

**Liaison Report to MHLS Board of Trustees from
Directors Association Meeting
January 8, 2013
MHLS Auditorium**

Action Items:

1. Minutes from December 7, 2012, approved.
2. Resource Sharing Committee recommendation that item 4a) in the **MHLS Resource Sharing Guidelines** read: Local Hold copies can be made only after a first copy is purchased to be made available system-wide. All items for which there is not already an exception in the MHLS Direct Access Plan, regardless of hold status, must be made available to any MHLS Card holder on site, approved.

Discussion Items:

1. Executive Director Mike Nyerges:
 - a. Presented a 2013 MHLS Budget update, responded to questions & concerns raised.
 - b. Reported that Bernie Margolis, State Librarian, continues to advocate for an increase in the funding of the state's public library construction program.
2. Merribeth Advocate:
 - a. Presented information about the 2013 NYS LSTA Summer Reading Program Mini Grants.
 - b. Reported that access to Lynda.com for library staff will be available in 2013.
3. Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich:
 - a. Reported that the NYLA Budget Priority for 2013 is full restoration to the \$102 million in NYS library aid.
 - b. Announced that NYLA Library Advocacy Day is March 5 in Albany.
4. Robert Drake:
 - a. Presented E-Rate Resources.
5. Eric McCarthy:
 - a. Reported that the migration to Sierra is scheduled for March 28. Concerns were expressed that March 28 may not be the best day to migrate. Most school districts are closed that week and circulation at many member libraries is anticipated to be very high. Eric will contact Innovative and discuss rescheduling.
 - b. Reported that he will be visiting all libraries for preliminary training on Sierra functions beginning February 25, 2013.
6. There was discussion on hold thresholds guidelines. Threshold guidelines were referred to the Central Library/Collection Development Committee for further discussion and recommendations.
7. Break-Out Discussion on MHLS Plan of Service Communications element:
 - a. As part of the ongoing evaluation of MHLS System Services as related to the 2012-2016 Plan of Service, Directors discussed the statement "The communication from MHLS empowers effective running of my library."
8. Hold Message—Proceed with Checkout:
 - a. Discussed the Resource Sharing Recommendation that item 8 c) 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 presented with an item which attempts to trap for a hold. This will be an action item at the February meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 6, 2013 (snow date if need is 2/7)