The Project Managers will work with the Advantage Selectors to plan the development of such resources.*

*In addition, information about consortia-wide collection efforts (boycotts, holds reduction goals, etc.) needs to be regularly communicated.*

Laura Damon-Smith has been working on tools to fulfill this recommendation including a reworking of the Advantage Holds Purchasing Spreadsheet and creating instructions for the spreadsheet. In addition, a website is being developed that has information including tips to help inform Advantage selectors. Laura will be previewing this information at our May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

[Instructions for Advantage Holds Purchasing Spreadsheet](#)  
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Thank you to everyone that participated in the survey; it was a tremendous help in getting these resources put together. Survey results will be shared out, but unsure on the timeline.

## 6. Committee information sharing and questions

*Background:* This is an opportunity for member to share information or ask questions regarding selection for the Wisconsin's Digital Library.

*Discussion:*

Kayla Mathson asked if we knew what the ongoing costs will be for the new magazine collection. Sara Gold said that this is unknown right now; OverDrive has been asked for next year's pricing but it hasn't been received yet. Maureen Welch added that right now the magazine collection is only for one year. Once pricing is received, the future of the magazine collection will come back to the Board and the Steering committee, and more systems and libraries will be asked for their input on continuing the collection. Sara Gold will share out pricing on Basecamp once it is received.

There are 3,000+ titles in the magazine collection right now, and magazines do not have hold lists, nor do they count against the number of checkouts per patron.

Sara Gold announced that Time Warner's magazines that are currently available through Flipster (eg People, Sports Illustrated) are coming to the end of their contract. OverDrive is aggressively working on obtaining these.

Shawn Carlson asked if existing holds on a title are filled first when a concurrent use license is purchased. Sara Gold believes this is how it should work, but will need to reach out to OverDrive to make sure. Sara will share the results of this conversation on Basecamp.

Maureen Welch is wondering if any other systems are utilizing Lucky Day or Simultaneous Use purchasing at the Advantage level, as some of the IFLS libraries are asking about it. If anyone has any input, tips, or tricks on how this could work, please let her know. WRLS utilizes Lucky Day minimally at the Advantage level.

Maureen Welch asked how far ahead of time Big Reads are announced. Kayla Mathson said that the April Big Read was just announced this week. Sara Gold added that the announcements usually come out two months ahead of time, and that OverDrive sends this out to their lists.

It appears that the Bridgerton Series might be getting reformatted so that books 1-3 and 4-6 are in single collections, and the single-titles are being phased out. Sara Gold will reach out to OverDrive to see how other consortia are handling the purchases/holds for these titles.

IFLS has stopped receiving MARC records for their Advantage purchases, and will be working with Alex to troubleshoot this issue. Again, if anyone else has noticed this, or has any tips or tricks, to let them know.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, May 13, 2021, 1:00 to 3:00 PM