



UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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X	APLM – Melanie Metzger	X	NGRN – Mary Klimack
X	ALTM - Joseph Burke		PTRB – Anita Wilson
	BRLN – Sara Rogers	X	POES – Donna Riley
X	BERN – Kathy Stempel	X	RCSC - Judith Wines
X	BETH – Geoffrey Kirkpatrick	X	RENS - Jane Chirgwin
X	BRUN – Sara Hopkins		RVLL – Heidi Carle
X	CAST – Melissa Tacke	X	SNLK - Melinda Fowler
X	COHS – Christiann Gibeau		SCHG - Nick Matulis
	COLN - Evelyn Neale		STEP - Kim Roppolo
	EGRN - Jill Dugas Hughes		TROY - Paul Hicok
X	GRAF – Leanna Sweet	X	VAFL - Kelly Akin
X	GUIL - Tim Wiles	X	VOOR – Sarah Clark
X	HOOFF – Danny Yetto		WTVT – Debbie Scott
X	MEND – Laura Cernik	X	WSTR – Amy Powarzynski
X	NASS – Tracey Clague	X	UHLS - Tim Burke

Chair: Sarah Clark

Vice Chair: Mindy Fowler

Secretary: Sara Hopkins

Directors' Association

Date: February 4, 2022

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

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

Minutes

MOTION: J. Burke moved to accept the January 7 minutes. G. Kirkpatrick seconded. Unanimous.

Updates from UHLS

Tim

- The Executive budget came out in early January with a slight 2 million increase to library aid, and unfortunately library Construction Aid was cut from \$34 to \$14 million. Advocacy Day is Wednesday, March 2 – again all virtual. NYLA has made a couple call to actions already– please forward to anyone who supports libraries and take the time to submit the form.
- Racial Equity Training – The board presidents list received the final menu options of training earlier this week. We’re asking Directors to be champions of change, please contact Mary with any questions or to schedule training. The UHLS board has committed to the training this spring.
- Intellectual freedom conversation – G. Kirkpatrick shared what happened at BETH recently with the stickers found on specific items. T. Burke was recently made aware of an email sent to RCSC from a concerned parent – she’s happy the items are being purchased but doesn’t want them displayed with other children materials. The question was asked – if a complaint does come in, should we provide that patron with a link to how materials are acquired and the formal form to make a complaint? Yes – provide a path for them if they are angry and always remain calm and transparent.
- Automated renewal process is humming along, no negative feedback has been reported to the system.

Jona

It is officially annual report time! Remember: please don’t hit the submit button. Reach out to UHLS with questions. M. Metzger asked about Make and Takes corresponding with live virtual programming – how do we report those numbers? J. Favreau will reach out to DLD and report back to the entire group.

Natalie

If you or a member of your staff haven’t received a CE from a recent program, please reach out to her directly. A number of free webinar opportunities have been emailed out over the previous week. She’s working with Nate for additional technology classes; those dates will be announced soon. N. Hurteau has finally received Ancestry.com numbers – those too will be shared soon.

Collection HQ product helps complete a diversity audit on our collections. S. Clark noted how extremely time consuming it has been for her staff to audit what comes into the library for new content. T. Wiles noted that it isn’t just for LGBTQ and race content, it can analyze every aspect of the library and makes collections spending more efficient. APL is already a subscriber.

Old Business

New Business

Committee Reports

UHLS Board & Finance Committee – T. Burke noted it was a routine meeting.

UHLS Administration Committee – G. Kirkpatrick shared that the committee reviewed and recommended the proposed telecommuting policy for the UHLS staff – and the Board passed it!

UHLS Services Committee – no meeting

Racial Equity Committee: T. Wiles reiterated the significance of the Collection HQ feature for collection development. He also reported that the McLean Group has done staff training at RCSC and a second library (GUIL) has signed up for training in June. There will be 4 Learning Circles this year – schedule will come out soon; the committee is working hard to fit into your busy schedules.

Automation Advisory Committee – no report

Central Library Advisory Committee – no report, but J. Burke noted that they received an update from DLD – the CBA and CLDG funds are now combined into one budget line, so the budget document will look a little different moving forward.

eContent Advisory Committee – J. Wines noted the spending sheet that was emailed yesterday – half of the member libraries haven't ordered this year. GUIL and GRAF have spent 89% and 100% of their total budget, which usually means there's more to come! There have been renewed interests at MVLS regarding the reciprocal lending agreement, update to the group hopefully soon!

Open Forum / Library Status Updates

D. Yetto asked if anyone has dealt with or used a discord server for teen programming. S. Hopkins has used them before but has a concern regarding moderation for filtering. She uses FB because moderation is built in. M. Fellows knows that COLN uses it – she will reach out for more information.

T. Wiles shared that GUIL is tossing around the idea of hosting a programming about book banning. S. Clarke has partnered with the NYCLU for a program – maybe reach out to them so that they can host it for you. J. Burke suggested reaching out to the Writer's Institute.

ALTM is officially fine free!

No new news from COHS – hopefully Tuesday a City official will be at the board meeting with an update. C. Gibeau shared that they'll be having a book brigade weather-permitting when it is time to move back into the library building! The majority of their items will move via movers but they will have about 100 people lining the streets of Cohoes, so that people can visibly see we are moving back to the library.

MOTION: C. Gibeau moved to adjourn the meeting. S. Hopkins seconded. Unanimous.

DA Meeting 02/04/2022

10:19AM meeting adjourned

Next meeting to be held Friday, March 4 at 9AM