

**CORRESPONDENCE RECOGNIZING STAFF
FOR MHLS BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2016**

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- Email from Pamela Wright, Dutchess County Jail, thanking Ms. Advocate, Assistant Director, for materials sent to the facility, funded by Inter-institutional Jail Categorical Aid.
- Thank you letter from Assembly member Kevin Cahill, to Tom Sloan, Executive Director, for joining him in Kingston on November 20, 2015 to welcome Speaker of the Assembly Carl Heastie to the 103rd Assembly District.
- Email from Liz Potter, Director Phoenicia Library, to Merribeth Advocate, Assistant Director, for providing a resource (posters) to assist her with advertising OverDrive for patrons.
- Thank you emails to Merribeth Advocate, Assistant Director, from Amy Raff, Director, Howland Public Library, Mary DeBellis, Head of Reference, Mahopac Public Library, and Sarah Potwin, Director, LaGrange Library, for the implementation of eMagazines System-wide.
- Email thanking MHLS staff from the librarian, inmate staff and patrons at the Downstate Correctional Facility for the support provided to their libraries.

Merribeth Advocate, MHLS

From: Pamela Wright <famservstart@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 8:47 PM
To: madvocate@midhudson.org
Subject: Dutchess County Jail

Dear Merribeth,

I just realized, to my horror, that I have never given you feedback on the use of the four novels you supplied for the men and women of the Dutchess County Jail. I apologize. What brought it to mind is that we are on the third cycle of using the books. Having them has given the men (with whom I work primarily) opportunities to learn about different genres of literature (I often include other stories and poems by the book's author), to discuss difficult issues, to practice listening to opinions different than theirs, to expand their ability to write from the examples the books offer, and to entertain the concept of a writing life. They have not objected to using YA books since I explain that I don't want anyone excluded because of literacy level. The discussions are rich and varied and trigger writing topics for the men. Thank you for making this expansion of what we're doing possible.

I also have a question. When Onaje retired, he told us that the books you had supplied for his work had to be returned to the library. We were wondering if it is possible to access some of them for continuing use in the jail. I would be happy to come by and pick them up.

I hope your holidays are happy. Thank you for all the contributions you and your staff make to our community.

Sincerely,

Pam Wright



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December 8, 2015

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

Dear Mr. Sloan:

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to join me in welcoming the Speaker of the Assembly Carl Heastie to the 103rd Assembly District on November 20. I am honored to have had the opportunity to introduce him to you and the many other dedicated community leaders and to better acquaint him with some of the many organizations, businesses, arts and education programs that represent this vibrant region.

Speaker Heastie has shown a strong commitment to the greater Hudson Valley area and this visit allowed him to see firsthand the positive impact that recent state investments in agriculture, technology, academics and tourism have had locally. Among other places, we visited the State University of New York at New Paltz Campus, the Hudson River Maritime Center and Museum, the Agri-Business Child Development Center in Kingston and Ulster County Catholic Charities. The Speaker got to see several other attractions in our area and we also had an opportunity to stop at the Kingston-Port Ewen Bridge and the future site of the Irish Cultural Center. I am happy that you were able to join us at Ole Savannah for the luncheon meeting at the conclusion of our tour.

I applaud the Speaker for making it a top priority to visit the Assembly districts throughout the state and for completing his tour in the 103rd Assembly district. Your being part of this occasion made it truly special. I look forward to our continued work together. I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and I wish you all the best in the New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kevin Cahill'.

Kevin A. Cahill
Member of Assembly

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Merribeth Advocate, MHLS

From: Elizabeth Potter <director@phoenicalibrary.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 10:56 AM
To: Merribeth Advocate
Subject: Re: [MHLS-List] OverDrive posters for pre and post holiday

Thank you, Merribeth, this is great. Setting up a program with one on one appointments right now with these posters !

Liz

On Mon, Dec 14, 2015 at 4:37 PM, Merribeth Advocate, MHLS <madvocate@midhudson.org> wrote:

Through the links below you can download OverDrive posters that may be of interest. Think about posting them in locations in your community.

- Pre-Holiday Posters:

- “Cozy up with a good eBook this Holiday season. Visit the library’s digital collection”: http://midhudson.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Flyers_Holiday_Cozy.pdf

- “Going on Holiday? Don’t forget to take eBooks from the library with you! Visit the library’s digital collection”: <http://midhudson.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Going-on-holiday.pdf>

- Post-Holiday Posters:

- “You got the fancy, shiny gadget. Now what? Visit the library’s digital collection”: <http://midhudson.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/You-got-the-fancy-shiny-gadget.pdf>

- To Advertise the Training you offer on How to Use Devices (*includes space for you to customize with library name, date/time of class, and notes*):

- “How does this thing work? If you got a tablet or eReader over the holiday and want to know how to load it up with free eBooks from the library, let us show you how!”

- Version 1: http://midhudson.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Post-Holiday-Training_how-does-this-thing-work-training-announcement.pdf

- Version 2: http://midhudson.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Post-Holiday-Training_how-does-this-thing-work-training-announcement-v2.pdf

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Merribeth Advocate, Assistant Director
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The MHLS Digital Download collection has new eBooks & eAudiobooks at <http://mhls.lib.overdrive.com>

Register for all MHLS workshops & events through the Online Calendar at <http://calendar.midhudson.org>

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To unsubscribe from this group and stop receiving emails from it, send an email to mhls-list+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com.

To post to this group, send email to mhls-list@googlegroups.com.

Visit this group at <https://groups.google.com/group/mhls-list>.

For more options, visit <https://groups.google.com/d/optout>.

