

**Adult Services Advisory Council
July 25, 2008 Meeting Notes**

Attendees:

Jo-Ann Benedetti (UHLS), Macaire Hill (VOOR), Margaret Lanoue (GUIL), Gordon Noble (BETH), Candy Wilson (RVLL)

Databases:

The Ebsco databases expire at the end of September. These include *Novelist*, *Literary Reference Center* and *Home Improvement Reference Center*. Although J. Benedetti thought the contract went to the end of the year, Ebsco started the database access last October, and these three databases will expire at the end of September.

Discussion followed. M. Hill said that if we lose the databases now, people may not come back to them. We are just starting to get people away from Google. G. Noble said the schools use the literature database, and BETH would have to purchase it on its own if we didn't renew. Many thought that it would be unwise to drop a literary database right when kids are going back to school. G. Noble wanted to know if we could get NOVEL to cover a literature database. J. Benedetti knows someone on the committee and will call to suggest it.

Recommend keeping all Ebsco products through the end of the year. UHLS Board of Trustees will meet in August to approve the purchase.

The group looked at database stats and questioned their accuracy. J. Benedetti said that every year statistics are questioned, and there is not much that can be done other than provide what UHLS shows and what the vendor shows. The group mentioned how their patrons are just now getting used to the current databases.

J. Benedetti passed around information about new databases and asked the group if there was anything they'd like to see for next year.

After much discussion, the group decided not to look at any new databases, but to keep the existing databases for another year

J. Benedetti described the process of database approval by the Central Library Advisory Council and said that the ASAC can recommend databases to purchase, but it is really up to Tim and the CLAC to determine the final purchase. J. Benedetti also reminded the group that databases are getting more expensive and libraries took a cut this year, so we may not have the same amount of money to work with next year. Also, there is no requirement that the Central Library purchase any databases; they may decide to put this money elsewhere.

Overdrive

Overdrive wants us to host a 75' truck promoting downloadable books. The "truck" will have several rooms, showcasing downloadable books, audios, music, etc. It is a great opportunity to promote our libraries – we can pass out library card applications and information about our libraries. We must, however, find a place to park this thing. There were various suggestions

(e.g. the mall, the Capitol). C. Wilson suggested the Altamont Fair. All agreed this would be a great idea and J. Benedetti said she would pursue this.

We also need to provide some people from our libraries to be at this “digital bookmobile” to answer questions about libraries (Overdrive staff can answer questions about the product). Many said it would be difficult to staff because of ongoing summer reading programming. M. Lanoue said she or one of her staff would be happy to help with this.

Other

Next meeting September 15, 2008.