

***CORRESPONDENCE RECOGNIZING STAFF
FOR MHLS BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2018***

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- Thank you letter to Executive Director, Tom Sloan, from Assemblymember, Didi Barrett, for his attendance and participation at the budget hearing of the Assembly Committee on Libraries and Education Technology.
- Thank you letter to Executive Director, Tom Sloan, from State Senator/ Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Libraries, Patty Ritchie, for facilitating a tour of the Adriance Memorial Library and sharing feedback on how to strengthen libraries across the state.
- Thank you email to Merribeth Advocate, Assistant Director, from Mary De Bellis, Director LaGrange Association Library, for her assistance with preparing the library's Annual Report.
- Thank you email to Merribeth Advocate, Assistant Director, from Wendy Alexander, Director Rosendale Library, for her assistance with preparing the library's Annual Report.
- Thank you letter from Assemblymember Didi Barrett to MHLS Coordinator for Library Sustainability, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, for her testimony at the January 10th budget hearing of the Assembly Committee on Libraries and Education Technology
- Letter from the Friends of the Kent Library to MHLS Coordinator for Library Sustainability, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich acknowledging their 2018 donation for the bus to library advocacy day was made in the memory of Jean Ehnebuske, former member of their Friends Group, former MHLS Trustee and longtime library advocate who passed away last year.
- Email from Desmond-Fish Library Director Jen McCreery to MHLS Coordinator for Library Sustainability, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich thanking her for her assistance with the library's newly approved long-range plan
- News article: "Research, Surveys Culminate in Mahopac Library's Long-Range Plan: "The process was really exciting for us," said Alice Walsh, chair of the Long-Range Planning Steering Committee and a library trustee. "It was recommended by Mid-Hudson Library System. They stay on top of what is happening and what is cutting-edge. They recommended we look at the American Library Association Initiative—libraries transforming communities. The essence of [the research] is community engagement. The methodology is that each community is unique, and each library should be in touch with what it needs and desires."
[<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/mahopac/articles/research-surveys-culminate-in-mahopac-libraris>]



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Didi Barrett
Assemblymember 106th District
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January 16, 2018

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

Dear Mr. Sloan, *Tom,*

Last week's budget hearing of the Assembly Committee on Libraries and Education Technology was a great success thanks to all of you from across the state that came and testified about the critical importance of funding for our libraries. Thank you for being part of this important conversation about the future of our libraries as we face daunting construction needs, threats to net neutrality and complex financial challenges -- as well as many wonderful opportunities.

I look forward to working together with you during this legislative session on behalf of all our libraries and New York's 10 million library card holders.

Sincerely,

Didi

Didi Barrett
Member of Assembly, 106th District

*Thanks so much
for being there!*

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December 6, 2017

Mr. Tom Sloan
Director
Mid-Hudson Library System
103 Market St.
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dear Mr. Sloan:

I wanted to write and thank you for recently welcoming me to the Adriance Memorial Library.

As Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Libraries, it is a top priority for me to support libraries—of all sizes—across the state and provide them with the resources they need in order to be centers of the communities in which they exist, as well as provide patrons with the vitally important services they depend on.

I am grateful not only for your taking the time to showcase your library, but also sharing feedback on how we can strengthen libraries across the state. As we prepare to begin the 2018 Legislative Session, I look forward to continuing discussions on how we can work together to improve libraries for all.

Thank you again for allowing me to tour the Adriance Memorial Library and more importantly, for the critical work you do every day to connect people of all ages with opportunities to broaden their horizons.

Sincerely,


Patty Ritchie
State Senator

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Merribeth Advocate, MHLS

From: mdebellis@laglib.org
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 3:48 PM
To: Merribeth Advocate, MHLS
Subject: RE: Library Annual Report looks good

So glad - thanks again for all your help :))

Mary M. De Bellis, Director
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Currently Reading: *The Lying Game* by Ruth Ware

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

Subject: Library Annual Report looks good
From: "Merribeth Advocate, MHLS" <madvocate@midhudson.org>
Date: Fri, February 16, 2018 1:40 pm
To: <mdebellis@laglib.org>

Hi Mary,

Thank you for the timely and accurate submission of your library's annual report! I have completed the MHLS review and all looks A-OK.

Kind regards,
Meribeth

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Merribeth Advocate, Assistant Director
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From: Wendy Alexander [mailto:wpa_roslib@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 12:49 PM

To: MHLS Merribeth Advocate <madvocate@midhudson.org>; Linda Vittone <lvittone@midhudson.org>

Subject: 2018 Annual Report...



******* THANKS ***** FOR
ALL YOUR HELP W/ 2017 ROSENDALE
LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT ** Wendy & Teresa**





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January 16, 2018

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich
Coordinator for Library Sustainability
Mid-Hudson Library System
103 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, New York, 12601

Dear Ms. Aldrich, *Rebekkah*

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Sincerely,

Didi

Great to see you!

Didi Barrett
Member of Assembly, 106th District

January 3, 2018

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich
MHLS Coordinator for Library Sustainability
103 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601-4028



Dear Rebekkah,

We have forwarded our check to Dan Hulse for \$100.00 to subsidize the Bus to Albany for 2018. We have increased our donation this year in memory of Jean Ehnebuske who was such an advocate for Libraries.

Jean, along with her husband David, were also longstanding members of the Friends of Kent Library.

We will certainly encourage members of our Friends Group to attend Library Advocacy Day this year.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Harrison". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Richard Harrison, President
Friends of Kent Library

cc: Carol Donick
Kent Library Director

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To: "Jen McCreery" <director@desmondfishlibrary.org>

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Subject: Re: Share the Love @ the Desmond-Fish Library

Attach *Tip: drag and drop files from your desktop to add attachments to this message.*

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From: "Jen McCreery" <director@desmondfishlibrary.org>
To: "rsmith" <rsmith@midhudson.org>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 1:44:40 PM
Subject: Re: Share the Love @ the Desmond-Fish Library

P.S. I wanted to mention that this past weekend the DFL Board changed their meeting schedu
passed our 2018-2022 long range plan including all of the recommendations that came out of
simultaneously joyful and overwhelmed at all the progress in one weekend. Thank you again



Community

Research, Surveys Culminate in Mahopac Library's Long-Range Plan

By BOB DUMAS

February 17, 2018 at 6:00 AM

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MAHOPAC, N.Y.-The Mahopac Public Library, after a year of research and surveys, has adopted a three-year, long-range plan that will focus on six areas, including reinventing its physical space, expanding social programs to make the community feel more connected and protecting and preserving the physical assets of the building.

The plan was put together with input through community conversations and surveys of residents, library staff and library board members.

"The process was really exciting for us," said Alice Walsh, chair of the Long-Range Planning Steering Committee and a library trustee. "It was recommended by Mid-Hudson Library System. They stay on top of what is happening and what is cutting-edge. They recommended we look at the American Library Association Initiative—libraries transforming communities. The essence of [the research] is community

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Margaret Winn

Survey Monkey

From: Kerstin Cruger <kcruger@midhudson.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 10:24 AM
To: mwinn
Subject: SurveyMonkey Login

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Thursday - March 1,
12:00 PM. Bot. Agenda Review