



# UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Directors' Association

Date: July 2, 2021

Others in Attendance: J. Favreau; J. Thornton; Mary Fellows

**Virtual meeting called to order by S. Clark at 9:04AM.**

**Updates from UHLS**

*Tim*

- Construction Grant questions are rolling in– August 2 is the initial deadline date. One submits the application in the portal but he and Natalie are the only two who see it for review to ensure the project qualifies / get an idea of what the fund distribution will look like.
- Open Meetings Law (pre-pandemic) is back in effect immediately – all of the revisions that were made over the course of the pandemic are no longer part of the law, but keep in mind, there is a provision that does allow participation in digital / remote attendance. Check in with UHLS for more information.
- Annual Meeting / Awards happened virtually earlier this month, was a successful event and congratulations to those who were named for annual awards. Monetary awards will be sent via delivery next week along with the physical awards – including the physical awards to those who won last year (our apologies, it was a maternity leave oversight).

*Joe*

- Capira is in beta testing for Android users, waiting for Apple to approve the app before Apple users can start testing. T. Wiles asked if there was a function for events calendaring – Joe is unaware of that feature but will follow-up to verify.

*Jona*

- NYS Annual report revisions – she heard from DLD and will be reaching out individually to get corrections made. At this point there's no major changes required.

**New Business: Meeting Structure**

Upper Hudson has given us the go-ahead to have DA meetings in-person again at UHLS. Prior to the pandemic we tested the hybrid model for DA meetings (in-person with a few virtual attendees) and will continue to offer that option. The clear consensus of the group was to return to in-person meetings starting with the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Committee Reports**

*UHLS Board and Finance Committee:* J. Dugas Hughes not present but T. Burke noted that a balloon payment for the UHLS mortgage is due in August for the UHLS building – there are two options: pay it off or refinance. The Board will make a decision at the July meeting. Also, CDLC will be leaving their space at 28 Essex; UHLS will be working over the coming months to fill that portion of the building.

*UHLS Administration & Services Committees:* did not meet

*Ad Hoc Pandemic Response Committee:* E. Neale not present but committee did not meet – S. Clarke asked if there were any concerns that anyone would like to discuss? No.

*Ad Hoc Systemwide Broadband Committee:* K. Stempel reported that DLD sent out an email about the federal emergency connectivity fund – deadline for applications is August 13.

*Antiracism Task Force:* T. Wiles announced the community conversation with Dr. Sorin will be happening in August – an email was sent out yesterday by Natalie with all of the details. Project Ready will be

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sharing more information regarding three upcoming presenters later this summer in July, September and October (sessions will be free and recorded). ATF sent invitations to 5 vendors to develop staff and board training – they will be making their decision on a vendor partner in August and training will begin in October. July 8<sup>th</sup> will be the second 401 level Learning Circle discussing Robin D’Angelo’s article, “White Fragility.” Today is also Day 10 of the United Way Challenge – still have time to join if interested.

*Central Library Advisory Council* – no meeting

*Automation Advisory Committee* – no meeting

*eContent Advisory Committee* – J. Wines shared spreadsheets earlier this week – The good news is 90% spent at the halfway point – fantastic! Bad news is the current hold time has increased to over 40 days – whatever you can throw at it, the demand is there, just keep buying.

### **Open Forum / Library Status Updates**

T. Wiles asked the group about their current mask policies for patrons and staff. There was a lively conversation by the group, with the majority of them noting the recommendation to continue to wear masks if unvaccinated and around children under 12. N. Matulis noted that these should be local community based decisions at this point while discussing with our boards and reviewing current CDC data. K. Roppolo asked about toys – is anyone putting them out? Yes, but mostly the bigger items that can be wiped down easily or brought outside. S. Clark suggested we add a column to our spreadsheet to include current masking policies for all to see.

WTSR is officially fine free!

STEP hosted a StoryWalk grand opening with a ribbon cutting and storyteller Mary Jo came and captivated the children. Daphne Jordan, M. Fellows of UHLS and the school’s superintendent were in attendance – K. Roppolo noted how wonderful it was to see families enjoying the walk.

VAFL sponsored their first county garden tour as a fundraiser and it was a huge success! Took about 3 hours, there were 6 gardens (5 of them private homes) and she’s already looking forward to next year’s event.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:08AM.**

**Next meeting will be held Friday, August 6 at 9AM (the same day as our first UHLS softball game... rest up!)**