

***CORRESPONDENCE RECOGNIZING STAFF
FOR MHLS BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2019***

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- Thank you note to Laurie Shedrick, Assistant Director/Technology Operations Manager, from Gisi Vella, Director Morton Memorial Library (Pine Hill), for her ongoing help and support.
- Thank you letter to Executive Director, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, from the President and Vice President of United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region, for the System's participation in the 2019 campaign.
- Thank you note to Kerstin Cruger, Library Sustainability Associate & Communications Specialist, and Casey Conlin, MHLS Library Sustainability Coordinator, from Maureen Garcia, Director Mountain Top Library (Tannersville), on behalf of herself, her Board Secretary and a senior staff member, for their organization and facilitation of Library Advocacy Day, and support throughout the event.
- Thank you letter to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Executive Director and Casey Conlin, MHLS Library Sustainability Coordinator, for their consultation with the Woodstock Public Library District on best practices for organizing a capital campaign.



Morton Memorial Library

Pine Hill, New York

Thank you so very much for all
your help and support
throughout the year!

Wishing you happy holidays
and a happy and healthy 2019.

Warmest
yis!

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United Way of the
Dutchess-Orange Region

January 23, 2019

Ms. Rebekkah Smith Aldrich
Executive Director
Mid Hudson Library System
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Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dear Rebekkah,

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mid Hudson Library System for completing another successful United Way Campaign.

Your support last year helped over 166,000 residents of the Dutchess-Orange Region. Thanks to Mid Hudson Library System one more runaway teen may find a safe haven; one more child may read at grade level or beyond; one more student impacted by mental health issues may learn about resources that could save their life; one more family may gain access to food; and, one more Veteran may obtain shelter and legal assistance.

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region envisions a region where children succeed in school and life, families are financially stable, and our neighbors have the opportunity to lead healthy and productive lives. As always, if we can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at 845-471-1900 ext 3118.

Thank you again for helping make a difference in our community.

Sincerely,



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*Thank you for
letting us in to
present this year!*

From: Mountain Top Library [<mailto:directormttoplib@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 11:10 AM
To: Kerstin Cruger <kcruger@midhudson.org>; Casey Conlin <cconlin@midhudson.org>
Subject: Thank you!

Hi Kerstin and Casey!

On behalf of Ellen Manfredi, (my Board's Secretary), Elyse Browne, (my senior staff member), and myself, we just wanted to truly THANK YOU for your organization, enthusiasm, and support on Wednesday!

Having never attended Advocacy Day before, I'll admit I was a bit nervous, but you helped in making the day easy, comfortable and fun! We loved the signs directing us along the way, the youtube briefings and general comradery of the day, were instrumental in the feeling of calm.

I can not THANK YOU enough!

I just wanted to share with you the letter I drafted for our 2 representatives that we met with on Wednesday. My Board wanted me to write up something personal for both of them. I utilized language encouraged in the youtube briefing to help tailor it specifically to my library. I hope it reads well and helps for them to make strong cases to their Democratic colleagues... Copied below is the original draft (*not the one given on Wednesday but we will be using this one (tweaked slightly) for the Mt. Top community, to inform them before the 414 vote this year) *I scanned and attached the final copies we gave to Senator Amedore and Assembly member Tague's assistant that day. We also included library flyer and brochures of our 23Arts concert series, ESL program and Book club, all upcoming programs here.

Again, we wanted to truly thank MHLS and the RCLS for making the day possible! You are all amazing people and library champions for sure :)

From: "Jessica A. Kerr" <jessica@woodstock.org>
To: "rsmith" <rsmith@midhudson.org>, "cconlin" <cconlin@midhudson.org>
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Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 11:50:33 AM
Subject: Thank you!

Rebekkah & Casey,

Thank you for the consulting you did yesterday. It was very much appreciated and very timely.

The Trustees have some big decisions to make and I think they are better equipped.

Best,

Jessica Kerr & WPLD Board of Trustees

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"Cutting libraries during a recession is like cutting hospitals during a plague."

— Eleanor Crumblehulme library assistant University of British Columbia