

**Liaison Report to MHLS Board of Trustees from
Directors Association Meeting
July 10, 2012
MHLS Auditorium**

Action Items:

1. Minutes from June 7, 2012, approved
2. Revised 2012 Member Assessment approved

Discussion Items:

1. Executive Director Mike Nyerges:
 - a. Reported on the Pew Research Report about mobile technology, the importance of having information accessible on cell phones (library Web sites etc.) as well as discussion of mobile apps.
 - b. E-book demand remains, suggests making a bigger investment in the format.
 - c. Suggested Ad Hoc System Services Committee meet to discuss sharing of start-up costs for consortia products & services as well as other issues.
 - d. Reported libraries remain popular, evidenced by opening of renovated/new member libraries Patterson & Cairo.
 - e. Working on advocacy brochure with RCLS and SENYLRC that would explain Library Systems to legislators
2. Merribeth Advocate:
 - a. Mango is providing an online Library Spanish course.
 - b. All member libraries will have access to Historical New York Times 1851-2006 when the HeritageQuest contract is renewed in August.
 - c. Books for Kids Foundation Hudson Valley Chapter donated children's books to Dutchess County libraries to distribute
3. Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich:
 - a. Attended NYLA's Mini-Lobby Day in June
 - b. 2012 NYLA Legislative Update:
 - i. MTA Payroll Tax did not make it on to the floor of the Assembly
 - ii. System Funding Flexibility Bills passed
 - c. Legislature proclaimed October Digital Literacy Month
 - d. Reported on experience at ALA, reminded member libraries of the importance of tech training for staff. MHLS will host another round of 10 Things training in September.
4. Robert Drake:
 - a. New themes created for MHLS Web sites
 - b. Transition from server to cloud planned for Columbus Day, Oct. 8, 2012. Millennium, OPAC, Databases and Overdrive will be down that day.
5. Eric McCarthy:
 - a. Reminded member libraries about upcoming Patron Data Entry trainings
 - b. Discussion of setting limits to the number of holds a patron can have.

*Respectfully submitted by Erica Freudenberger
July 11, 2012*