



# UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

Together. For Better Libraries.

Chair: Melissa Tacke

Vice Chair: Tim Wiles

Secretary: Joe Burke

|   |                                    |   |                       |
|---|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
|   | APLM – Scott Jarzombek             |   | NGRN – Mary Klimack   |
| x | ALTM - Joseph Burke                |   | PTRB – Anita Wilson   |
|   | BRLN – Sharon Vogel                | x | POES - Margie Morris  |
| x | BERN – Kathy Stempel               | x | RCSC - Judith Wines   |
| x | BETH –Geoff Kirkpatrick            | x | RENS - Jane Chirgwin  |
|   | BRUN – Sara Hopkins                | x | RVLL – Heidi Carle    |
| x | CAST – Melissa Tacke               | x | SNLK - Melinda Fowler |
| x | COHS – Christiann Gibeau           |   | SCHG - Nick Matulis   |
|   | COLN - Evelyn Neale                |   | STEP - Kim Roppolo    |
| x | EGRN - Jill Dugas Hughes           | x | TROY - Paul Hicok     |
| x | GRAF – Leanna Sweet                | x | VAFL - Kelly Akin     |
| x | GUIL - Tim Wiles/ Margaret Garrett | x | VOOR – Sarah Clark    |
|   | HOOF – Sara Yetto                  | x | WTVT – Kelly Vadney   |
|   | MEND - Lenny Zapala                | x | WSTR - Debbie Scott   |
| x | NASS – Tracey Clague               |   | UHLS - Tim Burke      |

Directors' Association

August 28, 2020

Others in Attendance: J. Thornton; M. Fellows; N. Hurteau

**M. Tacke called the meeting to order at 10:01 am****There will be no meeting Friday, September 4th - Happy Labor Day!****T. Burke reported on the following UHLS updates**

- No update on NYS budget. Working with Jona to accommodate the likely 20% cut this year and to prepare a 2021 budget reflecting the same 22.6% cut from this year.
- Construction applications are due September 1st, we know there are 9 applications in the works, so please be mindful of the deadline.
- UHLS was approached by RCLS, Mid-Hudson, and Westchester to talk about RLA (Reciprocal Lending Agreement) in Overdrive. Essentially, this is a no-cost, resource sharing platform, similar to how print ILL works. A surprisingly high number of titles in the combined digital collections are unique and this would be a great way to increase digital content. ECAC, UHLS are researching this thoroughly and will report back to DA with a recommendation.
- Please remember to keep the public facing and the "back of the house" reopening activity spreadsheets up to date!
- UHLS is planning another Trustee Town Hall probably in the third week of September.
- Still all quiet in Sierraland, run of the mill help desk questions, but nothing major.

**CLAC-****J. Burke reported on the following CLAC updates:**

- CLAC appointed J. Burke as the new chair, thank you Lenny Zapala for all of your hard work as chair
- The CLAC reviewed the current 2020 budget and the impact of the 20% withholding of NYS funds. After careful consideration and discussion, CLAC recommends to cease all adult non-fiction spending (~\$26,498) and to carry the deficit owed to APL for the remainder of the APL staffing cost (approximately \$16,700) into the next budget year (2021) and reflect that cost on the 2021 CL budget.
- There was discussion amongst DA members on clarification of various budget years, and how this cut could affect the 2021 budget.
- J. Burke reported that CLAC also started to look at the 2021 budget, and understands that hard cuts will have to be made. All the products and services funded through CL in the past are on the table. UHLS is researching MyLibrary (mobile app product from III) and is also in contact with other vendors to negotiate current prices.
- Discussion among DA about CL priorities for next year.
- Final recommended CL budget must go to the UHLS Board for approval before the end of the calendar year. CLAC will keep the DA updated.

**ECAC-****J. Wines reported on the following ECAC updates:**

- Hoopla monthly numbers will be sent out early next week
- J. Wines has emailed DA members the chart, created by Anne Pitlyk that projects the cost of keeping Hoopla for the next year. J. Wines will be reaching out to all libraries in the coming weeks to determine who wants to keep the service beyond October.

- Sora/Library Connect update: T. Burke has reached out to the system directors at Capital Region BOCES and Questar III BOCES on the advancement of this product. Capital Region BOCES has completely signed off on its approval and has encouraged its members to sign on. To date, about 7 schools in Albany County have signed up. Unfortunately, there was less success with Questar III BOCES, and they have not signed off on Public Library Connect with OverDrive and do not intend to, claiming that it is sufficient enough for students to access their public library through SORA, with their own public library card. This decision unfortunately cuts off access to those students who do not have a public library card. M. Tacke has a good workaround for this barrier; work with school librarians to encourage digital access library card signups.
- ECAC will continue to work with Overdrive on a full exploration of RLA.

**Re-opening Committee** did not meet, but is prepared to continue to work as issues are identified. Contact Evelyn Neale.

#### **ARLS - T. Wiles reported on the following ARLS updates**

- The ARLS Task Force had their first meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup>
- The TF decided to meet twice a month (2nd and 4th Thursdays) for two hours
- Still creating the scope of their work.
- There is still a small library opening, but as their TF had the first meeting already, it is not necessary for this gap to be filled, as there is ample representation across the system.
- While ARLS does recognize the societal need to discuss other areas of equality, the TF will be focusing on people of color as their priority.

#### **Open Forum:**

- ATLM - Thank you Mary Fellows for the Story Walks! Any libraries that want to consider swapping Storywalk stories please contact J. Burke. ALTM is looking into browsing by appointment starting in early October.
- CAST - hiring a PT library aid.
- SNLK - who is open to the public for browsing more than half an hour? Multiple DA members reported that they are open for browsing but not necessarily setting a time limit.
- GUIL reported they are having increasing pressure to be more open from patrons and board members.
- Welcome Christiann Gibeau from COHS!

**Reminder, no meeting next Friday, see you September 11th at 10am!**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:38 am**