

**MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM**  
**Central Library / Collection Development Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Date:** 2/10/14

**Location:** MHLS Auditorium

**Committee members attending:**

- Emily Chameides (Columbia)
- Julie Spann (Dutchess)
- Erin Barnard (Dutchess)
- Sue Ray (Greene)

- Kathleen McLaughlin (Putnam)
- John Giralico (Ulster)
- Margie Menard (Ulster) - Chair

**MHLS Staff Attending:** Merribeth Advocate, Eric McCarthy, Tom Sloan

**Others Attending:** Tom Lawrence, PPLD

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Minutes from November 30, 2013 were reviewed and approved by J. Giralico, seconded by M. Menard. Action items were reviewed. Responsibilities of MHLS Advisory Committee Members were reviewed.

**Discussion Items:**

1. Budget:
  - a. The current proposed working budget is the budget that will be sent to the Mid-Hudson Board.
  - b. Tom Lawrence is continuing to update the chart as actual database costs come in, and paying the difference from Central Library Funds.
  
2. Databases:
  - a. Usage statistics for all databases were reviewed.
  - b. WAM statistics and how they count use was reviewed. For GALE they are inaccurate and over-counting usage, but are relative to themselves for comparison. Eric will continue to work on getting the numbers more accurate, but it is low priority at this point.
  - c. NOVELny databases:
    - i. Usage is very low for MHLS as well as NYS public libraries.
    - ii. Geolocation - possible to access NOVELny databases without using a barcode, which would make it easier for patrons. Might not be able to get statistics per library, and it may be confusing to log into some with a barcode and some without. Merribeth will continue to gather information on this option from DLD, but it doesn't seem any advantage to implement at this time.
  - d. Encore has been shown to improve database usage. Discussed the inclusion of databases in Encore using a tabbed approach, separating materials from articles. A subcommittee will be formed to develop this, and will report to the CL committee at the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting if possible (depending on where we are in the Innovative development queue).
  - e. Learning Express Workforce Skills for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – very low usage causes concern.
  - f. Mango - used heavily on mobile devices.
  - g. Gale Testing & Education Reference & Chiltons both supplement member library's collection development as they provide full text books that libraries don't have to purchase in print.

- h. The NYS Early Literacy initiative will be providing access to OneMoreStory, which will begin sometime before summer. TumbleBooks comes for renewal in December, and will likely not be renewed if OneMoreStory proves to be a comparable early literacy database..

3. OverDrive:

- a. Usage statistics for OverDrive were reviewed in total and by format.
- b. Discussed the large increase in use and how to fund more materials, mostly concentrating on eBooks. Growth is in eBooks, not physical item circulation - put funds into the growth industry.
  - i. Looking for ways to reallocate funds currently spent in other areas of the collection.
  - ii. MHLS responsible to provide the base collection and the service from the amount contributed through the cost share, but local money is needed for the demand. Libraries whose patrons have multiple holds on a title should purchase (through their own OverDrive account) or provide funds for that, just like in the physical collection. Merribeth will do a demo at the March DA meeting.
  - iii. Central Library can fund the non-fiction purchases.
  - iv. A modified funding chart for OverDrive was reviewed, comparing charging by population or circulation. The committee agreed a hybrid approach is needed and financial model will continue to be discussed at the April meeting.
- c. Extending the loan period was discussed, but the consensus of the committee is the collection is not large enough to extend the loan period at this time beyond 2 weeks, because the longer the loan period the smaller the collection will appear.
- d. Now we are able to collect the library that a patron is from when they request a new title be added to the collection. Discussion of how to go forward with this new knowledge, and the roles of Central Library staff and Merribeth in this process. Tom Sloan asked for a longer pilot period before any changes are made.
- e. Children's Portal to feature just the juvenile titles, categorized by reading level is a new option. Start up cost of \$3,000 will be waived, if we sign on by end of February with a \$5,000 credit to purchase contents. Consensus of the committee is to go forward with this, with a mix of Family Literacy funds and funds from libraries and/or counties interested in growing the juvenile digital collection. Contact Merribeth if interested in contributing funds for this initiative.

4. Central Library Training 2014:

- a. Tom Lawrence will follow up via email regarding Deb Weltsch's training schedule.

5. Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- a. Friday, April 11 - presentation from Encore subcommittee; funding options for OverDrive
- b. Monday, September 15
- c. Friday, November 21 (rescheduled from Monday, November 17)

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