WLA TSS Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2023 11:00

Recording: https://youtu.be/K9TtKvoGGGo

Attendance: Cheryl Nessman, Leah Gentry, Gina Rae, Jackee Johnson, Emlyie Fossell, Susan Foran, Carrie Doyle, Alison Hoffman, Rosa Moore, Kayla Linke, Amy Gannaway, Shawn King, Sara Klemann, Lori Burgess, Jennifer Bernetzke

1. Welcome
   a. Introduction of TSS leadership (Cheryl, Jackee, Leah, Gina, Emlyie)
   b. Introduction of attendees

2. TSS & WLA Executive Director meeting update
   a. Cheryl: TSS leadership met with Laura Sauser from WLA on February 9th to discuss the goals that TSS has.
      i. Main goals brought up:
         1. Reviving some form of peer council
         2. Better way for technical services folks throughout Wisconsin to communicate with each other
         3. Online attendance options for WLA conferences
      ii. Laura shared that while WLA might not be able to provide everything we ask for (for example, due to cost, WLA won’t be able to provide hybrid options for WLA conferences) she is still very excited to be working with this group.
      iii. TSS leadership has begun working on some of these items (see below)

3. TSS focus areas for 2023:
   a. WAAL/TSS conference partnership
      i. Jackee: Conference details so far:
         1. Conference is a partnership between WAAL and TSS
         2. Theme: Rethinking resources: changing challenges, seeking solutions
         3. Date: Friday, August 4th
         4. Virtual one-day event
         5. Call for proposals will come out in March
         6. Registration will open mid-to-late June
         7. Sessions will be around 30-45 minutes
         8. Poster sessions or lightning talks also an option
         9. Once the call for proposals comes out we (TSS folks) need to submit sessions. The theme is broad enough to fit a variety of proposals
ii. Leah: Willing to partner up with folks who have ideas for a presentation or panel but have no one to do it with. Reach out to TSS leadership or TSS in general and we’ll work something out.

iii. Gina: Recommend reaching out to Deb Anderson from UW-Green Bay who gave a great presentation on archiving LGBTQ materials and pulling in the technical services side of it.

iv. “Library of Things”:
   1. Cheryl: This could be a good presentation topic
   2. Lori: How do you classify/process these items?
   3. Jackee: A question about this should be added to our virtual tours
   4. Leah: A collaborative presentation with representation from cataloging, processing, and circulation would be interesting
   5. Gina: Are your collections physically browsable? Digitally browsable?

b. Better communication channels
   i. Cheryl: Spoke with Laura from WLA about this. Conclusions:
      1. WLA is trying out Slack for the Leadership Development Institute and will assess whether they believe it would be a good tool for TSS after working with it with the LDI
      2. If TSS did use a Slack channel it would preclude those who are outside of WLA from joining in on the conversation
      3. Other options/partnerships
         a. Jackee’s institution could host a listserv
         b. Jennifer Chamberlain from WiLS might be able to help us out by hosting a listserv in a more permanent location. WiLS already hosts the WisPubLib listserv
      4. We don’t want to limit the communication channel to only those that are TSS members because there are a lot of copy catalogers who are not in this group who could use a community for sharing information
   ii. Shawn: In favor of listservs, hasn’t used Slack
   iii. Carrie: The member clicks listserv is very clunky and is only for TSS members. Finds it very limiting.
   iv. Leah: Had a bad experience using member clicks listserv to try and get information out for an event
   v. Lori: Likes listservs better than Slack (Slack just becomes another place they need to check)
   vi. Sara: Listservs are preferable for them as well

4. NACO Funnel training was on February 21 and is available to view as a recording
   a. Leah: NACO funnel training from Denis Brunke at UW-Madison led a 2 hour webinar with a lot of practical examples on how to edit name and geographic authority records
i. Webinar was recorded and can be viewed here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lgEO9O-hfStLZ-MuyWK2hstZm0uuzgL7/view?usp=sharing

ii. Really encourages anyone who is interested in working with name authorities to watch the webinar

iii. Send any name authorities to Denis and he will double check them

5. Call for the next virtual tour host? (links to previous tours can be found here)
   a. Jackee: reach out to your local library or offer your own library and share your space.
      i. In March she is visiting the River Falls Public Library and will share that recording.
      ii. The process is super quick, ten minutes or less. You don’t have to show your face.
      iii. Link to more information about what we’re looking for: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HKR6lnQYTkSev6G__-R19RMUooXF8KiygDXZ6F5hCQw
   b. Gina: These tours could be interesting to include as a conference proposal. Also, another conference idea could be a discussion on book repair with regard to archives
      i. Lori: What if we have ideas for the conference but don’t know who could present?
      ii. Jackee: share the idea to TSS leadership or the listserv and we will find somebody for you

6. Round robin of what we’re working on in technical services
   a. Lori: How do other libraries collect recent local history and make it available?
      i. Example: they have a great local photographer in town who used to work for a newspaper who took a ton of aerial photos and posted them to Facebook. How do we share them with the community and save them for the future?
      ii. Gina: recommends looking into Recollection Wisconsin through WiLS: https://www.wils.org/do/collab/recollectionwisconsin/
      iv. Jackee: recommends writing up a grant so that there’s guaranteed money
   b. Shawn: one of their current projects is working on their government documents, comparing what the shelf list says they have to what they actually have in their collection
   c. Leah: working on cleaning up their electronic database collection: going through and making sure everything has a bib record and that all the links are still active, etc.
   d. Rosa: adding a rotating Spanish language collection so has been doing a lot of Spanish language cataloging
e. Amy: trying to tackle the backlog of database catalog maintenance. The library added local materials and they are enhancing them. Also working on Overdrive API integration (older records don’t have a code in the 037 |c and they don’t want to get a lot of new records because they’ve made a lot of local edits, so they’ve been working extensively in MarcEdit)

f. Kayla: Creating documentation on how to work on the backlog of database maintenance and working on a lot of authority control

g. Carrie: On the acquisitions side of things, they canceled over 400 print law reviews and are working on withdrawing them, closing purchase lines, pulling bindery cards, cleaning up records, etc.

i. Lori: Fond du Lac Public Library has a set of ~300 volumes of legal documents (specifically jurisprudence) from a lawyer who donated them. They do not wish to keep them and are offering them to others.

ii. Shawn: Recommends reaching out to Eileen Snyder about this

h. Jackee: an update on a grant she’s working on - last year wrote a grant to investigate cooperative cataloging across the state (what standards are we all using, etc.). The hope is that DPI will move towards a shared discovery layer (eventually). So far they have done a survey and a focus group to start gathering this information. WiLS is helping put together a report.

i. Areas of interest: what are some local subjects or genres that would be helpful across the board, what are some inclusive subjects we would like to see added, etc.

ii. Report will be done by the end of June and then they will see what the next steps are

Next meeting: 11:00, Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023