



MHLS BULLETIN

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Libraries Emerge Victorious at the Polls!

This year has been a good one for library votes. This past Election Day brought seven additional triumphs. The success ratio for library votes in 2006 is 28:3. The following table provides more detail about member library votes held since July.

To view a listing of all the library votes held this year, visit http://www.midhudson.org/GTY/member-library-votes.htm .		
<i>[Type of library key: SP = special district public library; SC = school district public library; A = Association library doing a 414 vote]</i>		
AUGUST 2006		
Plattekill (SP)	Win	85-19
Stone Ridge (SP)	Win	64-12
SEPTEMBER 2006		
East Fishkill (creation of a SP)	Win	405-109
Fishkill (SP)	Win	47-0
Rosendale (SP)	Win	183-113
Saugerties (SP)	Win	329-109
Staatsburg (SP)	Win	23-0
Town of Ulster (SP)	Win	81-27
West Hurley (SP)	Win	79-29
Woodstock (SP)	Win	150-80
OCTOBER 2006		
Athens (SP)	Win	35-6
Coxsackie (SP)	Win	81-14
Hurley (SP)	Win	54-5
*NOVEMBER 2006 (Election Day)		
Cold Spring (A)	Win	988-879
Phoenicia (A)	Win	607-310
Pleasant Valley (A)	Win	1009-732
Poughkeepsie (SP) (building referendum)	Likely Win	4524-3543
Poughkeepsie (SP)	Win	5426-3304
Rhinebeck/Rhinecliff** (A)	Win	806-502
Stanford (A)	Win	507-159

*Results are unofficial, as absentee ballots will not be counted until Tuesday, Nov. 13th.

**Joint 414.

This vote update is part of the MHLS Getting to Yes grant initiative. Getting to Yes is funded by Federal Library Services and Technology Act funds, awarded to the New York State Library by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

MHLS Announcements

The MHLS Professional Collection contains materials to assist member libraries with issues of library service, programming, advocacy, construction, administration, training, outreach and fundraising. At http://midhudson.org/MHLS/professional_collection.htm you can search clearly defined categories, to help you locate the materials you need.

MHLS Professional Collection materials are owned by MHLS and may only be borrowed by member library staff and trustees. This is to insure that the materials are available to member libraries when needed for professional education or programming. *Request-A-Title* cannot be used to order these items. Staff from MHLS member libraries may place their own holds (or holds for member library non-circ staff and trustees) for MHLS items using the Millennium staff module.

Instructions:

- 1) In Millennium, bring up the MHLS owned item you are interested in.
- 2) As you place a hold on this item you will get a message that the item is not holdable. You can override this, then click *Place Hold*.

Full instructions about placing a hold on a title in the MHLS Professional Collection at <http://midhudson.org/resource/Millennium/Holds/Instructions/holdprocoll.pdf>

Questions? Contact the MHLS ILL Department at 845.471.6060 x24.

2006 Incentive Program Grant checks: Please submit all Claims you have under the 2006 Incentive Grant Program before Wednesday, November 15th. Libraries, which applied for the NYLA grant, need to submit proof of attendance in order for the money to be distributed in this next check. Questions may be directed to Doris Formby x10 or dformby@midhudson.org.

"This shows the people understand how the demands on the library have been growing."

-Mark Williams, Board President, Stanford Free Library, "Voters approve funds for Stanford Free Library," *The Register Herald/Harlem Valley Times*, 11.10.06, By Sarah Palermo

The Director's Association's (DA) 2007 Steering Committee was voted in last week:

Columbia County: Greta Boeringer, Hudson

Dutchess County: Steven Cook, Rhinebeck

Greene County: Jessica Maisano, Catskill

Putnam County: Pat Kaufman, Mahopac

Ulster County: Bruce George, Kingston

To submit an agenda item to the DA Steering Committee and to read past minutes visit

<http://midhudson.org/MHLS/committee/main.htm>

MHLS will be closed Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th.

- No delivery on November 23
- There will be delivery on November 24

Resource Sharing & Millennium

Reminder: **The Millennium Users Group** will meet in two locations this month:

Tuesday, November 14th @MHLS

Thursday, November 16th @ the Palenville Branch Library

Both sessions will run from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Millennium users will meet to learn what the upgrade to Millennium 6.0 has in store. New features will be demonstrated and discussed. As always, the second half of the meeting will be opened up to ask questions, discuss procedures and share experiences using Millennium. Register online at

<http://www.midhudson.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp?pointer=attendance&num=0>

Youth Services

(Hip) Hop on Pop: A Teen Services Workshop at

the Saratoga Spring Public Library, Wednesday, December 6th from 9:00am – 4:00pm. "Join us as we talk about Teen Services with Kimberly Paone, Supervisory of Adult & Teen Services, Elizabeth Public Library, NJ." Kimberly L. Paone has served on YALSA's Best Books for Young Adults, the Michael L. Printz Award, and the Garden State Teen Book Awards. Kimberly reviews for the Voice of Youth Advocates and School Library Journal and has done guest reviews for Reference and User Services Quarterly. Please register for this free workshop by emailing or calling: Mary Fellows Manager, Youth and Family Services, Upper Hudson Library System, 28 Essex Street, Albany, NY 12206; 518.437.9880 ext. 228;

mary@uhrs.lib.ny.us. This free workshop is co-sponsored by the Mohawk Valley Library System; Upper Hudson Library System and the Southern Adirondack Library System.

Trustee Resources

Save the Date: The New York State Association of Library Boards (NYSALB) 2007 Trustees Institute will be held on May 4 - 5, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza, New York-LaGuardia.

<http://nysalb.org>

Board Member Recruitment Ideas from Board Café:

◆ Form a "One Hour Recruiting Task Force." Draw up a list of twenty well-connected people of the sort you would want on the board but who you suspect wouldn't join, (but who might know someone who would be a good board member.) Call those twenty people and ask them to come to one meeting of the Task Force committee over lunch (confess it will actually take an hour-and-a-half). Tell them that at the lunch they'll be told more about the organization and what it's looking for in board members. At the end of lunch they'll be asked simply for the name of one person they think would be a good board member. The Task Force is disbanded. The day after the lunch call up each of the nominees and begin by explaining who nominated them.

◆ **Board Member Swap:** Pick four local organizations where you don't know anyone, but you'd like to (examples: NAACP, Japanese American Citizens League, Accountants for the Public Interest, community hospital). Ask each officer to call one of the four local organizations and ask to have coffee with one of their leaders. Over coffee suggest that your two organizations recommend "retiring" board members to each other as a way of establishing organizational links and strengthening ties among communities.

[About Board Café: a newsletter Exclusively for Members of Nonprofit Boards of Directors "short enough to read over a cup of cappuccino, the Board Cafe™ offers a menu of ideas, news, and resources to help board members give and get the most out of board service." <http://boardcafe.org>]

Administration & Management

The New York Library Association has assisted in the revision of the Robert Allan Carter book, **Public Library Law in New York State** and has made it available for downloading on their website:

http://www.nyla.org/content/user_1/Public_Library_Law.pdf

ALA "Librarian Salary Survey" reports mean librarian salary up more than 4% to \$56,259 in 2006 <http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/november2006/LibrarySalarySurvey.htm>

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>.

"Finally, local residents smartly supported their libraries. The largest investment came in Poughkeepsie, where both city and town residents authorized \$14.5 million in spending to expand and renovate the historic Adriance Memorial Library.

In an election highlighted by much partisan bickering and hard feelings, at least some of the area's fine institutions came out ahead."

-Poughkeepsie Journal Editorial, 11.9.06