

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

**Date:**

**Location:**

**Committee members attending:**

- ☐ Emily Chameides (Columbia)
- ☐ Rain Whittaker (Columbia)

- X** Alex Geller (Dutchess)
- X** Daniela Pulice (Dutchess)

- X** Jaki Elmo-Emel (Greene)
- X** Corinne Tatavitto (Greene)

- Amina Chaudhri (Putnam)
- X** Dede Farabaugh (Putnam)

- ☐ Jesse Chance (Ulster)
- X** Ivy Gocker (Ulster)

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

**Others Attending:** Tom Lawrence (PPLD), ex officio

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Minutes from \_10/2/2025\_\_\_ meeting reviewed and approved by \_\_Corrine Tatavitto\_\_, seconded by \_\_Dede Farabaugh \_\_\_\_

**Discussion Items:**

1. Committee Orientation

- a. Review of the Committee's Charge
- b. Review of the Central Library Plan of Service
- c. Review of Funding/Cash Flow Considerations
  - i. Discussion to confirm that we have the 2026 content credit to ensure continued Overdrive purchasing
- d. Review of current eResource product renewals
  - i. We *can* adjust Job Now to a June renewal (with pro-rate payment)
  - ii. Usage of both Transparent Language and Job Now are low relative to expectations for the resource
  - iii. Question to county-level associations:
    - 1. How important is it that we have databases for languages and job-seeking, even if usage is low?
      - a. Use of Transparent Language is lower than Mango (which cost much more)
      - b. Share link to check Transparent Language stats so that libraries can come to county-level meeting with information on local use**
    - 2. Are there other/better databases in these categories we should look to?
    - 3. Are the costs of these databases low enough that we don't have to worry about it?
    - 4. Libraries with better stats—what are you doing to promote?
- e. eResource Recommendation Procedure
- f. Review eResource Cost Share Arrangements

2. Central Library Budget Update & 2026 Planning
  - a. 2025 final budget shared
  - b. awaiting 2026 budget to plug in figures for each category
3. Central Library Plan of Service Development for 2027-2031
  - a. Rebekkah to provide a cleaned-up draft based on submitted comments for presentation at our next meeting.
  - b. **Those not at today's meeting will have until end-of-day on Tuesday, February 3 for submitting final comments**
4. Continued Discussions
  - a. Survey of Digital Collection Users
    - i. What actions are we willing/able to take in response to this kind of survey
    - ii. "Shelf Talking Points" were discussed – a message that can be added to the Libby book description to tell patrons that a particular title is prohibitively expensive and limits our ability to purchase more copies
    - iii. Build a survey that can break down by county so that it gives us tools to advocate for county funding
      1. Discussion of ways to do this – do we ask for a barcode? Have patrons self-report? Can we use data from Sierra vs Patron Point?
      2. Agreement coalesced around starting with a required question: Which county do you live in?
      3. **Alex to work on a draft of survey and share before the next meeting.** Goal is to finalize this at the March CL/CD meeting and vote on this in the April or June DA meeting
    - iv. Add in educational component to survey, i.e. – Did you know ebooks cost X times more than print books?

**Action items:**

1. Encourage your county-level peers to look at their [Transparent Language usage](#) *before* your next county meeting—at the meeting gather feedback re: item 1.d.iii above
2. Submit any final comments on the CL/CD Plan of Service via the [shared Google doc](#) by the end of the day on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
3. Alex to write and share a draft survey for discussion at our March meeting modeled on the Nassau County survey to gather data on patrons' use/perceptions of Overdrive for use as an advocacy tool and patron education tool

Motion to adjourn: Alex Geller. Seconded by Dede Farabaugh. Meeting adjourned at 11:47am.

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