



UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Directors' Association

September 11, 2020

Others in Attendance: M. Fellows; N. Hurteau

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

- Reminder to update both the public-facing google doc and back end google doc for all library updates...TB will send the links out again today.
- NYLA will be hosting a pre-conference panel on COVID and have asked library systems to suggest potential speakers. Please email Tim Burke if you are interested in speaking about the library response to COVID for the NYLA panel.
- Just a reminder that the NYLA conference is all virtual this year. It is more important than ever to register this year as this is one of NYLA's biggest sources of revenue, and we want to show our support as they do so much advocacy for member libraries.
- Update on the CARES act, Public library systems will be receiving some grant funds through the CARES act from DLD. UHLS should see an amount somewhere between \$30,000 - \$120,000 (based on a population formula). Similar to the Adult Lit or Family Lit or construction grants. More details to follow as they become available.
- A reminder that the UHLAN for 2021 and 2022 are open because the fee formula has not been defined. We are not looking to the member libraries to fill the 20%, we want to work with the member libraries as partners. However, please also understand that UHLS will need to keep UHLAN fees at least at the current levels (if not more) as we deal with current and future NYS aid cuts. Please send your suggestions or ideas for an equitable cost share among member libraries to T. Burke by the end of next week. Question from DA: Could we use the money allotted from CARES to soften the blow of UHLS cuts to keep services to the libraries? T. Burke will look into the specifics of the COVID relief package and appreciated the suggestion.
- Mary Fellows reported that the CE series on Homeschooling is on the following website: <https://hhv1r.sals.edu/>
- Request for Joe T and IT department, to make late notices say "Please disregard if you have already returned your items..." at the top of the message.
- Discussion on most recent REALM report findings.
- Construction grant applicants have been contacted by T. Burke with their award recommendation for this year, still waiting for an acknowledgment from a few libraries but every library is receiving very close to their highest eligible reward (69% for 75% and 46% for 50%. One library receiving 90%, so it was a good year!

CLAC update: UHLS is working to gather updated invoices on current services and working with III to learn more about Mylibrary as an app replacement.

ECAC: Updated Hoopla reports were sent out (October 24th is the updated projected end-date). Judith Wines shared ECAC's findings on the trends of new users in Overdrive, reporting that the trend is not going away, still waiting on stats from Sierra to make a more detailed report. Please let Judith know if your library is planning on opting in or out for Hoopla. Working with UHLS on this. And a reminder that there is no more spending of Central Library money on adult nonfiction items in Overdrive.

The **Reopening committee** did not meet.

ARLS met 9/10/20 to discuss goals and objects, minutes will be up soon for the library community to view.

Open Forum:

- Questions and discussion on hotspots.
- Discussion on whether the sick leave is covered for 16-year-old employees.
- Discussion on best uses of Amazon Smile.
- APL Howe is now open for appointments and Arbor Hill will be starting on Monday.

Next meeting on Fri. 9/18 at 10am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01am.