CHEMUNG COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

Agenda

The February 2007 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Chemung County Library District will be held on Thursday, February 15th, 2007 at 7pm in the Belle Johnson meeting room of the Horseheads Free Library, 405 South Main Street, Horseheads, New York 14845. The agenda for the meeting is listed below. If you are unable to attend, please inform Mr. Smith (737-7285), Mrs. Santulli (733-8607), or Mr. Sleeth (733-8611).

A comprehensive tour of the Horseheads Free Library for CCLD Board members starts at 6:30pm. The tour will be given by Maureen Ferrell, head librarian at Horseheads. Please do your best to attend this tour prior to the start of the regular board meeting.

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Pledge of allegiance
- 3. Approval of minutes (document #2007-12)
- 4. Treasurer's report
 - a) Financial report (document #2007-13)
 - b) February 7, 2007 report of unpaid Bills Detail (document #2007-14)
- 5. Correspondence
- 6. President's report:
 - a) Committee assignments (document #2007-15)
- 7. Director's report
 - a) Personnel activities since the January 2007 meeting of the Library Board (document #2007-16a, b, c)
 - b) Strengths & Weaknesses of the Horseheads Free Library (document #2007-17)
 - c) Annual reports of library department heads (to be distributed at the meeting)
- 8. Committee reports:
 - a) Executive Committee (Smith)
 - 1) Minutes of the Committee meeting (document #2007-18)
 - b) Budget & Finance Committee (Pirozzolo)
 - 1) Minutes of the Committee meetings (document #2007-19)
 - 2) Bookmobile repair quotations (document #2007-20)
 - c) Building & Grounds Committee (Schwesinger)
 - 1) Progress report on construction projects
- 9. Old business
- 10. New business
- 11. Period for public expression
- 12. Adjournment

(Minutes of the January 2007 meeting of the Chemung County Library District Board of Trustees. Document #2007-12)

Minutes of the January 2007 meeting of the Chemung County Library District Board of Trustees. The January meeting was held on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at 7pm at the Steele Memorial Library. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Allen Smith. Present were: Karl Schwesinger, Robin Fitzgerald, Richard Pirozzolo, Ed Marosek, Claudia Radin, Sherrill Collins, Jan Kather, Andrea Ogunwumi, Joan Hurley, Kristen Meyer and Kimberly Richards. Excused were: Marleah Denkenberger and Matthew Grier. Also present were Jim Sleeth, the Library's Director and Joan Santulli, the Library's Administrative Assistant.

Vice-President Smith welcomed new members Kristen Meyer and Kimberly Richards to the board. The first order of business was for the new members and recently elected board members Robin Fitzgerald, Karl Schwesinger and Allen Smith to take their oaths of office. The oaths of office and documents were notarized.

Minutes. (Document #2007-1) The board reviewed the minutes of the December 2006 meeting. The minutes were approved as distributed by unanimous consent.

Financial Report. (Document #2007-2) Mr. Pirozzolo noted that the District ended the year with a higher percentage of revenues than expected and a lower percentage of expenditures. The District did an excellent job this first year in being conservative with expenses. The money saved in personnel expenses covered the unexpected higher expenses in some of the other budget lines. He stated that it is expected the District will end the year with a fund balance of approximately \$496,000. Small amounts will continue to be withdrawn from the Certificate of Deposit in order to pay payroll and other expenses. By doing it this way, the remainder in the Certificate will continue to accrue interest. By unanimous consent, the December 31, 2006 Financial Report was approved as distributed and will be filed for audit.

Report of Unpaid Bills. (Document #2007-3) By unanimous consent, the board authorized the payment of the unpaid bills as distributed.

Correspondence. Ms. Radin received correspondence from Ristiina Wigg, the Director of the Southern Tier Library System, which stated that the Division of Library Development has approved the 2007-2011 STLS Plan of Service. DLD stated that the plan was deemed a stellar example of system bylaws and the planning showed excellent input and descriptive language. Ms. Wigg congratulated the STLS trustees who developed the bylaws under the leadership of Sherry Collins, the committee chair.

Sherry Collins reported the receipt of a letter from Attorney Jim Young in which he expressed concerns regarding the proposed revisions to the Library District bylaws. These concerns will be addressed by the Executive Committee and sent back to Attorney

Young for review. The District is still operating under the bylaws that were adopted last year.

