

**CORRESPONDENCE RECOGNIZING STAFF
FOR MHLS BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2019**

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- Thank you note to Casey Conlin, Library Sustainability Coordinator, from Margie Menard, Director West Hurley Library, for attending the Ulster County Legislature budget hearing.
- Thank you note to Casey Conlin, Library Sustainability Coordinator, from Elizabeth Potter, Director of the Phoenicia Library, for his assistance in creating and providing a complete patron card user list from the voter rolls and cardholder data for her library.
- Thank you note to Courtney Wimmers, Outreach & Engagement Specialist, from Maureen Garcia, Director Mountain Top Library, for encouraging and supporting libraries to participate in the "Great Give Back" initiative.
- Thank you note to Executive Director, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Casey Conlin, Library Sustainability Coordinator, and the entire team at the Mid-Hudson Library System, from the board and staff of the Claverack Library, for the work they do to support library construction projects, and for attending the library's grand opening celebration.
- Thank you note to Laurie Shedrick, Assistant Director/Technology Operations Manager, and the tech staff" from Jody ford, Director Stone Ridge Library, for the exceptional assistance they provided to resolve a recent problem at her library.
- Facebook message from Liz Potter, Director Phoenica Library, to Casey Conlin, Library Sustainability Coordinator, for assisting with the library's 414 campaign.
- Thank you note from the staff of the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison to the MHLS staff.
- Thank you note from Steve Cook, Director, Starr Library in Rhinebeck, to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Executive Director, for her efforts to connect Steve with his elected officials to discuss their upcoming facility plans.
- Thank you note from AnnaLee Dragon, Director, Kinderhook Memorial Library, to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Executive Director, expressing gratitude for Rebekkah's ongoing support.
- Message from Arlene Christensen, Director, Stanford Free Library, to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Executive Director, thanking her for her assistance over the course of her career.

From: Margie Menard <mmenard@kingstonlibrary.org>

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 12:20 PM

To: Kara Lustiber <director@westhurleylibrary.org>; Stuart Auchincloss <sauchincloss@earthlink.net>; Casey Conlin <cconlin@midhudson.org>

Subject: Thanks for your support!

Hi All,

Thanks for being part of our UCLA team at yesterday's Legislative Programs Committee meeting. I felt like we had just the right mix of voices and information for the committee members and I left feeling like we had made the best possible case for our request.

I appreciate the time you all took to prepare and be present at the meeting.

Regards,

Margie

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From: Elizabeth Potter <director@phoenicialibrary.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 8:56 PM
To: Casey Conlin <cconlin@midhudson.org>
Subject: Re: Voter Rolls and Active Cardholders

This is great!! I cleaned them up, printed both lists and we are using them to prioritize our calls. I'm thrilled. Thank you SO much for your offer out of the blue - we so appreciate it. Liz

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 17, 2019, at 5:19 PM, Casey Conlin <cconlin@midhudson.org> wrote:

Hey Liz,

I ran the voter rolls and the cardholder data, and I came up with the numbers below. Do these seem in the ball park for what you would expect?

Total Voters	2022
Total cardholders	1752
DOB over 18 in cardholders	1051
DOB under 18 in cardholders	211
no DOB cardholders	407
DOB 1/1/1901 cardholders	80
DOB 1/1/1900 cardholders	3
Voters with library cards	496
Voters that used cards in since October 2018	264
Voters that used cards in since October 2018	95

I compared first and last names of people on the voter rolls to first and last names for people from Sierra who used their library card since October 2018 and October 2016. I got a list of 264 users from the past year, and 95 from the 2 years before that. I'm attaching the spreadsheets that include most of the voter rolls info, along with some additional info I was able to pull in from Sierra for phone numbers in case the voter roll ones are out of date (keep calling the numbers until you get the person, right?) and email addresses in case those are helpful. Most of the voter data came into Excel okay, with some massaging of a couple records required.

The attached spreadsheets might have a little more info than you need. I can clean them up, or you can do it. I wasn't exactly sure how you could best use the info, so I tried to present you with more so you could pare it down if needed. I can also clean it up if you give me some direction.

If the data looks wrong or off, or if the numbers above aren't what you expected, please let me know.

Casey Conlin
Library Sustainability Coordinator

From: Mountain Top Library <directormtttoplib@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 11:07 AM
To: Courtney Wimmers <cwimmers@midhudson.org>
Subject: Great Give Back, Great Big Thanks!

Hi Courtney,

Thanks again for encouraging libraries to participate in the Great Give Back! We had many community members participate and comment on how wonderful the idea was! We worked with our local food pantry and for every item given the donor received a FREE BOOK voucher from our on-going Friend's of the library sale!!! We unloaded a lot of books on Saturday! Which was very much needed, we were a wee bit inundated with book donations this summer!

We plan to share the attached photos on social media later today!

YAY!

