



MHLS BULLETIN

Mid-Hudson Library System | Serving the Staff and Trustees of Public Libraries in the Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Putnam & Ulster County Area
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Upcoming Friends Events

MHLS continues to support the growth of member library's Friends Groups through consultations, web resources and three upcoming events in 2006:

Starting (or Revitalizing) a Friends Group:

Thursday, June 22nd from 6:00 – 8:00pm in the MHLS Auditorium in Poughkeepsie. This workshop is designed for member library trustees, directors and volunteers interested in starting a Friends Group for their library, or revitalizing one that is no longer active. The workshop will cover:

- Roles of the Friends, trustees and library director
- Getting Started
- Types of Groups
- Recruiting (& Keeping) Members

Registration is required. Register one of 2 ways:

1. <http://midhudson.org>, then click on *Calendar*
2. call 845.471.6060 x46

2006 FRIENDS MATTER - Leadership

Development and Recognition Event: Thursday, June 29th from 4:00 – 8:00pm. This event is targeted for the leadership of active Friends Groups. Each group has been sent an invitation and is guaranteed two seats at the event (seats must be claimed by June 16th). *Registration instructions are included with the invitations.* The event will combine opportunities to learn from peers along with a dinner to thank Friends for their hard work on behalf of MHLS libraries:

- Roundtable Discussions:
 - Recruitment
 - Fundraising
- Success Story: Greenville Friends Group Book Club, Mary Heisinger, Friends of the Greenville Public Library
- Keynote: "How to Love Your Library & Tell the World," William Pontius, Friends of the Rochester Public Library

Friends Support Group: *Save the Date!* Friday, September 22nd from 3:00-5:00pm in the MHLS Auditorium. The plan is for this group to meet quarterly to share ideas, problems and solutions. More information will be available in August but

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MHLS Announcements

Reminder: The MHLS *Getting to Yes* Campaign Institute's next workshop is on June 8th from 9:30am – 1:00pm: **Connecting with Yes Voters.** Registration is required:
<http://midhudson.org>, then click on *Calendar*.



Resources related to the Campaign Institute workshop series are available from the *Target Libraries* area of the *Getting to Yes!* Project page: <http://www.midhudson.org/GTY/target.htm>

Library Resources Promoted at Correctional Facility Job Fair:



Library resources were promoted at the 2nd annual Fishkill Correctional Facility Job Fair, to nearly 600 inmates who are planning for reentry into the community. According to US

Bureau of Justice statistics, at least 95% of all State prisoners will be released from prison at some point. The library information table was staffed by Lena Smolon from MHLS Outreach Services Department, and Judy Doyle (former librarian at Green Haven Correctional Facility, currently with the Library Services Dept. of the NYS Correctional Services). Attendees were encouraged to use their facility library to brush-up their interviewing skills and resumes, and investigate different careers. They were also told about the public library resources that could help them with employment when they are released. The success of this Job Fair is a model for other correctional facilities seeking to support prisoner reentry by encouraging the coordination of programs, services, and human resources - both inside and outside prison walls - in order to ensure the successful reentry of prisoners into new lives, roles, jobs, families and communities.

"... Libraries are for the people. If the people don't stand up for libraries, who will?"
- Doug Roesemann, President, Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA) at the 2005 FRIENDS MATTER event

MHLS Libraries

The Rhinebeck Savings Bank donated \$20,000 to the **Starr Library of Rhinebeck** as part of a multi-year pledge to the Starr Reborn Campaign to help with the design, renovation and expansion of the facility. In addition, the bank aided the library's efforts by providing flexible financing.

The **Amenia Free Library** received a \$500 grant from the Hudson River Bank and Trust Company Foundation. The library will use the funds to expand its summer youth reading program and to order more books on schools' summer reading lists.

Resource Sharing & Millennium

Don't Forget! June 1st will mark the introduction of a number of updates and changes to the Resource Sharing Standards document. It is important for all staff that work with Millennium to be familiar with this document. Access this document online through the Resource Sharing page at <http://midhudson.org/resource/main.htm>.

Please empty unnecessary review files: There are more libraries than ever using the Millennium Create Lists feature. Please check to see that you have not left review files that should be emptied.

Trustee Resources



Liza Baily of the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison and Stuart Auchincloss of the Woodstock Public Library District exchange ideas at the Hudson Area Association Library during an Advanced Trustee Education.

Fifteen libraries will each receive a MHLS Incentive Program grant of \$50 for having at least one of their trustees attend a spring 2006 session of MHLS Advanced Trustee Education. MHLS Advanced Trustee Education sessions focus on a different issue each year. The 2006 sessions focus on **Building Community Support for Your Library**. Participants commented:

- *"I may have known the principles - but getting to the specifics of how to segment community and target message was most helpful."*

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- *"Being at these meetings always focuses me on the library and its assets and needs. Listening to others is always enlightening so I think a little more broadly than day-to-day."*

- *"Really enjoyed it! Learned a lot."*

This session will be offered twice more this year, in the fall, at the following locations. Register now at <http://www.midhudson.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

- Tuesday, October 17 from 6:00 – 8:00pm at the East Fishkill Community Library (348 Route 376 in Hopewell Junction)
- Saturday, October 21 from 10:00am-12:00pm at the Catskill Public Library (1 Franklin Street in Catskill)

Youth Services

Reminder: **The Columbia, Greene & Ulster Youth Services Staff meeting** will be held at the Palenville Branch Library on Wednesday, May 31st from 10:00am – noon. Register online at <http://www.midhudson.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

Programming

MHLS Piggyback Performers Listing: Still looking for performers for your summer schedule? Check out the MHLS Piggyback Performers listing at <http://midhudson.org/program/Piggyback.htm>. There you will find all the performers your neighboring libraries have booked to date and you might piggyback with them to hire someone for the same day, thus reducing/sharing costs. If you have people booked and haven't sent them to us for the list, please do. Note the format of the info: name of performer, date, time of performance, cost and contact info for you and the performer. [Please note: *Both Youth and Adult performances are welcome for the list.*]

Administration & Management

More patrons are interacting with their libraries online: "A 2005 OCLC survey on Perceptions of Libraries and Information Resources showed that 42% of respondents considered their online library as an information source, while 55% would opt for the brick and mortar. And that gap is closing. More patrons are interacting with their libraries online – 23.8% more in 2004." –Raya Kuzyk, "A Reader At Every Shelf," *Library Journal*, 2.15.06

The MHLS Bulletin welcomes submissions from member libraries at bulletin@midhudson.org. The MHLS Bulletin is available on line at <http://midhudson.org/bulletins/main.htm>

"One of my favorite measuring tools for a program is how many kids say, "That was cool! When can we do it again?"
- RoseMary Honnold, Young Adult Services Coordinator, Coshocton Public Library, Coshocton, OH