

**COMMUNICATIONS PACKET
FOR MHLS BOARD
September 2012**

In order to reduce the amount of extraneous paper you receive, we would like to try duplication by request only. If you want a personal copy of any document listed, please contact Peggy, ext. 216.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter to Board President, Peter Hoffmann, from System retiree, Fred Van Tassell, re: the proposed health insurance dependent survivor coverage policy, and insurance benefit costs for pre-2006 retirees.
- Thank you letter to Outreach & Education Coordinator, Merribeth Advocate, from Phoenicia Library Board President, Kurt Boyer, for being awarded a \$400 Summer Reading Grant.
- August edition of The Poughkeepsie Journal's monthly feature "On the Shelves" submitted by Alison Herrero, adult services librarian, at the Howland Public Library.
- Facebook comments from librarians praising System services.
- Thank you letter from Susan Totter, director of the Dover Plains Library to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator for Library Growth & Sustainability for organizing and implementing the Building Your Base Online training opportunities over the past year.
- Thank you letters from the Rosendale Library Director, Wendy Alexander and Friends Chair, Ann Sarrantonio, to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator for Library Growth & Sustainability for her assistance with their Friends Group.
- Thank you letter from Linda Deubert, director of the Heermance Memorial Library in Coxsackie to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator for Library Growth & Sustainability for her presentation to their board about building support in their community for future endeavors by the library.
- Thank you letter from Kurt Boyer, board president of the Phoenicia Library, to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator for Library Growth & Sustainability for her assistance to their library in the aftermath of the 2011 fire that destroyed their library and their rebuild efforts.
- Article from the May/June 2012 issue of Marketing Library Services newsletter highlighting MHLS Coordinator for Library Growth & Sustainability, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich's, presentation at the Public Library Association conference in Philadelphia, PA, "Building Your Base (& Your Budget).
- Thank you letter from Gerald Nichols, Chair of the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries, to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator for Library Growth & Sustainability, for her support in the development of the new 2020 Vision for libraries recently accepted by the NYS Board of Regents Cultural Education Committee.
- Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator for Library Growth & Sustainability has been published in the new book, Greening Libraries, edited by Monika Antonelli and Mark McCullough recently published through Library Juice Press. Rebekkah authored a chapter on Greening Libraries in Historic Buildings.
- National recognition from Mango Languages for the effectiveness of the MHLS Word-of- Mouth Marketing experiment and the "10 Things" self-directed learning program, resulting from Merribeth Advocate's sharing the success of these programs with Mango.
- Letter from Tracy Priest, former Director of the Phoenicia Library, to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Coordinator for Library Growth & Sustainability, and Merribeth Advocate, Outreach & Education Coordinator, with a note to Mike Nyerges, recognizing the enormous contributions they have made on behalf of the member libraries and to "the library world in general".
- Email from Howard Van Lenten, Board President of the Roeliff Jansen Community Library, on behalf of his Board, recognizing the outstanding service rendered to the library by Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Coordinator for Library Growth & Sustainability.
- Letter to Mike Nyerges from Kara Lustiber, Director West Hurley Public Library, recognizing the outstanding help provided by Eric McCarthy, Automation Supervisor, in completing the library's inventory.