



UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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	MEND - Lenny Zapala	x	WSTR - Debbie Scott
x	NASS – Tracey Clague	x	UHLS - Tim Burke

Directors' Association

September 18th, 2020

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

M. Tacke called the meeting to order at 10:03 am

CLAC: J. Burke reported that CLAC has not met but UHLS is still working to get quotes on Sierra's Mylibrary mobile app and other possible services.

E-Content: J. Wines reported that the updated Hoopla numbers have been sent out. Reminded members that their decision to continue with Hoopla will be needed soon. The current Overdrive wait time is 36 days.

Reopening committee: Did not meet

ARLS: T. Wiles reported that ARLS had their second meeting. The task force outlined their goals and is looking forward to getting started with the work.

T. Burke reported on the following UHLS Updates:

- Construction grants - Extra money has come in from DLD for the 2019 projects. Member libraries at 50% eligibility, were notified that they would be receiving an allotment of the extra funds. DLD reported that the 2019 applications would be receiving their 90% in October, with no withholding of funds.
- CARES Act funding through DLD - It was estimated that UHLS will be allotted approximately \$45,000 from the CARES act funding for aid to library systems and libraries. Still waiting for more details regarding specific criteria, etc. S. Jarzombek suggested that the DA should meet to discuss ways to spend this money in ways that benefit all libraries (perhaps an investment in econtent). The full program with the requirements and the process details should be provided sometime in October.
- NYS funding - Discussion as to whether Governor Cuomo will ease up on the potential 20% cut in the budget because of the loud advocacy from the school community. Library funding may benefit from this if the Governor reacts to reduce the cuts. Stay tuned.
- PPE - Still looking for a reliable source for more disinfecting wipes, but we still have plenty of spray disinfectant, hand sanitizer, masks, and gloves available in the stockpile.
- Adult Lit Classes - Gotomeeting Primer has been rescheduled to October 1st @ 7pm...sorry for the confusion.

Open Forum:

- COHS - Clarification on online patrons
- Group Discussion on square footage parameters and occupancy requirements as they relate to reopening for patron in-library use.
- Discussion of how libraries are handling patron visits (appointment only, walk-in, hybrid?). CAST is allowing unscheduled walk-ins up to occupancy limits.
- APL shared the following reopening document from the Connecticut State Library that they provided for their libraries: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DECD/COVID_Business_Recovery-Aug-14-updates/CTReopens_Libraries0814.pdf

Next meeting Friday September 25 at 10am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 am.