

**MHLS Director's Association**  
**Meeting of Wednesday, October 3, 2012**  
**MHLS Auditorium: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA ATTACHMENT**

**Action Item #2: VIP Status:**

- **Background:** Some libraries have VIP status for various groups. This is a local decision that is assigned to different groups by library.
  - **Issue:** The VIP status interferes with database statistics.
  - **Recommendation:** The committee recommends that VIP status be removed. A note should remain in the patron's record as long as necessary with the pertinent information.
  - **Status:** New Business at September meeting, Action Item at October meeting.
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**Action Item #3: 'Add to Bag' Button on OPAC:**

- **Background:** In an effort to direct patrons into the bibliographic record when placing holds the DA voted to remove the "request" button from the initial results screen, forcing the patron to click on the title for more information.
  - **Issue:** Frequent feedback from some patrons has indicated that this move caused some confusion because the catalog still has the "add to bag" option on the initial results page, so some patrons are clicking on that instead of the title.
  - **Recommendation:** The committee recommends that the "add to bag" button be removed from the initial results page and left on the full bib record, with the "request" button.
  - **Status:** New Business at September meeting, Action Item at October meeting.
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**Action Item #4: 2013 Member Library Database Audio/eBook 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. The attached '**2013 MHLS Database Audio/eBook Costs & Downloadable Costs – Totals By Year**' shows the draft total cost of all collectively purchased databases proposed for 2013 (Chiltons, Gale Testing & Education, Heritage Quest (including Historical New York Times), Mango, NextReads, Syndetics, TumbleBooks and OverDrive). A chart that breaks this draft cost down by the individual databases is at <http://midhudson.org/databases/2013.pdf>. The amount listed for the CLDA portion assumes that the 2012 restoration of CLDA funds remains through 2013.
- **Recommendation:** To approve the 2013 Database Audio/eBook Costs.
- **Status:** New Business at September meeting, Action Item at October meeting.