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Elizabeth Potter
Director, Phoenicia Library
(845) 688-7811

What am I reading? *The Witches: Salem, 1962* by Stacy Schiff

From: mhls-directors@googlegroups.com [mailto:mhls-directors@googlegroups.com] **On Behalf Of** Amy Raff
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 1:59 PM
To: mhls-directors <mhls-directors@googlegroups.com>
Subject: Re: [MHLS-DIRECTORS] eMagazines for all MHLS libraries is live today!

My public library just saved me even more money! Can't wait to share with patrons. Thanks for making this happen. :-) Amy

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

Subject: [MHLS-List] eMagazines for all MHLS libraries is live today!
From: "Merribeth Advocate, MHLS" <madvocate@midhudson.org>
Date: Thu, December 17, 2015 1:07 pm
To: "mhls-directors" <mhls-directors@googlegroups.com>, <mhls-list@googlegroups.com>

Today every MHLS library now has access to 94 magazine titles digitally, and a full year backlog of each title! The URL is:
<https://www.rbdigital.com/midhudsonlibsysny/service/zinio>

Library staff can start checking out this new resource today, and it will be fully live for patrons on January 1.

- For libraries that have their websites managed by MHLS, MHLS will add the link for patron access.
- We are starting the process of adding each of the titles into the online catalog.

Marketing materials are available at <http://rbdigitalmarketing.com/Zinio/index.html>. In the 2nd MHLS Bulletin of the new year, promotional resources will be highlighted and every library will receive a color poster.

About the Product:

- The product is Zinio Digital Magazines for Libraries from Recorded Books.
- It provides unlimited multi-user access to complete digital magazines, which can easily be viewed on most Internet-enabled devices inside or outside of the library. Patrons can discover, checkout and read online in PC/mobile and offline on mobile apps. They can keep the title for as long as they want - no holds - no checkout periods.
- The entire magazine is replicated digitally page for page, including full color pictures. The Zinio technology includes intuitive navigation, key word article search and interactive elements such as audio and video.

Staff Training:

- A 2 ½ minute video tutorial is available at <https://vimeo.com/118833746>
- 60 minute Overview & Staff Training Webinars from the vendor are offered at 3:00pm on 1/7, 1/26, 2/16, 2/25, 3/8 & 3/22. Register through this link <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/3310002060015953665>. Preregistration is required - space is limited.
 - The first 30 minutes will explain how the service works, demonstrate its easy-to-use features and answer your questions.

From: mhls-list@googlegroups.com [mailto:mhls-list@googlegroups.com] **On Behalf Of** reference@mahopaclibrary.org
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 3:21 PM
To: madvocate@midhudson.org; 'mhls-directors' <mhls-directors@googlegroups.com>; mhls-list@googlegroups.com
Subject: RE: [MHLS-List] eMagazines for all MHLS libraries is live today!

Just fabulous Thanks to everyone who made this service possible - Mary

Mary M. De Bellis
Head of Reference

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Merribeth Advocate, MHLS

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Sent: Sunday, December 20, 2015 7:58 PM
To: Advocate Merribeth
Cc: Tom Sloan
Subject: RE: [MHLS-List] eMagazines for all MHLS libraries is live today!

Merribeth,

My congrats to you for getting the e-magazine service up and running. Bravo! Such a great service to our patrons.

At Lagrange, we are planning public training sessions to promote it among our patrons. Once patrons see how easy it is to use, I know it will catch on.

How will we be recording stats? I know that my BOT will want to know monthly usage. Similar to Overdrive, will each library receive their own login to record monthly usage stats?

I am tickled that you have included Mental Floss in the collection. It is my secret ambition in life to be a contestant on Jeopardy and meet Alex Trebek. Monthly consumption of Mental Floss will aid in my quest.

Also, you have included the British version of OK! magazine....a great photo tabloid. We get the Canadian version at home....articles about Her Majesty sprinkled among photos of Wayne Gretzky, Michael J. Fox, Galen Weston, PM Justin Trudeau etc. Glossy images, pablum articles.

I did not see Real Simple, that is another very popular magazine in our library, though perhaps Zino does not have the rights to supply this title. I will tell you that our biggest circulators ; in physical format, are HGTV, Martha Stewart and Food Network Magazines. Food Network can run around 10-15 circs per month some times.

At the moment Lagrange is running around 107 subscriptions in the paper formate. I will be curious to see what other libraries do in terms of cutting physical magazines in favor of the e-magazine, if any cutting occurs at all.

Again, bravo to you for your efforts. This will be a well used service in Lagrange. I am confident of this.
Sarah
Lagrange

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To the MTHS Staff,

We thank you for the wonderful support you provide to our libraries at Downstate. We appreciate your making possible the loans of books and DVDs, and the financial support that allows us to develop and maintain book collections that enrich so many lives here.

We wish you peace, joy and happiness this season and always.

The Inmate Staff and Patrons of the Downstate CF Libraries

Juanita Corneil Senior Librarian
Thank you so much
Neddie

Thank you for your hospitality
Co.
Thank you for
and generous
Greetings.
Happy Holidays
-Amy

Holiday Greetings
Thank you. JASPER
THANK YOU
THANK YOU

Danny Dan
Thank you!

Happy New Year, too. V. Corte.

Happy holidays
Thank you Kirk
Chickles
Ed
Year story

Wilson Red
Rudy
Happy Holidays
-Amki

Pete
John
Happy holidays
Ryan

Tyone
Luis
Happy Holiday

RAS
Thomas
Frank

Ramell
Reggie,
THANKS A LOT!
Thank you
Happy Holiday

Happy Holiday
William

Merry Christmas
Rog

Tom D.V.D.
Thank you
Happy Holiday