

Central Library Advisory Council (CLAC)
Albany Public Library (APLM)
April 14, 2005

Present: Paul Hicok, Jeff Cannell, Deborah Canzano, Jane Minotti, Lenny Zapala,
Barbara Nichols Randall, Pat Sahr, Jo-Ann Benedetti, Phil Ritter (notes)

Chair P. Hicok called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. in the Board Room at APLM, and it was noted all of the current members were present.

The minutes of the October 7, 2004 meeting were accepted as written.

P. Sahr was welcomed as the new representative of the small libraries in Rensselaer County, replacing Barbara Kubli.

The status of Learn-A-Test was discussed. P. Ritter explained that the subscription for this database was initially renewed for September-December 2004 by Albany Public Library and then UHLS paid for a full year subscription for January-December 2005. It was agreed that this database would be discussed in September at the same time as all the other databases that expire at the end of 2005.

B. Nichols Randall suggested that we might want to consider some kind of consortium purchasing with all of the UHLS member libraries agreeing to a "buy-in" for databases. It was the consensus that this should be discussed at a meeting of the Directors Association.

The status of DearReader.com (formerly Chapter-A-Day) was considered because the current subscription expires on August 1, 2005. It was noted that the annual cost in 2004 was \$1,175 and that UHLS has that amount for it in its budget for 2005. After some discussion, L. Zapala moved and D. Canzano seconded that UHLS should NOT renew its subscription to this database when it expires. The motion received unanimous approval.

It was suggested that we should consider the purchase of e-books, and various options were discussed. It was noted that this would be a major initial investment as well as a continuing monthly subscription cost. It was mentioned that it might be possible to get a legislative member item to support such a purchase. It was also suggested that we might want to establish some kind of consortium purchasing for e-books. However, it was agreed that this should be discussed at a meeting of the Directors Association. It was requested that J. Benedetti obtain cost information and disseminate it to all of the member library directors prior to the next DA meeting.

It was noted that it was again time to consider the Central Library Development Aid budget. After some discussion, it was suggested that it be kept the same as in 2004. B. Nichols Randall moved and L. Zapala seconded that the following Central Library Development Aid budget be approved for 2005:

Reference and Information Services

Database Access -----	\$ 94,180
Reference Librarian (.55 FTE) -----	\$ 20,000
Availability of the Collection	
Library Clerk (1.5 FTE) -----	<u>\$ 28,931</u>
	Total - \$143,111

The motion received unanimous approval.

The next meeting of CLAC will be scheduled at a later date to be during September 2005 at APLM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.