



SERVICES COMMITTEE

November 8, 2006

PRESENT: Brian Hartson, Lou Anne Lundgren, Erin Apostol, Robert Jaquay, Lois Prenovost

UHLS STAFF: Philip Ritter, Heidi Fuge

I. RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN UHLS POOL COLLECTION

Committee members discussed the recommendations from the Pool Collection Planning Committee. R. Jaquay noted that he was a member of the Committee and that they looked at usage statistics prior to making these recommendations:

- Discontinue adult fiction and distribute the books to the member libraries
- Discontinue purchasing picture books but keep the collection in service
- Discontinue purchasing holiday books but keep the collection in service
- Continue purchasing audiobooks at or above the current level
- Continue purchasing music CDs
- Continue purchasing DVDs at or above the current level
- Infuse large print with more money for ongoing purchases

Consensus to accept these and to recommend Board approval.

II. APPROVAL OF VARIANCE REQUEST FORMS

Discussion regarding the Variance Request Forms submitted by Stephentown and Brunswick. P. Ritter noted that the Division of Library Development has expressed concern that these variances continue to be submitted instead of the situations being corrected. He pointed out that it appears that Stephentown might be rectifying the situation with their building project, however Brunswick is a continuing problem.

L. Prenovost reported that Brunswick is looking into the possibility of leasing a new space. P. Ritter explained that a lease is not a permanent solution.

Discussion regarding the possibility of sending a strongly worded letter to each library stating that the Services Committee and UHLS Board cannot in good conscience continue to approve these variances.

MOTION: E. Apostol moved that the Committee recommend to the Board that they send a letter, signed by C. Diamond, to the Brunswick library. The letter would state that the Variance Request is being approved, however the Board is concerned about the lack of progress in meeting the Standard; and that this is the last year in which a Variance will be approved. The Board is also requesting quarterly updates on the library's progress in finding a new site. The UHLS Board of Trustees and staff are available to work with the library in resolving this situation. R. Jaquay seconded. Unanimous.

MOTION: E. Apostol moved that the Committee recommend to the Board that they send a letter, signed by C. Diamond, to the Stephentown library. The letter would state that the Variance Request is being approved and that the Board is

pleased with the progress that the library is making and hopes that this progress will continue since this is the last year that the Variance will be approved. The Board requests quarterly updates from the library on their building progress. R. Jaquay seconded. Unanimous.

Heidi A. Fuge
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