

**DA Liaison Report to MHLS Board meeting held  
October 3, 2007**

At the October 3rd meeting, The Directors Association accepted a proposal from the Central Library/Collection Development Advisory Committee that was formulated with the MHLS Central Library (PPLD) to collectively purchase a list of online databases. Most of the databases or knowledge products were made affordable to the membership thanks to the Central Library's allocation of State funds to defray approximately half of the total costs. This decision by the DA was significant in that the group needed to reach consensus in order for the purchase to occur. In addition, the Central Library and the CL/CD committee created a process for the future where members can measure the success of these products over time. Members should also see a more formalized process for selecting online products which will help them plan their budgets more effectively. These products are available to library cardholders via remote access which makes them more user convenient and therefore more desirable.

The redesigned Kids OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog) was demonstrated and promotional bookmarks have been distributed by MHLS.

The 2008 Summer Reading Program theme was announced – Catch the reading bug.

Tom Lawrence apprised members of the status of PPLD services during the temporary relocation of Adirance Library. He also encouraged members to apply for the NEA's Big Read program that was so successful in Poughkeepsie.

Material for "Tips for working with Friends Groups" were distributed and discussed.

There was no DA meeting in November.

The December meeting was held yesterday, Dec. 7.

This was the annual holiday meeting so there was little business conducted. Any business discussed will be reported at the next MHLS Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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