

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

Date: July 7, 2016

Location: MHLS Auditorium

Committee members attending:

Emily Chameides (Columbia)

Michele Capozzella (Putnam)

Casey Conlin (Dutchess)

Margie Menard (Ulster)

Daniela Pulice (Dutchess)

Tracy Priest (Ulster)

Jake Widrick (Greene)

Merribeth Advocate (MHLS)

Staff Attending: Tom Lawrence (PPLD), Deb Weltsch (PPLD), Janet Huen (PPLD), Tom Sloan (MHLS)

Action Items:

1. Minutes from the April 28, 2016 were reviewed and approved with the change in Discussion Item 1, “most systems and central libraries” to “many systems and central libraries”. Motion to accept Capozzella, seconded by Conlin.
2. Recommend to the DA committing money from Central Library funds for three years to pay for a system wide subscription of Consumer Reports. Motion to accept Advocate, seconded by Menard.
3. The CL/CD Committee instructs Mid-Hudson staff to forward Overdrive requests to the patron’s home library. Motion to accept Menard, seconded by Pulice.
4. Request that SSAC recommend allocating a minimum of \$11, 374 in unexpended funds for Overdrive fiction purchases. Motion to accept Menard, seconded by Widrick.

Discussion Items:

1. Lawrence stated that absent any major changes, he will have the information he needs for planning the Central Library Development Aid/Central Book Aid Program Budget for 2017, which needs to be completed by Thanksgiving. If there are major changes, the deadline would be moved up to August. Conlin asked if the budget allowed for unassigned funds to be designated for exciting things that may come up. Sloan stated that the 2017 MHLS budget could have Unassigned Funds that support currently unknown requests.

2. There is a recommendation to add Consumer Reports online for all member libraries. Lawrence stated that it will have the most impact for all libraries it could be funded for a three year period with Central Library funds. Discussion followed.
3. The 2016 Billable eResources Table was reviewed. Lawrence stated that he has reduced the size of the table to make it more manageable. Sloan will continue to post the full chart but this could be used as a working document. Advocate will remove “Catalog Enhancements” from the title. The Central Library will continue to fund JobNow, Gale, Chilton’s, Mango, and Overdrive.
4. Weltsch highlighted a collection of over 5000 ebooks from the publisher Brill in the Netherlands. She wasn’t sure that all of the titles are in English and will research further. Weltsch also spoke about Sexual Health Visual a resource with video presentations from experts in their field. However, there was a question if the level of content is what our patrons would find helpful. Lawrence suggested looking into the target audience and the quality of the presentations.
5. A lengthy discussion of sustainable funding for Overdrive took place. Advocate reviewed a preliminary report on Patron Use, Services, and Operations. Sloan stressed that the previous Overdrive model was driven by money and the current model is based on user demand. The projected percent increase in circulation was 17% but there was a question as to whether this was sufficient. Advocate will look at each year in two segments (January – June and July – December) to determine a pattern and then apply the pattern to the second half of the year and carry that percent over. She will send out a revised document when that is done. What it comes down to in the end is that the current model is not sustainable and a new model must be determined.
6. Columbia County, Putnam County, and Ulster County have all agreed to fund 56 new titles to be added to Zinio. Advocate will send the vendor a list of the titles to be added and they should be available to borrow by August.
7. Lawrence will present to each County library association on what the Central Library offers. Sloan suggested including both an explanation of the Member Assessment Fee Table and the e-Resources Cost Share Table, which are located on the DA website. Lawrence will contact the County representatives and schedule meetings over the next couple of weeks.
8. Lawrence spoke about the Central Library Plan. He drafted the plan based on the last plan with measurable goals and desirable results. Changes were suggested for some of the wording in the plan.
9. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, September 20 and Tuesday, November 29 from 10 am – 12 pm in the MHLS Auditorium.

Meeting adjourned at 1:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Capozzella