

**Liaison Report to MHLS Board of Trustees from
Directors Association Meeting
October 3, 2012
MHLS Auditorium**

Action Items:

1. Minutes from September 7, 2012, approved
2. Elimination of VIP status in patron records approved
3. Elimination of "Add a Bag" button on OPAC approved, as recommended by Resource Sharing
4. 2013 Member Library Database Audio/eBook costs approved
5. New Liaison from DA to MHLS Board for 2013 approved – Frank Rees from Kent Library

Discussion Items:

1. Executive Director Mike Nyerges:
 - a. MHLS 2012 Annual meeting will take place Friday, October 19, focus on Library Futures.
 - b. Mike & Merrieth Advocate attended I2NY Summit in Saratoga Springs. Reported that academic libraries recognize the shift from distributing to creating content, and are already positioning themselves to do so.
2. Merrieth Advocate:
 - a. Overdrive continues to be popular.
 - b. Reminded all to prepare for Annual Reports by tracking reference questions and number of visits to library.
3. Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich:
 - a. Tax Cap info continues to be clarified.
 - b. Reminded all to follow local legislators in their races to find out what issues are important to them
 - c. Building Your Base Leadership Series w Sandra Nelson was a success
 - d. MHLS will host a "10 Things" get together for past & present participants.
 - e. Social Media Policy Development Assistance now available through MHLS Web site.
4. Robert Drake:
 - a. Transition from server to cloud planned for Columbus Day, Oct. 8, 2012. Millennium, OPAC, Databases and Overdrive will be down that day.
 - b. Libraries with Web sites hosted by MHLS may be able to get a free e-mail account incorporating the library's URL.
 - c. E-Rate Grant Training on October 30th for any libraries considering it or interested in learning more about e-rates.
5. Eric McCarthy:
 - a. Create Lists workshops have been popular & well attended.
 - b. SSH will be discontinued after the migration to the cloud.
 - c. Request limit of 50 items now in place – it currently affects 63 patrons.
 - d. Member libraries reminded not to circulate items before publisher-announced street dates.

*Respectfully submitted by Erica Freudenberger
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