

Correspondence Recognizing MHLS Staff | December 2020 Board Packet



Thank you

CD Carol Donick <cdonick@kentlibrary.org>
Mon 11/23/2020 1:47 PM
To: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich
Cc: Michele Mant <mmant@hotmail.com>

Dear Rebekkah,

Thank you for the lovely plaque which commemorates the Kent Library's successful municipal ballot vote (hopefully, the first of many.) Your patience, encouragement and good advice throughout the process made it possible. We couldn't have done it without you!

Annual budget for Columbia County libraries

LP Lynn Place <director@germantownlibrary.org>
Fri 11/20/2020 9:26 AM
To: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich
Cc: Columbia Directors

Thank you all for your input and **thank you** Rebekkah for your clarification. I feel I have the necessary ammunition to properly deal with this now.

Lynn

11/20/20 LaGrange Reopening Update (to Casey Conlin)

You're the best - thanks!

Mary

LaGrange Library

From: Dawn Jardine <director@redhooklibrary.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 3:40 PM
To: Laurie Shedrick <lshedrick@midhudson.org>
Subject: Isaac

Just want to tell you Isaac is a genius :)

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Briana McNamee <Advocate@nyla.org>

Thu 11/19/2020 12:55 PM

To: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

You did a phenomenal job today.

The library community (including myself) are lucky to have you as an advocate!

Briana McNamee
Director of Government Relations & Advocacy
New York Library Association

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Guilderland, NY 122084
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11/3/2020 NY State prevailing wage labor rates

Thank you, Casey! I figured that was the case. Hope you had a festive Halloween and are keeping the faith today...

Dede
Putnam Valley Library

10/29/2020 Thank You for Participating in the Reimagining Library Services Webinar!

Thanks Casey,
It was a nice experience. You did a great job organizing it, and I got a lot out of the other presenters' info too!
Thanks for putting it together and for making it go so smoothly.
Happy Halloween to you too!
Gina
Brewster Library

10/28/2020 Reimagining Library Services Tech Tools Webinar (to Casey Conlin)

That was a great webinar! I have so many ideas I want to use - Tidio, mobile printing, quick assist, archive photos ... and thanks for the reminder to update our phone message as our services change!

So helpful! Love having new things to try.

Liz
Phoenicia Library

10/27/2020 Virtual Programs

Thank you so much for your help on how to keep stats for our virtual programs and reminding me that this is good information to have for the community.

Thanks again!

Barbara
Greenville Library

Panel Discussion Planning Session for "Beyond OverDrive in eCollection Development"



Julie Kelsall-Dempsey <jkelsall@highlandlibrary.org>

Mon 10/26/2020 5:02 PM

To: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

Cc: Maureen Garcia; M Capozella; Gloria Goverman; West Hurley Library; Laurie Shedrick; Nina Acosta; J DeLisle

Thank you Rebekkah! The time you put into the planning made participating so easy and fun.

Julie Kelsall-Dempsey
Library Director

"The library is the temple of learning, and learning has liberated more people than all the wars in history." Carl T. Rowan

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Patricia Placona <patplacona@gmail.com>

Fri 10/23/2020 12:42 PM

To: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

Well done, Rebekkah.

As I listened to your presentation I thought of how fortunate we all are for your leadership. Your optimism and energy is sorely needed during this challenging time--thank you.

Enjoy the weekend and stay safe.

Pat
PATRICIA PLACONA




10/22/2020 Core Values Presentation Note (to Casey Conlin)

You did an awesome job tonight! But I have to tell you that whatever you said immediately following Penny's picture appearing on the screen is LOST. I literally spent 30 seconds just smiling at that bright little face before I tuned back in to what you were talking about. Hope it wasn't important!

Great job on everything else--I really appreciate the work you put into these workshops. It makes my job so much easier to have well informed Trustees.

Margie
Kingston Library

 Alan Gamble <agamble48@optonline.net>
Fri 10/16/2020 12:50 PM

To: Amanda Forbes <diagenfly7591@optonline.net>; charlotte murphy <char19482003@yahoo.com>; David Stanford <dstanford@uclick.com>; Ginny <rgebach@optonline.net> +3 others
Cc: Rebekkah Smith Altirich; Casey Conlin

WE GOT IT! And got some EXTRA. MHLS recommended we get \$418,750 a year ago and we will be getting \$26,861 MORE!!! A lot of work went into the application, for which we can thank Erika to a great extent. Casey Conlin has been a big help along with the MHLS Board, whose members approved our application. And at the top of the list for "THANKS" is Rebekkah, who believes in us and has stuck with us for all these many years. What follows is pertinent excerpts of the award notification received a little while ago.

