

Central Library Advisory Council (CLAC)
Upper Hudson Library System (UHLS)
September 13, 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 9:05 a.m. in the Green Conference Room at UHLS. The minutes of the meeting on August 2, 2005, were noted and approved as written.

The primary matter that needed to be resolved was the question of whether we would cancel the subscription to Learn-A-Test in favor of subscribing to OverDrive. Usage statistics of all of the current databases were provided, and it was noted that Learn-A-Test was the most expensive with a cost of \$10.38 per use. After some discussion, J. Cannell moved to cancel Learn-A-Test and to subscribe to OverDrive as of January 1, 2006. The motion was seconded by L. Zapala and received unanimous approval.

It was agreed that all the usage of the databases was lower than it should be and that we needed to encourage all of the member libraries to promote the databases to their patrons.

J. Benedetti reported that the Adult Services Advisory Council recommends that CLAC drop the subscription to Books in Print and add Ancestry and/or HeritageQuest. It was noted that Ancestry costs \$24,150 per year and HeritageQuest costs about \$12,000, but there are significant differences in the two databases. It was noted that several of our member libraries already subscribe to Ancestry. There was no agreement that we should add a genealogy database at this time.

D. Canzano suggested that we drop Books in Print and use the \$20,000 that it costs to purchase additional titles for the start-up of OverDrive. After some discussion of this idea, D. Canzano moved and J. Cannell seconded that we cancel the subscription to Books in Print as of January 1, 2006. It received unanimous approval.

D. Canzano moved to apply \$20,000 towards the purchase of titles for OverDrive to be chosen by a Selection Committee made up of representatives from the Adult Services Advisory Council and the Youth Services Advisory Council, not to exceed seven (7) people with J. Benedetti serving as the Chair of this Selection Committee. P. Sahr seconded the motion, and it received unanimous approval.

It was agreed that we needed to finalize the amount of money to be spent on databases during 2006 at the next meeting. It was agreed that J. Benedetti would provide a summary of the database costs and J. Cannell would provide all other costs for the proposed Central Library budget for 2006.

The next meeting of CLAC will be at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2005, at UHLS. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.