

## Updates for 02/20/2017 WPLC Board Meeting

### LEAP & SimplyE Update

The development of SimplyE for Consortia is rolling along. They have hired a developer, and are adding features for both public and academic consortia deployment. Because the project is moving along, WiLS has asked Valerie Horton from Minitex (the primary partner working on this grant) to speak at a session at WAPL to give an update on the project and the consortia product.

### Steering Committee Update

The Steering Committee last met on November 17, 2016. Their next and first meeting of 2017 will be on February 23, 2017.

The following decisions were made at the November meeting:

- Dale V. Cropper of Brown County Library was nominated to continue as Steering Chair for 2017.
- The OverDrive wishlist was reviewed. The 2016 list focused on Marketplace reporting. Ease of generating reports for entire systems and simultaneous individual library reporting was identified as a priority, as well as the ability to assess the impact of Advantage accounts.
- The 2017 Collection Development and Policy Workgroup members were approved with the addition of a new Steering representative, Susan Queiser of Barron Public Library.

### Historical & Local Digital Collections Committee

The Committee last met by phone on January 17, 2017. Their next meeting will take place in April.

The digitization training and guidelines funded by WPLC in 2016 are now available:

- The [Digital Projects Toolkit](#), a train-the-trainer-style self-guided online course funded by WPLC and created by Recollection Wisconsin, launched in December. Twenty-four people, primarily library system staff, have registered so far. Participants are encouraged to complete the course by March 16, 2017, in order to participate in a live discussion webinar led by Recollection Wisconsin staff and digitization experts.
- Vendor list and tips for working with vendors. Recollection WI worked with partners at UWM and Marquette to compile a list of digitization vendors, available to any library on request. To go along with the list is a [tip sheet](#) with recommended questions to ask a vendor and information to provide when working with a vendor.
- [Grants information](#) on WPLC blog.

The Historical Newspapers Project continues to move forward. A second batch of content, including 11 titles from 6 different libraries, is almost ready to transfer to the Wisconsin Newspaper Association for upload to the BadgerLink database. WNA is creating a paid option for out-of-state researchers outside of BadgerLink. Project partners (WPLC, WNA, WHS and DPI) met on February 17, 2017.

## Update on Periodicals Project

Three Library Systems and one library signed a 1-year agreement with Zinio to run Jan 1, 2017 to Dec 31, 2017: MCLS, OWLS, SWLS and Brown County Library. The four organizations are sharing a 30 title core collection and some have added additional titles for their individual organizations.

The reactions to the collection and roll-out have been mixed.

Positive feedback includes patrons are happy to have access to digital magazines again and sharing the collection allows a cost savings to each participating library.

Negative feedback includes an uneven rollout that did not commence until nearly two weeks after the Jan 1<sup>st</sup> start date. Libraries with existing Zinio subscriptions could not sync their new collection with existing collection via one link. Response time from Zinio re: questions has been poor. Mental Floss was dropped with no prior notification and no offers of replacement titles.

Sara Gold is working on trying to get some compensation for subscribers for the late rollout as well as work through replacements for the title no longer available.