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Dear Mr. Tuttle,

I am interested in being considered for the open position of Trustee from Ulster County on the MHLS Board.

I have been a trustee of the Saugerties Public Library for the past five years and have three more years on my current term. Among my responsibilities on the Board are chairing the long range planning committee, being on the policy committee and Board liaison to the Friends.

Over the years I have had the opportunity to attend many workshops at MHLS in matters such as Board development, legal issues, Get Out The Vote, public relations, and Friends. I have also attended conferences given by the Library Trustee Association (formerly NYSALB). My most challenging experience has been attending Library Advocacy Day in Albany for the last few years. It seems to be an uphill fight that I take on willingly. I hope the work that is being done on behalf of library funding will be successful in the near future. I am deeply committed to the concept of the public library as I feel it is the most democratic institution we have in this country as it is open to all and benefits everyone.

My professional background includes a variety of experiences. At times I was immersed in counseling from young adults to the senior population and on entirely different note I worked in the information technology arena as a computer programmer and systems analyst.

Locally, besides the library, I have been involved with the Saugerties Farmers Market, Lifespring, an adult learning community in Saugerties, and the Woodstock Jewish Congregation among others.

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