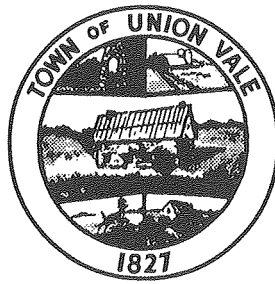


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March 9, 2015

Roland Patterson, president
Mid-Hudson Library System
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Dear President Patterson,

I am submitting this letter to be included in the written minutes of the Mid-Hudson Library System meeting to be held on March 21, 2015. I will not be attending the meeting.

The Town of Union Vale currently provides \$ 30,000 to the Mid-Hudson Library System. We have 2125 residents who hold library cards, and not all of those are active users. With falling revenues and increasing expenses most of which we have no control over it is not possible to allot additional monies in our budget.

I find it ironic that the libraries listed are "seeking to establish restrictions" on Union Vale residents who use their libraries. Many restrictions are already in place, and have been for several years, including not being able to use library programs, use computers and internet sources, loan or use of museum passes, e-book readers, equipment, computer games and playaways. Additional restrictions were added this year.

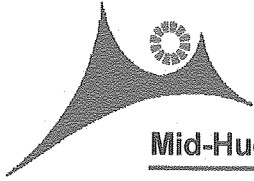
In addition, the La Grange Library allowed a mother to reserve a game on the restricted list, then notified her it was available. When she came in with her son, for whom the game was a reward for something he had done, they were informed, sorry you are from Union Vale and cannot have the game. A sorry way, withholding a child's reward, to emphasize Union Vale residents are restricted in library use when they should not have let her reserve the item in the first place.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisette Hitsman".

Lisette Hitsman, Supervisor

C: Margaret Winn



Mid-Hudson Library System **MEMORANDUM**

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TO: Town of Union Vale Board Members
Ralph Mondello
Steven Frazier
W. Patrick Reilly
John Welsh

FROM: Roland Patterson, President MHLS Board of Trustees

DATE: February 19, 2015

**RE: INVITATION TO ATTEND MHLS BOARD MEETING
MARCH 21, 2015 – MHLS AUDITORIUM, 105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY**

In a letter dated July 28, 2011 to Town Supervisor, Lisette Hitsman, the MHLS reported a review of the services provided by the public libraries in Beekman, Millbrook, LaGrange and Dover Plains to Town of Union Vale residents, and stated the amount of \$72,811 as the appropriate funding needed from the Town of Union Vale for public library services.

For 2015, the System is respectfully requesting funding at a minimum of \$50,000. If this minimum is not allocated, the *Mid-Hudson Library System Direct Access Plan* allows additional restrictions on the use of public libraries by Town of Union Vale residents.

The Town of Union Vale funding for public library services remains substantially below the minimum level of local funding expected for the services received by area residents.

At its meeting on February 13, the MHLS Board of Trustees directed me to invite the members of the Town of Union Vale's Board of Trustees to attend the March 21, 2015 MHLS Board meeting . At this meeting, the Board will review claim letters of "serious inequities and hardships" from the Beekman, Millbrook and LaGrange libraries, and suggest an appropriate level of service restrictions (as specified in the *MHLS Direct Access Plan*).

It is my sincere hope that you will be able to attend this meeting and participate in this discussion. Please contact me by phone: 845- 471-4955 or by email: cskipppatterson@aol.com, if you plan to attend.

c. Lisette Hitsman, Town of Union Vale Supervisor