

MHLS Board | 2023 Priorities

Board Education

Strengthen and support MHLS Board Members' competencies, skills and commitment to ethical leadership through professional development topics identified through the boards' self-assessment; recommendations from the board's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion and Government & Community Relations Working Groups; and activation by our board committee chairs.

Member Outreach

Continued focus on Board-to-Board visits to member library boards as well as to the county-based library associations to strengthen relationships and to promote transparent communication throughout the system.

Financial Stability

Encouragement of continued and new financial investment in the system by better defining our value to stakeholders; state level advocacy for funding; and progress on strategic planning related to fund development that supports MHLS without impacting member libraries' fundraising connections and opportunities.

Living Our Values Out Loud

We will focus on three core values in 2023: intellectual freedom and defending the right to read; equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI); and sustainability. We will support our member libraries in defending against material challenges; we will continue the work to embed a true commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion in our organization and to support our member libraries in their work on this topic, including in the area of digital equity and inclusion; and we will work on implementing a climate action plan that includes a 2023 focus on The Library of Local Program and supporting the Pollinator Pathway in New York.