Committee members attending:

- Sally Alderdice (Columbia)
- Julie Spann (Dutchess)
- Gloria Goverman (Dutchess)
- Sue Ray (Greene)
- Kathleen McLaughlin (Putnam)
- John Giralico (Ulster)
- Margie Menard (Ulster) - Chair

MHLS Staff Attending: Merribeth Advocate, Eric McCarthy, Karen O'Brien
PPLD Staff Attending: Tom Lawrence, Deb Weltsch, Lauren Muffs

Approval of January (1/13/12) Minutes by J. Giralco, seconded by J. Spann.

Discussion Items:

1. CL Budget and Plan
   - T. Lawrence suggested using the restored State aid to purchase E-content and reduce the upcoming $6,600 eBook charge to Libraries.
   - Committee recommended revising wording of 2012-2016 Central Library Plan's 'Element 4 – Reference Services' to reflect that this service is no longer funded by CLDA funds therefore member survey bullet point is no longer relevant

2. Training – D. Weltsch
   - Suggested topics for Spring/Summer staff training: Civil Service / OPAC / Millennium
   - Upcoming collection development topics: Travel, Elections, Law.
   - Tuesday's Tip - perhaps tweak language for those that might be distributed to patrons.

3. MHLS Databases
   - M. Advocate posted price chart for Chilton's, Teaching & Education Resource Center, Heritage Quest & Mango. T. Lawrence suggested looking into Ancestry.com rather than Heritage Quest. M. Advocate will compare costs.

4. Overdrive
   - Patrons submitting titles to consider buying is proving very popular
   - Discussed potential other sources of eBooks - for now OverDrive is best choice. Non-fiction becoming available through other vendors.

5. Next Reads
   - Fiction is the most popular genre
   - Not many new subscribers; publicity needs improvement

6. E-Audiobooks
   - M. Advocate said that the demand is static. Refer to Marketing Advisory Committee

7. WAM (Web Access Management) Statistics
   - Discussion: Individual Libraries do their own statistics rather than MH compiling list of all member libraries

Next Meeting: June 14, 2012 from 10-1, MH Conference Room

Submitted by Sue Ray