

***CORRESPONDENCE RECOGNIZING STAFF
FOR MHLS BOARD MEETING OF JULY 11, 2018***

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- Thank you note to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator for Library Sustainability, from Janet Bogenschultz, Assistant to the Library Director of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District for the recent, full-day, Project Outcome training held at MHLS.
- Thank you note to Merribeth Advocate, Assistant Director, from Fran Harrison, Director Grinnell Public Library District, for the Early Literacy Training Session presented to her staff.
- Thank you note to Merribeth Advocate, Assistant Director, from Barbara Flach, Director Greenville Public Library, for providing information to the libraries in Greene County about social service resources and contact information for the correctional facility librarians in their county.
- Thank you note to Laurie Shedrick, Technology Operations Manager, from Gisela Vella, Director Morton Memorial Library (Pine Hill), for the help she received setting-up computers, assessing the library's systems, and fixing printing issues.
- Thank you note to Tom Sloan, Executive Director, from Jen McCreery, Director Desmond Fish Library (Garrison), for his leadership and guidance during his tenure.
- Thank you note from Thea Schoep, Director, Claverack Free Library, to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator for Library Sustainability, for her support of Thea as a new director and during a recent challenge in their community.
- Thank you note from Steve Sansola, Board President, Morton Memorial Library & Community House, to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator for Library Sustainability, for her support of their library over his tenure as board president.
- Thank you note from Ellen Manfredi, trustee of the MountainTop Library, to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator for Library Sustainability, for her technical support of the library's recent school district ballot vote.
- Thank you note from Rhiannon Leo-Jameson, Director, NorthEast-Milleton Library, to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator for Library Sustainability, for her recent consultation with their board on doing a 414 vote
- Thank you note from Cindy Saporito, Board President & Katie Scott-Childress, Director, of the Saugerties Public Library, to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator for Library Sustainability, for her planning and facilitation of their recent board retreat.
- Thank you note to Tech Staff members, Isaac Barbee and Gerry Formby, from Katie Scott Childress, Director Saugerties Public Library, for their ongoing assistance handling the library's constant technology problems.

Zimbra**rsmith@midhudson.org**

Thank you for Project Outcome @MHLS

From : Janet Bogenschultz
<jbogenschultz@poklib.org>

Thu, Apr 26, 2018 09:24 AM

Subject : Thank you for Project Outcome @MHLS

To : Rebekkah Smith Aldrich
<rsmith@midhudson.org>

Dear Rebekkah,

Thank you for all you and your staff did in planning and hosting the Project Outcome training yesterday!

I really appreciate all your efforts, and the workshop will be very helpful in using the project outcome resources!

Janet

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Janet Bogenschultz
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Merribeth Advocate, MHLS

From: Director <director@grinnell-library.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 10:09 AM
To: Merribeth Advocate
Subject: Thank You!

Hi Merribeth

One of my goals is to ensure that the Grinnell staff "is offered training and development opportunities to encourage personal growth and excellence in customer service."

Molly raved about yesterday's Early Literacy training session -- thanks for helping us realize one of our goals.

Fran

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From: Barbara Flach <greenvillelibrary@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 1:32 PM
To: Merribeth Advocate, MHLS <madvocate@midhudson.org>
Subject: Re: Social service assistance and correctional facility librarians in Greene County

Merribeth,

Thanks so much for sending the information. We appreciate everything you do.

Thanks again.
Barbara
Greenville

From: Merribeth Advocate, MHLS <madvocate@midhudson.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 11:54 AM
To: cairolibrary720@gmail.com; director@catskillpubliclibrary.org; director@drevartslibrary.org; director@heermancelibrary.org; greenvillelibrary@outlook.com; hunterpubliclibrary@gmail.com; tanmttoplib@aol.com; tsloan@midhudson.org; windham@mhicable.com
Subject: Social service assistance and correctional facility librarians in Greene County

Good morning,

I wanted to bring 2 bits of information to you.

At the MHLS Board meeting at the Greenville Public Library, the topic of providing social service information to patrons came up. I wanted to make sure that you know that United Way runs an excellent regionally-based help line in NY called 2-1-1.

- 2-1-1 is staffed by knowledgeable call specialists simplifying access and increasing the effectiveness of the health and human services system, increasing the efficiency of government and not for profit service providers, and connecting people with education and training opportunities.

- Your patrons can use this to get the information they need on Food, Housing & Shelters, Abuse prevention, Government services, Senior services, Health and mental health, Child care, Youth programs, Job assistance, Substance abuse and more.

- 2-1-1 call specialists use an elaborate taxonomy (classification) to help make a match between a callers need, and services available to them. They are also set up to suggested related services to people in need (for example if someone calls because they are in need of food for their children, they may also be asked if they need a source for diapers, clothes, etc...)

