

**CORRESPONDENCE RECOGNIZING STAFF  
FOR MHLS BOARD MEETING OF JULY 11, 2019**

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- Thank you note to Courtney Wimmers, Outreach & Engagement Specialist, from Carolyn Bennett Glauda, Member Services Librarian for Education and Outreach, Southeastern New York Library Resource Council, for her contribution and participation in the "Filling Your Marketing Toolbox" workshop.
- Thank you notes to Tom Finnigan, Delivery Operations Manager, from Jessica Kerr, Director Woodstock Public Library, Sandy Bartlett, Director Morton Memorial Library & Community House (Rhinecliff), and Gisela Vella, Director Morton Memorial Library (Pine Hill), recognizing the outstanding performance of MHLS' Delivery Service.
- Thank you note to Casey Conlin, Library Sustainability Coordinator, from Linda Berk, Supervisory Partnership specialist New York region Census Center, for his partnership in the 2020 Census effort on behalf of libraries.
- Thank you note to Laurie Shedrick/Assistant Director/Technology Operations Manager, from Beth Juhl, IUG Idea Lab Committee Chair, for her participation and contribution to this year's meeting.
- Thank you note to Casey Conlin, Library Sustainability Coordinator, from Teresa McGuirk, Director Clinton Community Library, for speaking at the June 1st Gala and highlighting the library's significant accomplishments (*6.18 MHLS Bulletin*).
- Thank you note to MHLS Executive Director Rebekkah Smith Aldrich from Gillian Thorpe, Director of the Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library in Cold Spring, for her participation on a panel at the May 2019 Putnam County Library Association Dinner.
- Thank you message to MHLS Executive Director Rebekkah Smith Aldrich from Bob Miller, trustee, Elting Memorial Library in New Paltz, for her presentation of the Legal Issues for Trustees workshop on May 1, 2019.
- Thank you message to MHLS Executive Director Rebekkah Smith Aldrich from Pat Placona, trustee, Roeliff Jansen Community Library, for her presentation of the Legal Issues for Trustees workshop and for a consultation on May 1, 2019.
- Thank you message to MHLS Executive Director Rebekkah Smith Aldrich & Casey Conlin, MHLS Library Sustainability Coordinator, from Anita Prentice, board president of the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison, for her assistance with the library's recent 259 vote.
- Thank you note to Courtney Wimmers, Outreach & Engagement Specialist, from Sam Gruber, Director D.R. Evarts Library, for facilitating the distribution of her library's generous 2019 Outreach mini grant.

Dear Courtney,

May, 2019

Thank you so much for participating  
in Filling Your Marketing Toolbox.  
We really appreciate your  
contribution and your presentation.  
Your experience was an  
asset to our event, and thank  
you for being so generous  
with your time. We look  
forward to working with  
you again!

all best,

Carolyn

Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 4:29 PM

To: Tom Finnigan <tfinnigan@midhudson.org>

Cc: mhls-notice@googlegroups.com

Subject: Re: [MHLS-Notice] Announcement : New Delivery Vendor Transition Update

Just sending a big, hearty THANK YOU to you and your staff for making magic happen.

Our driver's speedy deliveries wow our patrons with the ability to get materials so fast. The amount of stuff you folks move around the Hudson Valley is impressive.

So thanks again from our patrons and staff. We truly couldn't do it without you.

Jessica A. Kerr

Library Director

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## Peggy Winn

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**From:** mhls-notice@googlegroups.com on behalf of Town of Ulster Director <director@townofulsterlibrary.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2019 9:27 AM  
**To:** Sandy Bartlett  
**Cc:** PIH Library; J Giralico; Jessica Kerr; Library Director; Tom Finnigan; mhls-notice@googlegroups.com  
**Subject:** Re: [MHLS-Notice] Announcement : New Delivery Vendor Transition Update

Agreed!

On Thu, May 16, 2019 at 2:52 PM Sandy Bartlett <sandy@mortonrhinecliff.org> wrote:

And from Rhinecliff - you all provide such an invaluable service and as a little library, i can't imagine life without your faithful transport

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**Sandy Bartlett** - Director  
Morton Memorial Library & Community House  
82 Kelly Street, Rhinecliff, NY  
(845) 876-2903

On Thu, May 16, 2019 at 2:02 PM Gisela Vella <pihlibrary@gmail.com> wrote:  
Second that! Thanks so much

Gisi Vella

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Gisela Vella  
Director  
Morton Memorial Library (Pine Hill)  
(845)254-4222  
[PIhlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:PIhlibrary@gmail.com)

On Wed, May 15, 2019 at 8:03 PM 'John Giralico' via MHLS Notice <mhls-notice@googlegroups.com> wrote:  
How about another ditto from Elting/New Paltz!

On Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 3:14:15 PM MDT, Brooke D <esopusdirector@gmail.com> wrote:

Ditto!

