

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

Date: July 8, 2013

Location: MHLS Conference Room

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, Mike Nyerges

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

Minutes from June 10, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved by S. Alderdice, seconded by S. Ray.

Action Items:

1. Decision to renew Syndetics subscription for another three years.
2. Heritage Quest: Group decided to discontinue the CLDA cost-share and the system-wide subscription to this resource. The Central Library will continue their subscription to the Historical NY Times from their own funds and member libraries can request articles from them.

Discussion Items:

1. **Syndetics:** Subscription is up for renewal at the end of August. E. McCarthy gave price and feature comparison between Syndetics and Baker & Taylor. Committee agreed to continue Syndetics for book covers and additional content.
2. **Workforce Development Resources:**
 - a. Committee reviewed usage statistics of system wide databases and noted that HeritageQuest use continues to drop. The committee discussed that the \$48,300 designated for HeritageQuest (subscription expires July 31) would better serve the region if it was applied to resources to meet workforce development needs, as supported by data from the system wide survey of Workforce Development in Mid-Hudson Library System Libraries.
 - b. Committee review potential Workforce Development Resources for scope of offerings and target audience and decided on the following 4:
 - i. Continue JobNow: \$5,000
 - ii. Continue Gale Testing & Education Resource Center: \$ 11,139
 - iii. Add Cypress Resume: \$3,200
 - iv. Add Workforce Skills for 21st Century Success from Learning Express: \$9,000
3. **2013 Central Library Program Budget and Preliminary 2014 Budget for Central Library Development Aid & Central Library Book Aid:** Draft adjustments to the database portion of the 2013 Central Library Program Budget were made during the meeting.
4. **Continuing Education:** Fall training from the central library staff will provide a workshop in each county on Workforce Development. Previously planned Collection Development training will be postponed to Spring 2014.
5. **Federal Healthcare Changes & the role of libraries:**
 - a. **Background:** Recent media announcement that since public Libraries provide free Internet access they are the ideal place to get assistance for the upcoming Healthcare changes.
 - b. **Issue:** How to handle the potential influx of patrons visiting Libraries for assistance with the upcoming changes to Federal Healthcare changes.
 - c. **Recommendation:** Each individual Library should contact their County to explore resources. D. Weltsch noted that these is a level of training involved and Librarians as a whole do not have the training needed and need to be careful as to the information they provide. D. Weltsch will send out additional information.

M. Menard motioned to adjourn by J. Spann, seconded by G. Goverman. Meeting adjourned at 11:55am.

Next Meeting: November 20, 2013

Minutes recorded by S. Ray, M. Advocate