

***CORRESPONDENCE RECOGNIZING STAFF
FOR MHLS BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2015***

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- Thank you note to Merribeth Advocate, Assistant Director, from Regina Torian, Senior Librarian Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, Greene County Facility, for her ongoing assistance and support.
- Thank you letter from Kathy Overington, Board President, Germantown Library to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator for Library Sustainability, for her consultation with their board on their 414 campaign.
- Thank you letter from Carol Donick, President of the Putnam County Library Association and Director of the Kent Public Library to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator for Library Sustainability for her presentation at their PCLA annual meeting.
- Thank you note from Gloria Goverman, Director, East Fishkill Community Library, to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator for Library Sustainability for her assistance with their library's strategic planning process.
- Thank you letter from Gina Loprinzo, Director of the Brewster Public Library to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator for Library Sustainability for her consultation with their board on constructing and financing an expansion to their library.
- Thank you note from Muriel Verdibello, interim director of the Howland Public Library in Beacon to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator for Library Sustainability for her consultation with the library board to aid them in the search for a new director.
- Thank you letter from Eric Trahan, Executive Director, Mohawk Valley Library System, to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator for Library Sustainability for her pro-bono presentation to their System board and Foundation board on the future of libraries.
- Thank you note from the Phoenicia Library Board of Trustees to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator for Library Sustainability for speaking at the Grand Opening Ceremony for their new library.
- Thank you letter from Jeremy Johannesen, Executive Director of the New York Library Association to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator for Library Sustainability for her pro-bono presentation on "Sustainable Thinking" for the NYLA Leadership & Management Academy.

- Thank you note to Merribeth Advocate, Assistant Director, and Kerstin Cruger, from Mary Ellen Iatropoulos, Director of Education, Spark Media Project, for facilitating the MHLS Outreach Council luncheon.
- Thank you note to Tara Stohr, Interlibrary Loan & Catalog Specialist, from Hyde Park Library staff member Corrine, for expediting an ILL request from one of the library's patrons.
- Thank you note to Tara Stohr, Interlibrary Loan & Catalog Specialist, from Carrie Forbes, ILL Supervisor, Laupus Health Sciences Library, Greenville, N.C. for expediting an ILL request from a Beekman Library patron.
- Thank you note, in response to the Board's outreach memo, from Kerry Weller, Board President of the Millbrook Library, with an invitation to MHLS Dutchess County Board representatives to contact her and plan to attend a library board meeting in the first quarter of 2016.
- Thank you letter to Tom Sloan from Erin M. Hawks, President of the Lagrange Library Board of Trustees, for his ongoing support and diligence in handling the situation between Union Vale and the four libraries involved and for including the Lagrange Library in the System's Increase Circulation Incubator Project.
- Thank you note to Merribeth Advocate, Assistant Director, from the new Director of the Mountain top Library, Maureen Garcia, for meeting with her to provide an orientation session prior to her attending her first Director's Association Meeting.

From: Torian, Regina (DOCCS) [mailto:Regina.Torian@doccs.ny.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 3:34 PM
To: 'Merribeth Advocate, MHLS'
Subject: Mid-Hudson Library Services

Merribeth,

I truly appreciate the assistance and support I receive from Mid-Hudson. For example, the Book Repair Workshop was very helpful to me. When I returned to my library I put in practice the procedures I learned at the workshop. Today, my ILL box was filled with donated adult books and children's books that I needed. Everyone from Mid-Hudson are very helpful and supportive.

Thank you,

Regina Torian

Senior Librarian

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Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

From: Overington <mkkd@gtel.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 11:09 PM
To: 'Rebekkah Smith Aldrich'
Cc: Germantown Library
Subject: RE: Germantown library 414 questions

Hi Rebekkah,

Thank you very much for sharing your time and 414 expertise with us Wednesday night. I believe that your insight and suggestions helped get us back on track. During our board meeting we agreed to go for the ambitious \$30,000 goal. (As Lynn pointed out, the public approved a much bigger increase last time going from \$8000 to \$58,000 so we know it's possible!)

We have our work cut out for us but assignments have been given and a follow-up meeting scheduled so I think we are on our way.

Thanks again,
Kathy

-----Original Message-----

From: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich [mailto:rsmith@midhudson.org]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 2:09 PM
To: 'Kathy Overington'
Subject: RE: Germantown library 414 questions

Hi Kathy,
Using the Hover Room sounds great, we may not need to go online but it would be handy if we do! Working right now to collect some sample campaign materials for show and tell tonight, if you'd like I'll load them into a PowerPoint and we can project them on the screen?

