

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

Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Location: Zoom

Committee members attending:

- Emily Chameides (Columbia)
- Amanda Merk (Columbia)
- Daniela Pulice (Dutchess)
- Courtney Tsahalis (Dutchess)
- Catherine Benson (Greene)

- Corinne Tatavitto (Greene)
- Carol Donick (Putnam)
- Amina Chaudhri (Putnam)
- Ivy Gocker (Ulster)
- Jesse Chance (Ulster)

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

Others Attending:

Minutes from meeting reviewed and approved by Daniela Pulice. Hearing no objections, the minutes were passed by unanimous consent.

Discussion Items:

1. State Funding Update and Central Library Services Program Budget Planning for 2024-2025

- a. The final budget includes a 4.25 increase over FY2023. We have not received the categorical aid charts yet so do not know the exact amount of Central Library Services Program Aid to expect but a raw calculation would add approximately \$11,000 to last year's amount for this program.
- b. The final budget included \$3 million to underwrite NOVELny
- c. There was a request to move funds from contingency to delivery (approximately \$2K), increasing that line in the budget to \$88,450, and to OverDrive content.

2. Universal Class:

- a. Universal Class was set to increase from \$7,500 to \$14,500 as of our renewal date of September 29, 2024. Feedback from county associations was that it wasn't worth the expense and without better statistics it is impossible to fully understand its use by our patrons. Our new sales rep extended the current pricing for one year and also provided County-level pricing as follows:
 - i. Columbia \$2,000
 - ii. Dutchess \$5,000
 - iii. Greene \$2,000
 - iv. Putnam \$3,750
 - v. Ulster \$3,750
- b. Motion to discontinue Universal Class and move funding to OverDrive content made by Catherine Benson, seconded by Emily Chameides, all voted in favor of discontinuing Universal Class, except Jesse who abstained and Corinne who had dropped off the call at the time of the vote.
- c. Counties that are interested can move forward with individual plans. Counties may also bring suggestions of alternative resources to the CL/CDA committee for review.

3. Feedback on Training:

- a. DecisionCenter training: Ivy suggested this training might be helpful for new directors. Laurie suggested maybe a training on when to use DecisionCenter vs. Web Management reports could be useful as a training in Niche or a cheat sheet (i.e. if you want to know this, use

DecisionCenter; if you want to know that, use Web Management). Tom mentioned Create Lists provides better data for him, but you need to know how to manipulate data in Excel.

- b. Collection development training/discussion: Tom mentioned thinking about how we access e-resources use vs. physical resource use, as we are using metrics one way for one resource and not the other. He suggested that a system-wide roundtable discussion about collection development might be useful. Spending is going up, as is demand. How to make sure our spending is supporting our patrons needs and reducing wait times, whether print or digital. Carol suggested looking at how much you're bringing in from other libraries vs. providing for your patrons with your own collections. Daniela suggested defaulting the high demand hold to 2 in Sierra (current is 7 unless the library has requested a change to this) so that libraries can view demand/growing demand. Laurie said this would be a resource sharing decision. Tom suggested that before raising or lowering anything, we should make sure that directors know how to get information to help understand demand in their communities and make decisions about collection development. Daniela will mention at DA meeting and Laurie will organize training/conversation for the fall or winter. Tom suggested balancing training schedule to make sure that it's not too much info for directors at one time, recognizing that a lot of new things are being rolled out by MHLS in the coming months.

Motion to adjourn made by Jesse Chance at 10:06 AM; seconded by Daniela Pulice; passed unanimously.