

Wisconsin Public Library Consortium
Selection Committee Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2021 1:00 PM– 3:00 PM

Teleconference meeting held via Zoom – See instructions at end of agenda

Attending: Kathy Baker (SCLS), Amanda Brueckner (BLS), Chelsey Gilman (MLS), Chris Hamburg (MCLS), Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm (WLS), Katie Hanson (SCLS), Samma Johnson (IFLS), Scott Lenski (MCFLS), Kayla Mathson (WRLS), Darcy Mohr (LSLS), Lorelee Peterson (WVLS), Jacki Potratz (MCFLS), Melissa Prentice (Monarch), Irene Scherer (KLS), Samantha Stark Quail (BLS), Rosalia Slawson (MLS), Maureen Welch (IFLS), Julie Woodruff (IFLS)

Absent: Kelly Allen (SCLS), Nancy Ashmore (SWLS), Shawn Carlson (BLS), Sara Christopherson (NWLS), Michelle Dennis (ALS), Meredith Houge (WRLS), Melissa Prentice (Monarch), Irene Scherer (KLS), Camrin Sullivan (MLS) Sara Swanson (LLS), Cindy Wallace (Winnefox), Katie Zimmerman (WVLS)

Project Managers: Sara Gold, Rebecca Rosenstiel

1. **Review of action items from February Meeting**

[Sales Calendar](#)

[Magazine Update](#)

K. Hamburg asked for clarification on if WPLC is moving forward with continuing magazines, or if this draft is to help in making a decision of whether not to continue with magazines. M. Welch confirmed that this is an aid for deciding whether or not the WPLC will continue with magazines; it shows how magazines will be funded *if* they remain a part of the collection. S. Gold added that OverDrive has already said that the price will remain the same for 2023 and 2024.

2. **[Biblioboard Simultaneous Use Titles from Publisher's Weekly](#)**

Background: This collection features top indie-published eBooks across a variety of genres with selections from PW Star Reviews, BookLife Prize winners and runner-ups, and BookLife Reviews Editor's Picks. Read more about the project and partnership here

- <https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/libraries/article/85299-biblioboard-pw-s-booklife-launch-new-library-e-book-program-for-self-published-authors.html> We can add all 50 titles to the WI Digital Library for \$2640 for one year.

Discussion:

C. Hamburg said that this is a great price for titles that will remain in the collection. K. Hanson and S. Johnson agreed. The committee unanimously agreed that this collection should be purchased. S. Gold will make the purchase by the end of the week, and will also have OverDrive curate a featured collection which will help increase the circulation of these titles.

S. Gold also added that DPI has asked WPLC what it would cost to purchase titles to fill all holds. LSTA funding could be used to accomplish this, and the money will either be distributed as a lump sum or in to system Advantage accounts. When more information on this becomes available, it will be added to the WPLC announcements page.

3. **Preview of Advantage & Consortium Selector Resources Website and Advantage Data Snapshots**

Background: One of the Collection Development Committee recommendations from 2020 was to provide guidance and support to Advantage selectors. Working with OverDrive, Laura Damon-Moore with WiLS has created a webpage with a collection of tools to help both Advantage and Consortium selectors.

[Advantage and Consortium Selector Resources](#)
[Advantage Data Snapshots](#)

Discussion:

S. Gold confirmed that the Advantage and Consortium Selector Resources page, which includes the Advantage Data Snapshots and the ability for WPLC members to add/remove accounts via a new form, will be live on the WPLC website soon.

M. Welch pointed out that for the *Advantage Holds Purchase Suggestions* template, OverDrive has updated the Marketplace data to include a new column, which throws off the WPLC template. S. Gold said that this template will be updated shortly.

S. Gold asked the group if anyone currently has Smart Lists enabled. Many people mentioned that they use Auto List, but unsure if they are using Smart Lists. If anyone is interested in enabling Smart Lists and has any questions, they can reach out to S. Gold.

After introducing the Advantage Data Snapshot, S. Gold asked members of the committee to please send feedback to wplc-info@wils.org. C. Hamburg said that updating this snapshot twice a year would not be often enough, and suggested quarterly updates. M. Welch said that while this probably wouldn't help locally with POs and holds purchases, it would be a great resource to share with library boards, committees, etc. J. Potratz agreed that updating this resource quarterly would be better, and that it would also be a great resource to show to donors.

M. Welch shared a tip for holds managers: make sure to review preset filters to make sure systems with name changes aren't suddenly appearing. S. Gold thanked Maureen for this insight, and added that this will be added to the Smart List instructions.

4. **Review of Ordering Parameters**

Background: We are always asking OverDrive what other consortia are doing to manage their collections and at one meeting to review our holds managers, OverDrive shared [this data which compares the WPLC with two similar sized OverDrive customers](#).

Discussion:

S. Gold outlined the differences between WPLC and the two similar sized OverDrive customers, which includes the WPLC placing more orders per month, WPLC does not order based on cost-per-circulation as often as the two others, the two other OverDrive customers do not utilize Lucky Day, and WPLC checkouts are higher. These comparisons show that what the WPLC is doing is working, and that everyone involved should feel really good about this work. 92% of the collection is circulating, and this is in large part thanks to the diversity of the selection committee across the state. (Comparable libraries either select from a centralized location or from individual Advantage accounts.)

S. Gold also brought up that the Steering Committee is going to review Audiobook checkouts, and will be voting to keep the default checkout time to 14 days while allowing a 21-day-

checkout option. C. Hamburg said that their patrons have been asking about this for a while, and will be very happy to see it implemented.

5. YTD budget review

[2021 WPLC Selection Purchases](#)

Discussion:

S. Gold said that spending is a little ahead this year when compared to last year. This is likely because WPLC is purchasing content credits each month; any content credits left unused at the end of the month do not expire and will roll over in to the next month.

6. 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 asked if there are plans for Simultaneous Use titles packages to be repurchased, similar the purchase in June 2020. S. Gold said yes, we will be repurchasing simultaneous use titles, and added that typically OverDrive will send out notifications once these packages are expiring that include new lists. These notifications should be coming out soon.

M. Welch mentioned that OverDrive used to have available a Consortium Wait Time and an Advantage Wait Time, asked if these still exist somewhere, and if so, suggested that the Advantage Selector webpage would be a good place to share this. S. Gold said that this statistic ended with the new OverDrive staff, and that she will connect with OverDrive, as well as Melody and Laura, to see if these are still being calculated and to make them available.

M. Welch asked the other selectors what they are doing regarding the purchase of titles that are a part of a series, and if it matters if the title is metered-access? General consensus was that there should be at least one 1-user/1-copy copy in the consortium collection. Purchase requests can be emailed directly to the selector that purchases in that genre, as selectors may not receive the purchase request if it is sent to them only via Basecamp. S. Gold will make sure the selectors list is up-to-date, along with an email address for contact.

S. Lenski asked if anyone else is running in to an issue where they are finding kindle-format titles are no longer available? K. Hanson, M. Welch, and S. Johnson have also run in to this. S. Gold has not heard of this, but will reach out to Holly at OverDrive to find out more. M. Welch added that they check Amazon to see if there is a kindle version available there, and if so, will email OverDrive support, asking them to remap the title to the kindle version. This takes about a month for the kindle version to [re]appear in Libby.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021