



# UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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X	NASS – Tracey Clague	X	UHLS - Tim Burke

Directors' Association

Date: January 15, 2021

Others in Attendance: J. Favreau; N. Hurteau; J. Thornton; M. Fellows; Chris from BETH

**Called to order at 10:02AM by M. Tacke**

**Updates from UHLS**

Tim:

- Happy New Year!
- As always, please keep the online spreadsheets updated with your library's status
- The new limited delivery schedule is still in development with Arnoff and we will share as soon as it is agreed upon - won't be an immediate switch to give each library some time to prepare
- Capira update: had an implementation meeting this week and it looks like we may be looking at a 4-5 month implementation period, which is a bit longer than what the salesman told us
- Advocacy Day: all virtual with smaller group meetings with legislators, more details to follow but mark it on your calendars for Friday, Feb 26th
- The first quarterly CORE Trustee Training is being held Wed., Feb 3rd @ 6:30pm - email Jona if you or any of your trustees would like to register

Jona

- UHLAN invoices went out last week via delivery
- ERO invoices being sent out next week
- No new NYS annual information to report - hopefully the portal will open soon

Natalie

- Additional workforce development classes taught by Nate H. added to the schedule courtesy of the additional \$ added to the Google Grant - an email was sent out this week with details

Mary

- Story Walks 2021 - sent out an email earlier this week with a short survey to be filled out by Feb 12 if you'd like to participate

T. Burke also shared that Sara Yetto has graduated with her MLS...so she's officially a librarian! Congratulations! Also, Debbie Scott is no longer at WSTR, but has accepted the Director position at WTVT!

**Library Staff and Vaccination discussion**

S. Jarzombek encourages everyone to reach out to your county executives, supervisors and mayors and advocate for library staff to be included in the current vaccination schedule. If local governments want us open... they need to make it safe for our staff! T. Burke noted the NYLA message sent out earlier this week presenting their position advocating for library staff inclusion in current vaccination lists. He also said that he would reach out to the two county executive offices to discuss the local situation.

J Burke reported that the **Central Library Advisory Council** did not meet, however the APL and UHLS Boards, and UHLS Services Committee all approved the revised budget we discussed last month (after the odrive magazine pricing changes).

### **eContent Advisory Committee**

J. Wines shared that the Mid-Hudson, Westchester and RCLS all appear to be on board for the reciprocal lending program in Overdrive. The member library approved 5% increase for 2021 on new Overdrive spending levels (Library and ERO). Jona will be invoicing for ERO next week.

**Coordinated Planning for Reopening (Ad Hoc Committee)** did not meet

### **Anti-Racism Library Services Task Force**

T. Wiles reported that the first learning circle will be happening Feb. 9 from 10-11am no advance registration is needed. A conversation will be held following the 18 minute video "The Danger of a Single Story" (Ted Talk). A system-wide book discussion and author visit is hopefully in the works, and occasional emails will begin now that the listserv is operational.

### **Open Forum**

S. Jarzombek stated that the Washington Avenue branch will be closed on Wednesday - no staff in the building just in case something happens at the NYS Capital (which is only a few blocks away). Thank you to Joe Thornton for his help getting the APL pull list under control. Scott is on the steering committee for the Leadership Tech Valley program and encourages library people to consider applying - it's a great program! He's also curious what everyone's circulation numbers look like right now? APL has seen a 45-55% drop.

CAST is down 50% just looking at physical items, 30% including eContent

BETH total circ down 15-20%

SCHG is at 50-60% and they do allow in person browsing

RCSC 88% without econtent

ALTM down 30%

VOOR is at 65% just looking at physical items

VAFL down 37%

P. Hicok was watching Channel 6 News this week and they were covering the vaccination issue. One person they interviewed said that they were having trouble getting through via the phone and couldn't access the internet, "because all public libraries are closed." We need to remind patrons that many libraries have hotspots available.

General question about Tax Prep services: RENS is having patrons drop off packets of information - not being done in person this year. C. Gibeau asked if anyone had received their packets of tax forms yet? - T. Wiles will double check but he thinks they did this past week.

BERN received the Transforming Communities grant from ALA for the Ted Talks program that they'll be hosting in February, COHS was also awarded that same grant as well! K. Stempel is looking for some technology help for pre-recording interviews that will be played during the live event: T. Wiles suggests reaching out to Leah Lownsbury. J. Burke will send along the contact

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information for the Guilderland school technology coordinator who was very helpful to ALTM with a similar need.

This Sunday on WEXT.org N. Matulis will be on air from 7-8:30PM, you can listen to the Let's Make a Song program!

CAST and ALTM have been named Library Journal Star Libraries! Congratulations the both libraries!!

K. Akin shared that on Jan 25 from 7-8PM they will be hosting a virtual public information seminar on covid vaccines. Please share this out to anyone that would like to join in on the conversation

**The meeting adjourned at 10:57AM**

**Next meeting will be Friday, February 5th at 10AM**