

WPLC Board Meeting
Minutes
February 13, 2008
South Central Library System

Present: Evan Bend (OWLS), Lin Swartz-Truesdell (KCLS), Steve Hesel (MCFLS), Stef Morrill (SCLS), Mike Sheehan (NWLS), Mark Arend (Winnefox), Nancy Fletcher (WCFLS), David Weinhold (ESLS), Steve Platteter (MWFLS), Krista Ross (SWLS), Sharyn Heili (WVLS), Kristen Anderson (WRLS), John Thompson (IFLS), Phyllis Davis (SCLS), Ruth Ann Montgomery (ALS), and Linda Miller, Project Manager.

1. Reports from the WPLC Partners

There were no reports.

2. Budget

WCFLS contributed \$4,000 for OverDrive content in response to the Challenge Grant. This amount was initially entered as carryover funds but will be moved to OverDrive Content to accurately reflect its purpose.

3. Bylaws Review

Lin Swartz-Truesdell presented the second draft of the updated bylaws as prepared by the Bylaws Review Committee and moved that they be adopted. Steve Platteter seconded. Motion was approved.

4. OverDrive

Ruth Ann Montgomery reported that Arrowhead Library System went live with OverDrive at the end of January.

Two trainings were offered in January by OverDrive for WPLC library staff in addition to the training done for ALS as a new customer.

WPLC partners were encouraged to share information with their libraries regarding who represents their system on the WPLC Selection Committee. Recently, libraries have been sending purchase requests to Linda Miller instead of the committee member within their library system.

In her written report, Kathy Schneider stated that the Selection Committee proposed allocating 20-25% of the total OverDrive content budget to music and videos. Everyone agreed that this was a good approach.

David Weinhold submitted a request to OverDrive for an enhancement in the reporting function.

Reports of the patron survey which OverDrive conducted in December and January were distributed. Unfortunately, responses to the open ended questions are not available.

Nancy Fletcher highlighted the promotional materials which WCFLS had produced to market the NetLibrary and OverDrive collections. Mellanie Mercier had sent photos of the materials to the WPLC e-mail list.

Menomonee Falls Public Library has decided to join the OverDrive project through WPLC. While a member of WCFLS, the library has its own automation system. WCFLS and the library are sharing the fee to join.

The contract with OverDrive is due for renewal this spring. OverDrive is sending a renewal contract. Everyone was in agreement that the service should be renewed.

Mark Arend asked if MARC records will be received for OverDrive music titles for which records have not yet been provided. Linda will check with Kathy. He also mentioned that some records have two links, one for the title and one for an excerpt. Mike Sheehan mentioned that he routinely removes the link for the excerpt.

5. NetLibrary

SCLS is not pursuing the option of downloading NetLibrary titles since only 539 of the 4,722 titles qualified.

David Weinhold asked if anyone had considered developing a digital audio book collection through NetLibrary. He also wondered whether WPLC should consider purchasing e-books from OverDrive since NetLibrary doesn't really support consortium purchasing. Kathy Schneider may have insights into these topics, and they will be discussed again when Kathy is present.

SCLS is developing a collection of NetLibrary titles through patron initiated purchasing. Records for 500 titles were loaded into the SCLS catalog. The collection will be limited to \$5,000.

6. LSTA Grant Project

Linda reported on her meeting with Marsha Valance. Steve Hesser reported on his continued efforts to work with the library's vendor to load MARC records for the collection. The evaluation has been written for the LSTA grant.

7. Project Proposals/New Projects

Stef Morrill reviewed the proposal which SCLS submitted to develop a set of gadgets to circulate among the WPLC members. The Board had previously supported this idea. Dave Weinhold moved that WPLC allocate up to \$5,000 from the R & D budget to purchase a maximum of two packages of gadgets and to replace and repair the gadgets as necessary but with any balance of this amount reverting to the R & D budget at the end of the fiscal year. Ruth Ann Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried. Stef will begin work on this project.

Dave Weinhold mentioned that the Board should establish an annual meeting to be in line with the bylaws. This topic will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, 10:00 AM at the SCLS office.