

**Adult Services Advisory Council**  
September Meeting Notes

*Attendees:*

Tom Barnes (GUIL), Jo-Ann Benedetti (UHLS), Laurie Burns (TROY), Debbie Canzano (COHS), Jane Chirgwin (RENS), Suzanne Fisher (VOOR), Jane Minotti (SNLK), Mary Trev Thomas (BETH), Julie Zelman (BRUN)

*Central Library Advisory Committee:*

Debbie gave a report of the Central Library Advisory Council meeting. Basically, the CLAC agreed with the recommendations from ASAC and would like to keep existing databases and spend \$20,000 on Overdrive content. Each member of CLAC is polling their constituents, and there will be a vote in October.

*Overdrive:*

Jo-Ann contacted Mike Shontz of Overdrive to ask about the download console. She passed around a quote he provided: \$2500 per member library for software license fee, IT services, web development and 1<sup>st</sup> year maintenance. Additional stations within the library will be \$250 each. If 3-4 libraries do this within Upper Hudson, the price drops to \$2000, and if more than 4 do it, the price will be \$1750. Second year license is 20% of original fee.

She also asked about "Max Access", Overdrive's pricing model which will allow unlimited downloads of selected titles. The titles available for this program are "all Blackstone titles" and the cost is approximately \$75 per book, with the chance to replace 10% of the collection at any time during the year. Mary Trev indicated that Blackstone may not be the best titles, but having something available is better than having nothing available to download. Suzanne thought that perhaps we shouldn't buy these titles "just to have something". The group decided that perhaps just ordering 50 titles at \$3750 would be nice so that there is always something available for download.

Mike Shontz has offered to do a demo for us on Oct 23, 24 or 25. The group agreed that October 25<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon would be best. Jo-Ann will try to contact him to set something up.

*Federated Search*

WALDO will be hosting a vendor demonstration on Federated Searching on October 17, 2006 at Highland, NY. Jo-Ann cannot make this meeting and has asked if anyone from the group could try to make it and report back. Mary Trev said she would try to attend.

The group discussed the technology and agreed that the concept is great, but that perhaps it is not developed enough for widespread use. We should keep learning all we can about the technology.

*Rotating/Pool Collections*

Jo-Ann mentioned that there will be changes to the rotating/pool collections and that a committee was formed to make a decision on the future of these collections. Debbie and Julie, both members of the committee, presented a synopsis of the current state of the collections. Jane Minotti, Jane Chrigwin, Debbie, and Laurie all said that they enjoy getting the music CDs, and could we keep that collection up, adding perhaps \$1,000 to that collection? It will be presented at the next Pool Collection Committee meeting.

#### *Next meeting*

Since Mike Shontz is coming to do a demo in October, the ASAC meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

#### *Other*

Suzanne suggested that we perhaps hold meetings in various libraries rather than always having them at UHLS. The group decided that UHLS was centrally located and more convenient, and agreed to continue to hold the meeting here.

Suzanne then said that she would like to see us hold programs during some of our meetings. There is a lot of talent in UHLS, and we could all learn from each other. Jo-Ann agreed, and asked if Suzanne would be willing to host a workshop on running book discussion groups. Many of the librarians are not as expert as Suzanne and could learn a lot from her. Suzanne agreed to hold a program immediately after the business section of the meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Mary Trev will consider doing a program on Reader's Advisory sometime after that.