Central Library/Collection Development Advisory Committee  
Wednesday, May 25, 2021  Online

Roll Call
Columbia County  
_ Y_ Emily Chameides (Hudson) ('21)  
_ Y_ Tobi Farley (Philmont) ('23)
Greene County  
_ Y_ Maureen Garcia (Mountain Top) ('23)  
__ Sue Ray (Catskill) ('21)
Ulster County  
_ Y_ Brooke Dittmar (Esopus) ('21)  
__ Katie Scott-Childress (Rosendale) ('23)
Dutchess County  
_ Y_ Carol Fortier (Beekman) ('21)  
_ Y_ Daniela Pulice (Pleasant Valley) ('23)
Putnam County  
_ Y_ Carol Donick (Kent) ('21)  
_ Y_ Stephanie Harrison (Patterson) ('23)
MHLS Staff  
_ Y_ Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (MHLS)  
__ Laurie Shedrick (MHLS)
Ex Officio  
_ Y_ Tom Lawrence (Poughkeepsie)

The meeting was called to order by Carol Fortier at 10:00 am.

Rebekkah went over the 2021 CLDA/CBA working budgets. The allocation for Encore will be coming from this budget rather than the Member’s Capital Fund. The budget includes some items related to OCLC and BookWhere. Mango used to have a cost share from the member libraries. The new budget covers the entire cost of Mango. Over $34,000 is still left in contingency. Tom reminded us that there are still uncertainties about how much things will actually cost, as the budget is prepared well in advance, and therefore we need a healthy amount in contingency. This is a calendar year budget, for money we often don’t get until late in the year. Tom needs to have his 2022 budget done soon. We have lowered the amount of money we spend on print non-fiction. Tobi mentioned that SimplyE is a new ebook platform which we may want to investigate in the future. There was general support for switching money from print non-fiction to Overdrive non-fiction. Each member of the committee said that they were comfortable with the budget as presented.

Tom spoke about the draft Central Library Plan for 2022-2026. The member libraries have to spend more money on Overdrive titles. Tom is not sure that we have a good evaluation method. There may be other ways for us to integrate titles which are not currently available to us. As of now, Adriance staff are providing training services as an in-kind service, which they are not being reimbursed for from state central library funds. This may not continue forever. Tuesday’s tips will be more widely shared. A new responsibility is being added under collection management to provide training to determine use of digital collections. Carol Fortier made a motion that we recommend the Central Library Plan to the Directors Association. Maureen seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

A motion to approve the April 29, 2021 minutes was made by Carol Fortier, seconded by Carol Donick, and approved unanimously.

1. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Donick