

WPLC Selection Committee Member Position Description

Committee Charge

The selection committee consists of two representatives from each of the 16 public library systems in Wisconsin. In addition, each public library system appoints Advantage selectors at their discretion. There are 22 Consortium selectors of adult materials and 10 selectors of young adult and children's materials. Consortium selectors are appointed by library system directors to serve a two-year term with the option to serve for additional terms. Consortium selectors are asked at the November meeting if they will be returning in the new year. If they are not, library system directors are asked to appoint replacements. Orientation for new selectors is held in January and is provided by OverDrive as well as the project manager. When Consortium selectors leave mid-year, a reasonable attempt is made to find replacements particularly if both selection seats in a system are vacant. Advantage selector replacement is currently left entirely to the discretion of the individual library systems. The selection committee meets on a quarterly basis in February, May, August and December. For detailed information on materials and genres collected, please see the WPLC Collection Policy.

Purpose

Wisconsin's Digital Library is predominantly an audio and e-book collection of over 100,000 unique titles available for checkout to any patron with a WI public library card. The collection is funded by WI public libraries within 16 public library systems and is governed by members of the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC). The purpose of the Selection Committee is to populate Wisconsin's Digital Library with materials while maximizing use of collection funding. Reduction of patron wait times through holds management is a top priority.

Expectations *

- Selection Committee members will act as representation of their system.
- Selection Committee members will adhere to the WPLC Collection Development Policy when purchasing materials for Wisconsin's Digital Library.
- Selectors will strive to build collections that are responsive to the community's informational and recreational reading needs, while still meeting the mission and goals of both the WPLC and Wisconsin public libraries.
- Prior experience in collection development is desired along with familiarity in popular fiction or nonfiction in one of these areas: adult, young adult, children's.
- Each selector is assigned an area or genre to focus on and selects titles in both e-book and audio formats for purchase on a monthly basis unless otherwise noted.
- Selections must adhere to the monthly budget amount.
- Attendance at selectors meeting is also required.

*These expectations are designated for consortium selectors. Advantage selectors are encouraged to follow them as well.

