

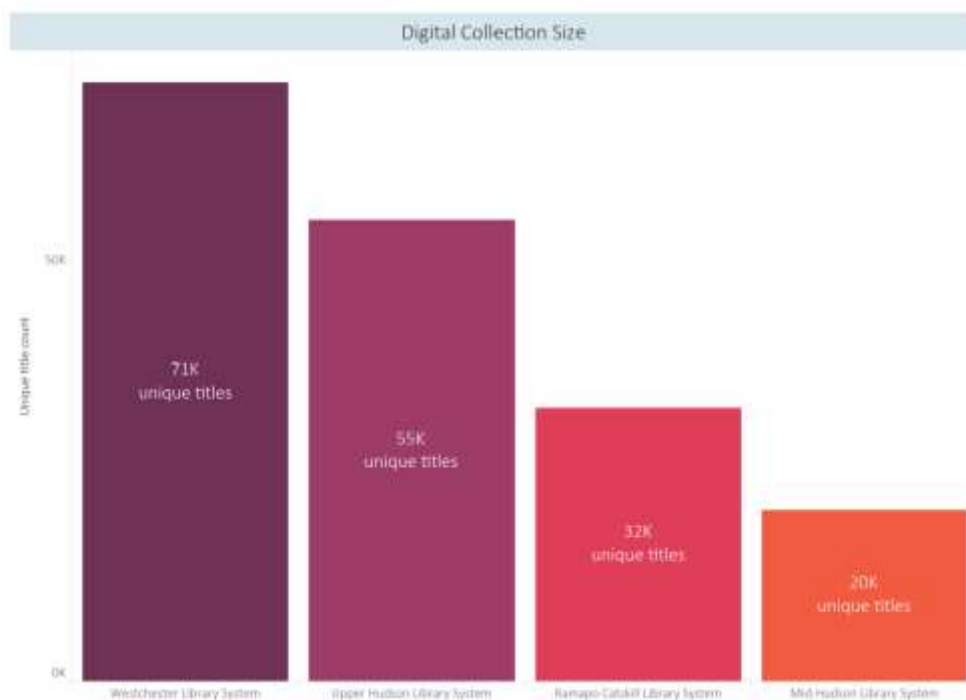
MHLS Directors Association

Business Meeting of Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Action Item #2: OverDrive Reciprocal Lending Arrangement

Background: OverDrive offers a “Reciprocal Lending Arrangement” to allow library systems to share their collections “across borders” with other library systems who have negotiated access terms with each other. The platforms of the other systems would remain separate from ours, available as an external link where our patrons might seek out additional content. Our patrons could access content through their platform and their patrons could access content through ours, however, content would be available based on negotiated terms related to access to metered access titles, cost per circ titles and holds.

Issue: MHLS has had preliminary discussions with the Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS), Upper Hudson Library System (UHLS), and Westchester Library System to explore the possibility of using RLA among our four systems. The fact-finding work for these discussion reveals that there is a significant amount of unique material that our patrons would gain access to in this agreement.



Recommendation: The CL/CD Advisory Committee recommends that the DA endorse MHLS staff continuing the conversation with RCLS, WLS and RCLS to develop an implementation plan for further consideration by the DA.

Status: Discussed at August 21, 2020 Central Library/Collection Development Advisory Committee Meeting. Action Item at September 2020 DA meeting.