



South Central Regional Library Council

SCRLC Advisory Committee on Information Technologies and Services
Friday, May 7, 2021 1:00 PM
Zoom Room

Notes

Present: Doyin Adenuga (Houghton), Elizabeth Hicks (NYCC), Erika Jenns (STLS), Susanna Van Sant_(TC3), Claire Lovell, Mary-Carol Lindbloom; **Excused:** Matthew Kopel (Cornell), Peter McCracken (Cornell), Mary Ann Munroe (GST).

Welcome and Introductions.

- Welcome to our new member, Elizabeth Hicks, who joined from the NY Chiropractic College, replacing Suellen Christopulos-Nutting.

RBDB Budget

- SCRLC was able to get back the 20% withheld, which enabled us to put \$35,000 back into the 2020-2021 budget for RBDB grants. The overall SCRLC 20-21 budget is dipping into our cash reserve by nearly \$15,000 primarily due to RBDB suddenly needing to cover 18 months instead of 12 months (FY change), but that has been mitigated by our PPP loan, which had an excess for 2019-2020.
- The grant round is actually for the upcoming fiscal year, 2021-22, which runs July to June. Another \$20,000 was added to RBDB in the 2021-22 fiscal year (so the grant cycle reviewed could be up to \$55,000). We had \$51,000 requested. Note that the board must approve the budget, including these grant applications.
- With any remaining money, we may look at special projects, e.g., the 50th anniversary of Hurricane Agnes (6/23/1972) that devastated so many communities in our area.
- Other components funded by RBDB:
 - Some staff salaries
 - BARC (managed by TC3). ILL numbers have been very low this year due to libraries suspending ILL service.
 - E-resources, e.g., Literary Reference Center, FirstSearch. We probably want to stay the course with our offerings this year. Consumer Health Complete is funded out of MISP--we are likely to have a telehealth initiative next year, which Consumer Health Complete will complement well. The telehealth initiative would be beyond our region and be a partnership with outside organizations.
 - We met with EBSCO and they offered us a trial for LearningExpress Complete, but we don't have the price figures yet.
- Susanna notes that SUNY has a huge agreement for 30+ databases from EBSCO (not including LearningExpress). SUNY's contract expires in June of 2022.

Around the Table

- All TC3 staff are going back, full time by June 1. Summer courses will be asynchronous, online. Fall courses are hybrid.
- NYCC plans on having all students back on campus in the fall, so staff is coming back now.
- STLS has a construction aid grant RFP out, where construction will likely start in July and end in January, so they aren't being required to return to the office any time soon.
- Houghton College has created a 360 virtual tour of their library thanks to Gregg Kiehl of TC3. Houghton's commencement is this weekend.

RBDB Applications 2021-2022: Outside Review Panel Results. [This discussion comprised the remainder of the meeting; Erika was recused from it.] Comments have been added to the Outside Review Panel document.

Notes taken by Claire.