Thanks again!

take care and be well,

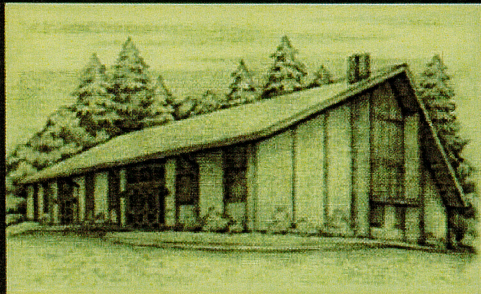
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ONE GREAT GIVEBACK!



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The Mountain Top Library is Honored
to Host This Extraordinary Event!
Bring Any of the Following Items to
the Library on
Saturday, October 19th:

Canned Foods
Cereals
Paper Goods

Receive a FREE Book Voucher for
Every Item You Bring In, Redeemable
at Our Ongoing Book Sale!

**Mountain Top Library is Open
from 10-6 pm*

From: Capital Campaign <newbuilding@claveracklibrary.org>

Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 10:42 AM

Cc: susan roberts <susanroberts111@gmail.com>; Library Director <director@claveracklibrary.org>; Casey Conlin <cconlin@midhudson.org>

Subject: Claverack's Opening

Dear Rebekkah,

Thank you for joining us on Saturday for the new library's grand opening. It was a very big day for our community and I'm so glad you could be a part of it.

We're so grateful to you, Casey, and the whole team at the Mid-Hudson Library System, for all the good work you do on behalf of our libraries.

With best regards from our board and staff,

Jenny Post

President, Board of Trustees

From: Jody Ford <jford@stoneridgelibrary.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2019 4:20 PM
To: Laurie Shedrick <lshedrick@midhudson.org>
Subject: Stone Ridge Library

Hi Laurie:

We are up and running and I just want to take a moment to send our thanks for the exceptional help we got from Mid-Hudson tech. Isaac in particular did an amazing job staying with this project until we found the problem. Gerry was also very helpful with scheduling and troubleshooting. Thank you all for such a wonderful job. Please share this with anyone you wish.

Best,
Jody

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Peggy Winn

From: Casey Conlin
Sent: Wednesday, November 6, 2019 2:49 PM
To: Peggy Winn
Subject: Thank you note from Phoenicia

Hey Peggy,

I got the message below from Liz in Phoenicia on Facebook for helping her out by providing her with some call lists for her 414 campaign.

Thanks Casey for your help. It really paid off ! And we were able to activate a lot of other people by using the "and can you tell 2 friends?" Method with the supporters we called. Your timing was impeccable! On the day of our "call meeting" so we didn't have to flounder with 500 supporter names.

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You're simply **AMAZING!**

Dear Friends at MHLS -

Just wanted to say
thanks so much for
being awesome and for
all the support you give
to make our library system
the best system to work with in
in New York State!



Your friends at the
Desmond Fish Public Library

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

From: Stephen Cook <starrdirector@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2019 8:17 AM
To: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich; Rebekkah Smith Aldrich
Subject: Thank You

Thank you, for taking time in the midst of one of your busier days of the year to find me and let me know about Sue Serino and her limited time at the meeting. Those two short minutes of face time we had gave me the opportunity to say hello and let her know of our building plans. It was like an elevator pitch, but only going up two floors. I have no idea what she can help us with in the future, but I would have kicked myself if I had missed her.

By the way, despite the tough year for MHLS, there were a lot of happy trustees and Directors, and not just because the bacon was plentiful. Folks are happy because of the job you are doing, and the results you are generating.

Time for breakfast (see key component above). Have a great day.

SC

Stephen Cook
starrdirector@icloud.com

October 2011

Dear Rebelkahn,

I can't fully express all my thanks to you on this little card, but I'll try my way! ☺

Your expertise, leadership, and support has meant so much to me in my 7 years as a director in MALS. Now you're running the show, and absolutely **KILLING IT!** I feel so lucky to work within such a talented, dedicated system of professionals.

Thank you for all you do for the directors, the system, and me personally. You deserve way more than these lousy little cookies... but sugar and butter make everything better, right?!

I'm so sorry to miss the appreciation lunch, but I appreciate you and MALS every day of the year!

All my thanks,
Annie

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

From: Arlene <stanfordlibrary@optonline.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 6, 2019 4:53 PM
To: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich
Subject: Arlene is stepping down as director

Hi Rebekkah,

Just to let you know that I will be stepping down as director as of Dec. 2. Christa Cerul, my assistant, will take the director position and I will be her library clerk! I get to enjoy the library with no responsibility, work less hours so I can enjoy more of my grandkids!! I am very excited about this move. I have been considering this for quite a while and just wanted to get this building done! I chose December because it is a slow month for Christa to ease into the position. I will be helping her along the way and showing her the annual report and doing the financial end of it. (I am the library bookkeeper) It has been truly great working with you and all of your staff. You have always been a tremendous to me and to all small libraries. We would never be who we are without MHLS. I'll still be around with questions and probably attending workshops so I am not saying goodbye just a little heads up on our new arrangement.

Arlene
Stanford