

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

Date: 06/03/2025

Location: MHLS Auditorium

Committee members attending:

___ Emily Chameides (Columbia)
X Rain Whittaker (Columbia)
X Daniela Pulice (Dutchess)
X Courtney Tsahalil (Dutchess)
X Catherine Benson (Greene)

___ Corinne Tatavitto (Greene)
___ Dede Farabaugh (Putnam)
X Amina Chaudhri (Putnam)
X Ivy Gocker (Ulster)
X Jesse Chance (Ulster)

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

Others Attending: Tom Lawrence (PPLD)

1. Jesse moved to approve minutes of the January 9, 2025 meeting, Amina seconded, all approved

2. **CLCD Budget**

- Rebekkah noted empty lines (Universal Class, etc) to be removed
- Additional \$6,700 coming in... add to contingency?
 - **Motion: Rainn moved and Jackie seconded – move that \$6,700 to Contingency**
- Discussion of how to budget the funds over the year until we get the funds from the state
- Rebekkah advised the governor has been given permission by the legislature to rescind money from the budget later this year if needed. Last time this happened it resulted in a 10% cut across the board—we may need to adjust our budget at our fall meeting

3. **eResources Renewal Discussion**

- Daniella suggested that we consolidate renewals onto a review schedule so that we are looking at these far enough in advance to renew (even if actual renewal date isn't changed)—for Fall Meeting of this committee
- Laurie and Rebekkah to look into requesting Transparent and Job Now to adjust the renewal date so that we align our database renewals across the board
 - We don't want renewal right at the beginning of the year, since there can be a budget crunch then

4. **Hoopla Content Curation**

- Clarification on removing AI from your catalog: you need to call your rep to have them manually take out AI content, and you have to do it periodically
- Have the DA vote on this so that MHLS can filter out AI as a system
- Ulster County DA does not want AI content
- Discussion of how we justify removal of AI content—Financially? Quality? Ethically?
 - Collect data for fall meeting so that we can better understand/justify the parameters of this action
 - Get # of catalog records for AI stuff
 - Get # of checkouts of AI stuff
 - Compare Hoopla with other eResource vendors—does Blackstone/Overdrive/CloudLibrary/others have AI also? Does our ability to curate the collection effect how this works?
 - Craft a statement on *why* we would reject AI on principal
 - Do other orgs have statements on this? ALA? Publishing industry?

5. 2025 Training

- Members ask for feedback at county meetings
 - Have you attended any of the collection development/management webinars? Have they been worth your time? Any other training you want to see?

6. Plan of Service

- This will be part of the MHLS Plan of Service
- Rebekkah suggests we create a shared document we can all edit/comment on in advance of our next meeting
- Discussion of when to tackle this – at first meeting of 2026? When we have new members/new input?
- From Tom: Plan of Service should mention Sierra/catalog support

7. Other

- a. Library barcode sharing via Reddit
 - People sharing their barcodes/pins online so that other people can use their Libby accounts
 - May need to ask Overdrive to use two-factor verification—Laurie/Rebekkah to look into this
- b. Neo-censorship in US Libraries report
 - i. Recommendation that policies include disclaimers about content that patrons can access through our collections that we don't directly purchase (could cover controversial content and/or AI)
 - ii. PPLD has a "Statement on Library District Collections" appendix that tackles some of this
 - iii. Model language would likely be appreciated by other directors—consider this over the summer so we can provide templates/guidance for others to use

Adjournment: 11:21am

- Jesse made motion to adjourn, Courtney seconded, all in favor