

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

**Date:** Monday, March 2, 2020

**Location:** Mid-Hudson Library System

**Committee members attending:**

- Emily Chameides (Columbia)
- Tobi Farley (Columbia)
- Carol Fortier (Dutchess)
- Daniela Pulice (Dutchess)
- Maureen Garcia (Greene)

- Sue Ray (Greene)
- Carol Donick (Putnam)
- Gillian Thorpe (Putnam)
- Brooke Dittmar (Ulster)
- John Giralico (Ulster)

**Staff Attending:** Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (MHLS), Tom Lawrence (PPLD)

**Others Attending:**

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Minutes from February 4, 2020 meeting reviewed and approved by Daniela Pulice seconded by Tobi Farley. John Giralico abstained as he was not present at February 4, 2020 meeting.

**Discussion Items:**

1. Reviewed OverDrive Collection Development Guidelines for Advantage Accounts. Discussed implications of Macmillan embargo on these guidelines. Added to 2.d. re: "when allowed by publisher." Added 1.c. to note that Central Library Aid augments the purchase of best-selling and popular non-fiction titles for the collection.
2. Reviewed OverDrive Collection Development Guidelines or CLDA & CBA funds. Added to 2.a.: note that directors are encouraged to send high demand purchase suggestions to Tom L. if they feel that more copies are needed.
3. Reviewed Mango contract. We will move forward with three-year commitment, to be paid annually with locked in pricing to avoid a 5% annual increase.
4. Reviewed Hoopla and Kanopy research. Other systems report that they haven't quite found an ideal model for funding these services that works well for all libraries in their systems.
5. Reviewed database usage statistics. Tom L. requested that the WAM statistics for TumbleBooks be reviewed to make sure that the statistics we are using to make a decision are reflective of use. Emily C. suggested that we review circulation statistics for TumbleBooks by county. Hoopla and Storytime Online noted as other options that provide similar service. Laurie S. will look into ability of Universal Class courses to be listed in the catalog. Laurie S. will look into if/how outdated issues in RBDigital can be weeded from the collection. Marketing efforts of JobNow and Universal Class discussed. Laurie S. will reach out to brainfuse to see if they have any promotional materials for JobNow that can be utilized by MHLS and member libraries. Rebekkah will have MHLS staff work on course specific, social media, marketing tools for Universal Class. Columbia County suggested we look into Ancestry, HeritageQuest, and Fold3; Ulster County has all three, spread out across libraries.
6. Reviewed CLDA/CBA budget for following year. Tom L. suggested not determining use for funds in contingency line until State Budget is finalized.
7. Reviewed results of Central Library Training Survey. E-Collection Development in OverDrive and Beyond was the top-rated topic. Discussed what training would be most useful and who/how to provide this training – potential topics: getting statistics, how frontline staff make decisions given budget constraints, advocating for funding in budgets. Suggested to get feedback from counties about topics and possible presenters.

Next meeting: Friday, May 29, 2020.

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**To include in DA Business Meeting Agenda Attachment as an Action Item:**

Title: Approval of Guidelines for OverDrive Collection Developed with Central Library Aid (CLDA) and Central Book Aid (CBA) Funds

Background: CLDA/CBA funds are appropriated annually by the MHLS Central Library/Collection Development Advisory Committee to cover a portion of the non-fiction content in the shared OverDrive collection

Issue: The committee discussed the lack of clarity surrounding what can be recommended for purchase by member library directors to the Central Library.

Recommendation: The committee recommends item 2.a. be amended to note that directors are encouraged to send high demand purchase suggestions to the Central Library, via PPLD Executive Director, Tom Lawrence, if they feel more copies are needed.

Status: Discussed at the 3.2.2020 CL/CD meeting; Action Item at April DA meeting

**To include in DA Business Meeting Agenda Attachment as New/Proposed Business & Information:**

Title: Guidelines for OverDrive Collections Developed with Advantage Plus Accounts

Background: As of 2019, MHLS no longer collects cost-share funds to spend on the shared collection. Individual libraries use OverDrive Advantage Accounts to build their own collections.

Issues: Two issues were discussed, the first related to creating clarity as to what members can expect to be purchased with Central Library Development Aid/Central Book Aid and the other, how the current Macmillan embargo impacts the shared collection.

Recommendation: (1) To provide clarity in regards to CLDA/CBA funds the committee recommends an item 1.c. be added to the guidelines to note that Central Library Aid augments the purchase of best-selling and popular non-fiction titles for the collection. (2) In light of the current Macmillian embargo the committee recommends amended item 2.d to read "when allowed by publisher."

Status: Discussed at the 3.2.2020 CL/CD meeting; Action Item at April DA meeting