

**Liaison Report to MHLS Board of Trustees from
Directors Association Meeting
September 8, 2011
MHLS Auditorium**

Action Items:

1. Minutes from July 8, 2011 approved
2. MHLS ILL Service Proposed Changes approved
3. MHLS 2012-2016 Plan of Service approved
4. Central Library 2012 – 2016 Plan of Service approved

Discussion Items:

1. Executive Director Mike Nyerges and Merribeth Advocate attended Public Library System Directors Organization Conference; learned, among other things, that 501C3s are able to lobby and form PACs.
2. Nyerges reported that a number of libraries have been contending with police inquiries; both he and Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich reminded all member libraries to review and update (or establish) policies for dealing with law enforcement.
3. Nyerges reminded all that the MHLS survey has been released and is due October 7.
4. Advocate reported that a number of Big Books have been added to the MHLS lending collection, including many made possible by a generous donation from Faith Johnson of Town of Ulster Library.
5. Advocate also noted that the popularity of e-books continues to rise, suggested member libraries consider future allotment of collection development money to reflect growing trend.
6. Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich reminded member libraries that while we are in the midst of funding votes, all should consider what the best sustainable and secure funding options are – to that end, a workshop will be held addressing funding issues at MHLS.
7. Smith-Aldrich announced a series of workshops to be held as part of the Building Your Base grant. The workshops will focus on social media and marketing.
8. Shedrick reported new OPAC has been launched. Also reviewed, along with committee members, the possibility of becoming an early adapter of the Sierra ILS system offered by Millennium.
9. 2012 Member Library Database & Downloadable Costs were reviewed; will be voted upon by membership at the next DA meeting.

*Respectfully submitted by Erica Freudenberger
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