

**CENTRAL LIBRARY REPORT**  
**October – December 2011**

The Poughkeepsie Public Library District's Adriance Memorial Library is the Central Library for the Mid-Hudson Library System. As such, the Library's staff provides a variety of supplemental reference and training services to the member libraries and the correctional facilities. This is a summary of 2011/4Q Central Library activity.

- 1. Tuesday Tips:** A reference service tip program that was launched in the last quarter of 2011 has taken off and is being quite well received. Each Tuesday, the Central Library Coordinator posts a reference tip to the MHLS List Serv that highlights how to use a database, a quirk in Millennium, or a useful website. All of the tips are designed to better enable frontline staff to assist patrons at the local level.
- 2. Fall Continuing Education:** The focus for the Fall 2011 Central Library continuing education was medical information. The Coordinator conducted three medical information workshops and the Reference Staff at the Central Library ran a medical information book inventory for every library in the system with recommendations for weeding. Each collection was rated 1 – 3 (good to not good/lethal). These inventories were shared with the director with an invitation for further one-on-one consultation, if so desired.
- 3. Reference Services:** Central Library staff continue to provide standard reference service to member library staff members and also directly to (self-referred) patrons from throughout the MHLS service area.