Alan Gamble
President, Board of Trustees
Amenia Free Library Association

The New York State Education Department/New York State Library is pleased to announce that your library's application for the 2019-2020 State Aid for Library Construction Program has been approved for the amount of \$445,611.

This award notification constitutes formal approval of the Public Library Construction Aid application as submitted.

It is the library's responsibility to conduct Construction Aid project activities in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, policies, terms, conditions and assurances. The Department has the right to recoup funds if the approved activities are not performed and/or the award funds are not expended.
An initial payment of 90% of the project funding amount will be paid, with a 10% funding amount made as a final payment when project completion pictures, budget-final expenses and the FS-10-F form are received and approved by the State Library.

10/8/2020 Help with Tax Cap Question

Thank you, Casey, for this information and for our chat this morning. I will share this clarifying information with the Town Board. I'm looking forward to working with you to lay the groundwork for another successful 414 at CCL.

From: mei@woodstock.org <mei@woodstock.org>

Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 4:55 PM

To: Nina Acosta <nacosta@midhudson.org>

Subject: Thanks

Hello Nina,

First let me thank you for your help on formulating a search on holds. You always give me information that teaches me about more options for list creation. Also thanks for changing the Annual Report info on periodicals in local history. I'm sure I will have more questions in the future. It's great to have you as a resource!

All the best,
Mei Woodstock Library

10/6/2020 Pandemic Response Plan

Thanks for the info Casey!
Thanks,
Stephanie
Patterson Library

10/6/2020 Town of Ulster Director Search

Such good news from you 😊 Casey, your guidance throughout our search process has been so valuable. On behalf of all the trustees of the Town of Ulster Library, I thank you for your prompt replies, your thorough reviews and the research and extra calls you have made on our behalf!

Your comments on Jordana's resume are helpful, and we did discuss this in our interview. Your encouragement about our way forward towards hiring her is much appreciated. There are still unknowns, including how quickly she can obtain her NYS professional certification, but now that we have heard from MHLS and CS that we have options, we are very hopeful of bringing this adventure to a happy conclusion!

And everytime we do let you know how you can help, you come through. Hurray for MHLS!

Anne

9/23/2020 Construction Aid

Hi Casey,

I have attached the signed memo. Thanks again for all your help!

Mary

9/23/2020 New Minimum Standards Trustee Webinar

Thank you! This was the most informative webinar for me. So much to consider!

Pauline

Sent from my iPad

paulineherr@me.com

Members of the Directors Association Thanking MHLS Staff at the 11.12.2020 DA Meeting

Brian Avery to Everyone 10:53 AM
thank you all

Darren Lanspery to Everyone 10:53 AM
Thanks!

Carol Donick to Everyone 10:53 AM
Thank you so much!!

Tobi Farley to Everyone 10:53 AM
MHLS staff are the best. THANK YOU!

Vicki Wills to Everyone 10:53 AM
Thank you. couldn't do it without you.

Michele DelPriore to Everyone 10:52 AM
Thank you all!

Catherine Benson to Everyone 10:52 AM
THANK YOU!

Jennifer Russell to Everyone 10:53 AM
Yes! Thank you!

Dorothea Schoep to Everyone 10:53 AM
Thank you!!

Kristen Campbell to Everyone 10:53 AM
Well said Margie! Thank you MHLS!

Tamara Gaskell to Everyone 10:52 AM
Couldn't be here without you!

Fran Harrison to Everyone 10:52 AM
thanks!

Brooke Dittmar to Everyone 10:52 AM
Thank you!!

Katie Scott-Childress to Everyone 10:52 AM
YES! Special shout out to tech support!

Dede Farabaugh to Everyone 10:52 AM
We could have never made it this far without MHLS--you all are tremendous!!

AnnaLee Dragon to Everyone 10:52 AM
Best. System. Ever.

Tracy Priest to Everyone 10:52 AM

Hear, hear!! Thank you, thank you, thank you! What a year.

Jen McCreery to Everyone 10:52 AM

We are so lucky to work in this system. Thank you MHLS!!!

Carol Bancroft to Everyone 10:52 AM

Thanks to all at MHLS! You guys are the best!

Julie Kelsall-Dempsey to Everyone 10:52 AM

MHLS staff rocks!! Thank you for everthing.

Christa Cerul to Everyone 10:52 AM

YES! THANK YOU!!!! <3

Michele Capozzella to Everyone 10:52 AM

Thank you all! You are amazing!

M to Everyone 10:52 AM

yes! thank you so much!!!!

Dawn Jardine to Everyone 10:51 AM

Thank you!

Gillian Murphy to Everyone 10:52 AM

THANK YOU!!

Liz Potter to Everyone 10:52 AM

Love our system staff!

Sandy to Everyone 10:52 AM

We second that!!!

New Lebabon Library to Everyone 10:52 AM

Thank you, MHLS Staff! You are amazing!