

Updates for the 2/26/2019 WPLC Board Meeting

Historical and Local Digital Collections Committee

The Historical & Local Collections Committee met in December. The group discussed an evaluation of the current newspaper project platform and decided to move forward with evaluating other platforms along with the current platform. The group had an update from Emily Pfothauer about Recollection Wisconsin and the WPLC contribution to it. They also discussed projects that might be undertaken in conjunction with Recollection Wisconsin. Areas of interest were outreach and creating digital exhibits using a tool such as BiblioBoard Creator. The group will review more information about Creator and determine next steps. At their March meeting, they will discuss a potential budget related to outreach and Recollection Wisconsin to fold into the overall WPLC budget process. For more details, see the [meeting notes](#).

Collection Development Workgroup

At their first meeting on January 24, 2019, the Collection Development Workgroup focused their work for this year on a few areas:

- Selection guideline evaluation. The new guidelines for selectors were implemented in March of 2018. A six-month evaluation of these changes was completed in September 2018 and the group reviewed for any needed changes.
- Cost Per Circ (CPC) next steps. The group agreed to recommend using CPC for a Spanish language collection. They will recommend to start with matching the simultaneous use amounts.
- Discussing models for Buying Pool increase. The group identified additional information and data they would need to determine if they will recommend an increase and the potential model for such a recommendation.

The group will meet on March 7, 2019 to evaluate additional data to make recommendations on the 2020 Buying Pool amount, any potential 2020 projects and to identify next steps for BiblioBoard.

As part of this annual process, surveys of patrons and library staff are conducted. The patron survey is open until the end of the month. The library survey is being drafted and will be sent out soon.

Transparent Languages project

Eight systems went live with Transparent Languages in February 2019: Arrowhead Library System, IFLS Library System, Milwaukee County Federated Library System, Manitowoc-Calumet Library System, Nicolet Library System, Outagamie Waupaca Library System, South Central Library System, and Southwest Wisconsin Library System. Pricing was held to the amount originally provided, even though not all systems ended up participating.

BiblioBoard Update

WPLC project managers have been actively promoting BiblioBoard Library, Popup Picks and the LJ Selects Romance collections in particular, and working with BiblioBoard to create curations of resources from across the collections to promote use. Project managers created and shared a document to help illustrate what the different BiblioBoard products are. A webinar about the 2019 Author Project was held in February and a webinar on all BiblioBoard resources will be provided by the

project managers in March. Preparations are being made for the April 1st launch of the Wisconsin Author Project and promotional materials are being created.

Local music project update

WPLC project managers have kept in contact with Kelly Riser of Rabble and have had conversations with two newly-participating libraries. Appleton Public Library is working to launch its collection, Flipside, and L.E. Phillips Public Library is working to launch its collection, Sawdust City Sounds, to the public. Challenges to implementation that the libraries expressed include raising awareness, recruiting artist participation, the time-intensive nature of the project, working within the platform, and concerns about licensing. Successes include growing relationships in the creative community, working with community curators and jurors, and patron and staff enthusiasm. Both libraries expressed concern that a statewide local music connection runs the risk of losing the local nature that has been crucial to their collections.

WPLC project managers also learned that Minitex investigated a statewide collection, scaling up Hennepin County's MN Spin collection. When asked about their decision, Minitex shared that they had decided against it due to the amount of time and outreach needed and lack of music expertise available in the library community.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee last met on November 15, 2018. Their next and first meeting of 2019 will be on February 21, 2019.

At the November meeting:

- Amy Stormberg was nominated to continue as Steering Chair for 2019.
- The group discussed OverDrive's IDC program. There were some concerns still with the program and project managers created a fact sheet for the group to review with their systems and libraries. The group will discuss and potentially vote to enable the program at their meeting on the 21st.
- The Committee voted to implement a Digital Library Social Media Committee.
- The group reviewed the selection guideline six-month evaluation.

At the February 21st meeting the group will:

- Review and potentially approve the Collection Development Policy updates.
- Review OverDrive's new Lucky Day option.
- Review the 2018 Support statistics
- Discuss and potentially vote on the IDC program

In addition, this year the Steering Committee will trial using the platform, Basecamp, as a way to communicate and store documents.

YTD budget

At this meeting, we will review the end of 2018 budget and discuss a potential change in the 2019 budget. As a result, a YTD budget will be shared after the meeting and after invoicing is completed.