



MHLS BULLETIN

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2006 Annual Meeting

The MHLS 47th Annual Meeting will be held at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park on Friday, October 6th. This year's Continuing Education Session will be *"Getting Your Local History Photographs on the Web"* from 9:00 - 9:30am in the Danny Kaye Theatre. Facilitated by MHLS Coordinator of Outreach & Education, Merribeth Advocate, this session will be presented by John Shaloiko, Executive Director of the Southeastern New York Library Resources Council (SENYLRC) and Tessa Killian, Manager of Technology & Administrative Services (SENYLRC).

Using Metrics to Market Your Library: Our Guest Speaker will be Gerald Nichols, Director of the Palmer Institute for Public Library Organization and Management at Long Island University. Mr. Nichols is responsible for the development of the Advanced Certificate Program in Public Library Administration, the first such program in the nation. Mr. Nichols is also the editor of the 2006 edition of the Handbook for Library Trustees of New York State. As a library consultant his areas of expertise include public library management, construction, finance and law.

- Registration: 9:00 - 9:45am - Lobby of the Conrad Hilton Library.
- MHLS Board of Trustees Meeting: 8:30 - 9:00am - H. Jerome Burns Boardroom, Roth Hall.
- Continental Breakfast: 9:00 - 9:45am - Foyer of the Danny Kaye Theatre.
- Continuing Education Session, *"Getting Your Local History Photographs on the Web"*: 9:00 - 9:30am - Danny Kaye Theatre.
- Business Meeting, Awards Presentation & Guest Speaker, Gerald Nichols who will talk about, *"Using Metrics to Market Your Library"*: 9:45 - 11:15am - Danny Kaye Theatre.
- Luncheon: 11:30am in the Ristorante Caterina de Medici.

Directions to the CIA are available at <http://midhudson.org/annual/directions.pdf>. Invitations were sent out in late August. Registration is required. Please RSVP by September 15, 2006.

MHLS Announcements

The next **System Tour** will be conducted on Thursday, September 28th from 9:30am-12:30pm in the MHLS Auditorium. The System Tour & Orientation introduces member library staff and trustees to the MHLS staff and familiarizes them with available services. The tour will cover:

- An introduction to the MHLS organization, web site and electronic resources (the public library catalog and Home**ACCESS**)
- Technology: Automated Services - including AV Services, Automated Systems, Cataloging and Database Maintenance and Computer Operations
- Public Services: Youth Services, ILL, Print Services, Member Information, Outreach & Continuing Education
- Administration: Business Office, Shipping & Delivery

At the end of the guided tour participants will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with the System staff people most closely in-tune with the jobs they do at the library. Register online at:

<http://www.midhudson.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

MHLS Libraries

The Board of Trustees of the **Sarah Hull Hallock Library in Milton** is pleased to announce the appointment of **Susan Scott** as Library Director. Sue has recently worked at Bard College as an Acquisitions Associate. Before that she worked as a Library Assistant at Arlington Middle School and as a software engineer at IBM. Sue hopes to continue the Library's tradition of community outreach and develop new programming and fundraising. She especially looks forward to using her expertise working with young adults and computers in the Library's Teen Program.

The **Kingston Library** has recently received the following grants:

- From New York State Senator William J. Larkin, Jr., 39th Senatorial District, a \$12,000 Legislative Initiative Grant awarded for the purchase of new computers and new computer furniture.

- From the New York Newspapers Foundation, a \$10,095 grant award for the purchase of a new Microfilm Reader and Printer as well as a 5-year maintenance contract for the Reader and Printer.

Professional Development

In this delivery you will find a flyer for a NYLA Institute that will be hosted in the MHLS Auditorium on Friday September 29, from 1:00 - 4:30pm. **The Accessible Library: How to Serve People with Disabilities** will include practical tips for how to erase attitudinal and physical barriers to equitable service. Quality customer service is the responsibility of every library employee. Thus this workshop will be of value to any library staff member who works with the public. Registration is through NYLA: go to <http://www.nyla-omc.org>, then choose 'Events' from the left hand menu. For questions call 1-800-252-NYLA (6952) or e-mail events@nyla.org.

Reference & Collection Development

As seen in Better Homes and Gardens, August 2006: **"Library Finds:** Some of the best information at your local library isn't in a book – it's the person sitting at the main desk. Recent research from the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center showed that cancer patients looking for useful and accurate information on the Internet were much more likely to find it if they enlisted the help of a librarian. Only 4 percent of the patients surveyed said they were able to find all the same information on their own. While this study looked at cancer information, the results pertain to any health concern."

