

Updates for the June 9, 2016 WPLC Board Meeting

YTD budget

The YTD budget is attached. The \$5,000 donation discussed at our February meeting has been moved to the Digital Collection. Other than that, things are moving along as expected for the year.

LEAP & SimplyE update

An IMLS grant has been awarded to Minitex, Massachusetts Library System (MLS), and Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) to enhance SimplyE, the open source e-reader, for use with consortia and schools. Details can be found here: <https://www.imls.gov/grants/awarded/lg-70-16-0010-16>

For our May meeting, we reported that workgroups are being formed for LEAP. We are checking into this to see what the roles of these workgroups are to report back to WPLC.

Collaboration Digitization workgroup update

The Workgroup provided input on priorities for development of digitization guidelines. Top priorities identified were sample rights statements, tutorials for scanning and post-processing, sample metadata for common types of materials, and basic considerations for digital storage. The Workgroup also reviewed and commented on the proposed charge for new committee.

Information about two grant opportunities for digitization projects was compiled and posted to the WPLC blog and email list.

OWLS completed migration of ten digital collections from OCLC hosting to hosting at Milwaukee Public Library.

Steering Committee update

In January, the steering committee welcomed new members; a new board liaison, Maureen Welch; and a new chair, Dale Cropper. Recently, the steering committee has approved limiting the order of preorder titles to one month prior to publication date in order to help manage both funds and holds. The statistics workgroup will start work again to identify ways to better share WPLC stats and data through graphs and infographs. New members have joined this workgroup.

In April, the steering committee voted to keep all platform names out of the WPLC logo and any branding for the WPLC as they want promotion to be focused on the consortium, not the platform. The committee discussed the possibility of recommending an updated URL for easier promotion of Wisconsin's digital library. The committee also discussed the digital collection workgroup's recommendations for holds and periodicals.

At the May 26th meeting the steering committee voted to recommend the following recommendation to the board:

Recommendation 1: Increase buying pool by \$150,000 to buy additional copies of titles with high holds.

Recommendation 2: Systems interested in providing OverDrive periodicals can join and fund a shared Advantage account collection. This magazine collection will only be available to those systems participating. Total cost will be determined by number of systems participating.

While the majority agreed with Recommendation 1, it was noted that some committee members would like the Board to discuss the formula and how the money is allocated. They appreciate that the increase is needed, but do not agree with how it is proposed to be allocated. A few preferred the idea of distributing the \$150,000 for holds to the Advantage accounts per a suggestion by Bruce Gay made at the WPLC Annual Meeting.

Recommendation 2 was approved unanimously.

The steering committee reviewed a suggestion from a library member to change the URL of the WDL as the current one is difficult to promote. The committee reviewed options and pricing for domains. It was discussed that by purchasing a new domain and redirecting it to the current URL, all current bookmarks, website and catalog links would remain active. If a new platform is to be added, in the future this new URL could be used as a landing page or possibly as a discovery layer. The committee voted unanimously to recommend that the WPLC Board purchase a new URL for the WDL. Preferences include wigitallibrary.org and wigitlib.org.