

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

Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024

Location: MHLS Auditorium

Committee members attending:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Emily Chameides (Columbia) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carol Donick (Putnam) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amanda Merk (Columbia) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amina Chaudri (Putnam) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniela Pulice, Chair (Dutchess) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jesse Chance (Ulster) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courtney Tsahalís (Dutchess) | <input type="checkbox"/> Open seat (Ulster) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine Benson (Greene) | <input type="checkbox"/> Open seat (Greene) |

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

Others Attending: Tom Lawrence, Ex Officio (Poughkeepsie)

Meeting start: 10:05am

Another representative from Greene County is expected to be identified next week at their Greene County Library Association meeting.

A call for unanimous consent was requested by Daniela for motions of the meeting to be approved and all agreed so the meeting can move more quickly.

1. The minutes from the November 6, 2023 CL/CD meeting reviewed. Motion to pass November 2023 minutes with unanimous consent.

Discussion Items:

2. **Review of the Committee's Charge:** It is now called Central Service Library Aid, previously Central Library Development Aid, and in the 1960s, Central Book Aid.

a. Central Library Services Aid

- Central Library will no longer forward fund content purchasing in OverDrive therefore there is only the 2023 content credit to use until state aid is received later in the year.
- Reference questions can be sent to Central Library staff by any member library

b. Review of Central Library Plan of Service:

- Reviewed and discussed updating the current 2022-2026 plan. Members proposed training to be revised for "Decision Center", for increasing the usage of user-friendly reports to be generated from Sierra. It was proposed to possibly couple training for Decision Center with County representatives to additionally avail themselves to assist peers. Using circulation for an evaluation method, we have positive feedback with putting money toward purchasing supplemental eresources vs. purchasing Adult Nonfiction. Money is considered well spent.

c. Review of Funding/Cash Flow Considerations

- Aid was received in December 2023 for the past year. Aid is allotted from NYS in April, but is received later in the year. Funding is expected to increase 2 ½%, but could be more

due to great advocacy by the libraries. The databases are forward funded by MHLS and then Central Library then reimburses MHLS when the money from the state comes in. Content credit will be spent. Reviewed funding shift in consideration of timeline for purchasing. In this transactive year, we will make the best use of expenditures. Purchasing will be done later this year. Member libraries will be responsible for purchasing their e-content to support patrons interests.

d. Review of Current E-Resource Product Renewals

- Databases, such as the Overdrive platform, are funded by MHLS. Central Libraries then reimburses MHLS when the money from the state is received. Overall, the group feels it is money that is well spent.

e. E-Resource Recommendation Procedure

- Discussion about increasing the content credit to \$50,000-55,000 in order to not worry about restrictions. Purchasing will be done later in the year and member libraries will still be responsible for purchasing their e-content.

f. Review E-Resource Cost Share Arrangements

- There are no cost share items currently.

3. State Funding Update – NOVELny:

- Until the proposed NYS Executive Budget in April passes, we will not know if this database package will continue to be funded, as it is included in the “Library Budget”, not in “Education”. We can promote this database package more once the budget is passed.

4. eResources Review:

a. Discussion of Systemwide statistics and product renewal timelines

- Overdrive continues to be a much utilized resource. The cost to run the platform is \$8000.
- eBook circulation is increasing in smaller increments.
- eAudiobook circulation is increasing in leaps and bounds.
- Universal Class is no longer with OverDrive, it is back to RBDigital. We receive stats from this database each month. The price is increasing from \$7,500 to \$14,500, funds would need to be taken from ebook content to cover this cost. ACTION REQUESTED: A county level discussion is needed to review its viability to answer the question if it is worth renewing at the higher price. Also of note: It won't be in the Libby app any longer. It will only be found from your library's website.
- JobNow renews May 1. We are mindful that the metrics only collect usage, not the depth of how much it was used.
- Transparent Language is gaining more use.
- Syndetics Unbound provides information on materials ordered for book jackets for Encore. The group recommends moving forward with Vega/Discover. Discover already includes the bells and whistles Syndetics Unbound offered, included in the package.
 - Motion to discontinue financing from CLA for Syndetics Unbound in Encore was made by Daniela and 2nd by Jesse. Passed unanimously.
- Overdrive Ad Hoc committee reported that 30 libraries increased their spending. 5 libraries still need to increase their purchases to be in line with Ad Hoc committee's guidelines. All libraries have Advantage Accounts.

5. Central Library Services Program Budget Update and Planning for 2024:

- Once the state budget passes in April, final decisions regarding Central Library support will be made. The group would like to add additional funds to delivery support. Further discussion at the next meeting will take place on how to fund content through contingency.
- The currently proposed budget removes Syndetics Unbound and Universal Class will be removed from Central Library support, while JobNow and Transparent Language will continue.

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 12:05pm. The next meeting will be scheduled in April after the NYS Budget is passed.