WPLC Historical and Local Digital Collections Committee
NOTES
October 28, 10:15-11:45am
In-person meeting (WLA Conference)

ATTENDEES: Inese Christman (WVLS), Rebecca Leannah (Racine PL), Alison Ross (ESLS), Bradley Shipps (OWLS)(by phone), Rose Ziech (SCLS)

PROJECT MANAGER: Emily Pfotenhauer (WiLS)

1. **Info sharing/round-robin**
    a. PLSR Electronic Resources Workgroup is seeking feedback on their [service model draft](#) for digital collections. This committee would be a good group to provide feedback on the model.
    Background info from Rose (provided by email following the meeting):
    The Consulting, Delivery, Electronic Resources, ILL, ILS / Resource Discovery, and Technology workgroups presented their ideas in poster form and the Continuing Education showed a video of their ideas. All of these presentations are now available on their [PLSR Workgroup pages](#). Workgroups are also creating short explanations, either in text, video, or audio form, to help offer a full WLA experience. And, there's a [general overview poster](#) that explains where we've been, where we are now, and where we are headed.
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    The workgroups truly need your questions and feedback! Both will help them decide what might need to be changed and what else they need to explain and explore in order to craft successful service models. You can use the [Contact form](#) to send feedback to a specific workgroup or share general feedback. Your feedback is always welcome, but to be the most help to the workgroups, we would appreciate your ideas for the service models by the end of December.

    b. Racine Public Library recently acquired an Indus book scanner and is excited to begin using it.

    c. Potential grant opportunity mentioned at a WLA session: US Department of Agriculture – Rural Development [can anyone share a link or more info?]

    d. Free family history scanning service provided by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Unable to find more detail about this opportunity – if anyone has further info, or knows of a library who has worked with them, please share with the group.

2. **Historical newspapers -- Updates**
    a. **Itemized costs**
    Wisconsin Historical Society and WNA have provided a breakdown of costs per page for digitizing and adding content to the Archive of Wisconsin Newspapers:

Microfilm scanning (WHS)	$0.17
OCR (WHS)	$0.06
Collating and metadata (WNA)	$0.01

Ingesting, processing and access (Tecnavia)	$0.12 (first 50,000 pages in a batch)/$0.10 (after 50,000)
TOTAL cost per page	$0.36/$0.34

(Less 10% discount from WHS for libraries contributing content to the Archive.)

Assuming a batch upload of 100,000 pages, the cost for a library to contribute 10,000 pages (approx. 14-20 rolls of microfilm) is $3,300. This is not cheap, but is a significantly lower per-page cost than other states offering this type of service (more info).

b. **Out-of-state researcher access**
   After the pilot launched, some genealogy researchers and librarians expressed concern about access being limited to Wisconsin residents only, through BadgerLink.
   One option: WNA can offer a "researcher pass" -- access to their entire database of content, including all current content, for $9/day.

3. **Historical newspapers – Discuss next steps**
   a. **What kinds of responses have you had re: the WNA pilot?**
      i. Archive of Wisconsin Newspapers is clunky, not intuitive
      ii. Hard to figure out how to print
      iii. Response from at least one library re: WHS microfilm digitization service – concern about double-dipping – "we bought a copy of the microfilm, why do we also have to buy a digital copy?" (costs cover WHS's storage of microfilm negatives over time, labor to scan and process)
      iv. Question: will this content also be available through Recollection Wisconsin and DPLA?
         Currently, no. RW and DPLA do not ingest full-text, so newspaper records do not provide a lot of value for end-users at those discovery points. Most states approach their digital collections this way – one silo for newspapers and one silo for everything else. RW can harvest newspaper collections in OAI-compliant platforms, but the records are metadata-only. RW can not harvest directly from the WNA database. DPLA has a planning grant from the Knight Foundation to explore the potential for integrating newspaper searching. No outcomes have been shared yet. RW will wait to move on newspapers until DPLA has a model.

   b. **Discussion: going forward, what should WPLC's role be in a statewide newspaper initiative?**
      The newspaper project is in step with WPLC's current statewide ebook and audiobook initiatives. WPLC is in a position to lead this effort, in the vacuum of other statewide leadership (e.g. WHS, RW). BadgerLink is a logical point of discovery for patrons. We now have a model for this. WPLC's research/special project fund provides a chance to try out new things. Concern about page upload limitations – is it possible for WPLC to commit to additional hosting costs to enable more libraries to participate and to add

larger runs of pages?

4. **Collaborative digitization – update and discussion**
   a. **Comments on train-the-trainer curriculum outline**
      Committee liked the idea of a virtual followup session after the training materials are available. Suggested creation of a Google Group (like Overdrive Support course), email list or other space to ask questions, such as a Facebook group. WVLS offered to host this if needed.
      Other suggestions: Add information and link to Recollection Wisconsin from WPLC website. WPLC to host/sponsor a webinar to introduce the processes for newspapers (and a separate one about DPLA and RW?) and benefits/downsides/costs.

5. **Administrative**
   a. Selecting a chair was on the agenda for this meeting, but the group felt that the committee membership is too small to really need a chair at this time. Would be good to add at least one or two additional committee members. Asking the WPLC Steering Committee may be a good place to start. Emily will find out if there are specific WPLC governance protocols for adding members.
   b. Emily will send a Doodle to set a date for a January meeting. Goal of this meeting will be to put together a recommendation/budget request for WPLC board to consider at their February 2017 meeting.