

WLA TSS Meeting Minutes

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Recording Link : https://youtu.be/0Mb_5CiuhVU

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1. Welcome
2. WAAL/TSS conference update
 - a. Conference will be virtual on Friday, August 4th
 - b. Sessions will be recorded and available for 30 days after the conference, as will the lightning talks and posters
 - c. Registration is \$50 for WLA members, \$25 for students, and \$95 for nonmembers
 - d. There are group discounts so you can learn with your colleagues as a team!
 - e. Great breakout sessions by a ton of TSS members:
 - i. Creative collaboration: solving cataloging problems for a small staff
 - ii. Are you ready for it? Yes you are! Create your own library of things collection
 - iii. A tale from the trenches: what I learned about my ILA by conducting an ILS audit and how I'm still using that information 4 years later
 - iv. Clean data is happy data panel
 - v. Pre-recorded session: The state of cataloging in Wisconsin
 - f. Keynote speaker: Michael Stephens: "Wholehearted libraries: meeting the needs of community"
 - g. Lunch session: Stephen Kelly from Minnesota State University: "Mulling about the intersection of generative AI, copyright, and libraries"
 - h. Graduate student professional development panel that discusses expectations vs. realities of librarianship, how to land a library job, and what they don't teach you in library school

- i. Giveaways! At the unconference session at the end of the conference there will be a drawing for a copy of Michael Stephens book and a free WLA membership or membership renewal
 - j. CE hours! Public librarians who attend the conference are eligible to earn 6 CE hours in Category B.
 - k. More information and registration can be found here:
<https://www.wisconsinlibraries.org/waal-tss-virtual-conference>
3. Vendor discussion: Who's currently using OCLC CatExpress (sunsetting 4/30/24) and planning on transitioning to OCLC's Worldshare Record Manager? Are there any alternatives being used or investigated?
- a. Rosa brought this topic to the group's attention. They like Record Manager (search options and filters) but since they belong to a small system with a small operating budget they feel like they need to educate themselves on what's out there. One option (which they saw a presentation for at ALA) was Baker and Taylor's BTcat
 - b. Cheryl linked to this article in the chat:
<https://librarytechnology.org/document/27422> . It goes over the few options that are out there including BTcat.
 - c. Beth: is working on figuring out how to use Record Manager right now, interested in BTcat but it doesn't work with Polaris yet
 - d. Jackee recommends investigating SkyRiver. The macros are less powerful, but it's less intimidating than OCLC Connexion. Gina is also a fan of Skyriver for its simplicity.
 - e. Cheryl reached out to Baker and Taylor and they've set up a time at the beginning of our September meeting to do a product demo
4. Virtual TS Tours:
- a. We are always looking for more volunteers to do a tour! (links to previous tours can be found [here](#))
 - b. Rosa and Jen are thinking about doing one at Southwest headquarters - it might be done by September or so
5. WLA Conference: Oct. 24-27 in Middleton (Madison Marriott West)
- a. Cheryl submitted our regular business meeting as a proposal and was wondering what else was proposed. Do we want to try and have a meet up? Is anyone going?

- b. Gina proposes we all try to go to at least one session together
- 6. WiTS listserv [discussion topics](#), members
 - a. Jackee: We have 155 members so far. Link above is about potential topics we could use for discussion. If anyone feels interested in tossing some ideas on there we can curate some discussion. For July we were thinking of talking about Library of Things (how do you package these things, how do you store them).
 - i. Jackee was recently at a library where they had tags for all of their items on a bulletin board so there wasn't a lot of space being taken up. Also their cake pans were stored in bags and numbered, which she thought was great.
 - b. Gina prompted Megan at Eagle River to share the responses she received to a question she asked the listserv in a digest document and thinks we should make sure folks are doing this if comfortable
- 7. ALA discussion
 - a. Beth: There were two cataloging sessions I wasn't able to physically get into. Great that there were so many people interested in these sessions. Liked one of the big roundtable discussions where there were different topics for each table. One person took notes and there was a moderator to keep folks on task. It was a very low pressure discussion and there was time after the session to continue the discussion if desired.
 - b. Rosa: Cataloging for children and Changing the representation of disability in the catalog were both very full. Liked the suggestion from Changing the representation session of developing folksonomies and using user tagging in a discovery layer
 - c. Cheryl: Going back to the round table idea, it might be interesting to incorporate that into our regular business meeting rather than just reporting out on various things.
- 8. From WLA Bulletin: "Your ideas are needed! The WLA staff, Finance Committee, and Board of Directors are putting together the 2024 budget. If your unit or committee is planning any activity for 2024 that requires an appropriation of WLA funds, such as a conference, hosting an outside speaker, workshop, or a regional gathering, please describe the intended activity on the [attached form](#). If approved, WLA staff will work with you to create a proposed budget, including expenses and expected revenue. [Budget](#)

[requests must align with the WLA's mission, goals and objectives](#). Please consult with WLA Executive Director Laura Sauser for assistance, if needed.”

- a. Recommendation for a book binding / book repair workshop proposal
 - i. Rosa has contacts in this area of work
 - b. Possibly hybrid with a variety of times so that many folks can attend
 - c. Beth: SEWI recorded a bunch of videos and had a live online chat regarding this topic a while back. Link: <https://sewilibraries.org/care-of-local-history-collections/> . It's more about local history collections for public libraries, but still very helpful for everyday materials too
9. Round Robin:
- a. Connie: appreciates the new listserv, looking forward to the collaboration and working together. Recommends the videos Beth talked about above.
 - b. Jackee: Group that worked on the cooperative cataloging grant project has reapplied for a second year of funds. They're putting together a recorded presentation about their findings from year one and what they hope to accomplish in year two.
 - c. Emylie: Working on a poster regarding technical services folks and collaborations throughout the library. How do people connect and collaborate with others?
 - i. Cheryl: We use Slack to help different departments communicate with each other.
 - ii. Jackee: Recommends a mentorship, even if it's informal. She was part of the WLA mentorship and recommends it. Other points of note: make sure to advocate for yourself and put yourself out there. The spreadsheet on the TSS webpage has a list of folks who are willing to be mentors/help with certain things
 - iii. Cheryl: When she was with Manitowoc public library they had regular cataloging meetings between the resource library and the smaller libraries. Bringing other people into the fold and doing workshops made sure that everyone had an opportunity to explore all different sides of TS
 - iv. Emylie: Has started running monthly cataloging meetings just so folks can check in and make sure that there aren't any new things that have come up or confusion over policies
 - v. Cheryl: Being a manager in a technical services space is sometimes hard because people can be like oil and water to each other. What they don't

teach you in library school is how to deal with interpersonal issues and how to get people to play nice with each other.

- vi. Connie: Makes sure that everyone knows how to do everything so that if there's a vacation or an absence the collection doesn't have to just sit there until the person comes back. Works hard at getting things to be complementary to each other.
- vii. Beth: Because TS people have to follow a lot of rules and it's less flexible work, sometimes people tend to be inflexible and it causes a rigidity that's hard to manage.

Next meeting: 11:00, Wednesday, Sept. 6th, 2023