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

Date: November 6, 2023   **Location:** Zoom

Committee members attending:

☒ Emily Chameides (Columbia)   ☐ Maureen Garcia (Greene)
☒ Tobi Farley (Columbia)   ☐ Carol Donick (Putnam)
☒ Daniela Pulice (Dutchess)   ☒ Stephanie Harrison (Putnam)
☒ Courtney Tsahalis (Dutchess)   ☐ Mary Collins (Ulster)
☐ Catherine Benson (Greene)   ☒ Katie Scott-Childress (Ulster)

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

Minutes from meeting reviewed and approved by Daniela, seconded by Tobi. Passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

1. **CLSA Budget**
    a. **2023 CLSA Funds**
        i. PPLD is awaiting Central Library funding. Rebekkah confirmed that MHLS finally has the funds and will be able to get them to PPLD soon.
        ii. Tom is purchasing with a goal to bring down the holds ratio for items in high demand.
    b. **2024 CLSA Funds**
        i. Universal Class: In September 2024, Universal Class goes back to being sold by RBDigital, parting ways with OverDrive/Libby, so will no longer be available in Libby. Price increase in 2024 from $7,500 - $14,500.
        ii. Syndetics Unbound: With the launch of Vega, Laurie does not believe we will need to renew this product (2023 budget has this at $10,587).

2. **eResources Review:**
    a. Reviewed Electronic Resources At-A-Glance document.
    b. Transparent Language: Daniela asked about tracking statistics for Transparent Language. Laurie suggested tracking the number of modules accessed. Tom suggested whatever you choose to track, just be consistent.
    c. Katie noted test-prep gap in e-resources since Ulster County libraries dropped tutor.com – wondering about Learning Express. Tom feels that these resources haven't been well-utilized in the past due to the schools having these resources/services accessible already. Tom and Laurie noted Hoopla, JobNow, and State Ed resources have some test prep resources. Tom suggested maybe this could be noted in a Bulletin article.

3. **NOVELny:** School libraries rely heavily on NOVELny. Tom is on an unsanctioned NOVELny Committee. It is believed that there will be a line in the State Education budget for NOVELny - around 3 million but not clear yet who will have access (e.g., schools only?). There are also unknown behind the scenes costs. Will funds be earmarked for NOVELny that will then have to be taken away from other categories like system aid? Will NOVELny be discontinued? What will the impact be with either scenario?

4. **Continued Discussion re: adding podcasts to the MHLS Catalog:** Nina has reviewed what is out there. Including podcasts in a catalog environment is more common with Academic libraries (class-related podcasts). Some larger city libraries have programming that they publish as a podcast (i.e., not bringing in other's content). Some public libraries have curated lists of podcasts on their websites. Including podcasts in a catalog environment does not seem to be a trend yet in public libraries. Tom mentioned Biblioboard as a service that libraries could explore for sharing local content such as podcasts. Daniela noted that it seems like the cataloging team already has a lot on their plate, especially with the launch of Vega, and wonders if adding this is an added burden/complication for the team. The Committee's recommendation still stands - that libraries who wish to share podcasts can share via their own websites as a suggested podcasts list or suggested resources list that includes podcasts. The Committee will keep an eye on this topic and revisit if things change.

5. **2024 Officers:** Several members' terms are up, and we will be welcoming new members at our next meeting. Thank you to our "retiring" committee members and to Stephanie Harrison for completing her term as Chair. Our 2024 officers will be as follows:

   a. Chair – Daniela Pulice, Pleasant Valley Library (Dutchess)
   b. Secretary – Emily Chameides, Hudson Area Library (Columbia)

Motion to adjourn made by Katie at 10:40am; seconded by Daniela; passed unanimously.