

WPLC Historical and Local Collections Committee

March 12, 2019

Updates from previous meeting or general project updates

Historical newspapers and BadgerLink

WPLC project managers met with staff from DPI and WHS to discuss ideas for collaboratively promoting all Wisconsin historical newspapers available online -- the WNA Archive, other newspapers in BadgerLink, and Chronicling America (LoC). WHS maintains a map as a centralized list of all available newspapers (historic and current), as well as a LibGuide. Immediate next steps will include embedding or linking to WHS map on partner websites, updating BadgerLink handouts for all partners to share, cross-promoting WHS session at WAPL. In general, a key audience to reach is public library staff so they understand what is available and where, how they fit together, how to contribute content, etc. This committee will discuss further at our next meeting.

LSTA funded Digitization kits

A virtual meeting is going to be held in late March/early April to go over details about the DPI Digitization Collaboration Project. The date and time of the meeting will be announced soon. During the meeting, public library system responsibilities for managing the kits and library responsibilities for using the kits will be reviewed. Vicki Teal Lovely is having an email list created that will be used for communicating about the project. If you have not gotten any of Vicki's emails about the scanning kits, please let her know (vickiteal@scls.info) and she will add you to the list.

Regionally-based (in-person) meetings with system staff will be held to share information about planning digitization projects and to provide training on using the scanning kits/creating metadata/etc. The Train the Trainer model will be followed and staff from SCLS, Emily Pfothauer, and others with expertise on digitization projects and Recollection Wisconsin will be leading the meetings. These meetings will likely be held in July, with the goal of having system staff ready to provide their member libraries with support on digitization projects and the scanning kits starting in the early Fall.

Funding for the projects/scanning kits is being provided through WISElearn. Each of the scanning kits will include a laptop (with scanning software), a flatbed scanner, and scanning accessories. One slide scanning kit will be available for all systems to share.

General Historical Newspaper Updates

Wisconsin Newspaper Association's database vendor, Tecnavia, has updated the Archive interface to run on HTML5 instead of Flash. The new version of the site is also mobile-friendly. WNA is continuing to refine the upgrade and will appreciate reports of glitches.

Creator demo and discussion

At the committee's last meeting, they discussed outreach/marketing of digital collections to be a possible project with Recollection Wisconsin. One of the potential tools for this type of outreach/marketing could be BiblioBoard Creator. Since that meeting, some information was shared

with the committee about Creator, and the group felt they would like a demonstration of the product. Mitchell Davis and other BiblioLabs staff demonstrated the product.

The group discussed the demonstration. While the product could function as a content management system, it is not the use case that would be considered in the short term for the product. It is also not an archival platform. The intent would be to use it as a place for discovery for outreach. It could also allow for collection of content from community members. The product could be a way to create access. It won't be a substitute for Omeka or ContentDM, but a tool to bring together materials into exhibitions to market.

Recollection Wisconsin could work with WPLC to highlight content from all of the partners and expose them to a different audience. If content could be seen by those using the Wisconsin Digital Library, it may drive more traffic and awareness. Recollection Wisconsin could also harvest any content collected from the community and make it available through DPLA.

The group discussed if the platform seems like a possibility for outreach/marketing of digital content, and felt that it could be. Finding the time to make use of it may be a challenge. The group decided that if there was funding and an interest from partners or members, it would be good to do some pilots with it. Recollection Wisconsin could play a role in this by curating some anthologies and collection highlights.

The group also discussed the interest in community content submission and felt that libraries would have interest in this.

WiLS will undertake some next steps: talking with DPI about the project, writing up some potential pilots, talking with BiblioLabs about costs, organizing a demo for the community, and working to identify interest in the pilots.

Newspaper Platform Usability Testing and Evaluation Next Steps

The group discussed the matrix and information about Tecnavia and want to continue the investigation into other platform. E. Pfothenauer and S. Morrill will come up with a timeline and a list of vendors.

Allocation of WISE dollars

DPI allocated WISE funding to cover uploading costs for some content to the newspaper collection. Because the content may be migrating, it may be helpful if the funding could be used for setup and migration costs. S. Morrill is checking on the deadline to spend the funds.

The group thought that it may be easier to upload and migrate rather than wait. It's unclear what uploading costs may be in the new model or how much it would cost to migrate, so without that information, we may want to move ahead.

The group decided to defer this decision for now.

*development digitization training guidelines

Committee orientation

The group reviewed the charge and other information for Committee. A. Lee will officially replace B. Shipps on the committee.

Annual meeting/WAPL session discussion

The group did not have any additional topics to include.

June Meeting

The meeting is currently set for June 13, 2019 at 1:30 – 3:00. Can this either be pushed to 2:30 or rescheduled for June 14th? The group present preferred meeting at 2:30 on the 13th. S. Morrill will send out an email to confirm and a new invite.

Prior to the next meeting, S. Morrill will get information to schedule the rest of the meetings for the year.

- Evaluation
- Veridian, Rescarta, ProSeek, ChronAm
- One of the things to add: WHS viewpoint

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