

Mid-Hudson Library System Board Meeting Interim Director's Report January 2011

Funding Update:

- No additional 2010 funds from the State have been received by any library system.
- Despite NYLA's advocacy for Article 7 bill and preservation of the supplementary system operating aid and hold harmless provisions, the Legislature did not act. There is no indication that the Legislature will be coming back any time soon.
- All system types (public Library Systems, School Library Systems and Reference and Research Library Resources Systems) have asked DLD to request the release of the library state aid.
- With 2010 being the end of the traditional funding of the Health Information Project, we had hoped that partial funding for resources could be contracted through CAPE of DC (Council of Addiction and Prevention Education). However, we have heard officially that this funding was not made available to us.

Plan of Service Planning:

- MHLS is currently working on gathering information to help us develop the 2012-2016 MHLS Five-Year Plan of Service. The data will be used to design a plan that will maximize our ability to provide the unique support that member libraries rely on and prioritize MHLS service functions for long-term sustainability. Data will be gathered in several ways including:
 - A series of focus groups this spring with member library Directors, Trustees, Friends and other member library stakeholders. Issues to be discussed include the current and future needs of member libraries.
 - Input from the newly formed System services Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.
 - Data collected on member library service use.
 - Feedback from Annual Member Library Assessment survey of System services, Survey of Service Comments from Directors, Central Library Training Assessment, MHLS Continuing Education Assessments and other relevant surveys.

Public Library System & Library Annual Reports:

- Public library system directors would like the State Library to try to align PLS and PL annual report and Comptroller reports to avoid duplication of effort. The State Comptroller staff has indicated a willingness to discuss streamlining possibilities.

Member Webpage Project:

- By subscription, MHLS designs and hosts the library websites for 36 of our member libraries, and maintains the informational changes on those websites. We are ½ way through a big project, giving them all an updated look, increased staff functionality and more of what patrons are looking for. Robert Drake has been instrumental in making this project a success.

Library Visit Report

Employee	Library	Date	Type of Visit	Topic	Time spent (minutes)
Christina Ryan-Linder	Columbia County Libraries	15-Nov-2010	Information	Programming – YS	120
Christina Ryan-Linder	Dutchess County Libraries	17-Nov-2010	Information	Programming – YS	60
Christina Ryan-Linder	Battle of the Books Libraries	16-Dec-2010	Research/Advice	Programming – YS	60
Gerry Formby	Sarah Hull Hallock Free Library	20-Dec-2010	Support Issue / Problem Solving	Computer – Software	270
Lena Smolon	Beacon Correctional Facility	15-Nov-2010	Training	Correctional Facilities	180
Lena Smolon	Beacon Correctional Facility	14-Dec-2010	Research/Advice	Correctional Facilities	360
Merribeth Advocate	Highland Public Library	08-Nov-2010	Information	Facility	90
Merribeth Advocate	Highland Public Library	30-Nov-2010	Information	Facility	90
Merribeth Advocate	Chatham Public Library	01-Dec-2010	Training	Trustees	120
Merribeth Advocate	Greene County Libraries	08-Dec-2010	Information	Personnel	120
Merribeth Advocate	Kingston Library	09-Dec-2010	Training	Planning	240
Mohamed Toufali	Roeliff Jansen Community Library	02-Dec-2010	Support Issue / Problem Solving	Computer – Hardware	60
Rebekkah Smith Aldrich	Chatham Public Library	01-Dec-2010	Training	Trustees	120
Rebekkah Smith Aldrich	New Lebanon Library	01-Dec-2010	Research/Advice	Vote Support	90
Rebekkah Smith Aldrich	Greene County Libraries	08-Dec-2010	Information	Personnel	120
Rebekkah Smith Aldrich	Kingston Library	09-Dec-2010	Training	Trustees	240
Rebekkah Smith Aldrich	Red Hook Public Library, Inc.	11-Dec-2010	Research/Advice	Funding	150
Rebekkah Smith Aldrich	LaGrange Association Library	14-Dec-2010	Information	Vote Support	10
Rebekkah Smith Aldrich	Pine Plains Free Library	14-Dec-2010	Research/Advice	Friends	30
Rebekkah Smith Aldrich	Beekman Library	15-Dec-2010	Research/Advice	Vote Support	120
Rebekkah Smith Aldrich	Grinnell Library	16-Dec-2010	Information	Organizational Growth	60
Robert Drake	West Hurley Public Library	17-Nov-2010	Support Issue / Problem Solving	Computer – Software	150
Robert Drake	West Hurley Public Library	16-Dec-2010	Support Issue / Problem Solving	Computer – Software	420

Total = 55 hours

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. 216 or pwinn@midhudson.org

Member memos:

- #10-07: Member Info Contact Information Update

Correspondence Received:

- December edition of the Poughkeepsie Journal's monthly feature, "On the Shelves" contributed by Matt Pfisterer, Director Grinnell Library.
- Thank you note to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Coordinator for Library Growth & Sustainability, from Erica Freudenberger, Manager Red Hook Public Library, for the valuable help given to her board on evaluating funding options.
- Letter to Interim Director, Merribeth Advocate, from Kara Lustiber, Director West Hurley Public Library, and Bill Bizovi, Technology Chair, regarding the consistently excellent work performance of the System's Network Specialist, Robert Drake, for the library.