We start at 6pm correct?
-Rebekkah

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathy Overington [mailto:mkkd@gtel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 1:43 PM
To: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich <rsmith@midhudson.org>
Cc: Germantown Library <germantownlibrary@valstar.net>
Subject: Re: Germantown library 414 questions

Hi Rebekkah,

We usually meet upstairs at the library but I was wondering if you thought there would be any advantage to meeting in the Hover Room where we'd have the ability to go online using the projector where everyone can see. I wasn't sure if there are any online resources that we might want to reference.

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**Brewster Public Library * Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library * Alice Curtis Desmond
and Hamilton Fish Library * Kent Public Library * Mahopac Public Library
Patterson Library * Putnam Valley Free Library * Reed Memorial Library**

June 23, 2015

Ms. Rebekkah Smith Aldrich
Mid-Hudson Library System
103 Market St.
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dear Rebekkah,

Thank you so much for speaking at our Putnam County Libraries Association annual meeting. We try to encourage as many of our library trustees as possible to come together twice a year to share ideas and learn more about what is happening in other libraries. Several board members have told me that your talks are a "big draw" to come to PCLA meetings, and that after hearing you speak they feel energized and enthusiastic about trying new things in (or outside of) their libraries. You are a wonderful ambassador for the Mid-Hudson Library System and libraries in general.

With gratitude,



Carol Donick, President
Putnam County Libraries Association
845-306-5537

Cc Tom Sloan

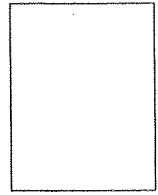
Res ekkah-

Thank you so much for helping us during our Strategic Planning Process. Staff + trustees alike were awed + impressed by your knowledge.

Yenia

A still from the film JODHAA AKBAR

P.S. I got used to being awed by you years ago. :)



Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

From: Gina Loprinzo <director@brewsterlibrary.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 5:45 PM
To: Rebekkah Smith
Subject: Thanks!

Hi Rebekkah,

I wanted to thank you for coming yesterday, and for all the great info and advice. You're always so helpful and have so much knowledge to impart! I'm very excited about moving BPL forward, but I know it's a huge undertaking, so I'm really grateful to have you as an extremely valuable resource. I'll keep you posted about our progress with the architect and the lawyers, etc.

Thanks again!

Gina

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Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

From: mfverdibello beaconlibrary.org <mfverdibello@beaconlibrary.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2015 12:11 PM
To: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich
Cc: Prue Posner
Subject: Board workshop May 5

Dear Rebekkah,

Thank you so much for spending the time last evening with the Howland Board of Trustees. I think they had a fruitful discussion based on your direction, and have a good start on understanding our relative roles.

We particularly appreciate the set of interview questions you provided, since the Board's main goal at this time is to hire the best possible new Director.

It's always great to work with you!

Muriel Verdibello

Interim Director, Howland Public Library
mfverdibello@beaconlibrary.org
845-831-1134

Rebekkah,

6/30/2015

Thank you so much for taking the time to speak at our event on June 10.

The trustees and staff who attended were very pleased and really benefited from your presentation. Thank you for sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm with us.

I hope you are feeling better!

Eric

Dear Rebekka, -January 2015-

Thank you so much for making the time to speak at our Grand Opening. You were so much a part of the process of getting into this new building. Your knowledge, your caring, was felt every step of the way.

Most gratefully,
Phoenix Library Board Staff



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The Voice of the Library Community

February 27, 2015

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich
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Greetings Rebekkah,

On behalf of the Council and the membership of the New York Library Association, I would like to express our gratitude for your taking the time from your busy schedule to present the workshop "Sustainable Thinking" on Tuesday, February 24, 2015.

Attendees of the workshop were fortunate to have such a knowledge presenter and benefited greatly from your expertise. Together with your support, NY's libraries are moving to a more equitably funded future. Thank you for your contribution to New York's Library community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Johannesen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeremy Johannesen
NYLA Executive Director
director@nyla.org



Merribeth Advocate, MHLS

From: Mary Ellen Iatropoulos <maryellen@sparkmediaproject.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 10:04 AM
To: Merribeth Advocate, MHLS
Subject: Thank You

Hello Merribeth,

I had a lovely time at the MHLS Outreach Council luncheon yesterday, and i just wanted to thank you, Kerstin, and everyone at MHLS for your time and effort to bring us together for such a delightful and productive conversation.

Thanks again, and I'll be back in touch very soon about our many ideas and projects heading down the pipeline!

Best regards,

Mary Ellen

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Mary Ellen Iatropoulos, MA, MPS
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From: Hyde Park Library [mailto:hplibrary@hydeparkfreelibrary.org]

Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 12:00 PM

To: ILL

Subject: Re: New submission from ILL Request Form

Thank you Tara for the ILL article sent to our patron.

I wanted to let you know that he was very pleased and thankful to receive it, as it contained a story about his father returning from war.

