

MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM
Resource Sharing Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: March 11, 2025

Location: Online

Committee members attending:

☐ Shea Wert (Columbia)
☒ Michelle Hoffman (Columbia)
☒ Carol Bancroft (Dutchess)
☐ Tom Lawrence (Dutchess)
☐ Kim Benjamin (Greene)

☒ Jaki Elmo-Emel (Greene)
☒ Gina Loprinzo (Putnam)
☒ Donna Perolli (Putnam)
☒ Darren Lanspery (Ulster)
☒ Gisi Vella (Ulster)

Staff Attending: Laurie Shedrick (MHLS)

Others Attending: Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich (MHLS)

1. Call to order.
2. Identify secretary – Donna Perolli
3. Minutes from January 7, 2025 meeting reviewed and approved by Michelle Hoffman, seconded by Gisi Vella.
4. The committee reviewed the Guideline for OverDrive Collection Development with Advantage Accounts, as requested by the Adhoc OverDrive Committee

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

Title: Final Review of Guidelines for OverDrive Collections Developed with Advantage Plus Accounts

Background: [Guidelines for OverDrive Collections Developed with Advantage Plus Accounts](#)

Issue: Review changes made by other committees

Recommendation: Motion to submit guidelines to the DA made by Gina LoPrinzo, seconded by Carol Bancroft.

Status: Discussed at the RSAC on 3/11/25

5. The committee reviewed the current wording of the patron registration letter “Welcome” Changes to

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

Title: Review the Online Patron Registration “welcome email”

Background:

Issue: Confusion over barcode vs. account number

Recommendation: Motion to make the following changes and submit to the DA made by Gina LoPrinzo, seconded by Michelle Hoffman.

Status: Discussed at the RSAC on 3/11/25

Welcome!

You have successfully registered online for an account with your local library, a member of the Mid-Hudson Library System. A wealth of information is now at your fingertips! With a Mid-Hudson library card, you have access to the **vast physical and digital** resources of 66 public libraries across the Hudson

Valley of New York. This account will be reviewed by library staff ~~within 30 days~~ to verify that the information is complete and meets the established requirements for membership.

~~Your temporary barcode:~~ Your TEMPORARY account number:

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Your ~~barcode~~, account number or library card number as it is sometimes called, is necessary to access online resources and request library items.

If you haven't already done so, you will also need to create a PIN (Personal Identification Number).

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To create a PIN:

1. Visit [<https://discover.mid-hudsonlibraries.org/?openAccount=P-profile>]
2. Enter your ~~barcode~~ account number/library card number in the Barcode field.
3. Click Submit.
4. You will be prompted to create a new PIN and verify it by retyping.
5. Click Submit.

After creating a PIN, you will be logged into your library account. Review and make changes to your information, or start exploring the catalog.

You ~~are~~ now ~~may be~~ able to use eResources from the Mid-Hudson Library System ~~and your local library based on your library's policy~~: [<https://midhudson.org/eresources-by-library-a-zD>]
[<https://midhudsonlibraries.org/resources/index.html>]

To receive a permanent ~~barcode~~ library card or borrow physical items at any of our libraries, you will need to visit your local library [<https://midhudson.org/libraries>] with valid identification. Different libraries have different ID requirements, so be sure to consult your local library's guidelines before heading to the library!

gain, welcome! Your library offers a wealth of resources, services, and materials. If you would like any additional information, please contact your local library.

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[<https://discover.midhudsonlibraries.org>]

6. The committee discussed the Home Library description in the Resource Sharing Standards. A discussion at DCLA revealed that there was ambiguity and clarity around the field in context with pickup location was necessary. The committee made recommendations for changes in the text.

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

Title: Standards Review for Clarity

Background: In most cases the library where the patron resides is the home library.

Issue: Preferred pickup location may be set by the patron, but only in the Discover catalog,

Recommendation: Motion to make the following changes and submit to the DA made by Carol Bancroft, seconded by Donna Perolli.

Status: Discussed at the RSAC on 3/11/25

HOME LIBR (This is a 3-letter code – do not use the 4-letter location codes!): ~~The library in whose area-of-service~~ In most cases, the library where the patron resides is the home library. For non-residents, the issuing library is the home library. When creating library accounts for residents of unserved areas of the Mid-Hudson Library System, ~~home library is the issuing library. For Institutional accounts, use and institutional accounts, the issuing library is set as the home library. While the home library is also set in the account~~

~~creation to match the value of the ptype, patrons~~ *Patrons and staff may edit the patron's home library to a preferred location in order to set display preference to the home library.*

NOTE: Preferred pick up location may be updated only in the Discover catalog. It is not an available field in the Sierra patron record.

7. MHLS Updates – The mobile app will roll out in May to coincide with MHLS Road Trip. Laurie will share dates for mobile app training. A 2D scanner is necessary to scan library card barcodes on the app. MHLS has a recommended scanner on the website. Innovative has launched a pilot program to filter bad IP addresses that have been attacking Sierra.
8. Discussion Items - Darren Lanspery suggested we discuss the shift from purchasing DVDs to purchasing Blue Rays and also increasing the \$10 fee block. To be discussed at county meetings.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:24 am

Next meeting: May 2025 – Carol Bancroft will send out a Doodle poll in April.