

**Director's Association Liaison Report To
Mid-Hudson Library System Board of Trustees
For the 7/20/06 MHLS BOT Meeting**

From the 6/5/06 DA Meeting

Overdrive Downloadable Audio Books – The directors asked J. Cohen to present a more detailed breakout at the July DA meeting with attention paid to a comparison with the Recorded Books product including pricing structure and technology platform. It was further requested that J. Cohen submit a plan with suggestions of how to allocate the costs of Overdrive among libraries. One item of concern is that local preference will not work with Overdrive.

MHLS Budget Committee – J. Cohen asked for recommendations regarding the use of the "one-shot" money that is left after MHLS uses part of it to balance the 2007 budget. Some suggestions:

- Telephone Notification System
- Community Information Module
- Local History
- Overdrive

It was agreed that J. Cohen will provide a list of Millennium modules and costs.

SEAL – The procedures for ILL to/from RCLS may change to eliminate using SEAL. A pilot program of borrowing direct is being considered.

From the 7/7/06 DA Meeting

Several products were discussed:

Telephone Notification System

Serial Solutions

Central Search

Overdrive Downloadable Audio Books

J. Cohen will present an analysis and cost breakdown of these products (except for Overdrive, which will be tabled for another year). In the instances where cost is based on the number of libraries that participate, MHLS staff will determine reasonable assumptions and work from there. Analysis should be distributed by August 20th so that directors will be ready to vote at September meeting.

Millennium modules will be demonstrated at the next Resource Committee meeting. Those notes will be written and distributed to directors as well.

L. Shedrick will look into the best way to load MARC records of the Recorded Books downloadable audio books into the OPAC (not all libraries buy this product, so links and wording need to be considered). Additionally, MHLS will request that Recorded Books/NetLibrary make some changes to their downloadable audio books:

1. Provide circulation statistics by LIBRARY rather than county.
2. Include tracking on the audio file.

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