This reference will be used in a future book by an author writing about surviving US soldiers of war.

Thanks again, ~Corinne

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New Bedford Standard Times

Author

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Volume

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Issue

April 10, 1945

Pages

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New Bedford Standard Times (Newspaper)

New Bedford, Mass.

Tues., April 10, 1945 issue

Patron needs copy of 1st and 2nd page

Cited at University of Mass., Dartmouth

From: Forbes, Carrie [mailto:FORBESC@ecu.edu]

Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 2:40 PM

To: ill@midhudson.org

Subject: Attn: Carol Ewin - Beekman Library

Dear Ms. Ewin,

I just wanted to thank you for the note you included from you the book we sent to a patron at your library (ILL: 147612663.) We're so glad we could help out your patron! The note made our day! ☺ We hope you all have a very Happy 4th of July!

We hope we can be of service in the future as well!

Many thanks!

Carrie

Carrie S Forbes

Interlibrary Loan Supervisor

Laupus Health Sciences Library – Room 2540

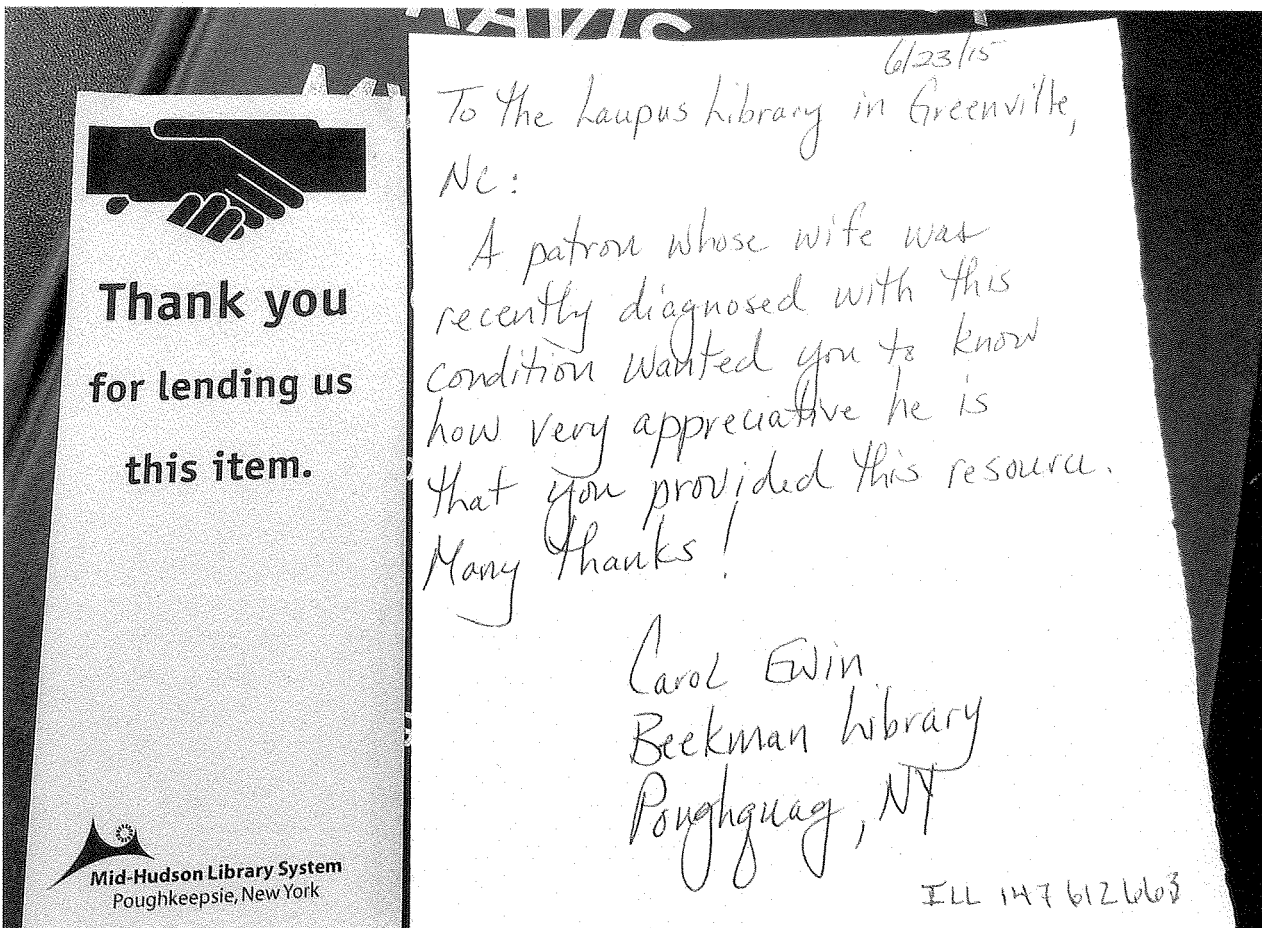
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Margaret Winn

From: Margaret Winn [mwinn@midhudson.org]
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 9:34 AM
To: 'Kerry Weller'
Subject: RE: OUTREACH FROM MHLS BOARD COUNTY DELEGATES

Thank you for your response. I will certainly share your email with MHLS Board delegates from Dutchess County, so that someone can contact you early next year to arrange to attend a meeting.

