

# MHLS ACTION MEMO

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TO:	Member Library Directors with Active Friends Groups
FROM:	Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Coordinator of Member Information
DATE:	September 14, 2007
RE:	<b>FRIENDS MATTER 2007 Registration</b>

**Background:** MHLS will once again hold an event to help recognize the efforts of your library's Friends Group. This event, FRIENDS MATTER, is a complimentary dinner with friend-2-friend conversation opportunities built in. Designed for the leadership of your Friends Group, to not only recognize them for their hard work but also to help them connect with others who do what they do so they can share experiences and find solutions to common problems.

**Issue:** Libraries with an active Friends Group are strongly encouraged to send officers of their Friends to this event. This is a nice opportunity for them to feel special while helping them to connect them with the growing network of Friends in the MHLS service area.

The event is a combined leadership development / recognition event in order to address the feedback we received through the evaluations of the last two year's events and our quarterly Friends Support Group. *Therefore we are encouraging those Friends that hold leadership positions within your group to attend.*

**Action:** Please deliver the enclosed invitation to your Friends' Group president ASAP. There is one registration form per group. Registration is on a "first come, first served" basis so help your Friends get their registrations in ASAP! (They may also register through the MHLS online calendar or through the registration hotline – info is on the invitation.)

**Deadline:** Seats must be claimed by Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

