

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

**Date:** May 3, 2022

**Location:** Online

**Roll Call**

**Columbia County**

Emily Chameides (Hudson) ('21)

Tobi Farley (Philmont) ('23)

**Dutchess County**

Courtney Tsahalís (Millbrook) ('25)

Daniela Pulice (Pleasant Valley) ('23)

**Greene County**

Maureen Garcia (Mountain Top) ('23)

Catherine Benson (Coxsackie) ('21)

**Putnam County**

Carol Donick (Kent) ('21)

Stephanie Harrison (Patterson) ('23)

**Ulster County**

Brooke Dittmar (Esopus) ('21)

Katie Scott-Childress (Rosendale) ('23)

**MHLS Staff**

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (MHLS)

Laurie Shedrick (MHLS)

Nina Acosta

**Ex Officio**

Tom Lawrence (Poughkeepsie)

The meeting was called to order by Stephanie Harrison at 10 am

1. The minutes from the January 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously. The motion to approve was made by Stephanie, and seconded by Catherine.
2. Budget Update – Mid-Hudson is still doing estimates on state aid. They have extrapolated from last year. We may have \$15,000 in additional funding, but will not know the final allocation until July or August. Tom suggested that we be cautious as there may be a recession.
3. Training Update – A webinar on Overdrive Marketplace reporting has been scheduled for June 13, and will be repeated on November 14. Overdrive Marketplace Training has also been added to the Custom Consultations and Training page and an on demand recording is available on the MHLS Knowledge Base.
4. The Future of Overdrive Collection Development – In the future, we may be able to buy Overdrive fiction titles with Central Library money. Tom suggested that we use Central Library money for Overdrive titles which are in the highest demand. About \$27,000 has been spent on non-fiction titles so far, trying to keep the ratio of holds to copies owned no higher than 7. Courtney mentioned a shortage of adult Overdrive titles in Spanish. Katie liked the idea of discussing Overdrive purchasing at the county level. Tobi suggested that small libraries might benefit from a shared Overdrive account, with patrons from each library participating having preferred access to Overdrive titles purchased with money from that account. Daniella suggested a spreadsheet showing for each library their circulation of Overdrive titles and spending on Overdrive, versus their circulation of print books and spending on print books. Some of these figures could be taken from our 2021 annual reports. There are currently 350 Overdrive titles with more than 7 holds per copy owned. A new committee on Overdrive will be formed.

5. Vendor Demos – Dennis McQuillan gave a presentation on the online versions of WorldBook. There are four versions, each aimed at a different age group, each costing \$11,152.50, for a total for the system of \$44,610. Concern was expressed about how much the online WorldBook products would be used. Usage of these products through the Poughkeepsie Libraries varies widely, but is seldom high. We watched a video on BookFlix. Catherine is familiar with BookFlix and praised it. Use of TumbleBooks is down, perhaps because they have not added many new titles. Currently the member libraries are paying \$144 each annually for our subscription to TumbleBooks. A subscription to BookFlix would cost \$220 each, or \$76 per year per library more. Carol wondered if there is demand for online books for children. According to Tom, 6.5% of our Overdrive circulation is juvenile books. Stephanie moved, and Emily seconded a motion that this committee recommend to the Director's Association that we discontinue TumbleBooks. All were in favor. We will discuss WorldBook and BookFlix at our county meetings, with the goal to have a recommendation for the October Director's Association meeting concerning these online products.
6. At 12:30 pm Brooke made a motion to adjourn and Maureen seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Donick