

# WLA TSS Meeting Minutes

May 3rd, 2023 11:00

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Present: Gina Rae, Leah Gentry, Cheryl Nessman, Emylie Fossell, Nic Ashman, Rebecca B., Carrie Doyle, Beth Henika, Jody Hanneman, Kayla Linke, Jen Bernetzke, Rosa Moore, Alison Hoffman, Katie Sanders, Susan Foran, Amy Gannaway

1. Welcome
2. WAAL/TSS conference update
  - Conference submissions DUE THIS FRIDAY (5/5/23)
  - Conference will be virtual on Friday, August 4th
  - Thank you to everyone who has submitted a proposal so far! TSS has great representation in the conference submission line up and we're very excited for all the proposals!
  - The group has discussed the need to keep the conference cost reasonable in order to encourage more TS staff to attend. We will keep you updated on what we hear about the price.
  - Keynote speaker: Michael Stephens (author of Wholehearted Librarianship)
3. Virtual TS Tours
  - Eagle River lined up to do tour by end of June
  - Superior did a tour: ([Link to Superior PL's Tour](#))
  - We are always looking for more volunteers to do a tour! (links to previous tours can be found [here](#))
4. WLA Conference:
  - Proposal deadline is May 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Conference held Oct. 24-27 in Middleton (Madison Marriott West)
  - Cheryl is going to submit a session for a TSS business meeting that we're hoping will have a virtual option as well.
    - Strong suggestion from Nic that it not be a Friday session

- It would be nice to have a TS track so if you're putting in the work to do a WAAL/TSS proposal consider also submitting a proposal for the WLA conference!
- Gina and Jackee might be doing a presentation on an ILS merger and Cheryl recommends that they include systems that have already merged such as Alison's system.
- Gina also recommends a session on just ILS exploration, especially since ILS vendors don't want us to talk to each other
- Discussion of a possible statewide discovery layer, last Alison heard was that the reality of getting something like that working in the way and the price range needed would be very difficult
- Nic recommends a conversation around OCLC pricing (taboo as it might be). They did an informal survey of a few sister institutions regarding what they were paying and the pricing discrepancy is awful. Pricing used to be set based on cataloging input and those prices remain locked in even today. Negotiation power and transparency is needed in regards to OCLC but it's a monopoly service and there's no real way to know if we're getting a fair value.
  - Alison mentioned that OCLC pushed back when her library brought it up with them
  - Susan confirms this for UW-Milwaukee as well, when they questioned what UWM was paying for OCLC, OCLC said that if they reviewed their price it would end up being much higher than what they pay currently
  - Cheryl recommends approaching it as a talking session with the hopeful outcome being a working group (though WiLs/DPL?) that would look at Wisconsin as a whole and what we are all paying for OCLC
  - Katie mentioned the Boston Library Consortiums work with OCLC on this issue (more info here: <https://librarytechnology.org/pr/28564>)
  - Rosa mentions that their library has OCLC Cat express and were just notified that OCLC is discontinuing that service so they will have to transition to WorldShare Record Manager instead. It's a moment for them to reconsider if they want to continue with OCLC or look into other options.
  - Discussion of the recent OCLC vs Clarivate lawsuit and the affirmation from ALA that metadata is open data and not copyrightable.

- Susan mentioned that OCLC wanted to charge UWM thousands of dollars to migrate their data and that they ended up having to figure out how to do it themselves.
- Amy mentioned that they had to be really creative in their workarounds with OCLC when adding/deleting holdings symbols in records and agrees that it would be nice to get together to talk about the behemoth of OCLC

#### 5. Round Robin:

- Discussion about what folks call their TS division at their libraries
  - Wide variety of names for TS and they've changed a lot over time
- Cheryl is working on serving the aging population and their caregivers at her library through working with the Alzheimer's association, memory caregiver kits, the memory care café, and more
- Discussion of combining children's AV with adult AV
  - Some interfiled CDs but not DVDs
  - Discussion of AV usage
    1. DVDs for adults are still used a lot due to lack of access to broadband/the movies not being available on streaming sites
    2. Audio CDs have generally been on decline due to cars not having CD players anymore
- Discussion of separating out graphic novels and comic books from the main collection and relocating them to their own section
  - Huge can of worms
  - Cheryl mentioned that even though they pulled out their graphic novels and comic books it's still a mess if you don't sort and organize them well. Suggestion to pull out DC and Marvel comic books specifically and classify them by character within those publisher sections
  - Leah has worked on this before and looked at how comic book stores organize their comics in order to figure out an ideal schema
  - Cheryl recommends this for a session for WLA and would enjoy being on a panel for it

Next meeting: 11:00 am, Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> (regularly scheduled meeting would be July 5<sup>th</sup> but many people are out on vacation that week)