

## Report to DA from the 12/22/09 System Funding Task Force meeting

Attending: Frank Rees, Linda Deubert, Debra Kamecke, Sally Alderdice, Gillian Thorpe, Pat Kaufman, Jeanne Buck, Margie Menard, Tom Lawrence, Josh Cohen, MerriBeth Advocate.

- The Task Force held a panel discussion with 5 system directors and looked at their system funding models. The experience with the panel illustrates how different systems can be, but no single system offers a model that works for us.
- The Task Force agreed that they are happy with the MHLS model and it is the best way to respond to member libraries. The Plan of Service is very important.
- In looking at elements members are willing to pay for the Task Force is tending towards the funding of tires and wires. Funding it through the System is more cost effective than the alternatives. Consortium fees are more sustainable and affordable because they are spread across everyone.
- The System is continuing to look at ways to be fiscally conscious.
- The Task Force will meet again in February. The next step is defining the process of how decisions will be made.

Recommendation to Central Library / Collection Development Advisory Committee:

- Database analysis at next meeting.

Recommendation to Resource Sharing Advisory Committee:

- Control material loss through better card issuing procedures: more consistent use of APATID; restricting number of items new cardholder can check out; use birth field accurately; ask for 2 IDs (photo ID and something with recent address).
- Clean up patron database: Globally delete patrons if card is not used in 5 years.