

Central Library / Collection Development Advisory Committee meeting
February 27, 2009

Attending: Tom Lawrence, Sue Hermans, John Giralico, Gloria Goverman, Sally Alderdice, Linda Deubert, Greg Callahan, Kathleen McLaughlin, Laurie Shedrick, Josh Cohen, Merribeth Advocate

Minutes approved by J. Giralico, seconded by S. Alderdice. Action items were reviewed.

Committee reviewed Central Reference Services Plan 2008 results that were reported to the state as part of the MHLS Annual Report for Library Systems.

Committee reviewed the 2009 revised Central Library Development Aid (CLDA) budget. This budget expects to incur an 18% cut in 2009.

Databases

- Database statistics of annual use were reviewed.
 - The upcoming NOVELny changes were reviewed, including their addition of ProQuest Platinum for every library in NYS. Issues discussed: statistical use by titles in current ProQuest subscription (less than 10% were used at all during the past year), price of expanding the Platinum package with ProQuest newspapers (some will continue to be in outer databases we subscribe to).
 - Committee recommends to DA to not renew subscription to ProQuest at this time.
 - \$40,000 was projected to be paid through the CLDA budget and \$25,294 from member library database payments.
 - This could be reconsidered in January if a newspaper database needs to be added.
 - Committee decided to not use funds from the CLDA budget to continue the subscription to Serials Solutions. This has been totally paid through CLDA funds and was projected to be \$17,175. Serials Solutions will end March 31, 2009.
- 2009 Wish List
 - EBSCO Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center was discussed, but the system-wide price of unlimited access at \$24,995 was too high for the usage we would expect.
 - Committee decided to use CLDA funds to purchase BookLetters <http://www.bookletters.com/>, a consortia product that will enhance the new catalog with automatic feeds of NYT Bestsellers and Award Winners. (see Action 1)
 - Committee decided to use CLDA funds to purchase Next Reads <http://www.nextreads.com/>: for all counties till end of 2009. (see Action 2)

- Committee decided to use \$40,000* from Central Library funds to subtract from the bottom line of the System Funding Task Force 2010 Fee Recommendation charges (see revised schedule at <http://midhudson.org/documents/revised2010.pdf>).
- Balance of CLDA budget (approx. \$11,500) could be used to subsidize part of a system-wide cost share of the Mango Languages <http://www.mangolanguages.com/>. (see Action 3) **ACTION ITEM: Committee recommends to DA a system-wide purchase of Mango.**

Central Library training

- Summary of evaluations from Fall '08 'Master the Power of the Online Public Catalog' was reviewed by committee. The training was offered in all 5 counties. The program was well received with 112 people attending representing 61% of all MHLS libraries.
- Training 2009:
 - Central Library staff will offer database training in late spring, early summer, to increase awareness of the electronic resources available. Will offer OPAC training in the fall. (see Action 4)
 - Central Library staff will develop a Power Point presentation on the databases that could be used by member libraries during public training, could be running in the library on a kiosk, could be linked to member library web sites. (see Action 5)
 - Member library reference collection assessments by Central Library staff are encouraged to be done every 12-16 months. M. Advocate will send out an Action Memo to compile a list of interested libraries. (see Action 6)

GLBTQ

- Central Library staff and MHLS staff will work together to develop a list, compare to catalog and promote ways to fill the collection development gap. (see Action 7)

**Note: After the meeting we realized that the \$40,000 to be contributed to the 2010 charges could not come from the 2009 budget, so we may want to keep Serials Solutions for one more year to get the new journal listing into the catalog, and then drop it from the 2010 CLDA budget to help fund the \$40,000 contribution towards the 2010 charges.*

Upcoming meetings:

- Friday, April 17
- Tuesday, June 16
- Monday, October 26

Actions:

1. L. Shedrick will contact BookLetters.
2. M. Advocate will contact Next Reads.
3. M. Advocate will get a current price for Mango.

4. Central Library staff will meet with J. Cohen & M. Advocate to design and schedule 2009 training.
5. Central Library staff will develop a Power Point presentation on the databases that could be used by member libraries during public training, could be running in the library on a kiosk, could be linked to member library web sites.
6. M. Advocate will send out an Action Memo to compile a list of libraries interested in Reference Collection Assessments in 2009.
7. Central Library staff and MHLS staff will work together to develop a GLBTQ list, compare to catalog and promote ways to fill the collection development gap.

Merribeth Advocate