Vice-President Smith acknowledged the board's receipt of the resignation of President Elizabeth Wayle.

President's report. President Smith stated how much he appreciated that hard and courageous work that Ms. Wavle has done for this organization during its first challenging year. She will be greatly missed. The resignation of Ms. Wavle raises the issue of who becomes President. The bylaws simply stated that should the president resign, the vice-president becomes the president and a new vice-president can then be appointed. He requested that the board secretary send a letter to Ms. Wavle thanking her for her service to the Library District. The vice-president vacancy will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Director's Report. Mr. Sleeth submitted a written report (Document #2007-4) of the personnel activities since the December meeting of the board. A new part-time Library Clerk has been hired for the Big Flats Library and two staff members have passed their probationary periods and have become permanent CCLD employees.

Mr. Sleeth reported on transition issues as follows:

- Ms. Santulli is working on getting Direct Deposit for CCLD employees;
- Regarding Real Property transactions, the Bookmobile now belongs to the Library District; the deeds for the West Elmira Library have been recorded and all paperwork has been completed, the legal work for the Big Flats and Steele Libraries is complete and are now in the hands of the County of Chemung, and the deeds for these buildings are expected to be received by the end of February.
- Regarding the Horseheads Free Library, the attorneys for the Library District and the Public Library Foundation of Chemung County have met and an agreement is expected that will result in the library being owned by the District with the stipulation that in the future, this building will remain an asset to the Horseheads community.
- Regarding the Lenox Avenue Cemetery, Attorney Young looked into the ownership of the cemetery when working on the dissolution of the Steele Memorial Library Association. He has found that while the Steele Memorial Library acquired the cemetery as part of an estate in 1928, the ownership was transferred to someone else in 1929. Letters have been sent to the Town of Horseheads and to the neighbors who own property that adjoins the cemetery. It appears the Library District will not become the owner of a cemetery.

Mr. Sleeth reported receiving a letter from Diane Winer, Treasurer of the Friends of the Steele Memorial Library (Document #2007-5) that transmitted financial contributions that total \$10,000 to be split between the Steele Library's Youth Services Department, the Big Flats Library and the West Elmira Library. The secretary was requested to send a letter to the Friends of the Steele Memorial Library thanking them for their valuable

contribution to the District budget. The secretary was also asked to send a letter to the Public Library Foundation of Chemung County thanking them for their contributions to the Horseheads Free Library in 2006.

Executive Committee. The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting were presented in writing to the board (Document #2007-6). The committee approved disbursement of invoices that were due at the time in order to keep current. An orientation was scheduled for new and returning board members for one hour before the February 15th meeting. The idea of a board retreat is still being discussed. The 2007 meeting dates and times for the CCLD board and its committees were discussed and a schedule was included in the board packet (Document #2007-7). At its next meeting the committee will review and discuss committee assignments for board members. Included in the board packet was a CCLD board member notebook table of contents (Document #2007-8). Board members were asked to check their notebooks and to let Ms. Santulli know if they find any of the current information is missing.

Budget & Finance Committee. The minutes of the Budget & Finance Committee meetings were presented in writing to the board (Document #2007-8). Mr. Pirozzolo reported that the committee recommended that estimates to repair corrosion on the Bookmobile be requested. Estimates are expected to be received within four weeks. He also reported that the committee has learned that a basic audit will be suitable for the Library District.

Buildings & Grounds Committee. The minutes of the Committee meetings were presented in writing to the board. (Document #2007-10) Mr. Schwesinger reported the committee has proposed a timeline for proceeding with the projects proposed to be funded at a 50% level by the New York State Construction grants. According to this timeline, bids can be awarded for all three projects at the April meeting of the District board. Mr. Schwesinger reported receiving a January 2, 2007 letter from Ristiina Wigg, the Director of the Southern Tier Library System (Document #2007-11) in which she informed CCLD that the STLS board has recommended that the applications for New York State construction aid grants for the Steele Memorial Library, the Big Flats Library and the West Elmira Library be funded at the maximum 50% level. These applications and recommendations have been forwarded to the Division of Library Development (DLD) for review. DLD staff will inform the library when the applications and funding levels are approved.

