

***CORRESPONDENCE RECOGNIZING STAFF
FOR MHLS BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2017***

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- Email sent to Executive Director, Tom Sloan, by John Georghiou, Director Plattekill Library, following the Holiday Appreciation Luncheon for System staff hosted by the Directors Association, recognizing the leadership and professionalism of System staff.
- Email sent to Tom Finnigan, Shipping & Receiving Manager, from Morton Memorial Library's retiring Director, Joanne Meyer, thanking him and his staff for all of their assistance over her 16 year tenure.
- Email sent to Merribeth Advocate, Assistant Director, from Maureen Garcia, Director Mountain Top Library, thanking her for providing training for Early Literacy Programs.

From: John Georghiou [<mailto:PlattekillDirector@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 12:15 PM
To: tsloan@midhudson.org
Subject: Re: Thank You for the Wonderful Holiday Lunch!

Hi Tom,

MHLS is the best library systems I have seen, and may be the best that anyone could hope for. We know that is because of the people. The Holiday Lunch is just a momentary expression of our continuing appreciation.

In 16 years, I have never been disappointed by anyone at the system, and no matter how difficult my circumstances were, your people were always there for us. The educational programs you provide, hands-on training, support for the annual report, and leadership in the profession are all outstanding.

I will also note that your enthusiasm, dedication, and efforts have made a lasting, positive impression on us as to what a system director could be.

Sincerely, thank you and your staff for your support in all aspects of our profession.

Best,

John Georghiou

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "Morton" <mortonrhinecliff@gmail.com>

To: "tfinnigan" <tfinnigan@midhudson.org>

Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2016 4:28:47 PM

Subject: Transition

Tom,

I left the DA meeting on Friday before I had a chance to thank you personally. December 31 will be my last day as director of Morton Library, after 16 years! I thank you for all of your help in various capacities over those years...I do remember!

Please thank your whole crew for me...they often gave me special help, and I appreciate that. Best to you, and have a great holiday season, Joanne at Morton/Rhinecliff

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Joanne A. Meyer


Morton/Rhinecliff

From: Mountain Top Library [mailto:directormttoplib@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 1:13 PM
To: Merribeth Advocate, MHLS <madvocate@midhudson.org>
Subject: Re: "Strengthening Young Families through Early Literacy Practices" workshop video links

Thanks so much! What an informative program, we truly appreciate these workshops.
We will surely utilize these great techniques as program facilitators for the library, and as parents!

Thank you again.
Take care and be well,

Maureen Garcia
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On Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 1:07 PM, Merribeth Advocate, MHLS <madvocate@midhudson.org> wrote:
Here a links to the videos that were shown during the "Strengthening Young Families through Early Literacy Practices" workshop:

- Experiences Build Brain Architecture: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VNNsN9Ijkws> (2.0 min)
- Taking a Picture Walk: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHdM_Yc7E5c (1.24 min)
- Whole Book Approach: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7uWLT3VZ20> (4.21 min)
- All Three Early Literacy Asides from Saroj Ghoting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=92li7seTiAg> (4.45 minutes)
- What is an Effective Early Literacy Aside from Saroj Ghoting:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvnbeBcdFal> (3.13min)

Research shows children achieve superior outcome in school and in life when they receive literacy support outside of the classroom. This support consistently results in faster rates of literacy acquisition, higher grades & test scores, better adaptation to school & more regular attendance, higher graduation rates, increased participation in higher education, increased future learning potential, and improved quality of life.

Thank you for participating in this training and helping New York State public libraries reach all families with young children to provide them with the best public library early learning services.

Merribeth Advocate, Assistant Director
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