

Updates for 10/25/2016 WPLC Board Meeting

YTD budget

The YTD budget through September was included in the email with the agenda. Spending is moving along as expected.

LEAP & SimplyE update

From the Quarterly LEAP/DPLA E-Content News

- Micah May, who was spearheading the LEAP project, has left NYPL.
- The open source app is deployed at NYPL. Others, including Minitex and Connecticut are exploring the app for consortium.
 - NYPL has seen a 30% gain in usage since deploying the app.
- “The implications for developing the LEAP Exchange are being considered”
- The Open eBooks project between DPLA and LEAP is soon to celebrate 1 million e-books checked out ; one can now sign into the app using Clever, making 25,000 more schools eligible for the program. There are now two sign-in methods.
- A survey exploring awareness of/knowledge about SimplyE was launched.
- WebQEM is developing a service for libraries to deploy and host the SimplyE app. With Datalogics already in the field, vendor options are increasing for libraries that don't have their own in-house vendors to deploy the app. Competition, we hear, is a good thing.
- Maryland received a \$66,800 grant to deploy SimplyE statewide. They made a wish list and are seeking another grant to deploy, as deployment costs exceeded the grant amount.

Steering Committee update

The Steering Committee met on September 22, 2016. Several decisions were made in the meeting:

- There was a consensus from the Steering Committee to implement widigitallibrary.org as the new URL. The project managers are working to implement this. As a reminder, the new URL will act as a redirect to the current <http://dbooks.wplc.info>. The current URL and all bookmarks and website links will stay active. Adding the new URL allows the consortium to more easily promote the site and allows for future expansion as it can be used as a landing page or discovery layer if a new platform is added in the future.
- Steering voted to turn on the Advantage option that allows systems to opt-in to the Advantage Account Feature to contribute mid and back-list titles to the consortium's shared collection. This will be turned on in October.
- The Committee voted to weed old NetLibrary titles that were purchased by the consortium before OverDrive was implemented. The titles they are no longer timely nor easily accessible.
- A motion was made and passed to launch the New OverDrive Website roll-out as soon as possible. This process has already begun with a series of webinars set and a go live date of November 7, 2016. More information on the process can be found [here](#).

- Steering has begun the OverDrive Wishlist process. This year we are focusing on Marketplace and reporting because of the new website roll out. The committee has until October 28 to review and consult with their systems and libraries and add additional items to the list. The Committee will review and prioritize the list at their November meeting.

Historical & Local Digital Collections Committee

- Pre-recorded train-the-trainer digitization tutorials will be made available in December.
- The project managers are continuing to coordinate with WHS and WNA to refine the processes for adding content to the Archive of Wisconsin Newspapers, including exploring options for out-of-state researcher access.
- Historical newspapers from six communities that have previously-digitized content are being prepped and will be passed to WNA for uploading before the end of the calendar year. (Belleville, Black River Falls, Brandon, Evansville, Fort Atkinson, Prairie du Chien)
- Committee will meet on October 28 and will discuss plans for assessment of historical newspaper pilot project and next steps.

Bylaws Workgroup Update

The workgroup will be meeting on November 11.

Update on Periodicals Project

There are 8 libraries/systems moving forward with a shared zinio collection: ALS, Brown County, ESLS, Mid-Wisconsin, MCLS, SWLS, WRLS, WVLS. Final participation will be contingent on price of platform + content for each system.

Bill Schwarting and Brad Gray from Recorded Books held two webinars Friday October 14th to review features and functionality of zinio. A recording of the webinar will be available soon.

In early November, Bill Schwarting will be sending out a list of approximately 50 titles for the systems to review. Bill has approximated \$5000 to be shared among the participating systems to create a collection. A final title list will be agreed upon by the end of November and systems will be set up for a roll-out date of Jan 1, 2017.

WPLC has a credit with OverDrive of approximately \$280 for the remaining periodical subscriptions which ran until March 2017. WiLS will work with WPLC to ensure the credit is applied appropriately.