
From: Carol Rodriguez [<mailto:crodriguez@beekmanlibrary.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 10:29 AM

To: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

Cc: Tom Sloan

Subject: Monday's meeting

Hi Rebekkah,

I want to thank you for your excellent presentation on Special District Libraries at our meeting on Monday. The trustees were very impressed with your knowledge and felt that the information provided will definitely help us with this very important decision. As I am sure you surmised from the questions and concerns we have a long way to go before we reach a consensus.

I am sure we will have questions over the next few months as we continue to hash out all of the aspects of this decision.

Thanks Again,

Carol

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From: spotwin@laglib.org [mailto:spotwin@laglib.org]

Sent: Friday, May 09, 2014 1:58 PM

To: Tom Sloan

Subject: Eric training today

Tom,

Please know that LaGrange hosted Eric today as part of his Encore training session for my staff. It is clearly an awesome product which will make our searching methods soooooo much easier. Wicked awesome.

Of course, Eric was dazzling as always.

Sarah

From: Cassandra Artale [<mailto:CARTALE@MAIL.NYSED.GOV>]
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2014 1:18 PM
To: Starr LaTronica; Carrie Banks; Linda Portera; Dan Caufield; Patricia Johnson; Julie Wever; Amanda Schiavulli; Larry Taylor; Merribeth Advocate; Jennifer Recht; Lois Gordon; Andrea Snyder; Angela Newman; Lisa Erickson; Sarah Ball; Mark Allnatt; Pat Finnerty; Nick H Buron; Grace Riario; Jill Ryder; Alfonso Oliveras; Valerie Lewis; Jo-Ann Benedetti; Elena Falcone
Cc: Carol Desch; Mary Beth Farr
Subject: Proposed DRAFT Guidelines for System Services to State Correctional Facility Libraries State Aid Program

TO: Outreach Coordinators in Public Library Systems with State Correctional Facilities
FROM: Cassie Artale, New York State Library / Division of Library Development
RE: Proposed DRAFT Guidelines for System Services to Correctional Libraries State Aid Program

**** Your comments are needed by cob Monday June 2 ****

Date: May 23, 2014

Attached are DRAFT Guidelines for the Public Library System Services to State Correctional Facility Libraries state aid program. The document attached is an update/re-working of the current Guidelines. For current Guidelines, see: <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/outreach/corrgdln.htm>
If your system receives State aid for the System Services to State Correctional Facility Libraries program, we appreciate your review and input on these DRAFT Guidelines. Any and all comments and questions are welcome!

The State Library's Division of Library Development would like to thank Merribeth Advocate, Assistant Director and Outreach Coordinator at the Mid-Hudson Library System, for her assistance with updates and revisions found in these DRAFT guidelines.

Please contact me at cartale@mail.nysed.gov or 518 / 474 - 1479 or Mary Beth Farr at mfarr2@mail.nysed.gov or 518 / 486 - 4927.

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From: "Terry Rabideau" <trabideau@wppl.lib.ny.us>
To: madvocate@midhudson.org
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2014 7:21:23 AM
Subject: Thank you

Dear Merribeth,

It seems like the 2014 NYLA YSS Spring Conference was just yesterday, but already a month has passed. I have been busy tying up all the finishing tasks of the event, including handling financial details, review of evaluations, post conference publicity, getting handouts posted online, and most importantly, saying THANK YOU! This last item is the reason for my email to you today.

Thank you for graciously volunteering to assist in coordinating all the audiovisual and technical needs on the day of the conference. As you know, this support was vitally important to the overall delivery of the program. There were definitely some challenges that your expertise enabled overcoming. I very much appreciate your devoting your time to this job, as this allowed YSS to keep the costs of the conference down. I do hope that even with this added responsibility, you were able to participate in the events in which you were most interested and that you found the day to be both enriching with new ideas and productive in terms of sharing with colleagues.

I might add, also, that in case you missed a session, you may want to check out the links to many of the handouts from the conference. Go to www.nyla.org/yss, select "Events", follow the link to the YSS Spring Conference page and click on the word "here" in the statement "Handouts from the conference are available here."

Every year, there is a need for volunteers to do many different jobs at the YSS Spring Conference as well as at the NYLA Annual Conference. Please consider volunteering again at a future conference. It is a great way to stay involved and connected!

Thanks, again, for your support!

