

WPLC STEERING COMMITTEE MONTHLY UPDATE

October 2019

Wisconsin Public Library Consortium

MACMILLAN EMBARGO

WPLC Plan for Purchasing Macmillan Titles

Beginning November 1, 2019 WPLC and all WPLC Advantage accounts should not purchase any embargoed Macmillan ebook titles. Between November 1st and December 20th, the WPLC will further discuss and research options for taking action and will have a plan by the end of this time.

If the consortium decides to move forward with purchasing Macmillan ebook titles, the consortium and any Advantage accounts will be able to purchase their allotted one copy under the One Copy/One User lending model before that model is no longer available for the titles published after November 1st. Note this does not affect Macmillan e-audio titles and those may be purchased during this time.

Information to Share with Patrons

Information to share with patrons about the Macmillan changes was sent out and posted to the [WPLC.info site](http://WPLC.info) on October 17th.

A Q&A is available for libraries to use to help with any questions patrons may have. This information was also sent out to the WPLC patron focus group of over 5,000 WPLC users.

WPLC ROUNDTABLE

The WPLC Board, Digital Library Steering Committee, and Collection Development Committee members met on October 25th to discuss many topics including the national ebook landscape and publishers, Advantage accounts, in-state advocacy, sustainable increases and the future of the collection. All three groups will be working in the upcoming months on activities related to these topics to help support WPLC's goals and values.

BIBLIOBOARD UPDATE

The winner of the 2nd annual WI Author Project winner was announced. Out of 75 submissions from local Wisconsin authors in the genres of adult and young adult fiction, the 2019 winner is Ken Hansen, author of *The Light of Our Yesterdays*.

The Light of Our Yesterdays is a speculative fiction novel about terrorists, religion, parallel universes, tolerance, and discovering ourselves and our beliefs.

A big shout out to the WI Author Contest judges who reviewed submissions and selected the 2019 Wisconsin Author Contest Winner: : Amy Lutzke (chair), Sara Christopherson, Jennifer Cook, Candi Fitzsimons, Jenna Gilles-Turner, Melissa Juvinal, Megan Kloeckner, and Amy Krahn.

PASS THE PEAS, PLEASE

Recollection WI's New Exhibit: Wisconsin's Canning History



The story of commercial canning in Wisconsin turns out to be the story of the pea. The canning of beets, corn, cucumbers and other crops has been an important part of Wisconsin industry since the late 1800s. In fact, by 1920, Wisconsin was packing half of the nation's total crop of canning vegetables.

See the newest Recollection Wisconsin exhibit exploring [the state's contribution to canning history](#).

**NEXT
WPLC STEERING
MEETING:**

November 14, 2019
1:00 PM

Reminder for next meeting:
The Steering Committee will be further discussing and making a decision at their Nov. meeting on implementing Lucky Day and for the automatic OverDrive Weeding Plan. The notes from last meeting [can be found here](#).

Additional information on these topics was shared on the [Steering Basecamp here](#).
Be sure to review and come prepared to discuss!

WPLC Social Media Committee

Thanks to the work of the WPLC Social Media Committee, we have launched a [Facebook page for Wisconsin's Digital Library!](#)

The primary audience for this page is you. By having your library follow the new Facebook page, we hope to make it easier for you to promote Wisconsin's Digital Library to your patron audiences. Just share the posts with your library's Facebook followers!

You can find the page at <https://www.facebook.com/widigitallibrary/>.

Keep in mind that this page is pretty new - the backlog of posts isn't huge – but the group will be posting new things almost every day. We hope you'll Follow and Share!

Have questions about this? Feel free to let us know at <mailto:wplc-info@wils.org>.