



UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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X	GUIL - Tim Wiles	X	VOOR – Sarah Clark
	HOOF – Sara Yetto	X	WTVT – Debbie Scott
X	MEND – Laura Cernik	X	WSTR – Amy Powarzynski
X	NASS – Tracey Clague	X	UHLS - Tim Burke

Directors' Association

Date: September 10, 2021

Others in Attendance: J. Favreau; J. Thornton; N. Hurteau

Virtual meeting called to order by S. Clark at 9:02AM.

Updates from UHLS

Tim

- The Services Committee received another round of reallocated Construction Aid funds from last year's cycle to distribute and brought the remaining two eligible member libraries up to full funding. In total, UHLS received \$43,400 in reallocated funds, which almost doubled the amount we were originally given to award (\$44k).
- The 2022-2026 POS and CLPOS were approved by the UHLS board.

Jona

- In preparation for a website refresh, an email was sent out to all UHLAN users looking for feedback re: our current UHLS website. If you haven't already, please take the few moments to complete the survey.

Natalie

- A survey will be sent out early next week, as an additional classes by Nate Hayer will be added to the schedule.

Joe

- J. Thornton apologized for the rocky Sierra update earlier this week. He's made the needed changes in Capira from barcode to codebar – if anyone has any other questions, send them along. G. Kirkpatrick noted that his patrons are using the self-check-out feature.

Minutes

MOTION: N. Matulis moved to accept the August 8 minutes as written. G. Kirkpatrick seconded. Unanimous.

Welcome to the new director of the Poestenkill Library, Amanda Martinez-Kirby!

New Business

S. Jarzombek wanted to share that the Open Meetings Law has now been extended through January 15, 2022. A short discussion was had noting that formal minutes are still required, even with the transcription of the recorded video. Questions on OML can be directed to T. Burke at UHLS.

Committee Reports

UHLS Board & Finance Committee – J. Dugas Hughes reported that 3 new UHLS trustees have been sworn in this year, the 2020 year-end financial review has been completed and a second tenant, NYSCASA, will be leaving at the end of the year along with CDLC. If anyone has any leads as to who is looking for space, please reach out.

UHLS Administration Committee - no report

UHLS Services Committee – met as discussed previously (construction grants and POSs)

Ad Hoc Pandemic Response Committee – no report and no questions asked

Ad Hoc System-wide Broadband Committee – no report

Anti-racism Task Force: T. Wiles reported that 150 people registered for the Driving While Black event and 62 people attended. The link for all to view is up on the UHLS website – a great event and resource. T. Burke noted that A. Booth will be conducting a book review for the APL book series, keep an eye out for that.

Automation Advisory Committee – J. Dugas Hughes reported that the committee discussed their goals for the next year, the new self-check-out feature and made a recommendation to appoint M. Riley (VOOR) for an additional term. There is an open seat that doesn't have to be filled but if you have a recommendation, please let her know.

Central Library Advisory Committee – no report

eContent Advisory Committee – J. Wines sent out an email earlier this morning with usage details. She noted that only half of our member libraries are utilizing the Advantage program. If interested in learning more about it, contact J. Wines or N. Hurteau.

Open Forum / Library Status Updates

T. Wiles shared that the GUIL board would like to keep their bathrooms open once they reopen to the public. He'd like to know what everyone else is doing in terms of services – there is a second spreadsheet available for updating that was created earlier this year; it was reshared with the group and is available for editing by all. GUIL is offering tours on Sept. 21 and 23 if you'd like to sign up for a visit and will be opening to the public on the 27th.

J. Wines asked about vaccine mandates – they were on the agenda last month but were tabled to this month and she'd like to know what everyone else is doing: GUIL's two CSEA representatives are in support of it, the BETH school district has mandated it and now BETH is heavily considering it; APL is now offering tiered healthcare based on vaccine status.

C. Gibeau is appreciative of everyone's patience while COHS was closed. They are back in a good routine but we haven't had approval from the City to enter the building as needed but going in once a week to pull lists. They are pivoting to use money from last year's grant cycle to reallocate those funds toward work on the building to get them reopened.

S. Jarzombek said that North APL branch should be reopening in February.

G. Kirkpatrick asked about indoor programs for the fall: GUIL not doing programming indoors at all, same for NASS, CAST youth programming will stay outside but small adult programs will be indoors with masks and she will probably shift back to kits for the kids once it is too cold, RCSC will bring programming inside in October with a mask requirement and capacity at 50%, APL gala will be vaccine required, and COHS is following what the senior center does.

S. Hopkins shared that the BRUN received a \$5k grant from Humanities NY via their friends group.

10:27 meeting adjourned

Next meeting to be held Friday, October 1 at 9AM.