

Central Library / Collection Development Advisory Committee meeting

August 4, 2010

- Committee members attending:
 - Dutchess County - Greg Callahan, Gloria Goverman
 - Greene County - Linda Deubert
 - Ulster County - John Giralico, Margie Menard
 - Staff: Merribeth Advocate
- Others attending: Tom Lawrence, Sue Hermans, Lauren Muffs , Pat Kaufman

Meeting called to order at 10:20 am

Minutes of April 20, 2010 meeting approved by Greg Callahan, seconded by John Giralico. Motion carried.

Action items updates

Pathfinders:

These are now linked from the Mid-Hudson website under the Reference & Collection Development tab.

Member survey of Central Library services:

No input was received by Tom Lawrence from committee members on the draft survey following the last meeting. This may be rolled into plan of service planning for further action.

Population Statistic Review:

Population numbers for Valatie, North Chatham and Kinderhook were reviewed and were determined accurate per DLD.

Database Statistic update

Statistics were provided for all Mid-Hudson databases showing an upward trend for use of all databases from July '07 to July '10.

Overdrive:

- Usage statistics were provided from February 15 to July 15, 2010 showing 5,364 checkouts of 764 titles by 1,615 unique patrons. There are 2,006 patrons registered with OverDrive.
- At the request of the Ulster County Library Association, the committee held further discussion regarding the addition of Ebooks to the Overdrive offerings. No consensus was reached.

Collection Development:

- The committee discussed the issue of outdated health materials in individual library collections throughout the system. Suggestions were made to develop a coordinated method of examining materials to address the problem system wide. Possibilities included:
 - Committee looking at use of collection and age of collection
 - Central Library staff building on past success of reference collection reviews and development by reviewing library's health information collections, providing education and developing recommended core collections.
 - Make health information a topic for 2011 Central Library training.

- Make specific recommendations and guidelines for weeding including strongly worded language about removing old and potentially harmful material.

2010 training:

- Central Library training survey results were presented. Scores for the pretest showed overall scores of 65.3% for customer service, 50.9% for top 10 reference resources and 48.9% for genealogy. 94% of Mid-Hudson libraries (all but 4) responded with 59% of respondents reporting circulation as their primary function.
- 71 attendees representing 32% of MHLS libraries completed customer service workshops. 94% said that the workshop was worth their time.
- Fall training plans from Central library staff will include Top Ten Reference Resources and Genealogy.

Actions:

1. Committee will look at developing a coordinated method for examining use and age of library collections.

Meeting adjourned 12:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday, October 21

Respectfully submitted:

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