

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

Date: March 22, 2021

Location: Online

Committee members attending:

Emily Chameides (Columbia) no
Tobi Farley (Columbia) no
Carol Fortier (Dutchess) yes
Daniela Pulice (Dutchess) yes
Maureen Garcia (Greene) yes

Sue Ray (Greene) no
Carol Donick (Putnam) yes
Gillian Murphy (Putnam) no
Brooke Dittmar (Ulster) yes
Katie Scott-Childress (Ulster) yes

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm

The minutes from the January 21, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved. The motion to approve was made by Carol Donick and seconded by Brooke Dittmar, and approved unanimously

Discussion Items:

1. CLDA/CBA Budget - We expect that we may get the full FY 2020 budgeted amount by the end of March, 2021. Priority areas are Overdrive content and delivery. There is potentially \$61,000 to be spent. Laurie says that there are elements in Sierra which we might want in the future. Some of the funds may be used to reimburse counties for funds they have put towards magazines in Overdrive, and some will be used towards non-fiction in Overdrive. Perhaps we could prepay the Overdrive platform. Katie suggested that perhaps some money could go towards Hoopla non-fiction. It is possible to buy a content credit in Overdrive and spend some of it later. Paper books purchased with Central Library funds have to be located at the Adirondack library.
2. Central Library Plan of Service – Will get a rough draft going for the next meeting. Element 3 might be used to help people learn to use Decision Center, although there is a data gap in Decision Center. Perhaps there is a need for more training on collection development in Overdrive. We need to get people used to ordering at least monthly in Overdrive. Tom will see if there's a way to identify high demand Overdrive holds and put it in an Excel spreadsheet. We will make the current plan of service sharable, and ask for comments from the counties. Tom will create a draft plan so that we can get something down on paper for the May meeting.
3. eResources Status Reports . Laurie is working with the vendors from whom we purchase eResources. Mango use has moved up slightly, Universal Class was purchased by Overdrive, and we are hoping that it will continue at 12,375. We have had a lot of checkouts of foreign language magazines. Usage of Tumblebooks varies greatly in different libraries, depending on how it is marketed.

4. Reciprocal Lending in Overdrive – There needs to be a change in the document setting reciprocal lending up to remove a requirement from Overdrive for a content purchasing threshold. This could go live as soon as April 1, perhaps without Westchester.
5. 2021 Training - Reader's Advisory was the second most popular topic from the survey. Perhaps it's more important to talk about collection development as a whole, and how eResources fit into it. Tom suggested a document which compares for each library demand from patrons, indicated by circulation, compared to that library's spending on books and eResources. A collection development mini conference where librarians share their three best tools for collection development would be a useful event. This might be held in the fall. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Donick