Mr. Schwesinger reported that he has received the necessary information from Hunt Engineers for these projects and expects to receive information from DPC Engineering by the end of January. The bid documents need to be reviewed to make sure they are complete. They will then need to be given to the CCLD attorney for his legal review prior to the advertisement for bids. Mr. Schwesinger moved, seconded by Ms. Collins, to request a proposal from Sue Oliver for the following items: (1) the cost to review and suggest changes to bid specifications; (2) the cost to hire Fagan Engineers to be the

construction manager for the three projects and (3) to submit a proposal to the CCLD board to update the facilities study that was completed last year and to prioritize the remaining projects. Motion Carried.

Personnel Committee. Mr. Smith reported that the service pins for CCLD staff members have been ordered.

Old Business. Ms. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Ms. Collins, that the Chemung County Library District accept the funds from the Friends of the Steele Memorial Library in the amount of \$10,000 and agree to expend the funds as requested. Motion carried.

Public Expression. None

New Business. Ms. Radin moved, seconded by Ms. Collins, to adjourn to Executive Session.

Ms. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Ms. Hurley to come out of Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board will be on Thursday, February 15, 2007 at 7 PM at the Horseheads Free Library.

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Financial Report - JANUARY 31, 2007

(DOCUMENT #2007-13)

Account		2007 Annual Budget	I	Received to date		Balance remaining	Percentage Received	Percentage through year
Income Library Fines, Fees & Contributions Grants (other than N.Y.S.) Foundation Contributions Library District Tax Receipts Interest on Investments State Aid	\$	101,110 28,750 160,000 2,140,001 30,000	\$	7,442 8,978	\$	93,668 28,750 160,000 2,140,001	7% 0% 0% 0%	
Central Library Development Central Book Aid Local Library Services Aid Other State Aid		105,000 71,500 41,700 1,600				105,000 71,500 41,700 1,600	0% 0% 0% 0%	
TOTAL INCOME	\$	2,679,661	\$	16,420	\$	2,642,219	1%	8%
Account		Annual Budget	E	Expended to date		Balance remaining	Percentage Expended	Percentage through year
Expense								
Personnel	•	4 400 740	•	400 545	•	070 004	400/	
Salaries	\$	1,102,746	\$	132,545	\$	970,201	12% 8%	
Sunday & Holiday Salaries Employee Benefits Contractual		55,404 509,337		4,320 36,090		51,084 473,247	7%	
Equipment		29,780		6,720		23,060	23%	
Telephone		10,330		593		9,737	6%	
Supplies		26,114		711		25,403	3%	
Travel & Continuing Education		19,155		35		19,120	0%	
Repairs & Maintenance		95,599		1,656		93,943	2% 0%	
Postage Library Materials (books, video, etc.)		7,839 258,430		28,534		7,839 229,896	11%	
Utilities		92,000		20,004		92,000	0%	
Building Cleaning Supplies		4,760		292		4,468	6%	
Fuel, Gas & Oil		2,000				2,000	0%	
Insurance		27,199		6,729		20,470	25%	
Rent		5,150		416		4,734	8%	
Vehicle Operation / Lease		7,000				7,000	0%	
Professional Fees (audit, membership)		50,246		3,387		46,859	7%	
Data Processing Expenses		38,231		200		38,031	1%	
Payment of Taxes		4,897		2,175		2,722	44%	
Library Programming Chemung County costs (B&G, vision)		11,588 17,085		339		11,249 17,085	3% 0%	
Capital Improvements		45,000				45,000	0%	
Contingency Fund		56,254				56,254	0%	
Debt Service		208,517				208,517	0%	
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$	2,684,661	\$	224,742	\$	2,459,919	8%	8%

Chemung County Library District General Fund Unpaid Bills Detail As of February 7, 2007

