

WPLC Board Project Updates – 5-6-15

Newspaper project

Potential pilot sites have been identified and the Wisconsin Historical Society has determined what holdings they have for each pilot site. By the time we meet, the sites will be completing a form to give us more information, and we expect to have that information collected by the end of the day on May 8th. The next step will be to finalize the list of holdings to be digitized with WHS and begin working with the Wisconsin Newspaper Association on loading content that is already digitized (some pilot libraries were selected because they already have content digitized.)

Analytics project

The committee has received pricing for the three top contenders: Orange Boy, Gale Analytics, and Civic Technologies, along with an update on how state privacy laws would impact what we can do with such a product. The committee is now considering whether or not we should proceed, given the information we have gathered so far. The next steps, if we do proceed, is to expand the committee, possibly narrow the field, and invite vendors to do in-person extended demonstrations of the products.