

## UHLS Adult Services Advisory Council

10/18/2018 | 9:30AM-11:00AM | Meeting Minutes

### Attendance:

Deanna DiCarlo (UHLS), Anne Pitlyk (UHLS), Melissa Tacke (CAST), Jennifer Ward (APLB), Gordon Noble (BETH), Elizabeth Putnam (EGRN), Rebekah Jarvis-Girtler (COLN), Sue Hoadley (WSTR), Jane Chirgwin (RENS), Tracey Pause (VOOR)

### National Network of Libraries of Medicine Grant: Library Moonwalk

- UHLS, SALS, and MVLS were jointly awarded a \$19,000 grant from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine to promote health programming in libraries. The grant is entitled *Library Moon Walk* and some of the funds were used to create website ([librarymoonwalk.sals.edu](http://librarymoonwalk.sals.edu)) where folks in ten counties can collectively track their exercise to try to log enough "steps" to get to the moon.
- 22 libraries across the three systems are active participants in the programming. These libraries will weed their medical collections, coordinate with local health organizations on programming, and offer at least two programs between now and April. Training for the designated project leaders began this past Monday.
- Every library in all three systems can participate in the [Library Moonwalk](#) and promotional materials will be distributed to all UHLS libraries in November. Lists of area health organizations and lists of free trainings will also be available to member libraries.
- Schenectady Public Library is hosting an event, Genes and your Health, on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm with Lindsey Morse, a Senior Genetic Counselor at Ferre Genetics.

### Third Party Project Updates

- **Flipster**
  - CLAC recommended renewing Flipster for another year. OverDrive has begun offering magazine titles again, but many of our most popular titles are exclusive to Ebsco.
  - Usage is on track to match or surpass that of last year.
  - eCAC will be discussing specific Flipster titles for renewal/cancellation and potential new titles at their October meeting.
- **Mango**
  - Mango has also been renewed for another year, even though usage is a little down.
  - There were some issues earlier this Fall with UHLS Mobile integration and some libraries were not using the universal link, but those have been resolved
  - J. Chirgwin asked if it would be possible to receive more promotional material. D. DiCarlo announced that Mango-branded pens and bookmarks are forthcoming.
  - M. Tacke spoke about how CAST promoted Mango by adding Mango related tasks to SRP bingo cards
- **UHLS Mobile**
  - This has also been renewed. The major data extract issues have been resolved.

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- If any library needs to update hours, please email your changes to Deanna as soon as possible.
- D. DiCarlo is researching Capira, used by North Country Library System, as a potential replacement for UHLS Mobile if their service issues continue into 2019.
- D. DiCarlo will look into where to get scanners that can read barcodes on phones and how much they cost.
- **Ancestry**
  - Also renewed for another year. Ancestry is still used at all locations.
  - More Ancestry promotional materials are coming.
  - UHLS hosted a staff training on Ancestry for Libraries in September that was well attended.
  - M. Tacke held a class after hours for her patrons. She went over both genealogical research in general and Ancestry in particular and patrons really appreciated the class. She will be happy to share the handouts she produced for this class.
  - G. Noble said that Frank Somers at BETH has started offering one-on-one Ancestry appointments. The appointments last between half an hour and an hour and he usually has about 4-5 a week.
- **OverDrive**
  - Digital circulation is still up system-wide by 17%.
  - Audiobooks are seeing the highest year over year increase and appear to be a good place to invest.
  - Several UHLS libraries (BETH, GUIL, RCSC, APL, COLN) have signed the UHLS Advantage agreement. With these accounts libraries can buy additional copies of popular titles for their users and these copies will go back in the shared collection if there is no waiting list. This has already had a positive impact on wait times for both the Advantage Libraries and the system as a whole.
  - G. Noble asked if there were any updates on the features missing in Libby, namely recommend to library, wish list, and video support. D. DiCarlo said that there have been no announcements regarding the implementation of those features in Libby.
  - D. DiCarlo asked if any libraries need OverDrive training for their staff. It was agreed that this is not necessary at this time.
- **Cypress Resume**
  - Renewed for the final year of the Adult Literacy Grant.
  - The service continues to see use.
  - In the spring and summer of 2019 this service's usefulness will be more fully evaluated.
- **GVRL**
  - CLAC has recommended cancelling GVRL. There is not enough use and the content is not good enough.
- **Digital Services Feedback?**

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- S. Hoadley asked for updated promotional materials for digital services.

