

**Liaison Report to MHLS Board of Trustees from
Directors Association Meeting
March 3, 2011
MHLS Auditorium**

Action Items:

1. Minutes from February 3, 2011 approved
2. Additional funding for E-books: \$100 from each library passed
3. 2011 Overdrive audiobook funding split: Passed 40% to be spent on E-books, 60% on audiobooks

Discussion Items:

1. Executive Director Mike Nyerges reported on advocacy efforts before, during and plans for follow-up to Advocacy Day in Albany.
2. Nyerges reported that \$14 million in capital funds for public library construction grants is secure and supplemental system aid will be annualized and made into law.
3. Plan of service focus groups continue (55 libraries have participated so far)
4. Free Direct Access policy will be revisited by Resource Sharing; an ad hoc committee has been formed.
5. Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich reported that the Property Tax Cap Bill has passed the State Senate, now before the Assembly. Would affect all types of libraries, restricting the tax cap to 2% of the tax levy.
6. Smith-Aldrich reported not to expect any member items this year.
7. Construction Needs Survey being sent to member libraries for 2012.
8. Laurie Shedrick reported a new laptop training lab, funded by LSTA for the Building Your Base grant, has been established.
9. Shedrick alerted member libraries that MHLS is putting together a group computer purchase and creating a new tech contract to offer support services.
10. MHLS is considering eliminating the dedicated Tech Support hotline and instead making it an extension off the main line, which could save up to \$100 per month in fees.
11. New OPAC to be released in April; delay in release will allow new updates from Innovative to be incorporated.

Respectfully submitted by Erica Freudenberger
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