

Minutes
December 3, 2010 Directors Association Meeting
Mid Hudson Library System Auditorium

Meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by J. Kelsall-Dempsey. Steve, Tom.

Present

Columbia County

Luisa Sabin-Kildiss , Chatham Public Library; Corey Fleming, Hudson; Jeanne Bogino, New Lebanon Library; Vicki Kurashige, North Chatham Library; Elizabeth Powhida, Valatie Free Library

Dutchess County

Miriam Devine, Amenia Free Library; Carol Rodriguez, Beekman Library; Terry Sennett, Clinton Community Library; Susan Totter, Dover Plains Library; Gloria Goverman, East Fishkill Public Library District; Matthew Pfisterer, Grinnell Library Association; Phyllis Keaton, Howland Public Library; Greg Callahan, Hyde Park Free Library; Lisa Karim, LaGrange Association Library; Joanne A. Meyer, Morton Memorial Library and Community House; Roger Cohn, NorthEast-Millerton Library; Marguerite Hill, Pine Plains Free Library; Daniela Pulice, Pleasant Valley Library; Tom Lawrence, Poughkeepsie Public Library District; Lorraine Rothman, Staatsburg Library; Arlene Christensen, Stanford Free Library; Steven Cook, Starr Library

Greene County

Susan Ray, Catskill Public Library; Linda Deubert, Heermance Memorial Library

Putnam County

Carol Donick, Alice Curtis Desmond & Hamilton Fish Library; Gillian Thorpe, Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library; Frank Rees, Kent Public Library; Patti Haar, Patterson Library; Kathleen McLaughlin, Putnam Valley Free Library

Ulster County

Julie Kelsall-Dempsey, Highland Public Library; Margie Menard, Kingston Library; Tracy Priest, Phoenicia Library; Jessica Gonzalez, Saugerties Public Library; Amy Raff, Woodstock Public Library District

Mid-Hudson Library System

Merribeth Advocate, Christina Ryan-Linder, Laurie Shedrick, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

Action Items

S. Cook moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. T. Lawrence seconded and the motion passed.

Appointment of 2011 Board Liaison: E. Freudenberger volunteered. Moved by T. Lawrence. Seconded by C. Rodriguez. Motion passed.

Welcome to new directors S. Ray, Catskill, and L. Rothman, Staatsburg.

MHLS Reports

MHLS Executive Director's Report, Merribeth Advocate

A written report was circulated in advance of the meeting.

Ad-Hoc System Services Committee: Thank you to all directors who have volunteered to serve. The first meeting will be held after the January DA meeting.

Ebooks: Barnes & Noble will be demonstrating the Nook at 11:30, directly after the DA meeting. Checkouts have steadily increased since adding Overdrive. This could be due to two factors. Ebooks were added at the same time that the checkout limit was increased from 2 to 3. Also, the site navigation was improved. New ribbons have been added. NYT Bestsellers, New Items, and Just Returned are now prominently displayed on the Overdrive site. There is also a "Show me what's available now" button. "Enjoy additional ebooks now" button brings patrons to the Gutenberg collection. This is comprised of 15000 titles which do not expire. To date, 355 titles have been checked out through Project Gutenberg. Gutenberg items can be checked out to Kindle users. 169 ebook titles are now available in our catalog. Stats will reflect ebook vs. audiobook checkouts. If libraries would like to contribute additional funds to ebooks or audiobooks, they can send a check to MHLS with a note designating it for ebooks or audiobooks.

Central Library Training Survey: About 1/3 of libraries have responded. A high number of responses is needed in order to make valid training decisions.

MHLS Board Liaison Report, Erica Freudenberger

The last meeting was 11/10/10. The next meeting is 12/11/10.

A written report was circulated in advance of the meeting.

The circulated report is a rough draft. All trustees present except for B. Conine. Budget modifications were approved. The modified budget assumes no additional funds for this year.

Advisory Committee Reports

Central Library/Collection Development

No meeting. No report.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2011.

Continuing Education/Professional Development

No meeting. No report.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2011.

Marketing and Program

No meeting. No report.

The next meeting is scheduled for 12/10/10.

Resource Sharing, Amy Raff

The last meeting was 11/19. The next meeting is in 2011.

A written report was circulated in advance of the meeting.

Webpage: The committee would like to remove 'Save all on Page' from the new website, which will hopefully prevent ordering of wrong materials.

All staff should be looking at the new site. The committee is seeking feedback from all staff. The DA has requested an official evaluation period and a target start date, possibly early February. Changes are being incorporated as they are suggested, many of which are easy fixes. No changes will be made to the current catalog, as the switch to the new site is so soon. The committee would like to remove 'Save all on Page' from the new website, which will hopefully prevent ordering of wrong materials. The committee will look at the order in which the items are ordered in the catalog, which currently sorts by relevancy.

Loan rules: The committee requests that this be discussed at the next county meetings.

Partial payment for collection agency fee: Is it okay to accept a partial fee? This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Goals of Resource Sharing: An excellent effort has been made by the committee to analyze different issues and data. Have circulation trends been looked at in terms of delivery? Electronic media adds to existing circulation, but does not supplant it. An item circulates every 7 seconds system wide. The trend indicates that this will continue to go up.

Damaged items: If library accepts a damaged item, they are responsible for it.

Consultant Activities

Automated Systems Manager, Laurie Shedrick

A written report was circulated in advance of the meeting.

Top Tech Trends for the Non-Technical: A handout is available. This free and beneficial webinar is in the archives. Focus is on ways to add technology without being a tech guru. The future trend in databases will be to buy 'Just In Time', which means we pay by view instead of trying to anticipate need.

Finkelstein Memorial Library: Finkelstein patrons no longer have access to RCLS materials without using SEAL, because they have left the system. Their system includes an ILL module which allows searching outside of their catalog and Finkelstein has expressed an interest in connecting with MHLS. These ILLs would be bound by the same restrictions as SEAL. This could be beneficial way to connect with RCLS if they choose Millennium, but it is a huge library that has decided to operate independently. This item has been referred to Resource Sharing.

Millennium changes: Paging will now stay at libraries for 48 hrs rather than 36.

Youth Services and Community Connections Coordinator, Christina Ryan-Linder

A written report was circulated in advance of the meeting.

Table talks: This Wednesday at MHLS.

Coordinator for Library Growth and Sustainability, Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich

A written report was circulated in advance of the meeting.

ELFA bill: Still no vote. Hope is not dead.

Senator Leibell: Has resigned and is being charged with ethics violations by the FBI. This will impact both Putnam and Dutchess counties.

Library Lobby Day: Will now be know as Library Advocacy Day. It is Tuesday, March 1st.

Book repair workshop: Was very successful and will be repeated in March.

Old Business

None.

New Proposed Business & Information

None.

Adjournment

T. Lawrence moved to adjourn the meeting. C. Fleming seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 am.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeannie Bogino
New Lebanon Library