

MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM
Continuing Education / Professional Development Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: 10/14/14

Location: MHLS Auditorium

Committee members attending:

- Vicki Kurashige (Columbia)
- Rhiannon Leo (Dutchess)
- Laura Stein (Dutchess)
- Candace Begley (Greene)

- Maria Steinberg (Putnam)
- John Georghiou (Ulster)
- Tracey Pause (Ulster)
- Merribeth Advocate (MHLS)

Staff Attending: Lauren Muffs

Minutes from May 21, 2014 were reviewed and approved by John, seconded by Rhiannon.

Discussion Items:

1. Overview of 2014 CE activities held and upcoming training planned.
 - a. As of as of 10/6/14 a total of 98 sessions with attendance of 726.
 - b. Committee requested the addition of 'This database is in the Encore catalog' branding to any of the NOVELny database webinars on databases included in the Encore search (Gale's Academic One File; General One File; Business Insights: Essentials; InfoTrac Newsstand). Merribeth will ask if MHLS can have distribution rights to the archived versions, so they can be sent out on the MHLS listserv.
 - c. Regarding the upcoming focus on collection development, it was noted that the customized medical and legal weeding/purchasing information sent out in the past by the Central Library was very helpful and easy to apply at the local level.
 - d. Committee asked that directors eligible for the New Directors Roundtable be specifically targeted to register for the sessions.
2. Review of Workshop Evaluation Summaries:
 - a. Workshop evaluation summaries of sessions held since the last committee meeting were reviewed.
 - b. Committee noted that MHLS CE opportunities are available in locations across the region and library staff are taking advantage of these opportunities.
3. 2015 Program Planning:
 - a. Committee reviewed MHLS preliminary planning document, scheduling CE sessions for each quarter of 2015.
 - b. In addition to what is currently planned they suggested a 'Legal' workshop be held again (perhaps annually).
 - c. Reviewed the 'Emerging Leaders – seminar for library leaders' being presented by Jerry Nichols, 1 session each month in April, May & June 2015 at RCLS (cosponsored by RCLS, WLS & MHLS). Committee requested that a MHLS staff member attend the seminar and report back, and consider if it would be useful for this seminar to be held at MHLS in the future.
4. Locations of CE Programs:
 - a. To update info on where best to hold MHLS CE programs, site info was requested from all directors who were interested in hosting regional training at their library (including group viewing of webinars). Info was received from 28 who are included in the 'Preferences for Location' survey.
 - b. Draft of the 'Preferences for Location' survey was reviewed by the committee who made changes that will be implemented before the survey is rolled out in early November. Responses are requested from every library director, library trustee and staff member. The results will assist with 2015 CE scheduling.
5. Continuing Education Requirement for Public Librarian Certification:
 - a. Public librarian professional certificates issued as of January 1, 2010 only remain valid when 60 hours of professional development are completed every five-year period. The first deadline for this is January 1, 2015. The committee requested that Merribeth post information about this to the MHLS list.