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

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Date: 06/03/2025   **Location:** MHLS Auditorium

Committee members attending:

__Emily Chameides (Columbia)   __Corinne Tatavitto (Greene)
X Rain Whittaker (Columbia)   __Dede Farabaugh (Putnam)
X Daniela Pulice (Dutchess)   X Amina Chaudhri (Putnam)
X Courtney Tsahalis (Dutchess)   X Ivy Gocker (Ulster)
X Catherine Benson (Greene)   X Jesse Chance (Ulster)

Staff Attending: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (MHLS), Laurie Shedrick (MHLS)
Others Attending: Tom Lawrence (PPLD)

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1. Jesse moved to approve minutes of the January 9, 2025 meeting, Amina seconded, all approved

2. **CLCD Budget**
   - Rebekkah noted empty lines (Universal Class, etc) to be removed
   - Additional $6,700 coming in… add to contingency?
     - **Motion: Rainn moved and Jackie seconded – move that $6,700 to Contingency**
   - Discussion of how to budget the funds over the year until we get the funds from the state
   - Rebekkah advised the governor has been given permission by the legislature to rescind money from the budget later this year if needed. Last time this happened it resulted in a 10% cut across the board—we may need to adjust our budget at our fall meeting

3. **eRersouces Renewal Discussion**
   - Daniella suggested that we consolidate renewals onto a review schedule so that we are looking at these far enough in advance to renew (even if actual renewal date isn't changed)—for Fall Meeting of this committee
   - Laurie and Rebekkah to look into requesting Transparent and Job Now to adjust the renewal date so that we align our database renewals across the board
     - We don't want renewal right at the beginning of the year, since there can be a budget crunch then

4. **Hoopla Content Curation**
   - Clarification on removing AI from your catalog: you need to call your rep to have them manually take out AI content, and you have to do it periodically
   - Have the DA vote on this so that MHLS can filter out AI as a system
   - Ulster County DA <u>does not want</u> AI content
   - Discussion of how we justify removal of AI content—Financially? Quality? Ethically?
     - Collect data for fall meeting so that we can better understand/justify the parameters of this action
       - Get # of catalog records for AI stuff
       - Get # of checkouts of AI stuff
       - Compare Hoopla with other eResource vendors—does Blackstone/Overdrive/CloudLibrary/others have AI also? Does our ability to curate the collection effect how this works?
       - Craft a statement on *why* we would reject AI on principal
         - Do other orgs have statements on this? ALA? Publishing industry?

5. **2025 Training**
- Members ask for feedback at county meetings
    - Have you attended any of the collection development/management webinars? Have they been worth your time? Any other training you want to see?

6. **Plan of Service**
    - This will be part of the MHLS Plan of Service
    - Rebekkah suggests we create a shared document we can all edit/comment on in advance of our next meeting
    - Discussion of when to tackle this – at first meeting of 2026? When we have new members/new input?
    - From Tom: Plan of Service should mention Sierra/catalog support

7. **Other**
    a. Library barcode sharing via Reddit
        - People sharing their barcodes/pins online so that other people can use their Libby accounts
        - May need to ask Overdrive to use two-factor verification—Laurie/Rebekkah to look into this
    b. Neo-censorship in US Libraries report
        i. Recommendation that policies include disclaimers about content that patrons can access through our collections that we don't directly purchase (could cover controversial content and/or AI)
        ii. PPLD has a "Statement on Library District Collections" appendix that tackles some of this
        iii. Model language would likely be appreciated by other directors—consider this over the summer so we can provide templates/guidance for others to use

Adjournment: 11:21am
- Jesse made motion to adjourn, Courtney seconded, all in favor