

Wisconsin Public Library Consortium
Selection Committee Meeting Agenda

March 7, 2024 1:00 PM– 2:30 PM

Members: Desiree Bongers (Winnefox), Cecelia Cole (IFLS), Chris Hamburg (MCLS), Mehta Hess (Winnefox), Katie Hanson (SCLS), Sue Heskin (NWLS), Samma Johnson (IFLS), Kristin Laufenberg (OWLS), Kayla Mathson (WRLS), Lisa Pike (MCLS), Jacki Potratz (MCFLS), Gina Rae (NWLS), Samantha Stark Quail (BLS), Elisha Sheffer (WVLS), Rosalia Slawson (MLS), Kimmy Wegner (WRLS)

Absent: Kelly Allen (SCLS), Amanda Brueckner (Bridges), Shawn Carlson (BLS), Keith Gerlach (PLLS), Emily Kornak (PLLS), Scott Lenski (MCFLS), Rachel Metzler (WVLS), Loralee Peterson (WVLS)

Project Managers: Sara Gold (WILS), Rebecca Rosenstiel (WILS)

1. Welcome

Meeting attendees introduced themselves and indicated whether they were consortium or advantage selectors (or both).

S. Gold welcomed Kelly Allen at SCLS, who is a new selector.

2. Updates Since Last Meeting

a. WPLC Board Changes to the WPLC Reconsideration Process

Background: The WPLC Board approved the suggested changes to the WPLC Collection Development Policy made by both the Selection and Digital Steering Committees. One amendment was made to a proposed change about the reconsideration process that will have an impact on Advantage accounts. The Digital Steering Committee recommended the following:

"Should there be an appeal to the Digital Library Steering Committee's decision, the appeal will go to the WPLC Board for a final decision. Repeated or redundant requests by an individual or a group to reconsider titles, in all formats, already determined to remain within the collection or materials with differing titles but similar content will not be considered within five (5) years of the last request."

The Board changed it to: *"Should there be an appeal to the Digital Library Steering Committee's decision, the appeal will go to the WPLC Board for a final decision. Once reviewed, a title, regardless of format, will not be reconsidered within five years of the last request. If a title is owned by an Advantage account, the reconsideration will be sent to the owning Wisconsin Public Library System or Public Library."*

Discussion:

There is concern over appeals being sent back to systems for a final decision, as not all systems have a collection development policy to refer to in case of a challenge/appeal. S. Gold believes that even titles owned at the Advantage level would still follow up the WPLC Collection Development Policy. The committee also discussed Advantage titles that are owned at multiple systems and libraries, as well as Advantage Plus titles- how would each of these scenarios be handled? S. Gold confirmed Advantage Plus titles would go back to the owning system. The R. Slawson suggested that if it all falls under the Collection Development Policy for WPLC, it would be best if reconsiderations stayed

with the WPLC and didn't fall to the responsibility of any systems.

S. Gold will get clarification and more information behind the changes. S. Gold will also share with the Board and Digital Steering Committee that the Selection Committee recommends updating the wording to include “only” or “solely”, for example "If a titles is ONLY owned by an Advantage account..."; that the WPLC Selection Committee requests to eliminate an appeals process; and that Advantage Plus titles be treated similarly as shared titles, since all patrons have access.

b. Metered By Checkout Titles as Advantage Plus Titles

Background: This item has been discussed with both the Selection Committee and Digital Steering Committee. A vote will be taken at the May Digital Steering Committee meeting regarding allowing Metered by Checkout Titles to be shared through the Advantage Plus system. As a reminder, the patrons in the systems that own the titles get first priority on the titles. If a title becomes popular once again, the systems will not be purchasing replenishment titles for patrons outside their systems as the copies will stay in the systems that own them. We have talked with 5 other consortia; MCLS (Michigan), Ohio State Library, Tenn-Share, Georgia Download Destination and Whatcom County (WA). Each of them allow sharing of metered by checkout titles with no added expense and they have significantly lower wait times than the WPLC.

Discussion: Systems that have put a lot of spending towards *MA by checkout* titles for their Advantage accounts (example: MCFLS and Winnefox) worry that their spending on *MA by checkout* titles would go outside their systems- the *MA by checkouts* model is neither “use it or lose it” nor perpetually available, but rather these titles remain available until meeting the number of checkouts; systems would potentially be using their funding to supplement other system’s budgets. It was also suggested that the consortium may want to consider purchasing *MA by checkout titles* to help fill holds. When asked about how other consortia are managing *MA by Checkout* titles, S. Gold said that most other consortia spend less in Advantage and put more spending towards their shared collections; in the WPLC, Advantage spending either matches or exceeds shared collection spending.

Right now, the Selection Committee does not support this change. There would be more support for adding *MA by checkout* titles to Advantage Plus if there is a way for systems to be reimbursed for their *MA by checkout* titles that are circulated outside their system.

The Selection Committee is also considering if focusing on lowering the holds wait time is the best use of funds right now; data shows that over 60% of users are willing to wait when they place a hold on a title, however wait times are also a top criticism from users. The committee also feels like the WPLC might want to start exploring a different approach to purchasing; the current system feels disjointed and out of sync. S. Gold noted that one of this year’s goals is to provide more support and training for Selectors, particularly Advantage selectors, in conjunction with OverDrive.

3. **OverDrive Updates**

- a. **Notify Me and Libby Deep Search**
- b. **March Sales –Mystery Sale**
- c. **Advantage Selectors and OverDrive**

4. **YTD budget review**

[2024 WPLC Selection Purchases](#)

5. **Committee information sharing and questions**

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

R. Slawson asked if the selecting parameters discussed at the previous Selection Committee meeting have been implemented? S. Gold said that these haven't been finalized yet; titles must have at least 5 tags before they should be purchased for the shared collection, but the finalized guidelines will ideally be set in June.

It was also noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday May 2nd, however this date is WAPL. S. Gold will reschedule and let the committee know of the new date.

Next Meeting Date: ~~Thursday, May 2, 2024~~ TBD 1:00 to 2:00 PM