

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

Date: June 3, 2013

Location: MHLS Auditorium

Committee members attending:

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

MHLS Staff Attending: Merribeth Advocate, Mike Nyerges

Others Attending: Tom Lawrence, Deb Weltsch, Lauren Muffs PPLD

Meeting convened at 10:10 a.m.

Motion to accept March minutes made by J. Spann, seconded by J. Giralco. Passed.

Discussion Items:

1. **Workforce Development Resources:**

a. JobNow:

- i. Had been funded by the state.
- ii. Use statistics unavailable which made JobNow ineligible for DC Department of Labor to pay. MHLS agreed to pay for one year(\$5,000) out of General Fund. Gather stats and review in spring 2014.
- iii. Training now available.
- iv. Discussion about how to evaluate products, determine how much overlap between products under consideration (JobNow, Gale, Learning Express), definition of objectives in purchasing specific products, reliability of stats, overlap with products used by schools (Career Zone).

b. Cyprus Resume:

- i. Discussed product, very good for users with little experience applying to lower-level jobs.
- ii. One-year group purchase is \$3,500.
- iii. No decision made.

2. **Digital Materials:**

a. OverDrive:

- i. M. Nyerges assured group that Overdrive use stats are reliable.
- ii. Always Available titles were reviewed by J. Huen and her professional opinion is that they are dry and dull and not worth the money.
- iii. Reviewed use statistics. Downloadable audio has not shown much growth. Discussion. Determined that approximately 500 titles are available out of n approximate total of 800 indicating that only the best-sellers are being heavily used. We're probably spending the right amount of money on content.

- b. Freegal:
 - i. No price available for Freegal but the model was reviewed and found not to be a popular choice for a group buy. The cost per library makes it affordable and there is a lot of free music online so this need is easily met elsewhere.
- c. IndieFlix:
 - i. Cost for one-year group buy is \$15,500
 - ii. Content was reviewed by some committee members and found to be comprised mostly of short unknown films. Some libraries fulfill the indie need by subscribing to Recorded Books Film Movement.
 - iii. After review it was the opinion of the committee that IndieFlix was not a good candidate for a MHLS group buy. The cost is affordable on a stand-alone basis, content is not sufficient and there is no interest in adding additional costs at this time.

3. **Databases:**

- a. ProQuest HeritageQuest & Historical NY Times Statistics:
 - i. Looked at cost (\$48,300 which includes free access to Historical NYT) and use stats.
 - ii. Discussed usefulness and market awareness of Historical NYT.
 - iii. Reviewed ancestry.com which was considered to be the better product but no remote access.
 - iv. Discussed the unreliable stats gathered by the WAM table.
 - v. After much discussion it was determined that the committee needs additional information to make a decision and will schedule a July meeting so that a decision can be brought to the DA before the August renewal date.
 - 1. Ask vendor for a system-wide quote on Historic NYT without HeritageQuest
 - 2. Get more info on Ancestry.com
 - 3. Get more info on the accuracy of WAM stats and vendor stats

4. **Central Library Program Budget:**

- i. Not discussed.

5. **Central Library Training:**

- i. Reader's Advisory program well received.
- ii. Request that Tuesday Tips go out earlier in the day.

6. **Other:**

Upcoming 2013 meetings:

- **Meeting Date Change – either 7/9 or 7/16**
- **Thursday, September 12 canceled**
- **Wednesday, November 20**

Submitted G. Goverman 6/11/13