



UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Chair: Melissa Tacke
Vice Chair: Tim Wiles
Secretary: Joe Burke

x	APLM – Scott Jarzombek	x	NGRN – Mary Klimack
x	ALTM - Joseph Burke		PTRB – Anita Wilson
	BRLN – Sharon Vogel		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
x	COLN - Evelyn Neale	x	STEP - Kim Roppolo
x	EGRN - Jill Dugas Hughes	x	TROY - Paul Hicok
	GRAF – Leanna Sweet		VAFL - Kelly Akin
x	GUIL - Tim Wiles	x	VOOR – Sarah Clark
	HOOF – Sara Yetto		WTVT – Vacant
	MEND - Lenny Zapala	x	WSTR - Debbie Scott
x	NASS – Tracey Clague		UHLS - Tim Burke

Directors' Association
October 2nd, 2020

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

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

- Reminder of CORE Trustee Training Virtual meeting - 10/20 6:30pm email Tim to register and get the invitation link.
- No news on the NYS Budget, but UHLS is preparing a 2021 budget with a 20% cut.
- LLSA DLD reported that by late October, early November libraries will receive 80% of their 90% and then later in the year 80% of their remaining 10%.
- T. Burke sent the directors an email detailing a suggested flat % increase in last year's UHLAN fee formula
- DA members discussed the proposal at length; expressing that they thought the increase was too low, given the NYS funding cuts, and would rather pay more money to UHLS to maintain services and staff system staff support. T. Burke will rework the spreadsheet to show several larger % increases to get the DA reaction to those numbers. There was also discussion among members about coming up with a new equity formula, perhaps based on population, circulation, and taking into consideration economically distressed communities. T. Burke reminded the group that the current formula (before last year's flat increase) uses total local support and circulation as the dual measures of a library's impact on system services...with adjustments.
- M. Fellows noted that there was a press release about Story Walks! J. Burke shared an anecdote about ALTM's story walk in his community.
- N. Hurteau reminded the members that the next round of Adult Lit classes have been scheduled, and to start advertising!
- E. Neale thanked J. Thornton for the addition of the "Birthdate" field in the online registration form.

Schedule of DA meetings

The DA discussed the future schedule of the DA meetings. M. Tacke moved that the DA meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month with the 1st meeting being a traditional "business meeting" and the second meeting be for open discussion. E. Neale seconded, motioned passed. The next DA meeting will be October 16th and will be an open forum meeting, and as the NYLA Conference (virtual) takes place during the beginning of November, there will only be one meeting in November on 11/20 which will be held as a "business meeting".

CLAC - nothing to report

E-Content - Hoopla numbers were emailed out this morning. Invoices for Hoopla have been created and put in the bins. Members should see the invoices by the end of next week. Only four libraries (COLN, MEND, PTRB and HOOF) have opted out. Hoopla run out date is still 10/27. Overdrive numbers continue to climb. Interestingly, compared to last year, we have seen a 30% increase in unique users. J. Wines will email a chart out to directors later today

ReOpening Committee: Nothing new to report but E. Neale will send out a doodle poll to meet to discuss new topics.

ARLS: T. Wiles reported that M. Fellows sent out an email updating the library community about the progress ARLS has made; outlining their goals and objectives, and working on a website.

Open Forum:

- EGRN: Has extended services to include computers. One chair at each table has caused some issues with patrons staying too long. RCS, BETH, COLN, and RENS have voiced similar issues.
- BETH reported that most people are grateful for all of the work libraries have done, complaints are few. COLN agrees.
- RCS questioned whether libraries' policies were specific to masks. BETH reported that their policy does not consider gaiters, bandanas, or face shields as sufficient or equal to masks.

Meeting adjourned at 11:29am