

**Liaison Report to MHLS Board of Trustees from
Directors Association Meeting
February 6, 2013
MHLS Auditorium**

Action Items:

1. Minutes from January 8, 2013, approved.
2. Resource Sharing Committee recommendation that item 8c) in the **MHLS Resource Sharing Guidelines** read: An override of a hold is required when a patron presents an item for checkout where a hold exists. Staff must choose "proceed with checkout" when a presented with an item which attempts to trap for a hold, regardless of whom the hold is for, approved.

Discussion Items:

1. Executive Director Mike Nyerges:
 - a. Presented an update on the importance of attending Library Advocacy Day on March 5, 2013 and the status of Governor Cuomo's proposed FY 2013-2014 budget.
 - b. Discussed the Pew Internet & American Life Project's recently released results of a study on the use of public libraries by Americans 16 years of age or older. Reported that nearly 65% of American adults had either visited a library, a library's website, or used a cell phone, tablet or e-reader to access library resources.
2. Merribeth Advocate:
 - a. Presented information about the LEAP Program.
 - b. Announced the 2013 NYS Summer Reading Program Mini Grants.
3. Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich:
 - a. Reported that the Governor's Proposed Budget holds library funding even with last year, retaining the 3% restoration gained during last year's legislative and advocacy season.
 - b. Announced the details for NYLA Library Advocacy Day on March 5 in Albany.
 - c. Reported the dates for upcoming Advocacy Boot Camp workshops.
4. Robert Drake:
 - a. Presented information about the Sierra transition.
 - b. Presented an E-rate update.
5. Eric McCarthy:
 - a. Reported that Sierra Training will begin at individual libraries on February 25 through April 1.
6. There was discussion on the Resource Sharing Committee's recommendation to hold 5 sessions (one in each county) of the **Essential Elements of Collection Development** workshop and that there is a mandatory attendance requirement for every library director. Action item at March 6 meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 6, 2013 (snow date if need is March 7)

Respectfully submitted by Frank Rees, Kent Public Library
February 6, 2013