- 60% of the people who make their own call to 2-1-1, call again.

- They provide a comprehensive database of regional information:

- Northeast Region 2-1-1- covers Columbia & Greene Counties: <http://www.unitedwaygcr.org/211> or call 2-1-1

- Hudson Valley Region 2-1-1 covers Dutchess, Putnam & Ulster Counties: <http://www.hudson211.org/cms/> or call 2-1-1

I also wanted you to know that you have a new librarian in your county – Ben Knowles at the Greene Correctional Facility. I am including the contact information for both of the correctional facility librarians in your county, as they may be interested in networking with you, discards from your book sales, etc...

Greene Correctional Facility

Ben Knowles, Librarian
P.O. Box 8
Coxsackie, NY 12051
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Coxsackie Correctional Facility

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Kind regards,
Merribeth


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Merribeth Advocate, Assistant Director

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Register for all MHLS workshops & events through the [Online Calendar](#).

Thank you so very much
for all your help & patience!
I'm certainly keeping you busy.
Take a break, grab a coffee,
have a huffte

Gisi 
Pine Hill Library

**Your thoughtfulness
is greatly appreciated.**

Dear Tom -

Just wanted to write a quick note to say thank you so much for your leadership and guidance in your years with the Mid-Hudson Library System. I feel incredibly lucky to have begun my career as a director within this system and under your directorship. You have served as a great example for all of us with your level-headed approach & good humor in all situations. I will always remember your advice to "just put on your boots and wade in" in the face of all days great and not as great at the library. Take care, visit often, and thanks again!

♥ Jen

RebeKkah,

THANK You for doing your job
So wonderfully well!

You patience and guidance over,
not only the last 3 years, but
especially the last 4 months have
been most appreciated!

Best
Thea

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Re: Morton Memorial Library, Rhinecliff, New York

From : Steve Sansola <Steve.Sansola@marist.edu>

Fri, May 11, 2018 08:51 AM

Subject : Re: Morton Memorial Library, Rhinecliff, New York**To** : Rebekkah Smith <rsmith@midhudson.org>

Rebekkah,

I am writing to let you know that I will be stepping down from the Morton Library Board as of June 7. At last night's board meeting, a slate of new officers were elected. I want to thank you for your assistance these past years related to Morton issues. It's been a pleasure working with you.

Sincerely,

Steve

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We Won

From : Clumhill@verizon.net <clumhill@verizon.net> Fri, May 18, 2018 12:35 PM**Subject :** We Won**To :** rsmith@midhudson.org

Hi Rebekkah

The Mt Top Library proposal on the school ballot won 376-140.

We are very happy with that margin...There was approximately 140 no votes for everything on the ballot so that must be the town naysayers.

As always thank you for your input

Ellen

Sent from my iPad

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Yesterday

From : NorthEast Millerton Library
<rleo@nemillertonlibrary.org>

Thu, Jun 14, 2018 10:34 AM

Subject : Yesterday

To : Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (MHLS)
<rsmith@midhudson.org>

Hi Rebekkah,

Thank you for coming out yesterday. The board was very receptive and appreciative after our meeting. Figures crossed that they are willing to take this on.

Rhiannon Leo-Jameson
Director

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T-F 11 AM to 6 PM
SAT 10 AM to 3 PM

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Re: Board Retreat Notes

From : Cindy Saporito <csms1818@gmail.com>

Wed, Jun 13, 2018 11:33 AM

Subject : Re: Board Retreat Notes**To :** Katie Scott-Childress
<director@saugertiespubliclibrary.org>**Cc :** Rebekkah Smith Aldrich
<rsmith@midhudson.org>

My thanks as well Rebekkah! Your training was informative and engaging. I anticipate it will help us to move forward as a Board. Your time and attention are greatly appreciated.

Cindy.

On Wed, Jun 13, 2018 at 10:51 AM Katie Scott-Childress
<director@saugertiespubliclibrary.org> wrote:

Rebekkah,
Thank you so very much for taking the time to work with us! I thought that it went really well and that you helped everyone focus on the higher levels of governance and motivation for being part of the library board.
I will send out your notes to the board and we will make time to discuss the retreat at our next meeting.
And thank you for typing up the notes so quickly, you're amazing!
Katie

On Wed, Jun 13, 2018 at 9:42 AM, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich
<rsmith@midhudson.org> wrote:

Cindy & Katie,
Attached please find the notes from our retreat last night. Please feel free to share these with the other trustees.
I hope the event was useful to your board.
Rebekkah

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Rebekkah Smith Aldrich
Coordinator for Library Sustainability

6/22/18

Isaac & Gerry

You have been so
helpful to the Saugerties
library over these past
months and I am
truly grateful. Tech
stuff is constantly acting
up around here and we
would not be in business
without you. Best
Katie