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Thanks and Sharing Our Long Range Plan




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To:  Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

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Wed 4/30/2025 3:24 PM

Reply Reply all Forward

Hi Rebekkah,

It was so special to have you lead the tribute for Lorraine's award on Sunday at the AAUW Woman of The Year Luncheon. I know our Board of Trustees all were moved and awed by your speech and recognition for Lorraine. Thank you for that and for all you and your team do.

It was great to talk with you over lunch at our table. I know you and Sue spoke a bit about the updated Long Range Plan we have for the Staatsburg Library. We created this new plan in 2024, and recently finished its review and update for 2025. I've attached it for your review - of course we would welcome any feedback or ideas you may have and would be happy to discuss it with you.

Thanks again and all the best,

Bryan Lee
Board of Trustees
Long Range Planning Committee Chairperson

Thank you and Josh Riley

 **Dee Ann Campbell**
To:  Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

Thank you for a very interesting New Directors forum. I always learn a lot!

I hope your meeting with Josh goes/went well. He's my rep and is a really great guy —very smart and sincere.

Thanks for all you do!

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April Mexican Consulate visit results



Jessica Sherman <jsherman@poklib.org>

To: Elva Corbaton <ecorbaton@poklib.org>



Mon 4/14/2025 9:53 AM

¡Hola a todos! (Hi everyone),

We just want to thank everyone for their cooperation and assistance in helping host the Mexican Consulate-on-Wheels last week at the MHLS Auditorium. An especially big thanks to Chris & Dave from MHLS and the PPLD Maintenance team. Elva and I could not have done it without you!

Thanks to this event, the Mexican Consulate was able to assist **923** people with passports, renewals, dual citizenship and birth certificates, many of them for children. The highest daily total was on Saturday with **304** people visiting (Daily totals: Tues/187, Wed/143, Thu/119, Fri/170, Sat/304). People traveled from all over the MHLS area and beyond highlighting the valuable cooperation needed to host such an event.

In addition to these services, we provided information about library services and programs and the Consulate offered additional financial workshops, a health services mobile unit and a large food pantry donation donated by the Hispanic Federation.

Many thanks,
Jess & Elva

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Fw: Thank you

Hi Kerstin,

I just wanted to check in and say a HUGE Thank you for your help in reaching your member libraries. We have had a whole bunch of updated applications and also some new libraries signing up. I am so excited and very grateful for your help with this.

Have a great weekend!
Laurenne

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Re: System Services Advisory Committee: One of our own is running for NYLA President!



Margie Menard



To: ☐ Library Director Claverack; Library Director <director@mahopaclibrary.org>

Thu 3/27/2025 4:52 PM

Cc: ☐ C Fortier; ☒ Rebekkah Smith Aldrich; ☐ Matt Pavloff; ☐ M DeBellis; **+4 others**

So exciting! Kerstin has impressive leadership skills and would make an outstanding NYLA President!

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Re: System Services Advisory Committee: One of our own is running for NYLA President!



Catherine Benson



To: ☒ Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

Thu 3/27/2025 4:47 PM

Cc: ☐ Matt Pavloff; Library Director <director@mahopaclibrary.org>; **+7 others**

Congratulations to Kerstin and best wishes to her as she throws her hat into the ring for consideration. She has my vote. I had the pleasure of seeing her in action at Advocacy Day last year in Albany, where she was extremely professional, well spoken, and calm. She sets high goals and achieves significant impact, step by step. We're grateful to have her at MHLS advocating on behalf of our libraries, improving our communities with each project she leads.

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Re: [MHLS-Notice] Re: Member Library Benefit Opportunity: Amazon Business Free Prime Program



Library Director

To: ○ C Fortier

Cc: ○ PIH Library; ✓ Rebekkah Smith Aldrich; mhls-notice@googlegroups.com



Fri 3/28/2025 6:19 AM

Yes! Thank you MHLS & Rebekkah! We are reaping the benefits already.

On Thu, Mar 27, 2025 at 3:38 PM Carol Fortier <cfortier@beekmanlibrary.org> wrote:
Ditto

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Re: [MHLS-Notice] Re: Member Library Benefit Opportunity: Amazon Business Free Prime Program



Gisela Vella

To: ✓ Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

Cc: mhls-notice@googlegroups.com



Thu 3/27/2025 3:34 PM

Thank you so much Rebekkah and MHLS for getting us this discount.
Every penny counts!

Gisi Vella

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Re: LIU Legal Issues PowerPoint Presentation

I just want to say how impactful this class has been for me. I'm learning so much and applying it to my work every day—it's genuinely making a real difference. Your expertise and the care you put into shaping this experience have been invaluable, and I deeply appreciate the time and thought you invest in each session. I hope it's been as rewarding for you as it has been for us.

With gratitude,

Jennifer

Re: [MHLS-Notice] Re: Member Library Benefit Opportunity: Amazon Business Free Prime Program



Elizabeth Potter

To: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

😊 Reply Reply all Forward Attachments ...
Sat 3/22/2025 7:23 AM

Rebekkah,

Thanks for taking the time to set this up.

This makes my life so much easier!! Have had a so many issues with Amazon (fraud, payments not being credited, spending restrictions) that could have been easily solved by having an account manager.

Liz

Re: A Quick Question About Outside Orgs Meeting at the Library



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To: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

😊 Reply Reply all Forward Attachments ...
Fri 3/21/2025 12:36 PM

Hi, Rebekka!

Thank you very much for your incredibly quick and utterly reassuring reply.

Yours,
Kim

Thank you for all you are doing for our community



Eve Wood <ewood@starrlibrary.org>

To: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

😊 Reply Reply all Forward Attachments ...
Tue 3/18/2025 9:10 AM

Deeply appreciate you!

Eve

Sent from my iPhone

Re: Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley report / request



Tracy Pollock <tpollock1@gmail.com>

To: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

Cc: Cristin McPeake <cmcpeake@communityfoundationshv.org>

😊 Reply Reply all Forward Attachments ...
Mon 3/10/2025 7:26 PM

You replied on Tue 3/11/2025 8:32 AM

Start reply with:

Dear Rebekkah,

Thank you so much for getting back to me so quickly. The below paragraph and photos are great.

Over the past six months, as we held community conversations and surveyed the public, libraries were consistently raised as one of the most important hubs for local communities. We are very excited to be able to spotlight MHLS and the impact that libraries have in our area.

Very best,
Tracy