

WPLC Historical and Local Collections Committee

Agenda

March 12, 2019, 1:00-2:30

Via GoToMeeting:

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I. Updates from previous meeting or general project updates: For your information. We will not discuss at the meeting unless there are specific questions.

Historical newspapers and BadgerLink

WPLC project managers met with staff from DPI and WHS to discuss ideas for collaboratively promoting all Wisconsin historical newspapers available online -- the WNA Archive, other newspapers in BadgerLink, and Chronicling America (LoC). WHS maintains a map as a centralized list of all available newspapers (historic and current), as well as a LibGuide. Immediate next steps will include embedding or linking to WHS map on partner websites, updating BadgerLink handouts for all partners to share, cross-promoting WHS session at WAPL. In general, a key audience to reach is public library staff so they understand what is available and where, how they fit together, how to contribute content, etc. This committee will discuss further at our next meeting.

LSTA funded Digitization kits

A virtual meeting is going to be held in late March/early April to go over details about the DPI Digitization Collaboration Project. The date and time of the meeting will be announced soon. During the meeting, public library system responsibilities for managing the kits and library responsibilities for using the kits will be reviewed. Vicki Teal Lovely is having an email list created that will be used for communicating about the project. If you have not gotten any of Vicki's emails about the scanning kits, please let her know (vickiteal@scls.info) and she will add you to the list.

Regionally-based (in-person) meetings with system staff will be held to share information about planning digitization projects and to provide training on using the scanning kits/creating metadata/etc. The Train the Trainer model will be followed and staff from SCLS, Emily Pfothauer, and others with expertise on digitization projects and Recollection Wisconsin will be leading the meetings. These meetings will likely be held in July, with the goal of having system staff ready to provide their member libraries with support on digitization projects and the scanning kits starting in the early Fall.

Funding for the projects/scanning kits is being provided through WISElearn. Each of the scanning kits will include a laptop (with scanning software), a flatbed scanner, and scanning accessories. One slide scanning kit will be available for all systems to share.

General Historical Newspaper Updates

Wisconsin Newspaper Association's database vendor, Tecnavia, has updated the Archive interface to run on HTML5 instead of Flash. The new version of the site is also mobile-friendly. WNA is continuing to refine the upgrade and will appreciate reports of glitches.

II. Creator demo and discussion

Background: At our last meeting, we discussed outreach/marketing of digital collections to be a possible project with Recollection Wisconsin. One of the potential tools for this type of outreach/marketing could be BiblioBoard Creator. Since that meeting, some information was shared with the committee about Creator. We will have a demo of the platform and discuss interest in a pilot project.

Materials to review: None

Questions for discussion:

1. Do you see the potential for using this platform for outreach/marketing of digital content?
2. What might a pilot project with this platform look like?
3. Are you interested in pursuing such a pilot project?

III. Newspaper Platform Usability Testing and Evaluation Next Steps

Background: At our last meeting, we determined that the first steps toward evaluating our newspaper platform would be to create a chart of the features/functionality that are important in a platform and add information to that chart about the current platform to understand how much is lacking or could be improved. This chart has been created, and will be shared prior to the meeting. The group will discuss next steps.

Materials to review: Feature chart {coming soon}

Questions for discussion:

1. Given the performance of the current platform compared to the features that we want in a platform, should we investigate the possibility of other platforms?
2. If so, what information would you want to have to make a decision?

IV. Allocation of WISE dollars for uploading

Background: DPI has allocated \$12,000 of WISE funding for uploading 100,000 pages of digitized historical newspapers to the collection. Hoorah! Now we have to figure out how to allocate those dollars. We could pay for the upload costs for the next 100,000 pages. We could pay a match for the next 200,000 pages. We could do something else entirely! Let's talk about possibilities and what we want to do.

Materials to review: None

Questions for your consideration:

1. How might we allocate the \$12,000 of WISE funding for uploading newspaper pages?

V. Committee orientation

Background: As this is our first meeting of the year, let's review the charge and other information for the committee. As you review this document, you'll see that some things don't match what we are currently doing. We'll talk about those things and determine how to proceed.

Materials to review: [WPLC Historical & Local Digital Collections Committee](#)

V. Annual meeting/WAPL session discussion

Background: Each year, there is a joint annual meeting of the WPLC Board and Steering Committee. This year, in addition to the annual meeting, there will also be a session about WPLC during the conference. We will have an update about this committee during the conference session, including:

- Information about the support that comes from WPLC to Recollection Wisconsin.
- Information about the newspaper project, both from the perspective of using the content and also creating content. Maybe bring in information about BadgerLink and the other newspaper projects in the state so that people understand all that is out there.

We will discuss other topics the Committee would like to see included.

Materials to review: None

Questions for your consideration:

1. What information would you want included in the conference session?

VI. June Meeting

The meeting is currently set for June 13, 2019 at 1:30 – 3:00. Can this either be pushed to 2:30 or rescheduled for June 14th?

VII. Adjourn