WPLC Workgroup and Projects Updates

For WPLC Steering Committee, April 2017

Selection Committee

Consortium orders are placed on a weekly basis for the following:

- Metered titles with only one copy with less than 3 licenses left
- Metered titles with only one copy with less than 5 days left
- Recommended titles with more than 2 recommendations
- $5000 high holds Audio
- $5000 high holds Ebooks

Consortium orders are placed once a month for the following:
- Selectors orders
- $25,000 high demand ebooks
- 10: 1 holds: copy ratio under $20

We will be working over the next several months/remainder of the year to coordinate Advantage ordering with Consortium orders.

Statistics Workgroup

The statistics workgroup is still working to finalize the documentation and infographics. The completed work will be ready for review by the Steering Committee at their May meeting.

Historical & Local Digital Collections Committee

Historical Newspapers
A bulk upload of historical newspapers is currently being processed and is expected to be available in the Archive of Wisconsin Newspapers in BadgerLink before the end of April. This batch includes more than 100,000 pages from microfilm scanned by the Wisconsin Historical Society, representing 11 newspaper titles from 6 libraries. A list of all historical newspapers currently in BadgerLink is here. The Wisconsin Newspaper Association's database vendor is working to improve searching speeds and make other enhancements to the user interface.

Collaborative Digitization
The Digital Projects Toolkit online training course, created by Recollection Wisconsin and funded by WPLC, wrapped up in March. 18 people, primarily library system staff, completed part or all of the course. The Google Community created to complement the course is now open more broadly to anyone working on digitization projects in Wisconsin.

User / Non-User Survey Workgroup

Last Fall, this Workgroup convened to complete the User / Non-User Survey process that runs every four years. In previous years, the WPLC Board had funded a survey of users and non-users in the state. This year, the Workgroup took a different approach and recommended a process in which members of the library community receive training from Morrill Solutions Research on creating and deploying user and non-user research projects followed by a call for proposals provide funding to projects in the form of private consultations with Morrill Solutions Research. In October, the WPLC Board approved funding for this project and it's currently underway. In April, a series of four one-hour webinars provided the needed training to the community. In May, a call for proposals will open from which five projects will be selected by the Workgroup to receive consultation with MSR. The projects will be developed and open for response over the summer. This coming fall, a webinar for the whole community will further teach attendees about data analysis and we are hopeful that we will be able to provide a preconference training session at WLA on using Tableau to visualize and communicate data. Projects that were selected as part of the process will also receive another round of consulting with MSR on making sense of their data specifically. All the surveys and other data gathering tools will be shared with the full WPLC community along with all the resulting data gathered.