

Directors' Association

Upper Hudson Library System
Friday, August 3, 2007 at UHLS

Attending: Tim Burke (APLM); Darlene Miller (CAST); Deborah Canzano (COHS); Carol Gaillard (HOOF); Lenny Zapala (MEND); Pat Sahr (NASS) Jane Minotti (SNLK); Paul Hicok (TROY); Phil Ritter (UHLS)

Visitors:

Meeting convened at 9:10 AM

Minutes:

Motion: (Zapala/Burke) to approve minutes of July 13 meeting. Carried.

UHLS Director's Report: Phil Ritter

- Invitations have been mailed to all trustees and directors for the UHLS Trustees Workshop on September 20 at the Albany Marriott. Josh Cohen will be keynote speaker. The deadline for registration is September 1.
- Phil reported on the very successful Riverway Storytelling Festival, with an estimated 1400 participants attending various events.
- UHLS LSTA-funded Customer Service Workshop with Michael Sullivan on September 11, "Connecting Boys with Books"; participation and early registration is encouraged.
- Renovations for the Asian Arts Studio, (UHLS' new tenant) should be completed by August 15.
- Construction Grant Applications- narratives and application forms were due August 1; supporting materials are due by the end of August.
- Jo-Ann Benedetti submitted the application for the second National Endowment for the Arts "Big Read" grant, due July 31. The Big Read Committee selected the title "The Age of Innocence", by Edith Wharton. Supplementary grant funding is being sought for additional programming. Big Read events would take place in March 2008. The 2007 Big Read was very successful with 23 of 29 libraries participating, and generated positive publicity.

UHLS Board: No meeting/ no report

UHLS Administration: No meeting/ no report

Services Committee: No meeting/ no report

Finance Committee: No meeting/ no report

Central Library: No meeting/ no report

New Business: Lenny discussed different types of movies available for download, and options in utilizing the \$5000 of Central Library funds allocated for purchase of "Overdrive" video materials. He will be requesting feedback from Directors and the topic will be placed on the September Agenda.

Old Business: None

Nuts & Bolts:

APLM: Tim reported on progress in the design process of the three branch renovations; design for new building construction is scheduled for September. A very successful Harry Potter early release party was held at the Pine Hills branch. 50 copies were reserved. A "Garage Band Concert" featuring local garage bands was held at the Main Library Garage in July. It was very popular and an August program is planned.

SNLK: Will celebrate his 20th birthday on August 15 with a birthday party.

COHS: Celebrated National Clown Week and invited local politicians; will hold last summer program on August 16.

HOOF: Carol reported that with Construction Grant funding, a new walkway has been built and the roof is being repointed.

CAST: Darlene reported a program held for National Clown Week, and that they will receive \$3000 from the Town of Schodack's "Drug-Free Grant". This will enable them to reinstate monthly dances and Teen Game Night programs, as well as purchase new video game systems, and pay for staff coverage.

NASS: Pat reported that the parking lot is being re-paved.

TROY: Focus is on efforts for re-chartering; referendum is scheduled for November 2008.

Adjournment

Motion: (Burke/Zapala) Meeting adjourned at 9:42 AM. Next meeting September 7, 2007 at 9 AM at UHLS.

Submitted by,
Jane Minotti
September 3, 2007