

## 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 Adriaance (for libraries in Dutchess County).
  - The MHLS ILL service is partially subsidized with \$17,000 from Central Library Development Aid.
  - The service through Adriaance is partially (less than 25%) subsidized with Dutchess County funds.
  - Based on MHLS ILL data, 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. The committee suggests that Dutchess County libraries have their ILL service provided by MHLS ILL Department and that a price limit be placed on items brought in by the MHLS ILL Department.
- **Recommendation:** The Central Library/ Collection Development Advisory Committee recommends that MHLS should no longer ILL any item that is readily available for under \$25.
- **Status:** New Business at July meeting, Action Item at September meeting

### 2012 Member Library Database & Downloadable Costs

- **Background:** The MHLS Central Library / Collection Development Advisory Committee reviews the usage of system-wide databases to insure they are cost effective and being used enough to be worthy of renewal. The committee also reviews the Central Library Development Aid (CLDA) budget that cost-shares the price of the databases with the member libraries.
- **Issue:** Each year the Directors Association votes to approve the recommended package of cost-shared databases for the coming year. Attached is a chart '**MHLS Database & Downloadable Costs – Totals By Year**' that includes the total cost of all collectively purchased databases proposed for 2012 (Bookletters, Chiltons, Gale Testing & Education, Heritage Quest, Mango, Syndetics, TumbleBooks and OverDrive). A chart of the individual database costs is at <http://midhudson.org/databases/2012.pdf>. The amount listed for the CLDA portion is at this time a worst-case estimate, and could possibly contribute more upon seeing actual 2012 funding figures from DLD.
- **Recommendation:** To approve the 2012 Database & Downloadable Costs.
- **Status:** New Business at September meeting.

## Upgrade to Sierra ILS System

- **Background:** At the July meeting the DA appointed a Sierra Migration Sub-Committee to investigate if we should take advantage of the early adoption price reduction and perks being offered by Innovative to upgrade from Millennium to Sierra. Millennium is coming to the end of its product life cycle, so this would be an inevitable upgrade at some point. The cost reduction is for a limited time, with an October 31, 2011 signing deadline. Since 50% of the cost is due at signing and 50% at the anticipated launch in Spring 2013, the MHLS Business Office is developing a projection to see what proportion of the cost the Migration and Module portions of the Member Capital Fund will cover.

Committee members and MHLS staff (Jeanne Buck, Steven Cook, Tom Lawrence, Gloria Goverman, Julie Kelsall, Merribeth Advocate, Mike Nyerges, Laurie Shedrick, Robert Drake, Karen O'Brien, Kit Kasell) met with Innovative staff (Mary Chevreaux, David Hemingway-Turner) to get information and ask questions.

Upgrading to Sierra brings advantages including:

- Improved interface
- Retains Millennium functionality and all current products are carried over
- Takes advantage of new technology and gadgets (apps)
- No need to log into multiple modules (Circ, Cat, Acq) with multiple licenses
- Built to have better future functionality
- More consortium-friendly features
- Incorporates connections to social media

Early adoption benefits include:

- 25-50% discount off the standard cost
  - Free second server
  - Reduced cost for replacing application server (\$13,000 savings)
  - INN-Appreciation Rewards (bonus points) we can use for new products
  - No increase in Maintenance, even though we get new modules
  - Online Patron Registration module at no charge
  - RSS Feedbuilder module at no charge
- **Issue:** Waiting to commit to the upgrade to Sierra would mean we pay more and get less.
  - **Recommendation:** The consensus of the committee is to migrate to Sierra as an early adopter.
  - **Status:** New Business at September meeting.