Best Regards,

Terry

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From: "Wendy Alexander" <wpa_roslib@yahoo.com>
To: "Tom Finnigan" <tfinnigan@midhudson.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 1:22:26 PM
Subject: Re: Resuming Delivery

Thx Tom (Finnigan) for the heads-up.... there were 12 boxes & we had all hands at 9 AM today & got most of it all ready to go by noon.... (! whew ! glad that's over) We're so appreciative to everyone at MHLS for facilitating this process, you made it really easy : Many Thanks & Best to All in Your Dept
Wendy Rosendale

On Monday, June 9, 2014 1:30 PM, Tom Finnigan <tfinnigan@midhudson.org> wrote:

Hi Wendy,
Hope everything went well and just wanted to give you and your staff a heads up that you'll be receiving at least eleven full boxes tomorrow that have accumulated here.

Tom

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Merribeth Advocate, MHLS

From: Cassandra Artale [CARTALE@MAIL.NYSED.GOV]
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2014 3:58 PM
To: Tom Sloan; lvittone@midhudson.org; Merribeth Advocate; rsmith@midhudson.org
Subject: Thank You!

Dear Friends and Colleagues at MHLS,

Thank you for your lovely card which greeted me yesterday morning when I arrived at work. It was a good time for it to arrive.

I feel so fortunate to work with all of you and also with some of the folks who are no longer at MHLS over these many years of mine at the State Library.

I appreciated the kind notes you wrote....it was a really wonderful way to start my day!

Mid-Hudson is such a great library system and I know your members feel that way too. Even with the ups and downs, the hardships you've all had to figure out how to work through and sometimes around, the MHLS spirit is one that helps your member libraries operate at their very best. It's been my privilege to work with you all and I've learned so much in the process.

I look forward to seeing you - or some of you - next Friday at the Southeastern Regional Correctional Facility Library meeting.

Thanks again!
Very best,
Cassie

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From: elisabeth gitter [<mailto:e.g.gitter@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, June 14, 2014 10:01 PM
To: rsmith@midhudson.org
Subject: Many thanks!

Dear Rebekkah,

What a wonderful presentation Thursday evening! I think we all felt energized and more focused afterwards. It seems as if we have a pretty long list of things we should start in on...but I'm excited about doing them, thanks to you. I don't know when I've heard a clearer or more informative talk; I'm full of admiration!

Best,

Betsy Gitter
(New Lebanon Library)

From: Barbara Flach <greenvillelibrary@outlook.com>
To: Robert Drake <rdrake@midhudson.org>
Sent: Thu, 12 Jun 2014 19:20:06 -0400 (EDT)
Subject: Encore

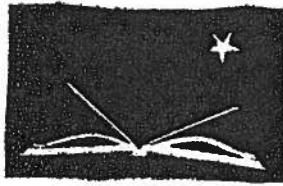
Robert,

We had a positive comment from one of our patrons today on Encore. Not that we haven't had others, but I liked her reason.

When she came up to the circ. desk I could hear her ask the clerk what she thought about the new card catalog. (Usually we're the ones asking our patrons not vice versa) The clerk responded that she really liked it and of course the clerk asked her what she thought. The patron said she liked it more than the other one. I wandered over and told her I'd heard she liked the new catalog. She said "oh yes the new one is so much more with the times and it works like other online searches and ordering I do." I was thrilled to hear she liked it, that we were hip in her eyes and she could see the similarities to other online searches.

Thought you might like to hear some positive from a patron.

Barbara
Greenville



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June 21, 2014

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich
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Dear Rebekkah,

On behalf of the Starr Library of Rhinebeck I would like to extend my thanks for the work you did to accomplish the task of giving the taxpayers of Rhinebeck the opportunity to determine if they, like the Board of Trustees, believe that the best direction for the future of our library is to become a Special District Library. As you know we considered the possibility and our circumstances for several years and then excitedly decided that this was the best step forward into the future for the Starr Library. We know we were the last bill passed in the Senate after an amazing effort by you, the NYLA, Assembly Member Cahill and Senator Gipson.

You did one thing that no one else did. You educated us, the Board. You provided us with the information we needed to consider the change. You urged us forward, respecting our pace. You helped us understand our situation in relation to other libraries. You helped us mediate some important matters. We can't thank you enough. You are a wonderful advocate for libraries, and you show your beliefs in the ways you act. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally Hallenbeck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Sally Hallenbeck
President, Board of Trustees, Starr Library