

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

Date: January 13, 2023

Location: Zoom

Committee members attending:

- Emily Chameides (Columbia)
- Tobi Farley (Columbia)
- Daniela Pulice (Dutchess)
- Courtney Tsahalis (Dutchess)
- Catherine Benson (Greene)

- Maureen Garcia (Greene)
- Carol Donick (Putnam)
- Stephanie Harrison (Putnam)
- Brooke Dittmar (Ulster)
- Katie Scott-Childress (Ulster)

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

Others Attending:

Minutes from October 2022 meeting reviewed and approved by Stephanie, seconded by Katie.

Discussion Items:

1. 2023 Central Library Services Aid (CLSA) Budget Planning

- a. **Regulatory changes for CSLA funds:** These are now finalized, therefore CLSA funds may now be spent on both nonfiction and fiction titles in OverDrive. There was discussion around how to address this change and do our best to meet patron demands for OverDrive content. Tom mentioned Cost-Per-Circ (CPC) as a valuable option (when it is an option) for filling patron requests for high-demand items in a timely fashion, at the local level. Tom asked if we should cut back on purchasing of circulating print non-fiction; there was some agreement with this and no voiced concerns. We are updating the Guidelines for OverDrive to include bestselling and popular fiction as a focus for ongoing purchasing by central selectors, in addition to non-fiction. 2D in this document was edited to remove the copies-per-holds figures and to add “the focus will be on spending on the items with the highest holds/holds ratio systemwide.” Bringing this to the DA, thinking of it somewhat like a pilot as we work through these changes. There are still discussions to be had on how to make this sustainable financially and will continue to update the Guidelines when decisions are made at future meetings. Motion to bring the amended guidelines to the DA by Katie; seconded by Catherine; passed unanimously.

b. AdHoc OverDrive Committee Recommendations

- i. *“Recommendation 3: It is recommended that the MHLS Central Library / Collection Development Advisory Committee update the “Mid-Hudson Library System Guidelines for OverDrive Collections Developed with Advantage Plus Accounts.”* Stephanie suggested that this should be sent over to Resource Sharing for review. Motion by Courtney; Carol seconded; passed unanimously.
- ii. *“Recommendation 4: It is recommended that the MHLS Central Library / Collection Development Advisory Committee update the “Mid-Hudson Library System Guidelines for OverDrive Collection Developed with Central Library Development Aid (CLDA) and Central Book Aid (CBA) Funds”* We began the discussion/work on this today (see above)
- c. **eResources Review:** There was discussion about JobNow, Mango Language (and Transparent Language as potential alternative), and Universal Class. Tom and Laurie noted that vendor statistics are not always as clear or accessible as we would like. Committee members will bring discussion of these resources to County associations for discussion and feedback – do we want to renew or replace any of them, or discontinue and shift funding from one or more of these

resources to OverDrive purchasing. OverDrive platform cost – mutual agreement in our contract that renewal will be \$8,000.

2. **OverDrive Reciprocal Lending Agreement (RLA) with the Southern Adirondack Library System (SALS)**
Tobi motion to recommend this to the DA; Daniela seconded; passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Katie at 11:33am; seconded by Carol; passed unanimously.