



UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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	NASS – Tracey Clague		UHLS - Tim Burke

Directors' Association

August 14, 2020

Others in Attendance: N. Hurteau

M. Tacke called the meeting to order at 10:02 am**T. Burke reported on the following UHLS updates:**

- NYS is withholding 20% of the state-funded budget for UHLS. The 80% of the Basic Aid will be received very soon and the 80% payments of the other lines should be delivered by the end of September. UHLS is planning that the 20% hold back will be cut from the funding and not just a temporary hold back. Libraries may see impacts on UHLS services due to these cuts. T. Burke will keep the DA updated as UHLS develops its plans to respond.
- A reminder that the UHLAN agreement was only agreed upon for the first year of the three, therefore the agreement will have to be revised before the end of the year and now it will be done with the 20% budget cut in mind. UHLS is not unaware of the economic ripples the pandemic will have on the funding streams of member libraries, and we hope to work together with members on the cost share formula, but please understand that the state cuts will have to be factored into the discussion.
- T. Burke is scheduling a meeting of the Central Library Advisory Committee to discuss the 20% cut (which is allied to CL funds) and plans for the 20201 CL budget.
- Construction Grants - 9 have been submitted. Libraries have until September 1 to complete their application and submit it in the portal (only to UHLS again). UHLS will be submitting final applications to DLD on October 6th.
- PPE lots of masks, gloves, spray, and hand sanitizer available still. We are low on wipes but are seeking other suppliers. UHLS found another provider of wipes (alcohol based but still CDC approved) at a similar price. There are also a few face shields available too. If you wish to get any more PPE for your library please reach out to Amy DuBrey. UHLS thanks members for their understanding and patience.
- Keep sending Adult Lit Class registrations to N. Hurteau.
- Keep the Google doc of library hours and services updated.

ECAC- (Hoopla numbers were sent out soon after this meeting) Planning on setting up an ecac meeting to discuss the impact of the 20% cut budget. In other news, new users are at a 40% increase in Overdrive, and there is a hold time of 32 days. (DA discussion on print purchasing vs digital in COVID-19 world)...which included Cow jokes about the Guilderland/Altamont area-- Go Dutch!)

Reopening Committee: This morning J. Burke sent out the survey to get more information about each library's quarantining activities. Once all members have responded, J. Burke will send the results to E. Neale to discuss with the re-opening committee.

Open Forum

- Question from WTVT on whether any libraries have had any issues with patrons questioning the library's authority to enforce their right to limit or not schedule public program/meeting room space. T. Burke reminded members that the library board is the legal authority to make all library service and policy decisions, but there are still NYS executive order limits on group gatherings and maximum allowable building occupancy which remain in effect. He also reminded libraries of the UHLS reopening themes of Safe, Smart, Gradual, and Flexible and suggested that each library must make its own

decisions about reintroducing library services and spaces to the public, based on their local health conditions, staffing, resources, etc.

- A lively discussion took place on the concerns and considerations regarding the expansion of services in all member libraries, including:
 - RCS: inquiring as to whether any bins from June had been misplaced or unsorted for any reason. UHLS said there were no bins languishing anywhere. BETH said they are being very lenient with Claimed Returns
 - POES: doing appointments only.
 - VOOR: doing appointments only; but possibly pulling back on computer usage because of the staff attention it requires and that the mouse/keyboard covers don't work very well.
 - BRUN: Curbside pickup; not allowing community in until October after vestibule construction project is complete.
 - RENS: Continuing with Walk ins
 - RCS: unfortunately some patrons are refusing to wear masks and have been confrontational with staff.

- Group discussion on whether to cancel magazines and newspapers.

- Cascade Recycling was bought out, and the new company is now charging for recycling. Several libraries mentioned a free alternative (?) and they will share that out on the DA list.

Next meeting on Friday 8/21 at 10:00am. Meeting adjourned at 11:19 am