	Туре	Date	Memo	Open Balance
Acme Pest Control, Inc.	Bill	02/07/2007	Pest Control @ Steele for February	21.00
Total Acme Pest Control, Inc.				21.00
Baker & Taylor Books	Bill	02/07/2007	HFL book purchases	153.52
Total Baker & Taylor Books				153.52
Best Buy Gov, LLC	Bill	02/07/2007	Monitors for BF/WE	1,221.94
Total Best Buy Gov, LLC				1,221.94
Blackbourn Media Packaging	Bill	02/07/2007	AV supplies for BF	160.94
Total Blackbourn Media Packaging				160.94
Casey Roman	Bill	02/07/2007	Patron Refund	15.00
Total Casey Roman				15.00
Cassandra Wright	Bill	02/07/2007	mileage reimbursement	9.70
Total Cassandra Wright				9.70
Center Point Large Print	Bill	02/07/2007	ST large print	156.36
Total Center Point Large Print	DIII	02/07/2007	ST large print	156.36
CyberDark Computing	Dill	00/07/0007	OTALE	245.00
Total CyberDark Computing	Bill	02/07/2007	computer equipment ST/HFL	245.00 245.00
Deborah L. Brimmer		02/07/2007		
Total Deborah L. Brimmer	Bill		Mileage reimbursement-January	45.11 45.11
Elmira Water Board				
Total Elmira Water Board	Bill	02/07/2007	SML & WE water	111.45 111.45
First Transit				
Total First Transit	Bill	02/07/2007	Bookmobile fuel-January	191.09 191.09
H. L. Treu Office Supply Corp.		02/07/2007		
Total H. L. Treu Office Supply Corp.	Bill		office supplies-Steele	116.95 116.95
Horseheads Do It Center				
Total Horseheads Do It Center	Bill	02/07/2007	HFL -building supplies	11.36 11.36
Horwitz Supply Company				
Total Horwitz Supply Company	Bill	02/07/2007	cleaning supplies-ST/BF/WE	463.64 463.64
Idearc Media Corp.				
Total Idearc Media Corp.	Bill	02/07/2007	Phone book ad-monthly fee	156.47 156.47
Ingram Library Services				
Total Ingram Library Services	Bill	02/07/2007	Library materials-all libraries	8,351.95 8,351.95
Janet Ackerman		02/07/2007		
Total Janet Ackerman	Bill		BF mileage reimbursement	6.69
Logic Computer Products				5.30
Total Logic Computer Products	Bill	02/07/2007	Printer cartridge supplies-all libraries	476.90 476.90
				470.90
MidWest Tape	Bill	02/07/2007	DVD/Audio purchases-SML/HFL	61.96

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Total MidWest Tape				61.96
Moreland the Magician	Bill	02/07/2007	West Elmira program 3/3/07	300.00
Total Moreland the Magician				300.00
Oriental Trading Company, Inc.	Bill	02/07/2007	programming supplies-BF	227.49
Total Oriental Trading Company, Inc.			,	227.49
Petty Cash-Steele	Dill	02/07/2007	orientures DO surress OMI	404.00
Total Petty Cash-Steele	Bill	02/07/2007	reimburse PC expenses-SML	104.63 104.63
ProQuest Information & Learning				
Total ProQuest Information & Learning	Bill	02/07/2007	Microfilm S-G for December	19.18 19.18
Random House, Inc.				
Total Random House, Inc.	Bill	02/07/2007	AV purchases-SML	254.15 254.15
Rem-Southern Office Products, Inc.				
Total Rem-Southern Office Products, Inc.	Bill	02/07/2007	Toner for ST copier/maint agmt ST/Repair WE copi	1,189.66 1,189.66
Seneca Data				
Total Seneca Data	Bill	02/07/2007	Print server/software-Steele	1,691.59 1,691.59
Sherri Pike				,,
	Bill	02/07/2007	Patron Refund	8.00 8.00
Total Sherri Pike				6.00
SKJ Facilities Management, Inc.	Bill	02/07/2007	HFL Janitor services Dec/Jan	840.00
Total SKJ Facilities Management, Inc.				840.00
Southern Tier Library System	Bill	02/07/2007	Processing fees all libraries/tattle tape Steele	722.50
Total Southern Tier Library System				722.50
Sunset Printers	Bill	02/07/2007	letterhead/envelope supply	611.13
Total Sunset Printers			,	611.13
Thomson Gale	Bill	02/07/2007	CMI fistion purchase	E04 07
Total Thomson Gale	ВШ	02/07/2007	SML fiction purchase	581.87 581.87
Unique Books, Inc.				
Total Unique Books, Inc.	Bill	02/07/2007	HFL-Adult purchases	64.95 64.95
Verizon				
Total Verizon	Bill	02/07/2007	phone service-ST/WE	509.02 509.02
TOTAL			•	19,101.20
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Chemung County Library District Grant Fund Unpaid Bills Detail As of February 7, 2007