Youth Services

The NYS Summer Reading Final Report must be submitted (electronically) by Friday, September 8th. You can find directions and a link to the online report on the front page of the MHLS website (<http://www.midhudson.org/>) or get there directly at http://www.midhudson.org/program/ideas/SRP_Final_Report.htm Your input is a very important part of this statewide program so please do not hesitate to contact MHLS if you have any questions about the report or any difficulty submitting the online form.

Reminder: **The 8th Annual Fall Into Books Children's & Teen Literature Conference** will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2006 at the Stony Point Center in Stony Point, NY. This conference will feature Donna Jo Napoli and Denise Fleming.

In addition, you choose two literature discussion groups. \$65 for the day includes a light lunch. Registration deadline is Friday, October 6, 2006. For more information go to: <http://midhudson.org> → *Youth Services*.

Job Openings

The Grinnell Library of Wappingers Falls, NY is seeking a part-time **Homework Mentor-Circulation Desk Assistant** to work approximately 12 hours per week. Applicants must possess a High School diploma and be available to work evening and weekend shifts. Please send resume, cover letter and 3 professional references to Grinnell Library, 2642 East Main St. Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, Fax, 845.297.1506 or e-mail grinsearch@gmail.com

Youth Services/Reference Librarian: The Howland Public Library is seeking a part-time Librarian I. Responsibilities include youth programming, supervision of a busy homework center, general reference and reader's advisory for all ages. This is a part-time, Civil Service position, 14-18 hours per week, with scheduled evening and weekend hours. Qualifications: New York State Public Librarians Certificate. Starting salary for Librarian I is \$15.25 per hour. Send resume to: Frank Rees, Assistant Director, Howland Public Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508. FAX: 845.831.1165. Email: frank_rees@lycos.com.

Sunday Reference Librarian, Mount Saint Mary College: 12:00 – 7:00pm, from late August through mid-May each year. Provide general reference assistance, open and close library, supervise work study students. M.L.S. and knowledge of academic research resources required. Previous reference experience preferred. \$21/hour. Position available immediately. Please send resume to Barbara Petruzzelli, Library Director, via e-mail at petruzze@msmc.edu or by mail to Curtin Memorial Library, Mount Saint Mary College, 330 Powell Ave., Newburgh, NY 12550. Applications accepted until position is filled.

MHLS recommends that the minimum starting salary of a full or part-time librarian with an MLS degree be at least equal to that of a teacher with a master's degree in the same community.

Member Libraries are welcome to submit items of interest and job openings to the MHLS Bulletin: bulletin@midhudson.org. The MHLS Bulletin is available on line at <http://midhudson.org/bulletins/main.htm>.

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Senator Steve Saland (41st Senate District) announced \$349,000 in grants to libraries from his district for technology and capital improvements. (Left: MHLS' own Josh Cohen helps Senator Saland announce \$238,200 in grants to Dutchess Co. libraries within his district. Right: Columbia Co. Directors gathered at the press conference held at the Claverack Free Library to hear the news that Senator Saland was awarding \$110,800 in grants to their libraries. (l-r) Greta Boeringer (Hudson); Clai Lasher-Sommers (North Chatham); Carol Briggs (Hillsdale); Sally Alderdice (Claverack); Carol Corrigan (New Lebanon); Karen Garafalo (Philmont); Julie Johnson (Kinderhook); and Wendy Fuller (Chatham.)



Elting Memorial Library Director, John Giralico greets patrons at the newly expanded library building in New Paltz on August 7th.



On August 11th MHLS hosted the statewide public library system youth services consultants meeting with Anne Simon, from the Division of Library Development, to discuss implications of NYS joining the national Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) for 2007 summer reading program. (l-r): Anne Simon (DLD), Randy Enos (Ramapo Catskill Library System) and Margaret Keefe, MHLS' Coordinator of Youth Services.



Library leaders experienced with 414 propositions discussed their experiences with the process and took questions from participants at the August 23rd 414 Panel Discussion. This workshop is part of the MHLS Getting to Yes Project [\[http://www.midhudson.org/GTY/main.htm\]](http://www.midhudson.org/GTY/main.htm).

(l-r): Marilyn Macintosh, Director, Monroe Free Library; Julie Johnson, Director, Kinderhook Memorial Library; Patti Haar, Director, Patterson Library; and Mark Fuerst, former trustee, Starr Library (Rhinebeck)