

Mid-Hudson Library System Board Meeting Director's Report for May 2009

Funding: The New York State budget resulted in an 8% cut from last year's funding level. Since we were cut 3% last year this is an 11% cut, but it is based on the extra 8 million supplemental aid rather than 917 legislated levels. What this means is that we are waiting to find out, but Linda's estimates suggest we are about where we budgeted.

Annual Meeting: Karen Hyman, nationally known speaker from New Jersey, has agreed to speak at our annual meeting. She has also agreed to present her highly praised *Customer Service* workshop the day before our meeting.

Task Force on System Models: I have asked the Task Force on System Fees to begin looking at a process to make a decision about System models for 2012 and beyond. The Task Force will develop a process for examining services and other models of Systems as well as fee structures.

Barnes & Noble: The Barnes and Noble fundraiser was disappointing considering we put extra effort into it this year and only made about \$400 dollars, which is significantly less than last year.

Youth Services: We are interviewing candidates for the Youth Services position.

ALA Legislation Day: I will be attending the ALA Legislation Day in Washington.

Continuing Education: We had a highly successful Board Leadership workshop on *the Role of the Board President*, and have presented our spring round of *Trustee Essentials*.

The list below includes documents & information that are to be placed in the permanent record. Board members may request copies of documents by contacting Peggy on ext. 16 pwinn@midhudson.org.

Correspondence Received:

- Thank you note to MHLS Board from Cheryl Harlen, Mahopac Library, for the MLS scholarship she received to help her earn her degree.
- March edition of the Poughkeepsie Journal's monthly feature "*On the Shelves*" contributed by Phyllis Keaton, director of the Howland Public Library (Beacon).
- Thank you email to Josh Cohen from Margo McLoone, President of the Woodstock Board, for his presentation to her board on *the Role and Responsibilities of trustees*.
- April edition of the Poughkeepsie Journal's monthly feature "*On the Shelves*" contributed by Beth Zambito, Youth Services Librarian at the Adriance Memorial Library in Poughkeepsie.
- Thank you note to Barbara Clapp, Health Information Project Coordinator, from Joe Fitzpatrick, Family Specialist at the Astor Home For Children, for her presentation to the foster parents group.
- Thank you note and fruit basket from Faith Johnson, Director of the Town of Ulster Public Library, to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich for her onsite consultation on budgets and Merribeth Advocate for providing Website support and database information.
- Letter of appreciation and thanks from Joan Frenzel, Millbrook Library Youth Services Librarian, to Josh Cohen, for the invaluable knowledge and support received from the System's Youth Services Coordinator, Margaret Keefe.
- Letter to the editor of the Poughkeepsie Journal re: libraries and their staffs, submitted by Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Coordinator of Member Information.
- May edition of the Poughkeepsie Journal's monthly feature "*On the Shelves*" contributed by Ginny Figlia, Youth Services Librarian, Howland Public Library.
- Article from the Southern Ulster Times, dated 4/22/09: re: the growth in use of local libraries.
- Article from the Register Star dated 4/24/09 re: the Philmont Library's designation as a Health Information Project Center in Colombia County.

Member Memos:

- #09-01: Construction Needs Update
- #09-02: Scheduling Your Reference Collection Assessment
- #09-03: In-Kind Service
- #09-04: SAM Configuration Status

Other Reports:

- Staff Library Visits Report