	Type	Date	Memo	Open Balance
Baker & Taylor Books	Bill	02/07/2007	Reference materials	2,418.22
Total Baker & Taylor Books		02/01/2001		2,418.22
Facts On File				
Total Facts On File	Bill	02/07/2007	Non-Fiction purchases	67.41 67.41
Hill-Donnelly				
Total Hill-Donnelly	Bill	02/07/2007	Reference material	181.00 181.00
Ingram Library Services				
Total Ingram Library Services	Bill	02/07/2007	Non-Fiction book purchases	2,442.06 2,442.06
Southern Tier Library System				
Total Southern Tier Library System	Bill	02/07/2007	processing fees	77.50 77.50
Thomson Learning				
Total Thomson Learning	Bill	02/07/2007	Reference material	27.73 27.73
Value Line Publishing, Inc.				
Total Value Line Publishing, Inc.	Bill	02/07/2007	reference materials	269.00 269.00
TOTAL				5,482.92

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	Туре	Date	Memo	Open Balance
AEC One Stop Group, Inc.	Bill	02/06/2007	HFL purchase	27.50
Total AEC One Stop Group, Inc.				27.50
Amazon Credit Plan	Bill	02/06/2007	HFL, BF, SML purchases	207.37
Total Amazon Credit Plan				207.37
Audio Adventures	Bill	02/06/2007	Steele AV purchases	242.00
Total Audio Adventures				242.00
CCLD Grant Fund	Bill	02/06/2007	reimbursement for Microfilm inv-pd in Jan by Grant Fund in error	5,827.70
Total CCLD Grant Fund	5		reimbulsement for Micromin inv-pa in barray Grant i and in cito	5,827.70
Chemung County Library District	Bill	02/07/2007	Detty Cook reimburgement DE HEL WE	E22 66
Total Chemung County Library District	DIII	02/07/2007	Petty Cash reimbursement - BF, HFL, WE	522.66 522.66
Gressco LTD.	5	00/00/0007		
Total Gressco LTD.	Bill	02/06/2007	DVD kwik cases extra capacity-Steele	267.57 267.57
Imperial Door Controls, Inc.				
Total Imperial Door Controls, Inc.	Bill	02/06/2007	repair - handicap doors at Steele	54.00 54.00
Pitney Bowes				
Total Pitney Bowes	Bill	02/06/2007	lease-mail machine 10/30 - 1/30	645.00 645.00
Purchase Power				
Total Purchase Power	Bill	02/06/2007	postage for mail machine	522.97 522.97
Richard Pirozzolo				
Total Richard Pirozzolo	Bill	02/06/2007	filing fee - Pub Lib Found - to be reimbursed by Foundation	250.00 250.00
Rose Woodard				
Total Rose Woodard	Bill	02/07/2007	Reimb for Programming expenses-WE	359.97 359.97
ServiceMaster of the Tri-Counties				
Total ServiceMaster of the Tri-Counties	Bill	02/06/2007	BF-carpet cleaning	420.00 420.00
Staples Credit Plan				420.00
·	Bill	02/06/2007	Local Store purchases-BF	42.47 42.47
Total Staples Credit Plan				42.47
Tanglewood	Bill	02/06/2007	Steele program 2/2	50.00
Total Tanglewood				50.00
Time Warner Cable	Bill	02/06/2007	VPN Service	200.00
Total Time Warner Cable				200.00
Town of VanEtten	Bill	02/06/2007	Building rental-February	416.66
Total Town of VanEtten				416.66
				10,055.87

TOTAL

(Document #2007-15)

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Memo

To: Executive Committee

To: Executive Committee

From: Jim Sleeth, Library Director

Subject: Resolution of personnel issue regarding promotion of Library Clerk Joyce

Weideman

Date: February 5, 2007

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To resolve the issue, Joyce Weideman was promoted to the position of Senior Library Clerk (part time) with pay retroactive to 1/1/06.

CSEA representatives were informed of this action on January 17, 2007.

