

Central Library Advisory Council (CLAC)
Upper Hudson Library System (UHLS)
September 12, 2006

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

Absent: Lenny Zapala

Chair P. Hicok called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. in the Board Room at APLM. J. Minotti moved and D. Canzano seconded that the minutes of the June 8, 2006 meeting be approved as written. The motion received unanimous approval.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the online databases that UHLS and the Central Library currently provide to the UHLAN users. J. Benedetti provided statistics and the anticipated costs of all the current databases. These were carefully reviewed by all present and discussed. She also reported that the Adult Services Advisory Council and the Children's Services Advisory Council had both recommended that we continue to subscribe to the current online databases for 2007. It was noted that it appears that the increase in cost next year will be minimal, approximately \$500-600 total.

B. Nichols-Randall suggested that we consider dividing the cost, especially the increased cost, among the libraries that use the online databases because she believes that there is a better "buy-in" when there is a proportional level of contribution. D. Canzano expressed opposition to this idea. There was an extensive discussion, but no decision was made.

J. Benedetti also handed out the current statistics of the usage of the items contained in OverDrive. B. Nichols-Randall suggested that we expand to downloadable media such as movies, and it was noted that OverDrive currently provides such media. There was also discussion about OverDrive's "Maximum Access" titles, which would allow several users to download one title. After an extensive discussion, it was the consensus that we needed more information about the cost and the availability of these enhancements and possibly an onsite demonstration before making a decision. It was also the consensus that all representatives should ask for the opinion of their constituencies.

The final consensus was that we should keep the current databases for 2007, consider adding downloadable media in OverDrive, and look at the total funds from UHLS and the Central Library that are available before making a final decision. It was agreed that we would continue this discussion at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting of CLAC would be held at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 2006, in the Board Room at APLM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.