

Agenda Attachment

MHLS ILL Service Proposed Changes

- **Background:** All but a few member libraries have their patron ILL requests processed by MHLS (for libraries in Columbia, Greene, Putnam and Ulster County) or Adriance (for libraries in Dutchess County).
 - The MHLS ILL service is partially subsidized with \$17,000 from Central Library Development Aid.
 - The service through Adriance is partially (less than 25%) subsidized with Dutchess County funds.
 - Actual cost per item brought in through OCLC is at least \$21 / item.
- **Issue:** The MHLS Central Library / Collection Development Advisory Committee reviewed information collected by an ILL Sub-Committee to develop a proposal to control costs for OCLC ILL, make it more unilaterally affordable and sustainable, and provide equity across the system.
- **Recommendation:** The Central Library/ Collection Development Advisory Committee recommends that to control costs for ILL, make it unilaterally affordable and sustainable, and provide equity across the system:
 - MHLS should no longer ILL any item that is readily available for under \$25.
 - Dutchess County libraries have their ILL service provided by MHLS ILL Department.
- **Status:** New Business at July meeting.