On Wed, May 15, 2019 at 4:29 PM Woodstock <jessica@woodstock.org> wrote:

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Jessica A. Kerr  
Library Director

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**From:** Linda Berk (CENSUS/NY FED) <linda.berk@2020census.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 12:53 PM

**To:** Casey Conlin

**Cc:** Mario D Garcia (CENSUS/NY FED)

**Subject:** Re: Census Workshop Follow-up

Casey,

It was a pleasure speaking to the librarians of Mid Hudson Valley New York. I was so impressed with the turnout and solid questions they asked. I am on the road Monday, but will get back to you with the answers to the questions on Tuesday.

In the mean time, we appreciate your support and making the region wide presentation possible. You are an invaluable partner!

Thank you.

**Linda Berk**, Supervisory Partnership Specialist

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Dear Laurie-

Thank you so much for all that you have done to make JDE a success! one of the joys of JDE is getting to know colleagues like you. looking forward to seeing you "around" JDE lab and in Minneapolis next year!

Thank you

Brian Quinn  
JDE Enhancements

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**From:** Teresa McGuirk <clinton.director@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 7:39 AM

**To:** Casey Conlin

**Subject:** Thank you

Hi Casey,

As you can imagine it's been a busy week! Thank you so much for speaking and telling the Clinton Story to our guests last Saturday. Everyone had a great time. I appreciate you taking time away from your family to be with us. The community has been so supportive and encouraging. I expect to see you later today but just wanted a chance to thank you again for everything.

*Teresa McGuirk,*

*Director*

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THANK YOU

Dear Rebekkah,  
Thank you for sharing  
your knowledge!! We  
really appreciate it.

Sincerely,  
Lillian



## Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

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**From:** Robert Miller <millerr@newpaltz.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 2, 2019 10:08 AM  
**To:** Rebekkah Smith Aldrich  
**Subject:** Great Seminar!

Hi Rebekkah: I really enjoyed the seminar last night (it was also pretty scary). The case studies exercise was a good way for me to get to know some of the other trustees and hear different points of view. You could probably do an entire evening of just case studies--with prizes (MHLS baseball caps, trips to Hawaii)

Have a great weekend

Bob Miller

## Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

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**From:** Patricia Placona <patplacona@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 2, 2019 7:21 AM  
**To:** Rebekkah Smith Aldrich  
**Subject:** Legal matters

Good morning, Rebekkah. Excellent workshop -- you always do phenomenal work! And, thank you for spending time with Joyce and me--it helped very much. I'll keep you posted on our progress.

Pat

PATRICIA PLACONA

## Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

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**From:** Anita Prentice <[anitaprentice@gmail.com](mailto:anitaprentice@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2019 8:58 AM  
**To:** Rebekkah Smith Aldrich  
**Subject:** Re: We won

The only time a 25 person board makes sense! Thank you so much for helping to guide our messaging to the high road and the big picture - your and Casey's help so much appreciated.

Jen and I are now taking vacations!

All the best Anita

On Wed, May 22, 2019 at 8:53 AM Rebekkah Smith Aldrich <[rsmith@midhudson.org](mailto:rsmith@midhudson.org)> wrote:  
Congratulations Anita!!! What a well run campaign! That was an impressive showing of strength from your board and Jen. Thank you for stepping up to do the right thing.  
Rebekkah

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Anita Prentice <[anitaprentice@gmail.com](mailto:anitaprentice@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2019 9:51 PM  
**To:** Rebekkah Smith Aldrich <[rsmith@midhudson.org](mailto:rsmith@midhudson.org)>  
**Subject:** We won

264 yes 162 no

Sent from my iPhone

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Anita Rhett Prentice  
845.598.0575

**Re: Outreach mini-grant**

Sam Gruber

Fri 6/14/2019 4:33 PM

To: Courtney Wimmers <[cwimmers@midhudson.org](mailto:cwimmers@midhudson.org)>

Hi Courtney,

I just wanted to send a thank you for your help with this grant and for being so generous with our library with the funds. I know there were lots of libraries angling for money and I truly appreciate you giving us such a large portion of what we asked for.

Our library survives on grants like this so I really want to make sure you know how much I appreciate it.

I hope you have a wonderful rest of your day and a lovely weekend.

My best,  
Sam

Sam Gruber

*Library Director, D. R. Evarts Library*  
80 2nd Street, Athens, NY 12015  
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On Fri, Jun 14, 2019 at 9:05 AM Courtney Wimmers <[cwimmers@midhudson.org](mailto:cwimmers@midhudson.org)> wrote:

Good morning,

You will be receiving your Outreach mini-grant approval in the delivery today!

In your envelope, you will find:

- A confirmation letter
- A copy of your approved application
- The receipt form you will submit for funding - Funds must be spent between January 1, 2019, and November 1, 2019.
- A copy of the short online final report ([also available to view here](#))

Please note that since the total requested system-wide was more than the NYS 2019 Outreach Categorical Aid funding available (\$25,983), the funding to most applicants has been reduced. 35 member libraries applied and in total, requested over \$56,000. Member libraries in the areas most in need (based on the definition from the MHLS Board of Trustees of MHLS Economically Disadvantaged Communities), as well as member libraries who will be working on digital literacy projects, were given funding preference.

If you have any questions or concerns about your mini-grant, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Courtney Wimmers  
Outreach and Engagement Specialist  
Mid-Hudson Library System  
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