

Central Library Advisory Council (CLAC)
Albany Public Library (APLM)
August 25, 2004

Attendees: Paul Hicok, Jeff Cannell, Deborah Canzano, Phil Ritter, Jo-Ann Benedetti

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

It was reported that there was a need to appoint a new representative of the medium libraries in Rensselaer County to replace Pat Nonamaker. It was agreed that Paul Hicok would approach Jane Minotti from Sand Lake to see if she would be willing to serve in this capacity.

It was reported that the subscription to Learn-a-Test from Learning Express would expire on September 3, 2004. The statistics and other information regarding this database were reviewed. Although the usage was not very high, it was noted that this product provides a valuable service to those who use it. Various options regarding this product were discussed, especially in light of the uncertain budget situation. It was noted that we could renew it for four months at \$5,200, for a year at \$14,995, or for 16 months at \$19,260. After some discussion, it was the consensus that we should renew Learn-a-Test for four months (September-December 2004) in order to get it onto a calendar-year schedule with the other databases and to give CLAC an opportunity to evaluate its usage with all the other databases. Jo-Ann will take care of this renewal and send the invoice to Jeff Cannell so that it can be paid from Central Library Grant funds.

The scheduled review of other databases was discussed, and it was noted that this review will take place during the next month. The Adult Services Advisory Council will meet on September 20 and will make their recommendations to CLAC for consideration. At the next CLAC meeting, Jo-Ann will report the cost of renewing the current databases and/or subscribing to other databases.

The next meeting of CLAC will be on Thursday, October 7, 2004, at 9:15 a.m. at APLM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.