

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

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Date: October 26, 2022

Location: Online

Roll Call

Columbia County

☐_Y_ Emily Chameides (Hudson) ('25)

☐_Y__Tobi Farley (Philmont) ('23)

Dutchess County

☐_Y_ Courtney Tsahalīs (Millbrook) ('25)

☐_Y__Daniela Pulice (Pleasant Valley) ('23)

Greene County

☐_Y__Maureen Garcia (Mountain Top) ('23)

☐__Catherine Benson (Coxsackie) ('25)

Putnam County

☐_Y__Carol Donick (Kent) ('25)

☐_y__Stephanie Harrison (Patterson) ('23)

Ulster County

☐_Y__Brooke Dittmar (Esopus) ('25)

☐__Katie Scott-Childress (Rosendale) ('23)

MHLS Staff

☐_Y_Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (MHLS)

☐_Y__Laurie Shedrick (MHLS)

Ex Officio

☐__Tom Lawrence (Poughkeepsie)

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm by Stephanie Harrison

It was moved by Daniella and seconded by Emily that the minutes of the September 2022 meeting be approved. All were in favor.

The 2022 Central Library Services Aid (CLSA) Budget was reviewed. We will not have to spend as much as expected on Universal class, and there is no charge to the committee for Niche Academy, so there is more money available in contingency than first anticipated. Carol suggested that we limit ourselves to spending the balance of \$11,090 set aside for Overdrive through the end of the year, even if that means that we only buy additional copies where there are 8 or 9 holds per copy owned, and the titles on the NY Times best sellers list. We should then use the contingency money starting in January (if allowed) to buy both fiction and non-fiction.

Daniella suggested that we consult with our counties about their interest in whether we should renew the databases or should shift some money from the databases to Overdrive. There is support for keeping Mango. Perhaps there should be a cost share for the databases. It appears that the cost per use of JobNow is \$2.24, and of Universal Class is about \$2.39. Daniella suggested that it would be helpful to break down patron use by library. Jobnow is not divided by library. Mango could be broken down by percentage of uses per library. The Universal Class numbers available through Overdrive are not reliable. The cost for Universal Class has gone down considerably.

According to Nina, year to date 949 titles/1949 copies were purchased for Overdrive through system funds, at a total cost of \$65,248.89, or an average cost of \$33.48 per title.

It is expected that a change allowing purchase of fiction Overdrive titles with system funds will be voted on at November meeting of the Board of Regents. If approved, they would become effective in January. The committee agreed that if we are allowed to buy fiction as well as non-fiction we should do so. It was suggested that we give priority to titles which are not metered. Stephanie suggested that the money be concentrated on high demand holds.

We are in a holding pattern on Syndetics - when we go live with Vega, we will no longer need Syndetics. It was suggested that we budget for the full amount, but we may not need that money.

We don't yet know what the cost of delivery will be in 2023.

Laurie Shedrick reviewed the Database Use Statistics report. With Mango, we are at the end of a 3 year locked rate period. We could renew for another 3 years at a locked rate with a 5% increase.

2023 Officers for the Committee

a. Chair - Stephanie Harrison will continue as chair. The president and secretary are not supposed to both come from the same county.

b. Secretary - Emily Chameides was chosen as the new secretary.

Rebekkah will send out a poll to help us pick a date for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20