

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

November 12, 2019 1:00 PM– 3:00 PM

ATTENDEES: Michelle Dennis (ALS), Chris Hamburg (MCLS), Katie Hanson (SCLS), Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm (WLS), Kaushalya Iyengar (BLS), Samma Johnson (IFLS), Scott Lenski (MCFLS), Jacki Potratz (MCFLS), Jessica Slaney (WRLS), Maureen Welch (IFLS), Julie Woodruff (IFLS),

ABSENT: Kelly Allen (SCLS), Kathy Baker (SCLS), Emilie Braunel (NWLS), Sara Christopherson (NWLS), Kayla Mathson (WRLS), Darcy Mohr (LSLS), Lorelee Peterson (WVLS), Melissa Prentice (Monarch), Rebecca Schadrie (MCFS), Irene Scherer (KLS), Rosalia Slawson (MLS), Sara Swanson (LLS), Cathy Tuttrup (BLS), Katie Zimmerman (WVLS)

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

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting started at 1:00. The group was welcomed and introductions were made. It was noted that a new Advantage spreadsheet has been updated and provided by OverDrive. A link to the updated sheet has been posted in the Selectors Committee Basecamp.

**2. Review of Budget Spreadsheet**

The WPLC Selection Purchases budget spreadsheet was created to help track the WPLC purchases made throughout the year. Many of the roles have alternating selectors thus requiring tracking of purchases. The Committee reviewed the spreadsheet. It was noted we have \$215,053.14 left in the digital collection budget for 2019. This includes money for MARC records, preorders and expiring simultaneous use audio plans. The selection areas are well covered. However, there is a need for Spanish language selectors. If anyone is able and interested in selecting for Spanish language, let project managers know as soon as possible.

**3. Selector Roles for 2020**

It was explained that as this is our final meeting for the calendar year, the group needs to identify any selectors who will be stepping down. D. Layland will be stepping down due to retirement. She was thanked for her service to the consortium. She has been selecting in the Adult Best Sellers. In addition, the group needs to identify open selector seats for the consortium as well as any unfilled selection areas. The Committee reviewed roles. C. Hamburg reported that the Young Adult librarian at Manitowoc may be interested in being a selector. It was noted that there are several systems that have openings for selectors. It is not a requirement for each system to have two selectors, but they do have the opportunity to have two representatives on the Selection Committee.

**4. Macmillan Update**

The Macmillan embargo that began November 1<sup>st</sup> has necessitated a number of changes to the items Advantage and Consortium selectors are allowed to order. The group reviewed the current plan of action for Macmillan ebook titles and provided an update on next steps leading up to December 20<sup>th</sup>, the first day embargoed titles could be purchased. The WPLC is not purchasing any Macmillan titles until further notice. The WPLC is currently discussing the next steps as to whether the consortium will be purchasing the embargoed Macmillan titles or not. The consortium will make a decision before the seventh week of the embargo, giving selectors time to purchase the low-cost copy of any embargoed titled released on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

It was asked if Macmillan titles were removed from Advantage titles. S. Gold noted that consortium selectors can't view Advantage. M. Welch will check with OverDrive if the title is removed from a cart again.

It was asked if the embargo affects just the frontlist titles or will it affect older metered titles that are expiring? The embargo does not affect older titles, just new titles. There is a way to only capture Macmillan title with expired licenses. S. Gold is working with OverDrive to create newer, midlist titles if needed. It was noted that 15% of the consortium's annual budget is spent on Macmillan titles.

#### 5. **Automatic Weeding Plan**

Previously, titles could not be weeded at the consortium level if any copies (active or expired) were also owned by an Advantage account. With a recent OverDrive update, if all copies of a Metered Access title are expired (in both the consortium and Advantage collections), a title can be weeded, either manually or through an automatic weeding plan. Project managers asked OverDrive to temporarily turn off this new feature until Steering approves it as there is not a setting to exclude Advantage titles. At their September meeting, the WPLC Steering Committee discussed turning this on for the consortium. The committee had some concerns about deleting Advantage titles and asked about the possibility to share a list of the titles that are eligible to weed with the selectors for review before they are deleted. OverDrive responded that the automatic weeding plan is set at the consortium/shared level and runs daily to weed eligible titles (that meet the plan criteria) within 24 hours. Titles in an Advantage account can only be weeded when all copies across the shared collection and Advantage accounts are expired. In other words, the weeding plan will not weed any titles that have Advantage units "in collection." Titles that are weeded via the automatic plan can be manually un-weeded any time using the weeding tool. They also reported there is not a way to preview or review titles before they are weeded via the automatic plan.

The Committee felt that it would be good to weed titles that we can't replace and to remove those holds. It was asked if patrons are notified of their canceled holds and they are.

#### 6. **Collection Development Committee Follow-up: Review of Automated Cart Settings**

The CDC met on October 29<sup>th</sup> and suggested the Selection Committee review the settings of the automated carts (Holds Manager and RTL) to see if we can improve the fill rates for holds. The project managers asked for volunteers to create an ad hoc sub-committee to review the cart settings. C. Hamburg, M. Welch and K. Iyengar volunteered for the subcommittee.

#### 7. **Follow-up from previous meetings**

Whatcom County Library is putting together an experiment on Tor Titles that WPLC will participate in. It involves circ of a set number of Tor titles before and after the embargo this summer.

The project managers will look at increasing the budget allocation for audiobooks over last year, using existing funds.

Sara will follow up with OverDrive about the spend per year for audiobooks and share at a future meeting .

#### 8. **Base Camp Review**

BaseCamp was introduced a year ago to help this committee better communicate and organize and store documents. The group was asked what they thought of the platform. The group agreed that it is

easy to access and use; that it has been useful and helpful and great to have all Selector information in one spot.

9. **Committee information sharing and questions**

It was explained that this is an opportunity for member to share information or ask questions regarding selection for the Wisconsin's Digital Library. It was asked if Libby will be available for Kindle Fire? OverDrive has reported that Libby was submitted to Amazon, but it hasn't been released yet.

Next Meeting Date: A poll will be sent out to establish 2020 meeting dates.

**Meeting Ended: 2:11 pm**