

## Central Library/Collection Development Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 29, 2021 | 10:00 – 11:30am | Online

### Roll Call

#### Columbia County

\_\_\_Emily Chameides (Hudson) ('21)  
\_Y\_Tobi Farley (Philmont) ('23)

#### Dutchess County

\_Y\_Carol Fortier (Beekman) ('21)  
\_Y\_Daniela Pulice (Pleasant Valley) ('23)

#### Greene County

\_Y\_Maureen Garcia (Mountain Top) ('23)  
\_\_\_Sue Ray (Catskill) ('21)

#### Putnam County

\_Y\_Carol Donick (Kent) ('21)  
\_Y\_Stephanie Harrison (Patterson) ('23)

#### Ulster County

\_\_\_Brooke Dittmar (Esopus) ('21)  
\_Y\_Katie Scott-Childress (Rosendale) ('23)

#### MHLS Staff

\_Y\_Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (MHLS)  
\_Y\_Laurie Shedrick (MHLS)

#### Ex Officio

\_Y\_Tom Lawrence (Poughkeepsie)

The meeting was called to order by Carol F. at 10:00 am. A motion to approve the March 22, 2021 minutes was made by Carol D, seconded by Maureen and approved unanimously.

- 1. Review of CLDA/CBA Budget & Update on State funds.** Daniela asked about the new database products being offered by Overdrive. Katie said that Ulster County has been working closely with Overdrive. Caps for cost per use products would have to be an overall cap. There is no way to set a cap per patron, as in Hoopla, or per library. Patrons would get a week's use of the product, and we would be charged for that use. Two new products being offered on a subscription basis are "Learn it Live" and "Artist Works". If a director is interested in any of these new products they should discuss it in their county meeting, then bring a request from the county to this committee. We have until December 2021 to spend the restored 2020 CLDA/CBA funds. Tom suggested that we combine the 2020 and 2021 appropriations and consider them together. This might allow us to buy something big later. Carol F suggested that, since the state money has been received, the central library could start spending CBA and CLDA funds on Non-fiction Overdrive titles. Carol D agreed. There was originally \$41,000 budgeted for Overdrive content. It was agreed that we reimburse counties for the money that they spent on eMagazines through Overdrive. This would cost \$6,408. We would collectively pay the \$25,000 needed to keep eMagazines going in the future. We agreed that \$51,000 would be a reasonable goal for Overdrive non-fiction content paid for from CBA and CLDA funds. We should keep some money in contingency in case we need to contribute to delivery costs next year. We agreed that we would continue Mango, Encore, etc. and will determine later what percentage of Mango should come from the member libraries. We could fund the items currently on the spreadsheet, increase Overdrive content, and still have about \$17,000 in contingency. Tom will draft a budget based on this conversation and the eResources cost-share chart will need to be updated by the June DA meeting.
- 2. Central Library Plan of Service.** We have reviewed the current plan of service. Tom has made a few amendments for a new plan of service. In the past, central library money funded staff activities, but that is no longer the case. Element 1 is digital collection development. It's hard to determine need and exact use of some databases. Tom thinks that the Project Outcome tools are weak, and that it is best used as a model. We

have less call for collection development advice now that we have Decision Center. However, there are some problems with Decision Center, caused by a data gap. Tuesday's Tips will continue. Use of CBA money for supplemental adult non-fiction paper materials is decreasing, and this expense is being phased out. The guidelines require that these materials be housed centrally. These regulations may be modified at the state level at some point. Digital materials are becoming a more important part of our collections, and Katie suggested that perhaps mention of digital collections should be included in element three, collection management and use analysis. Tom thinks that element three should be kept separate, and be about managing the print collection through Sierra. He doesn't want it to get mushroomed into something bigger than is reasonable. There isn't a lot of detailed guidance from the state on what the Central Library Plan should contain, other than that it should cover what is funded with state CLDA and CBA funds, not everything which might be done by this committee. The Central Library Plan of Service must be presented to the DA in June. Tom and Rebekkah will work on a second draft based on committee input for the committee to react to.

3. eResource Status Reports. We have been considering a Reciprocal Lending Arrangement (RLA) in OverDrive with Westchester Library System, Ramapo-Catskill Library System, and the Upper Hudson Library System. In the contract which would have to be signed with Overdrive to enable reciprocal lending, there is a clause which only allows the agreement to exist if we continue to spend 95% of the amount that Mid-Hudson Libraries spent on eContent in Overdrive in 2019. There was general agreement that MHLS could not commit to this without DA approval and that the committee, overall, is not in favor of this.

4. 2021 Training: We were considering offering training on either Readers' Advisory: Virtual and In-Person or Physical and Digital Collection Development aligned with usage data. The general consensus was that some training on both would be best. Tom will look at whether this would be possible and report back to the committee in one month. .

Tom is concerned about Garrison's decision not to buy certain kinds of materials which may reinforce negative stereotypes of particular ethnic groups, etc. Perhaps this could be discussed in a collection development training, perhaps at a roundtable.

Daniella wondered when this committee might go back to meeting in person. The System Services Advisory Committee is going to reevaluate this in June. Although hybrid events (with some people participating in person, some online) are possible, they don't work very well. The next meeting will be in July. At 11:55 Carol F. made a motion to adjourn, Daniella seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Donick