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X	MEND – Laura Cernik	X	WSTR – Amy Powarzynski
X	NASS – Tracey Clague	X	UHLS - Tim Burke

Directors' Association

Date: March 5, 2021

Others in Attendance: J. Favreau; J. Thornton; M. Fellows; Catherine Stollar Peters; Melanie Metzger

Virtual Meeting called to order at 9:02AM by M. Tacke

Updates from UHLS

T. Burke

- Reminder to update the library status spreadsheet on UHLS.org.
- Advocacy Day: Had a great day with an unusually positive response from all representatives. He has one more meeting to attend (with MVLS TBD) with Angelo Santabarbara who's district includes BERN.
- Capira update: J. Thornton is still working with them on the implementation process. We've been in touch with a consortium in MA that has done this recently, so we're hoping they can provide some more information. S. Jarzombek brought up DVDs - many member libraries keep them in locked cases - how will this work? J. Thornton added that generally the Sierra loan rules will apply in the app.
- UHLS Annual Celebration happening Wednesday, June 9th in the evening - awards election, speaker...

J. Favreau

All but three member libraries have submitted their reports on time - THANK YOU! Slight pause in review, as I have a Q&A with DLD on Tuesday - will be in touch soon.

M. Fellows

Deadline for Project Ready is Friday, March 12th - an email will follow this meeting.

M. Tacke shared a special welcome to Laura Cernik, new Director at MEND.

Old Business

Subject Headings

J. Thornton shared that the Cataloging Advisory Committee met yesterday and after reviewing about 53k unique subject headings, illegal aliens stood out as one of the glaring offenders. They are going to replace that subject heading with the terms non-citizens, undocumented citizens, etc.. This is going to be an ongoing project, reviewing not just headings, but the entire catalog. It's an important job for catalogers when they are adding records, we need to all examine closely what information we are bringing in. Many participated in the discussion among the DA discussing the customer service impact of subject heading changes such as these.

New Business

Patron Expiration Dates

J. Thornton noted that A LOT of cards are due to expire soon. Last year when he extended dates, they all got lumped into a couple of dates. He also acknowledged a slight notification issue a couple weeks back, but J. Thornton has resolved that issue (an upgrade broke the notice program for a short time). J. Chirgwin asked if he could change the online applications to expire in 30 days - yes.

Formation of ad hoc committee - System wide Broadband

S. Jarzombek heard Pat Fahy's assistant mention a big project with funding that was coming. He'd like further clarification on this and would like to chair a committee that will put together a

proposal for system wide broadband. BERN, WSTR and NASS all volunteered to be a part of this committee as well. T. Burke said that UHLS would participate as well and suggested the idea of looking at a hotspot project as another possible project should federal \$ become available.

Reports

Antiracism Task Force

T. Wiles reported that the Project Ready deadline is March 12. The next Learning Circle will be announced soon, the collections committee is almost done with their audit and a shared calendar of events is in the works.

eContent

J. Wines shared that there wasn't a meeting however a spreadsheet was emailed yesterday. Huge thank you to BETH for the large recent econtent spending commitment! 75% of the ERO invoices have been paid - thank you! Still at a 38 day average hold time.

Open Forum

T. Burke noted that 26 of the 29 libraries are represented on the call, making it the best attended DA meeting in his recollection!!!

A. Wilson has personally had more luck with CVS than Walgreens in relation to vaccine appointments now that the Armory has opened.

The Westerlo Town Hall has reopened, so the WSTR library will also now have limited browsing hours starting next week. None of the library employees have been vaccinated yet.

T. Wiles explained that GUIL was approached by Sen. Hinchey's office to see if there was available office space in the library to rent as a satellite office. There was no space available, but this news caused an interesting discussion about the appropriateness and optics of a public library renting space to an elected official.

T. Wiles also shared that construction is shifting from the back of the building to the front, so it may constrain their ability to open or do curbside. But the good news is that construction is months ahead of schedule!

POES and BRLN were each mentioned in a recent Altamont Enterprise article, revisiting the UHLS Library Expedition.

BERN hosted an online photo contest and the photos will be printed on aluminum plates and mounted on the posts along with their Storywalk.

Next meeting will be March 19 at 9AM.

Meeting adjourned at 10:41AM.