

**Updates from Previous Meetings  
2/24/2016 WPLC meeting**

**LEAP & Library Simplified update**

Sara Gold and Stef Morrill have been keeping up to date on the progress of these projects from NYPL.

- The Library Simplified project has been renamed to SimplyE.
- The SimplyE app is not currently designed to work for consortia. Minitex, RAILS, Massachusetts Library System, and other partners have submitted an IMLS grant to extend the app to work with consortia, to allow patrons to enter different credentials (school and public library card credentials, for example) and access all collections available to them, and to include additional features for academic and school use. WiLS (as WiLS, not representing WPLC) wrote a letter of support for the grant and will continue to keep an eye on the progress. Minitex is very interested in working with WiLS/WPLC as a partner as the project moves forward.
- The LEAP program, which intends to create a library-owned clearinghouse for e-content, has put out an RFP for the platform.

We can continue to keep an eye on the project and let the board know when it may be appropriate to discuss WPLC becoming more involved.

**Collaboration Digitization workgroup update**

OWLS has begun the process of migrating collections from OCLC hosting to hosting at Milwaukee Public Library. Process should be completed in mid-March.

A timeline has been developed to implement the activities recommended by the work group and approved by the board at Nov. meeting:

March 2016	Identify list of documents/guidelines/templates to create
	Research and distribute information about grants for digital projects
April 2016	Identify criteria and method of documentation for directory of experts/equipment/vendors
May 2016	Develop and distribute RFQ to vendors
	Coordinate with potential partners to provide expertise/equipment etc.
	First drafts of guidelines/templates
June 2016	Input/review of drafts from committee, community members
	Research and distribute information about grants for digital projects
July 2016	Compile and distribute information from RFQ
August 2016	Develop train-the-trainer webinars
	Finalize guidelines/templates

September 2016	Deliver webinar round 1
	Research and distribute information about grants for digital projects
December 2016	Deliver webinar round 2
	Research and distribute information about grants for digital projects

The Work Group recommends that additional research be undertaken to explore avenues for collaboratively addressing the issue of long term storage of digital files. Because this is a pressing need for all types of libraries and cultural heritage institutions, the Work Group suggests the creation of a multitype Digital Preservation Task Force to explore potential statewide solutions.

*WPLC Statewide Survey workgroup update*

As a first step in considering the value and funding of a statewide survey, and prior to meeting with the WPLC workgroup, we have scheduled a meeting in early April with DPI and WLA. **One of the questions for discussion at that meeting is how we, as a state, might want to use data from a statewide user/non-user survey: what questions might we want to try to answer? How can we encourage libraries to use the data? We can discuss these questions at the meeting!**

*YTD WPLC Budget*

A budget update through the end of 2015 is attached, along with a 2016 budget to show the allocation of carryover among the various funds. The donations have not yet been allocated as we will discuss at our meeting.

*Steering Committee update*

- Dale Cropper, Brown County Public Library, was nominated to be the 2016 Steering Committee chair.
- A revised Collection Development Policy was approved. See [http://wplc.info/sites/wplc.info/files/WPLC Collection Development Policy 2015 Final.pdf](http://wplc.info/sites/wplc.info/files/WPLC%20Collection%20Development%20Policy%202015%20Final.pdf) for more information.
- The membership of the Collection Development and Policy Workgroup was approved and the group provided direction to that workgroup about formats to consider.
- The group reviewed the OverDrive wishlist.

*Decisions made in between meetings (11/18/15 to 2/24/16): none*