

Central Library Collection Development Advisory Committee meeting
October 26, 2009

Attending: Sally Alderdice, Sue Hermans, Tom Lawrence, Kathleen McLaughlin, Linda Deubert, Lauren Muffs, Pat Kaufman, Sue Hermans, Merribeth Advocate, Laurie Shedrick, Josh Cohen.

June minutes approved by L. Deubert, seconded by K. McLaughlin. Action items were reviewed. August minutes approved by K. McLaughlin, seconded by L. Deubert.

Collection Development: underrepresented areas:

- Committee received list of items requested from the MHLS ILL Department of areas underrepresented in the collection. Central Library staff will start reviewing this list for potential 2010 CBA purchases. (see *Action 1*)
- Through their OCLC work, Tara in MHLS ILL and Pat in Adriance ILL will keep a running list of these underrepresented areas for consideration. (see *Action 2*)
- The online form at <http://midhudson.org/collection/main.htm> has not yet been used and will be re-advertised to Directors. (see *Action 3*)
- NYLA/Central Library Association currently is proposing to change the restrictions of the CBA money.

Downloadable Audio Books:

- NetLibrary:
 - ✓ ACTION ITEM AT NOVEMBER DA MEETING: This committee recommends to discontinue the subscription with Net Library when it expires at the end of December.
- OverDrive:
 - The new offer totals the original \$40,000 but offers more. J.Cohen will check into the specifics of the term commitment. (see *Action 4*)
 - Issue discussed: How to reduce cost to member libraries so all can participate – the committee authorized the use of CLDA funds for access to the downloadable audiobooks.
 - ✓ ACTION ITEM AT NOVEMBER DA MEETING: This committee recommends subscribing to OverDrive using one of the following scenarios. T. Lawrence will prepare a spreadsheet showing the per library cost of each scenario (see *Action 5*):
 - Scenario 1: The committee recommends subscribing to Overdrive at the \$40,000 using the same per library cost distribution that is current used for NetLibrary (with any adjustments needed for current population changes)
 - Scenario 2: The committee recommends subscribing to Overdrive at the \$40,000, and using \$7,000 of Central

Library Development Aid to reduce members costs. This preserves CLDA funds to purchase LibraryThing or something else.

- Scenario 3: The committee recommends subscribing to Overdrive at the \$40,000, and using \$14,000 of Central Library Development Aid to reduce members costs, which means LibraryThing cannot be supported.

Library Thing / Catalog Enhancements:

- Trial of Library Thing was implemented on the MHLS test site and reviewed by the committee. Issue discussed: Given the current economic conditions, the committee prefers to spend CLDA funds to cost-share downloadable audiobooks so they are not discontinued, rather than purchase additional catalog enhancements from Library Thing at this time.
- Issue discussed: How to maximize the catalog enhancements we are already paying for through Syndetics. Committee viewed Ann Arbor MI catalog at <http://www.aadl.org/catalog> and preferred its style over our current catalog as it dynamically integrates the catalog enhancements and brings it up front. L. Shedrick will pursue altering the display of our catalog to mimic the Ann Arbor features (*see Action 6*).

Database Statistics:

- Through the WAM table each click within each database is counted, making the numbers impossible to compare between databases. To improve the statistical information, the committee asked L. Shedrick to change this, effective January 1, to just count access: database indicators. At same time she will begin reporting the data in Workbook pages to facilitate keeping a running total (*see Action 7*).

2009 Reference Collection Assessments:

- 20-24 have been done. Action Memo sent this spring was a good way to cultivate a list of libraries to access. S. Hermans is finding that collections have improved overall - are getting smaller but being kept more current.

2009 Training:

- Spring in 5 locations: 'Helping Patrons who are Searching for Jobs' was very well received.
- October in 2 locations: 'Dealing with Reference Questions at the Circ Desk' demystifies the process of reference. Attendees were surprised they could refer questions to other agencies and other libraries.
- Coming up October 30: 'HomeACCESS Databases – a train the trainer session'. PPT from this will be added to Central Library section of web site.

2010 Training - Ideas included:

- Brief poll for topics, targeting all staff asking “What do you struggle with on a daily basis?” (see *Action 8*).
- Workshop on reference collection development: how to prioritize, how to determine what you should really have in print. Title: **When is the book faster, better than google.**

Central Library Development Aid Budget 2010:

- Reviewed by committee

Actions:

1. Central Library staff will start reviewing the list of underrepresented areas distributed at the meeting for potential 2010 CBA purchases.
2. Through their OCLC work, Tara in MHLS ILL and Pat in Adriaance ILL will keep a running list of areas underrepresented in the collection for consideration for CBA purchasing.
3. The online form to report underrepresented areas in the collection at <http://midhudson.org/collection/main.htm> will be re-advertised to Directors.
4. J.Cohen will check into the specifics of the OverDrive term commitment.
5. For the November DA meeting, T. Lawrence will prepare a spreadsheet showing the per library cost of each of the three OverDrive funding scenarios.
6. L. Shedrick will pursue altering the display of our catalog to mimic the Ann Arbor features
7. L. Shedrick will change the WAM table to count just database access. At same time she will begin reporting the data in Workbook pages to facilitate keeping a running total. Effective 1/1/10.
8. M. Advocate will put a brief poll on the web site asking “What do you struggle with on a daily basis?”

Recommendation to Marketing & Program Advisory Committee:

- Put the MHLS bookmark templates online for libraries to customize.