### ASAC Talks Back: Feedback for the System

- M. Tacke asked if there were any updates on the creation of adult programming kits. It was agreed that an Instant Pot and Sewing Machines would be the most popular options, and everyone present would love to see some adult kits added ASAP.
- E. Putnam expressed appreciation for all of the great multi-system programming that UHLS has put together, like the program swaps and the Library Moon Walk as well as the Expedition. G. Noble said that the expedition has been very popular and that BETH has made at least 25 of the special 36er cards so far.
- M. TACKE SAID THAT DEANNA AND ANNE ARE AWESOME AND ASKED THAT THIS BE INCLUDED IN THE MINUTES IN ALL CAPS. :) (Thank you! And, we aim to please.)

### Program Go Around

- D. DiCarlo reminded everyone that the three-system program swap maintains a log of all of the programs that get brought up at the swaps: <http://programswap.blogspot.com/>
- G. Noble spoke about an upcoming series of programs on WWI. The series will include ten programs, now through December, with the bulk of the programming happening in November. They will include speakers, book discussions, and film screenings. A flier will be included in the minutes and D. DiCarlo will promote this event at an upcoming presentation to the Albany Guardian Society.
- R. Jarvis-Girtler thanked everyone for their input at the program swap on adult summer reading programs in March. COLN ran their first ever SRP for adults and it was a huge success! The bingo sheets that were used became so popular that COLN will run a bingo challenge in March, 2019.
  - S. Hoadley asked if COLN would be willing to share the bingo cards that they used. R. Jarvis-Girtler will share them, but she suggests adding new activities to them every week. Patrons wanted whole new cards with all new activities every week!
    - J. Chirgwin suggested checking out ideas for cool activities from the Greatest International Scavenger Hunt.
- J. Chirgwin said that RENS is hosting Local Author Night on November 14th as part of a NaNoWriMo tie-in.
- E. Putnam will be hosting a Death Café at EGRN in January with the help of a local mortuary science student. Participants will discuss end of life concerns and socialize over cake and tea.
- E. Putnam also announced that EGRN will be hosting a Winter Reading Program for adults this year around the theme of Hygge.
- J. Ward plans on getting trained along with one volunteer to offer Healthy Bones for Life programs at APLB. The training is free from a Colonie senior center. She went to one such event at a library in SALS and was impressed with how strenuous the workouts were! She will advertise the Library Moonwalk with this program and D. DiCarlo will promote it at an upcoming presentation to the Albany Guardian Society.

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- G. Noble pointed out that BETH offers a regular Tai Chi class that is often at capacity. He will suggest promoting the Library Moonwalk there as well.
- E. Putnam handed out fliers for an upcoming WMHT event celebrating the Great American Read. On Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> at their studio, WMHT will screen a documentary about the New York State Writers' Institute and the Great American Read finale.
- S. Hoadley spoke about WSTR's need for a new community room policy now that they have a community room. She will particularly be polling other libraries on how they handle presenters selling items at library events. BETH and COLN both have clear policies regarding what is and isn't allowed as far as outside groups selling goods in the library.

### **Upcoming Meetings and CEs**

- NYLA  
November 7-10, 2018 | Rochester
- Librarian's Guide to Homelessness  
Online through May, 2019
- ASAC  
April 25 & October 24, 2019 | 9:30AM - 11:00M | UHLS
- Adult Program Swap  
TBD Jan-Mar-May-Sept, 2019 | 9:30AM - 11:30AM