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Addendum identifying past practices
to be included in the Memorandum of Agreement
and understanding between the
Chemung County Library District,
CSEA Local 1000 AFSCME
and
Chemung County Library District Unit #6362-00

- Library Compensatory time. (implemented in 1975) Library staff granted 2 weeks of compensatory time on an annual basis to help address the inequity in hours with other County employees.
- Memorandum outlining the procedures and guidelines for staffing the Sunday Library service hours at the Steele Memorial Library. (adopted September, 1991)
- Memorandum outlining procedures to follow for promotions from Library Page to Senior Library Page, Library Clerk to Senior Library Clerk and Librarian 1 to Librarian 2. (adopted February, 2000)
- Memorandum outlining the agreed to procedures for implementation of Saturday coverage for the employees of the Steele Memorial Library. (adopted October, 2002)
- Stipend for Maureen Ferrell (documented in November 19, 2005 ememo).

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT UNDERSTANDING

Entered into by and between the Chemung County Library District (herein "Employer"), CSEA Local 1000 AFSCME, on behalf of the Chemung County Local 808 and the Chemung County Library District Unit #6362-00 (herein "CSEA"):

Whereas the parties met at Labor Management to discuss and identify all past practice(s) agreements currently in place within the Library District; and

Whereas the parties wish to acknowledge they have had the opportunity to reaffirm their support of those identified past practices, and

Whereas the Employer agrees to continue and maintain all previous practices in effect for CSEA-represented employees of the CSEA Library Unit, unless mutually negotiated, modified in writing and ratified as needed.

Signatures:

President

Date

Shawn M. Lucas 03/03/06

Cc: Library Director

Chemung County Personnel Department

CSEA Unit President

CSEA LRS

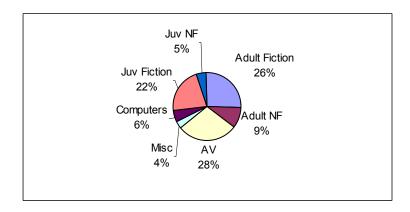
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Strengths and weaknesses of the Horseheads Free Library

By Maureen Ferrell, Jim Sleeth, Owen Frank – February 2007

Strengths of the Horseheads Free Library

- Library use, library collection, library services, library hours:
 - The Horseheads Free Library is a well used library. In 2006, total library circulation at the Horseheads Free Library was 113,294, representing nearly 25% of total circulation of the Chemung County Library District.

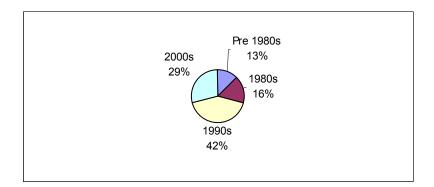


Adult fiction = 29,514; Adult non-fiction = 10,663; Audio video = 31,665; Computers = 6,649; Juvenile fiction 25,330; Juvenile non-fiction = 5,419; Miscellaneous = 4,054 totals to 113,294

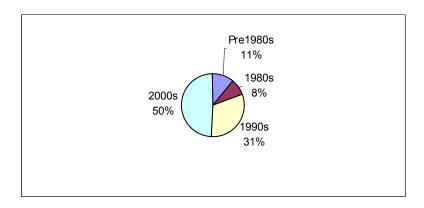
• At 54,760 items, the library's collection of books, magazines, audio & video, and materials in special formats is the second largest of the Library District. Two public catalog computers are supplemented by five Internet access computers and two stand-alone word processors. New computer workstations, a color copier, and a wireless network will be installed in 2007.

Type of material	2006 Circulation	Copies available	Turnover rate
Adult Fiction	29,514	13,856	2.14
Adult NonFiction	10,663	14,271	.75
AV	31,665	5,038	6.32
Juv Fiction	25,330	13,642	1.86
Juv Nonfiction	5,419	6,644	.82
Misc	4,054	1,293	3.10
Computers	6,649	16	412.5
total	113,294	54,760	2.07

• The age of the collection. Nearly three-quarters of the collection was purchased since 1990, making it a reasonably current collection of library materials:



• Patrons borrow newer materials: The following chart illustrates that over 75% of the collection that circulates was published in the 1990's or early 2000's.



Date	Circulation
Pre-1980s*	13,003
1980s	9,228
1990s	34,791
2000s	56,463

- * Pre1980s circulation may be inflated due to the fact that 8,375 circulations were for items with no publication date in the bibliographic record. The analysis was done this way to keep data consistent with the collection counts above.
- The Horseheads Free Library's own collection is augmented by access to the Southern Tier Library System interlibrary loan and delivery network. In 2006, 5,110 items were borrowed by HFL patrons and 3,928 were loaned, making Horseheads a "net borrower" by 1,182, for an additional value to the Horseheads community of over \$27,000.

