

MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM
Central Library / Collection Development Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: February 4, 2020

Location: MHLS auditorium

Committee members attending:

☒ Emily Chameides (Columbia)
☒ Tobi Farley (Columbia)
☒ Carol Fortier (Dutchess)
☒ Daniela Pulice (Dutchess)
☒ Maureen Garcia (Greene)

☐ Sue Ray (Greene)
☒ Carol Donick (Putnam)
☐ Gillian Thorpe (Putnam)
☒ Brooke Dittmar (Ulster)
☐ John Giralico (Ulster)

Staff Attending: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (MHLS), Tom Lawrence (PPLD) Laurie Shedrick (MHLS)
Deb Weltsch (PPLD)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

An orientation for committee members was conducted to review the Committee's charge, Central Book Aid and Central Library Development Aid Guidelines, the Central Library Plan of Service and expenditure plan, eResources fee and the committee meeting schedule.

1. The Committee asked MHLS staff to provide information at their next meeting in regards to whether or not other cooperative library systems have a systemwide Kanopy and/or Hoopla account and how many member libraries currently offer these two services.

The minutes from the 8/22/2019 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously. The motion to approve was made by Daniela Pulice and seconded by Carol Donick.

Carol Fortier will continue as committee chair, and Carol Donick will serve as secretary.

Discussion Items:

1. Mango is due to be renewed in July. We'll get a reduction if we pay for more than a year in advance. Daniella and Carol Donick feel that we need some language learning product. The committee members will discuss with their counties whether we should make a 3 year commitment to lock in the price, or just do one year at a time. We are recommending a 3 year contract to avoid an annual 5% increase. The Central Library budget will absorb the increase from last year for the 3 years.
2. Until the state budget is passed, we will not assign the contingency money, or do a formal approval of the e-resources budget.
3. Universal Class has been paid ahead for the next 2 years.
4. Tom will send an updated draft e-resources budget to Carol Fortier who will share it with the committee
5. Training Update – There was not much interest in workshops on media literacy. The central library may not do many more workshops, due to a decline in central library money for central library staff. An e-content or e- collection development workshop was recommended by Daniela. Carol Fortier thinks that it should be focused on Overdrive and the decision on how much to spend on e resources. Perhaps this workshop should be led by library directors, rather than Central Library staff, and should be practical in approach. Tom suggested that we canvass members about what workshop topic they would like in the area of collection development. Central Library will develop a survey and send it to Carol Fortier to review.

6. Collection Development – There is a gap of 4 or 5 months in 2018 in Decision Center statistics. However, Decision Center will have many new desirable features. Decision Center will change the way we do weeding lists. Mid-Hudson will provide training workshops on Decision Center in March. Central Library staff members will also be able to help member libraries learn how to use it.
7. Tom brought up the problems caused by American Dirt, a new bestselling novel published by Macmillan. The ebook version is not seen in the Overdrive catalog except by the patrons of the library which purchased it, and libraries can buy no more than one copy for the first 2 months after publication. Mid-Hudson staff will clarify exactly what the new Macmillan rules for ebooks are.
8. Online Catalog – A new eResources page will be launched in the OPAC. Member Libraries have to specify the web page they want it to link to for their library. We have a good contract with Innovative Interfaces for the next 4.5 years, but are not sure of what the future will hold since its acquisition.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Donick