Peggy Winn, Administrative Assistant

From: Kerry Weller [mailto:kbweller5@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 9:17 AM
To: Margaret Winn
Subject: Re: OUTREACH FROM MHLS BOARD COUNTY DELEGATES

Hi Margaret -

I write as President of the Millbrook Library Board of Trustees. Thank you for the outreach - our Board would love to have an MHLS Trustee attend one of our meetings. We are pursuing a 414 for this year so the next few months of Board agendas are pretty full. Would you consider visiting us sometime in the New Year? Our meetings for the first quarter of 2016 are on Tuesdays, January 19, February 16 and March 15. We meet at 7 pm in the Community Room of our Library.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Kerry Weller

On Jul 2, 2015, at 9:21 AM, Margaret Winn <mwinn@midhudson.org> wrote:

TO: Dutchess County Board Presidents and Library Directors
FROM: MHLS Board Representatives from Dutchess County:
John Bickford
Richard Swierat
Roland Patterson
DATE: July 1, 2015
RE: **OUTREACH FROM MHLS BOARD COUNTY DELEGATES**

We are writing to introduce ourselves to you. As Dutchess County representatives on the Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) Board of Trustees, we represent your library and the other twenty-two Dutchess County libraries in MHLS.

The purposes of this MEMO are to offer to attend one of your public library board meetings and/or county library association meetings upon invitation, invite you to attend MHLS Board meetings, and provide information to you about MHLS.

Upon your invitation, we would be pleased to attend your library's board meeting and/or a meeting of your county library association so we can learn more about your library and the libraries in our county. Please contact us using our contact form at <http://board.midhudson.org/contact-the-board/> and select the trustee(s) from your county.

We invite you to attend MHLS Board meetings, which address a wide range of library system issues. Future meetings are scheduled for: Wednesday, July 8, 10:00 A.M. @ MHLS; Wednesday, September 16, 10:00 A.M. @ Town of Esopus Library; Friday, October 6, 12:00 P.M. @ the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel; and Saturday, December 5, 10:00 A.M. @ MHLS.

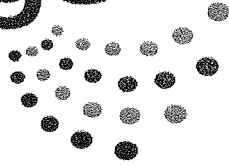
A wealth of information about MHLS is available at <http://midhudson.org/>. Trustees might be particularly interested in the information at <http://midhudson.org/topics/trustees/>. MHLS serves sixty-six libraries in Putnam, Dutchess, Columbia, Ulster and Greene Counties. The MHLS Board is comprised of fifteen members, three from each county.

The success of the MHLS Board depends upon us working closely with our fellow library trustees and the directors of member libraries. We welcome the opportunity to meet and talk with you.

<Board Outreach Memo to Dutchess County.pdf>

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LaGrange LIBRARY



August 19, 2015

Mr. Thomas Sloan, Executive Director
Mid-Hudson Library System
103 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dear Mr. Sloan:

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the wonderful way you have been handling the ongoing situation between the town of Unionvale and our four libraries that are involved. Sarah Potwin, our Lagrange Director, has mentioned how supportive you have been and how diligent and timely you have been regarding responding to emails from Unionvale residents that have contacted you. Hopefully there will be a positive solution to this situation soon.

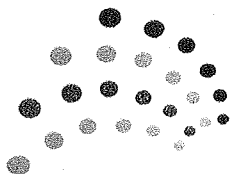
We are also very excited about our library being included as part of your incubator project. Sarah has spoken very enthusiastically about it and I'm sure we will see many good things come from it.

People are often quick to send off a note if they are displeased about something, but not as quick with praise. So again, thank you for all that you are doing to help all of our libraries. It is definitely appreciated.

Sincerely,

Erin M. Hawks
President, Board of Trustees
Lagrange Library

Cc: R. Patterson



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Merribeth Advocate, MHLS

From: Mountain Top Library <directormttoplib@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 4:22 PM
To: Merribeth Advocate, MHLS
Subject: Thank you

Hi Merribeth,

I just wanted to say thank you for being so hospitable and generous yesterday. I sincerely appreciate the warm welcome and reassurance that I can rely on such great people at Mid Hudson to help me anytime I may be in need. It was wonderful to finally meet you as well! Thanks again.

Take care & be well

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