- Access to electronic library services for Horseheads residents is provided through the Library District's web page. At www.ccld.lib.ny.us, patrons may find access to full text databases, the library catalog, library program information, a portal to the Internet, and much more.
- Regularly scheduled library programs for children, young adults, and adults, and special events sponsored during National Library Week, the Summer Reading Program, or Children's Book Week, ensure a high level of activity and visibility for the Horseheads Free Library within the community.
- Public service hours of the Horseheads Free Library are convenient to residents. In the Fall, Winter, and Spring the Horseheads Free Library is open 61 hours each week, including three evenings and every Saturday. In the Summertime, the Library is open 53 hours a week, including three evenings.

• Community support:

- In both 2005 and 2006 elections, 68% to 70% voted in favor of the Library District, indicating broad based community support for the library services Horseheads residents receive.
- Community-based organizations such as the Friends of the Horseheads Free Library, the Horseheads Kiwanis Club, and the Horseheads Woman's Club can be counted on for both volunteer and financial support. The Village of Horseheads can be counted on to supplement the County's Building & Grounds Department for routine support such as lawn mowing and snow plowing, leading to a safe and aesthetically appealing library.

• Financial support:

- As one of the neighborhood libraries of the Chemung County Library District, the operations budget of the Horseheads Free Library is stable.
- As the sole beneficiary of the Public Library Foundation of Chemung County, the Horseheads Free Library receives additional funds to improve its budget for new library materials and other exceptional needs.

• Library staff:

• The Horseheads Free Library staff is highly trained and long tenured, possessing expertise in collection development and programming for children as well as adults. In addition, key HFL staff have worked in other CCLD neighborhood libraries so they are well informed about the program of service in all the CCLD neighborhood libraries, enabling staff to refer to other

libraries when appropriate. HFL staff maintain and update their skills by participating in professional development workshops and conferences on appropriate topics.

 Abundant volunteers supplement paid staff, keeping the books in order on the shelves, organizing Books Plus kits, and assisting with collection development.

Weaknesses of the Horseheads Free Library

• Facility:

- Built in the late 1960's, the Horseheads Free Library was designed to house a maximum of 25,000 items. The overcrowded library now houses nearly 55,000 items, necessitating the weeding of popular materials from the collection when new items are purchased, limiting the library's usefulness to the community. In addition, contemporary library marketing practices such as counter height shelving and face out display of library materials are impossible.
- The Horseheads Free Library's meeting room is too small to serve the needs of library-sponsored programs or the needs of community-based organizations. Registration for library sponsored programs is artificially limited due to space constraints, causing the library to deny many children the opportunity to attend story hours. Some events, such as the celebration at the end of the Summer Reading Program or other specially planned events, lead to dangerous overcrowding, since the meeting room should be used for no more than 20 individuals.
- Location, location, location. In the 1960's, the Horseheads Free Library might have been properly located in its semi-residential neighborhood. Today, while a small number of residents do walk to the library, the vast majority of Horseheads residents must travel via car (and park in a shared parking lot). The library is land-locked with limited potential for expansion and off-street parking needs already exceed capacity.

(Document #2007-18)

Minutes of the February 7, 2007 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chemung County Library District:

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chemung County Library District was held on Wednesday, February 7, 2007, beginning at 7pm. The meeting was held in the Petrie Conference Room of the Steele Memorial Library. Attending the meeting were Allen Smith, Sherry Collins, Richard Pirozzolo, Robin Fitzgerald, Joan Santulli, and Jim Sleeth.

Allen Smith, chair of the Committee, opened the meeting at 7pm.

