

Wisconsin Public Library Consortium
Selection Committee Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2021 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Attending: Amanda Brueckner (BLS), Chris Hamburg (MCLS), Katie Hanson (SCLS), Samma Johnson (IFLS), Scott Lenski (MCFLS), Kayla Mathson (WRLS), Darcy Mohr (LSLS), Lorelee Peterson (WVLS), Samantha Stark Quail (BLS), Rosalia Slawson (MLS), Maureen Welch (IFLS), Julie Woodruff (IFLS), Lisa Pike (MCLS)

Absent: Kelly Allen (SCLS), Nancy Ashmore (SWLS), Kathy Baker (SCLS), Shawn Carlson (BLS), Sara Christopherson (NWLS), Michelle Dennis (ALS), Meredith Houge (WRLS), Chelsey Gilman (MLS), Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm (WLS), Jacki Potratz (MCFLS), Melissa Prentice (Monarch), Irene Scherer (KLS), Camrin Sullivan (MLS), Sara Swanson (LLS), Cindy Wallace (Winnefox), Katie Zimmerman (WVLS)

Project Managers: Sara Gold (WiLS), Rebecca Rosenstiel (WiLS)

1. Updates since the Last Selection Meeting (May 2021)

[Advantage Selector Resources](#)

This resource can be found on two places on the wplc.info website: under the menu option Governance | Selection Committee, and under the menu option For Libraries.

This page includes a list of current selectors, a selector update form, purchasing resources, the collection development policy, and data resources (including the Advantage Data Dashboard, which will be updated quarterly.)

It was noted that the "Current WPLC Selectors" list is incorrect. WPLC Project Managers will take a look at this and update as needed to make it accurate.

LSTA Funding Update

The WPLC will be receiving \$350,000 from DPI from LSTA funding. SCLS will be the fiscal agent. This money will be going to the shared collection, and could be used towards Sim Use packages, Lucky Day purchasing, or a Cost Per Circ Model. S. Gold will keep the committee up-to-date with the funding, then final decisions on how to use the funding can be made.

Simply-E / The Palace Project Update

SimplyE is a library-developed, open source eBook/eAudiobook app that simplifies the experience of finding, borrowing and accessing library eBooks and eAudiobooks. It is vendor/publisher agnostic, meaning libraries can aggregate content from various sources and share with patrons in one singular e-reader. In June 2021, Lyris and DPLA announced a split from SimplyE and the creation of their own project, the Palace Project, funded by a \$5 million investment by the Knight Foundation. The Palace Project provides access to open content for free through the DPLA Exchange and Open Bookshelf. Lyris uses the SimplyE opensource software and will develop it for the Palace Project. As of now, Lyris will be the only host of the Palace Project.

WPLC project managers think this is a good resource to be aware of, and are keeping an eye on this project as it continues to develop.

2. **Collection Development Policy Review**

The August meeting is when this committee begins to review the WPLC Collection Development Policy to suggest changes and revisions. Please see the a copy of the policy [here](#).

S. Gold asked if there should be a particular policy for how to assign levels to books, particularly YA since there are differences between publishers on what qualifies as YA. M. Welch asked how the children's catalog is currently setup with OverDrive? S. Gold will reach out to Kayla at OverDrive to get a concrete answer on this.

Next Steps: S. Gold will add the link to the current Collection Development Policy to the Basecamp, and will ask that everyone look it over and add their questions, comments, and suggestions as comments. (Date for this to be completed by will be set when it is sent out.)

3. **Review of Lucky Day Collection and Sim Use Packages**

Lucky Day Collections

OverDrive has been reviewing Lucky Day collections regularly to remove titles, so selectors don't necessarily need to be going through these collections as much anymore.

Simultaneous Use Packages

Sim Use Packages are where you can select titles from specific publishers that can be checked out by an unlimited number of users simultaneously for a set amount of time, and are available in their own Marketplace. These collections can be accessed by logging in to OverDrive Marketplace | Shop | Sim Use.

