

MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM
System Services Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: November 7, 2013

Location: MHLS Conference Room

Committee members attending:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sally Alderdice (Columbia) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debra Kamecke (Greene) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Garafalo (Columbia) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patti Haar (Putnam) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Erica Freudenberger (Dutchess) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gillian Thorpe (Putnam) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carol Rodriguez (Dutchess) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Dempsey (Ulster) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Deubert (Greene) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Rees (Ulster) |

Staff Attending: Tom Sloan, Merribeth Advocate, Eric McCarthy

Others Attending: Tom Lawrence (PPLD)

Minutes from July 24 & September 5 were reviewed and approved by Sally seconded by Frank.

Discussion Items:

1. Reviewed MHLS budget as this was the 3rd review. There were no comments other than a lengthy discussion on mileage equalization but in the end it was decided to leave it as is.
2. Committee was asked to consider change to assessment formula that does not include renewals since some no-fine libraries feel that including an average of renewals in the formula inflates their circulation stats. Eric reviewed this prior to meeting and does not see that it would make a difference. Committee members from no fine libraries also felt it would have no measurable effect.
3. Boopsie- Reviewed updated pricing which is significantly higher. Committee members discussed and agreed that Boopsie does not make sense at this point until the catalog has been improved potentially with the purchase of Encore. It was confirmed by Eric as per a discussion with his counterpart in Suffolk Library System that if Boopsie is purchased first we would have to pay to reconfigure it later after the purchase of Encore. Eric also shared that less than 10% of access to the OPAC is currently coming from mobile devices. Discussion of how to pay for Encore. T. Lawrence has idea of how to use Central Library funds and member capital fund.
4. OverDrive funding- M. Advocate reported that all OverDrive funds have been spent in an effort to keep up with holds to copies ratio and patron requests. Estimated that we need roughly 3 times the funds. Discussed possibility of using unspent 2013 mileage equalization (\$7500) to purchase more eBooks.
5. Discussion of MHLS DA Bylaws and needed revisions such as including all standing committees.

DA New Business:

- Background: Majority of DA Steering Committee members serve on the System Services Advisory Committee. The Steering Committee does not meet except to elect a chair.
- Issue: The MHLS DA By-laws need revision but there was no interest in an ad-hoc committee to address this.
- Recommendation: Combine the Steering Committee with the System Services Committee and task this committee with the by-law revisions.

Next Meeting: January 8, 2014 12:30PM

Minutes recorded by Carol Rodriguez