

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

Date: August 21, 2020

Location: Online

Committee members attending:

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| ✓ Emily Chameides (Columbia) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sue Ray (Greene) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tobi Farley (Columbia) | ✓ Carol Donick (Putnam) |
| ✓ Carol Fortier (Dutchess) | ✓ Gillian Thorpe (Putnam) |
| ✓ Daniela Pulice (Dutchess) | ✓ Brooke Dittmar (Ulster) |
| ✓ Maureen Garcia (Greene) | ✓ John Giralico (Ulster) |

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

The minutes from the May 29, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved. The motion to approve was made by Maureen Garcia and seconded by Brooke Dittmar, and approved unanimously.

Discussion Items:

1. Central Library Development Aid/Central Book Aid Update & Budget Planning
 - a. State Aid Update: The State Library has notified library systems that all categories of state aid have been authorized to be processed by the division of budget. The categorical aid will be 22.6% less than last year and should come soon. We should design the CL/CD budget with a 22.6% cut but nothing is certain. If the federal stimulus package contains enough state aid some money could be restored, but that is unlikely. Laurie has negotiated reductions in the following 3 areas.
 1. Universal Class: Laurie Shedrick has negotiated a 25% reduction for the cost of this product. This will have to be reviewed when Overdrive pulls it into their product suite.
 2. OverDrive: Laurie has negotiated a 16.6% reduction (\$2,000) to the platform fee. A further \$2,000 reduction is possible if members spend \$360,000 on content for the year. The member libraries have already spent \$285,150 so far. We are at 84% of the year completed, and at 80% of the amount which needs to be spent. The platform fee reduction will only affect 2021. The platform fee for 2020 has already been spent.
 3. Mango: Laurie has negotiated a 15% discount.

Tom Lawrence walked us through the CLDA/CBA budget, and what needs to be cut to meet the 22.6% goal. He is reluctant to buy CLDA print or overdrive books until he knows if the state money will come in. We can always pay in advance for Overdrive titles when the money is secure.

Last year we paid Mid-Hudson in advance for Universal Class. Since a discount has since been negotiated, we would only need \$2,878 in 2021 to cover the cost of Universal Class next year. We will see how Overdrive interprets our contract with Universal Class as they take it over.

John Giralico moved and Daniela Pulice seconded that Tom Lawrence's revised Central Library Development and Central Book Aid budget be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

.3.eResource Status

a. Usage Statistics were reviewed by Laurie. Mango has been a straight line up. JobNow is up a bit. RBDigital is up. Universal Class had a strange dip in June, then went right back up in July. Overdrive is growing strongly. Overdrive's usage may drop down a bit when McMillan titles purchased before 3-20 are no longer shared. Tumblebooks is showing an uptick during Covid. The Database Use statistical report is posted online on Knowledgebase.

b. eMagazines RB Digital will be moved into Overdrive's magazine platform. After October, Overdrive is not sure how they will handle renewals. It may be more of a cost per use model, as opposed to our current annual subscription model. The cost could go up. We don't know. There could be a savings on the platform cost.

The chart of magazines we have purchased through RB Digital will be posted for the counties to review. The titles going up in price are highlighted in red. The Poughkeepsie Public Library District will not be funding magazine subscriptions, so \$2,900 which currently pays for many of the popular magazines will go away. Some of the counties may want to consider picking up some popular titles. Daniella said that we had agreed that central library funds would fund the most popular titles, so we may be switching CLDA funds to more popular titles and dropping less popular titles. Carol Fortier is not recommending adding new titles at this time.

4.Training

Continuing education is being planned about eCollection development in October, 2020. Laurie will do an introduction on October 5, explaining the problem of not enough titles being purchased. The next sessions will be more nuts and bolts about how to select and purchase titles, and what the options are. Tom is concerned that we are not talking about the proper balance between print and eMaterials. Daniella spoke to the many different formats we now

need to buy of one popular title. October 12 is Columbus Day, so the workshop scheduled on this date may need to be changed. We should discuss the classic “Breadth vs. Depth” decision. Information on the mechanics of how to use reports, get rid of columns, etc. would be very helpful.

Topics for training in 2021 were discussed. The survey of training topics showed that the most popular topic was e-Collection development, and the next most popular was reader’s advisory. Daniella mentioned that the topics were chosen pre-Covid. There may be interest in new topics now. Perhaps we should do the survey again. Topics suggested included online resources to guide patrons for reader’s advisory, or how to do information referral to services in the community. Rebekkah referred to the latter as Community Asset Mapping. Finally it was decided that information referral would be handled as part of the Re-imagining Library Services training and the Spring, 2021 training topic would be reader’s advisory with the addition of virtual reader’s advisory.

Laurie is working on a possible reciprocal lending arrangement with Overdrive titles, with WLS, RCLS, and UHLS. This would give patrons access to more content, and promotes more partnership across systems. We would have to define what participation level we would want. Vaughan Public Library’s web page gives an example of how a patron can jump to the Overdrive collections of other libraries. We could set parameters, such as not allowing holds from the patrons of other libraries. The three other library systems have many more unique Overdrive titles than we do. Metered access titles could be made unavailable. RCLS approached us to see if we would be interested. 70% of the Overdrive titles are in only one collection, less than 10% are in all 3 collections. Tom Lawrence and Carol Donick suggested that we not allow holds on our titles from patrons of other library systems, at least at first. Laurie advised that we “Start small and grow.”

We would also have to work together on sharing data. The next step is that the four systems get together to discuss how we would like this to be set up. This would require some patron and staff education. This idea will be brought to the next DA meeting for discussion.

5. Next Meeting: Tom suggested that we try to meet in November.

Carol Fortier made a motion to adjourn and it was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Donick