When Sim Use titles are close to expiring, OverDrive will send out an email.

S. Gold asked the committee if they would like OverDrive to start building some Sim Use packages for the consortium level, and what topics should be included? Multiple committee members support the idea of Sim Use packages at the consortium level. Topics suggested include self-help ebooks and audiobooks, diverse titles, romance titles, and read-alike titles (eg *Red, White, and Royal Blue*).

S. Gold will follow up with the committee on Basecamp, and will create a list of 25 titles to take back to OverDrive to create a Sim Use package.

K. Hanson asked if it was known if the extended audio book loan period is having an impact on wait times? S. Gold replied that it doesn't seem like it, however it might be too early to tell. She is going to reach out to Melody Clark as well as the WILS Data Analyst to get a solid answer. C. Hamburg said that her patrons have been very happy with the increased loan period, and that they seem to be getting their books more quickly.

K. Hanson has noticed a disparity between the number of holds on a title and the wait times. For example, a title might have 3 holds at an estimated 6 months. K. Mathson has noticed this recently, too. S. Gold thinks this might be because of hold redelivery. L. Pike wondered if Lucky Day could be affecting this, however S. Gold doesn't think so, since Lucky Day titles cannot be prolonged.

C. Hamburg did notice recently that the OverDrive App will give a notification if a title is available in Lucky Day. For example, the notification read “This title is available for check out right now through Lucky Day, or you can be number 13 on the waiting list.” S. Gold reminded everyone that OverDrive is actively deprecating the OverDrive App, and redirecting users to Libby. Since Libby is not available on the Kindle, Kindle users are being redirected to use the OverDrive Desktop app.

C. Hanson brought up that Amazon is dropping 4g access, now that 5g is becoming the standard. This means that older Kindles that only have wireless access via 4g (1st-3rd generation Kindles that do not have wi-fi access) can only have titles transferred to them through the lighting cord.

4. YTD Budget Review

2021 WPLC Selection Purchases

The budget is up-to-date as of July 31st, 2021. The \$350,000 from DPI will be added to item line 25 once it becomes available.

S. Gold asked the committee how spending should continue: start filling the top 5 holds, continue with Lucky Day purchasing, or something else? M. Welch said that both of those are good for short term goals, but not for long term, and suggested that we start looking at old holds. For example, *The Code Talker's* oldest hold is from August 2020. S. Gold said that OverDrive typically runs a report each month to clear these old holds. M. Welch added that Advantage selectors could also be brought in to looking at Old Holds New Copies, because they would likely be seeing these older holds before anyone else.

S. Gold said that WPLC project managers have recently requested a diversity audit from OverDrive. This will support one of the current years' initiatives, which was to do a diversity audit, particularly for the children and YA collections. This report is expected to become available in September, and will be shared with this committee.

5. Committee information sharing and questions

Background: This is an opportunity for member to share information or ask questions regarding selection for the Wisconsin's Digital Library.

M. Welch said that the new Marketplace feature, particularly how easy it is to view holds' information is lovely.

S. Lenski has been seeing more multiuse titles being purchased, and was curious as to how the rest of the committee felt about this. S. Gold generally purchases for the collection as multi-use when it's available, as it help to fill holds immediately.

K. Hanson asked if multiuse at the Advantage level could be available for Advantage Plus? This is not possible, since these titles are metered by checkout, which isn't available at the Advantage Plus level.

S. Gold let the committee know that there is now an OverDrive Partners Listserv. The purpose of this listserv is to share wishlist items, development requests, and any other topics that are on library's radars. You can send an email to wplc-info@wils.org to be added to the listserv.

S. Gold shared that she has recently talked to WPR host Larry Mueller about cross-promoting the Wisconsin Digital Library on his bookclub website. In turn, the Wisconsin Digital Library can promote a book of his choice. Larry Mueller was very excited about this opportunity, and hopefully more information will be coming soon.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 1:00 to 3:00 PM