The following topics were discussed:

- President Allen Smith appointed Robin Fitzgerald to the position of Vice-president of the Chemung County Library District. This was done in accord with Article 2, Section 6 of the Bylaws which states "... If at any time the President leaves the Board the Vice President shall assume the position of President and appoint a Vice President. All appointments or changes in position expire at the time of the next Board reorganization."
- Committee assignments were reviewed, discussed, and decided upon. The President will announce committee appointments at an upcoming meeting of the Board.
- The proposed revisions in the CCLD Bylaws as well as changes suggested by CCLD attorney Jim Young were reviewed. CCLD attorney Young will be asked to review the changes before the Bylaws are submitted to the Board.
- In the absence of a Personnel Committee, the resolution of a personnel issue was reviewed. The Committee suggested the Director summarize this issue in writing for an upcoming meeting of the Board.
- The Director reviewed the implementation of the newly adopted (December 2006) Policy for the use of the Chemung County Library District meeting rooms, with specific reference to a group named Pax Christi. After discussion, the Executive Committee was in accord with the judgment that this group was both political and religious and therefore did not qualify to use the Library District's meeting rooms. Many groups, from commercial to religious to political, were informed that they no longer qualified to use the Library District's meeting rooms.
- Sherrill Collins moved, seconded by Robin Fitzgerald, to approve the payment bills on the bill sheet identified as February 7, 2007.
- President Smith announced that he would charge the new ad hoc committee on planning to begin the strategic planning process.
- The Committee discussed two additional items regarding communication between the Board and staff.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

(Document #2007-19: Minutes of the February 8th, 2007 meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee of the Chemung County Library District)

Minutes of the February 8th, 2007 meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee of the Chemung County Library District:

A meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee of the Chemung County Library District was held on Thursday, February 8, 2007, beginning at 8:15am. Attending the meeting were Richard Pirozzolo, Andrea Ogunwumi, Robin Fitzgerald, Joan Santulli, and Jim Sleeth.

Richard Pirozzolo, chair of the Committee, opened the meeting.

The following topics were discussed:

- The January 31, 2007 Financial Report was reviewed and approved.
- The February 7, 2007 unpaid bills detail was reviewed and approved.
- After a question regarding the purchase of a color copier for the Horseheads Free Library was answered, a brief discussion of per copy costs of photocopying in all our libraries was held. Further discussion on this topic will be held in the future.
- It was requested that staff send a note of thanks to the Friends of the Steele Memorial Library for their contribution to the Big Flats, Steele, and West Elmira libraries.
- Mr. Pirozzolo reported that the certificate of deposit was drawn down to pay CCLD bills.
- Mr. Sleeth reported that Katy O'Donnell from Chase Bank made a presentation about their services. Mr. Pirozzolo will call Ms. O'Donnell to thank her for the presentation and supporting materials but that there would be no immediate follow-up to Chase.
- Estimates and recommendation to repair the corrosion on the Bookmobile was discussed and approved for follow-up recommendation to the CCLD board. It was agreed to use the background information with the CCLD board that was provided to the Budget & Finance Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05am. The next meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2007 in the Petrie Conference Room of the Steele Memorial Library.



(Document #2007-20: Bookmobile repair quotations)

Memo

To: Budget & Finance Committee From: Jim Sleeth, Library Director Subject: Bookmobile repair quotations

Date: February 7, 2007

After the Budget & Finance Committee suggested, with the acquiescence of the entire CCLD Board of Trustees, that we continue keeping the Bookmobile in the best possible physical condition, we solicited quotations for body work to repair the rusted out portions of the vehicle. Bill Knapp, our Bookmobile Driver, inquired of the Chemung County Transit Garage the names of well qualified, dependable, and reliable firms that they could recommend to complete the body work. Three firms, all of whom have done work for the County Transit system in the past, were recommended:

- Hawk Frame & Axle of Fairport, New York
- Goodrich Auto Works of Bath, New York
- Laing Industries of Kirkwood, New York

All three were contacted with a request for quotations for the following body work:

The metalwork on the Bookmobile from the middle of the vehicle down (from the blue rail down) will be repaired or replaced, the part of the vehicle receiving this body work will be repainted, and the lettering altered in this process will be replaced. The rub rails will be replaced, body panels that are rusted through will be replaced, and the underlying structure will be repaired and / or replaced. New paint will match the old color from the blue rail down. No work will be done on the vehicle's frame. The front cowl (the hood) which is made of fiberglass will be repainted.

As of Wednesday, February 07, 2007, we had received two responses to our request for quotation:

Hawk Frame & Axle: \$7,941Goodrich Auto Works: \$8,266

Hawk estimates that the work will take approximately three weeks. Goodrich estimates that the work will take approximately two weeks.

Recommendation: Baring a last minute response from Laing Industries, we recommend accepting the quotation from Hawk Frame & Axle.