WPLC Collection Development Committee Recommendations Update – October 2022

I. **Explore and research new content and formats to add to Wisconsin's Digital Library**

The following activities were identified:
- Project managers will monitor what is happening in terms of other statewide cooperative purchasing efforts including Badgerlink. Based on that knowledge, project managers will prioritize the research and availability of new formats and collections. Research will be presented to the WPLC Board and Digital Library Steering Committee. Exploration may include:
  - Research available music streaming services, focusing on services that provide entire albums rather than just individual tracks.
  - Research current options for video through Overdrive and other potential streaming services on a statewide level.
  - Explore statewide electronic newspaper collections. Availability of local titles is of importance.
  - Investigate options for digital book kits for adult or youth book clubs that can be checked out in sets.
- Continue to monitor the SimplyE and Palace Project collaborations, patron-facing apps that aggregate content from various sources.

UPDATE: Project managers have been working on generating a list of options that would allow for digital book club kits or another book club service for adults and youth. The work includes information gathering from OverDrive as well as researching how other libraries approach digital book club kits or book club services.

II. **Assess and continue to enhance Juvenile/YA collections**

The following activities were identified:
- Work with OverDrive to run usage and other collection statistics on juvenile and young adult materials in the collection to determine if additional reallocation is necessary.
- Work with YA/Juv librarians to better understand the reading wants and habits of youth, potentially via the annual 2022 staff library survey or a separate survey.
- Look beyond OverDrive for additional juvenile and young adult materials like Tumblebooks or Tales2Go. Assess current Overdrive title availability and look to other vendors who may offer desired content.

- Continue to monitor the Public Library Connect feature to link student Sora (school Overdrive collections) accounts with the WPLC and local public digital libraries and its potential effect on Wisconsin's Digital Library juvenile and young adult collections.
- Continue to run diversity audits to monitor collection development progress.

UPDATE:
- **To date, two diversity audits have been completed, one to establish a baseline and one to start to gauge the progress that is being made to enrich the collection with a focus on diverse author perspectives and voices. This information is shared with the Selection Committee.**
- **The WPLC Social Media Committee ran a Facebook ad highlighting the Juvenile collections in the WI Digital Library from July 13-23 for a cost of $75. The stats for the period the ad ran show an increase in daily checkouts year over year. In addition the checkouts for July 2022 vs July 2021 have increased.**
- **Tales2Go has ceased operations as of June 2022.**
- **Given the increase in book challenges within schools and public libraries and OverDrive's current limitations on content access levels in schools, the WSDLC Board has recommended to not move forward with Public Library Connect at this time. Students with public library cards are able to connect to their public libraries through SORA currently. Please reach out to wsdlc-info@wils.org for more information.**

III. **Review and evaluate the deselection and collection maintenance process**

The following activities were identified:

- Work with OverDrive to identify or develop new reporting tools or other automated tools that can make deselection work more efficient.
- Review and evaluate the implemented deselection process.
- Consider the potential effects of adding new collections or formats to the collection, the maintenance, and deselection of those collections, as well as the impact they will have on the Selection Committee.

UPDATE:
- **OverDrive introduced Advantage level weeding which requires every Advantage account to set up an individual weeding plan. Project Managers are only able to weed titles that were purchased at the consortium level moving forward. This development has changed the deselection process significantly and the Project Managers are working with OverDrive to make sure systems are set up correctly with a deselection process.**

- **Information about Advantage weeding updates and processes was added to the Selector Resources page and promoted to Selection Committee members through Basecamp communications.**

IV. Increase buying pool amount for 2023 by approximately 5% to fulfill the 5% increase for 5 years recommendation made in 2020.

The following activities were identified:

- Increase the 2023 Buying Pool budget by $66,722, approximately a 5% increase to the base amount, with no increase to the Hold Reduction amount.

UPDATE: In June of 2022, the Board approved an increase of $66,722 for the 2023 buying pool budget.