

**Directors' Association
Upper Hudson Library System
Friday, January 4, 2013 at UHLS**

Attending:

Judith Wines (ALTM)
Carol Nersinger (APLM)
Judy Petrosillo (BERN)
Geoffrey Kirkpatrick (BETH)
Julie Zelman (BRUN)
Amy Peker (CAST)
Matthew Graff (COHS)
Evelyn Butrico (EGRN)
Barbara Nichols Randall (GUIL)
Carol Gaillard (HOOF)

Lenny Zapala (MEND)
Pat Sahr (NASS)
Margie Morris (POES)
Jane Chirgwin (RENS)
Mindy Fowler (SNLK)
Laurenne Teachout (STEP)
Paul Hicok (TROY)
Tim Burke(UHLS)
Sue Hoadley (WSTL)

Visitors: Mary Fellows, UHLS

Minutes:

Meeting convened at 9:05 AM

Motion: (Zapala/Butrico) To approve minutes of December 7, 2012 meeting. **Motion carried.**

UHLS News: Tim Burke

- Construction grant (recipients from last year) – Tim has been forwarding messages from DLD. Almost all 2012 applications have been reviewed at DLD and passed along to DASNY.
- e-Content Program – February 7th at BETH. This will be opened to other systems once UHLS libraries respond.

Mary Fellows – Science programming grants focused on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)

1. Summer Reading: this is the last year the grant is being offered. Mary reviewed the two aspects of the summer reading mini-grants. They end by July 31st; all activities must be completed by then. Application deadline is February 1 @ 5pm.
2. Family Literacy Grant 2013-2016: STEM-Sell. This also supports summer reading. It is a three year grant from July through June. Must have a partner for the grant – schools, etc. Deadline is January 11 @ 5pm.

UHLS Board & Finance Committee: E Butrico

No meeting

UHLS Administration: J Zelman

No meeting

Services Committee: R. Naylor

No meeting

Central Library: L Zapala

No meeting

e-Content Advisory: J Wines

- Shared updated chart showing suggested member library contribution for e-books. Laurenne reported that STEP had purchased more e-books since the last meeting.
- Evaluating pros and cons of kids' platform e-books and what they should concentrate on
- Some exploration of e-magazine content purchases

Old Business:

- Barbara asked if any more consideration had been given to contacting/meeting with new legislators. Tim thought maybe late January/early February visits to individual legislators might be best. There was discussion of options. Barbara will work with Tim to come up with a plan.
- Continuing Education event in November (due to the NYLA conference being in Niagara in September): Committee will get together to plan. Barbara said there should be a fee as libraries typically have to pay for the NYLA conference at that time.

New Business:

- Voted, via ballot, for a representative from a medium-sized library for e-Content Advisory Committee. There were two candidates, Matt Graff was selected.
- Reviewed criteria for membership on e-Content Advisory Committee. Barbara believed it had been intended for directors only. There was discussion of the need to add more detail to the by-laws. Barbara and Evelyn will review the by-laws and present recommendations to the Directors' Association at the next meeting.
- Julie asked if there was space at UHLS to store book discussion group collections (search under BDG in catalog). Tim thought there was space. Julie suggested more standardized catalog entries for helping to search for these titles. Other suggestions were a report listing or a change in the cataloging.
- Barbara would like to see more Senior Services. Also libraries that do outreach to seniors need to come up with a new plan for the books as they often go missing. Maybe they could be minimally cataloged and shared by other libraries. She would like them not to be part of the regular collection. Barbara will send out an email in February or March to get people together to make a plan for this issue.
- Jane asked Tim about staff development for smaller libraries as had been mentioned at the last meeting. Tim said it would likely be done in each county. Libraries would need to close. He was thinking maybe April or May.
- Evelyn asked if any library had a process for domestic partner insurance benefits. Discussion of various policies at libraries.

Open Forum:

GUIL: Circulating ereaders – not all 30 of them. Downloading books from places other than Overdrive. They have ereaders with different genres on them – mystery, etc. Playaways are also available for circulation.

STEP: Had negative publicity about the library not being “Christmas enough.” Others shared what was done in their library, what level of display.

EGRN: Evelyn brought up the issue of safety in light of the Newtown shootings. They are looking at policies.

Do people have panic buttons? There is a NYS law regarding workplace violence. Carol suggested everyone look at that law. There should be training every year. Incidents from various libraries were shared.

BRUN: Poets & Writers group – applied for grant and they are holding for events in January. No costs.

STEP: working with Berlin CSD on a Federal grant for STEM-type things.

Adjournment

Motion: (Petrosillo/Nichols Randall) To adjourn meeting. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM. Next meeting is February 1, 2013 at 9 AM at UHLS.

Submitted by,
Margie Morris