

WPLC Steering Committee

May 2015 Updates and Workgroup Reports

Newspaper project

The pilot sites have been identified along with a list of newspaper titles. The project team is working with Wisconsin Historical Society to finalize some details before announcing the pilot sites and titles.

Statistics Workgroup

New members are being added to the group. Because of some difficulty with the way OverDrive organizes its stats and reports, it's been difficult to identify what the priorities are for this workgroup to explore with different statistics that are available. Adding some more minds to the group will be helpful. Also, regarding OverDrive statistics, WILS staff is talking to WLA about doing either a pre-conference or some extended sessions during the conference around data visualization and Excel. These would lead into a session that we are thinking of as an OverDrive data hack-a-thon. The goal would be, based on current knowledge and skills and what is learned during the data visualization and Excel sessions, to create data analysis and visualization templates libraries and systems could use to plug in their own OverDrive usage numbers.

OverDrive

There have been further adjustments with OverDrive's timeline to sunset the WMA/WMV formats. WILS staff will continue to stay in contact with OverDrive about this to have the latest information and will communicate via the different WPLC email lists any new information we have.

OverDrive also recently started their OverDrive Listen format choice for digital audiobooks. It's a browser-based format similar to OverDrive Read. At this point, there haven't been any issues reported with its release, though it may not be used to a large extent yet. Please let WILS staff know if you hear of issues from patrons or experience any yourselves.

OverDrive announced their next Big Library Read. You can find [more information here](#) and we'll be sharing more information about it via the WPLC email lists. Also, OverDrive announced a new summer read program for kids and teens. You can find [more information here](#) and, along with the Big Library Read, we'll be sharing more information about it via the WPLC email lists.