

Updates for the August 24, 2016 WPLC Board Meeting

YTD budget

The YTD budget was sent along with the agenda. Everything seems to be going along fine, but please let us know what questions you have!

SimplyE Update

The SimplyE app was officially released in July: <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2016/07/industry-news/nypl-launches-simplye-app-integrating-access-to-multiple-ebook-vendors/>

The software will be released as open source so people can use their code to develop their own readers.

Meanwhile, the grant for developing SimplyE for Consortia is underway. They have a web page:

<http://www.librarysimplified.org/consortia-project-design.html>

They have also created a new email list to both push out information and get feedback. To sign up for discussions on SimplyE for Consortia, the link is <http://lists.minitex.umn.edu/mailman/listinfo/simplye-c-info>

They are working on creating an open textbook version of SimplyE with 100 e-pub, reviewed open textbooks, which they hope to make public by the end of the year.

Steering Committee Update

The Steering Committee has not met since the last board meeting. The next scheduled meeting is September 22, 2016 via GoToMeeting. No decisions have been made in the interim but steering members have been discussing two topics with their systems:

1. *New OverDrive Advantage Feature*: This feature allows Advantage libraries to contribute their copies of mid- and back-list titles to the consortium's shared collection. This is an opt in feature. By opting in to this new setting in OverDrive Marketplace, Advantage members can choose to automatically share titles with the consortium that meet the following criteria:
 - The title must have been in the Advantage collection for one (1) year or more (based on the date the title was first added by the Advantage member).
 - The title must have no current holds or checkouts in the Advantage collection.
 - The consortium must support the digital format of the title (e.g., eBook or audiobook).

Once a system has opted in, the automated process will run daily, and all titles (and copies) that meet the above criteria will be contributed to the shared collection automatically. Steering members were asked to discuss this feature with their systems to see if the consortium should turn on this opt in feature for advantage accounts.

2. *OverDrive Periodicals*: The recent discontinuation of OverDrive periodicals (effective July 25th) requires some attention. Steering committee is working on wording for patron notification and messaging for the digital library as well.

Statistics Work Group Update

The newly reformed work group met for the first time on June 27th. A new charge and timeline were created. The work group identified statistical needs at the state, system and local levels. The work group also identified ways to best share and use WPLC statistics.

The work group's next step is to identify the types of charts, graphs, and infographics they would like to see as templates for the identified statistics and will decide how each statistic will best be depicted. The work group will meet again at the end of August.

Historical & Local Digital Collections Committee

The Historical and Local Digital Collections Committee met for the first time by phone on August 15. The committee discussed selection criteria and procedures for adding additional content to the Archive of Wisconsin Newspapers, and reviewed the list of 17 libraries currently interested in contributing their historical newspapers to the archive. The committee will meet in person in October during the WLA conference, where they will select a chair and discuss next steps for the development of "train the trainer" resources for digitization projects, which was initiated by the Collaborative Digitization Work Group.

Bylaws Workgroup Update

The Workgroup met on August 8, approved their charge, and discussed the process they will undertake for the revision. They will be using the information from the annual meeting as a starting point, and would encourage anyone who has feedback on the bylaws or the notes from the annual meeting discussion to send it to wplc-info@wils.org.

The process to revise the bylaws will be iterative. The workgroup will create a first draft, share this version with the community for feedback, and modify based on the feedback received. They would, however, welcome feedback at anytime during the process, so please feel free to send any comments to wplc-info@wils.org.

For more information about the workgroup, see <http://www.wplc.info/bylawsworkgroup>

Formula Workgroup Update

The Formula Workgroup will be meeting on September 2. A proposed charge and list of workgroup members can be found here: <http://www.wplc.info/formulaworkgroup>

User & Non-User Survey Workgroup Update

Based on the feedback from Board members, two firms were contacted to solicit proposals for the User & Non-User Survey: The UW Survey Center and Morrill Solutions Research. Andi Coffin is working on this part of the process. Proposals are due on August 22, and the workgroup will review the proposals and bring an estimate back to the board sometime in September via email.