



MHLS BULLETIN

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Traveling Exhibition Opportunities

Two Traveling Exhibition Opportunities from the ALA Public Programs Office:

Libraries interested in hosting either exhibition can download the application and guidelines at

<http://www.ala.org/publicprograms> or request a copy by sending an e-mail message to publicprograms@ala.org. Applications are due by February 9, 2007.

◆ **“Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World.”** The exhibition will consist of six sections of colorful, freestanding photo-panels incorporating representations of artifacts from the original Franklin exhibition, and a new text written by the curator. Exhibition content is arranged in thematic sections showing Franklin in the Boston of his youth, Franklin’s family and personal life, as well as the years when he built his business as Philadelphia’s premier printer. The exhibit also looks at Franklin’s commitment to public service, his interests in medicine and public health, and his work in science and philosophy. Franklin’s political career in England, France and the US, and his contributions to the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and other major documents are the subjects of the final two sections of the exhibit.

◆ **“Lewis and Clark and the Indian Country.”** “Lewis and Clark” will bring public audiences a new set of ideas about the encounters of Native Americans with the US Corps of Discovery between 1804 and 1806, and will trace the dramatic impact of those encounters during the subsequent two centuries. Exhibit visitors will be offered unique opportunities to explore the “Indian Country” as it existed at the beginning of the 19th century; to glimpse the variety of relationships Native peoples and the Lewis and Clark party forged with one another; to view the impact of the American presence on the Indian Country; and to reflect on the efforts of contemporary reservation communities to support and sustain the Indian Country and its remarkable cultures in the 21st century.

Both 1,000-square-foot exhibits would begin circulating to selected libraries in November 2007 for six-week periods. Selected libraries are expected to present at least two

free public programs featuring a lecture or discussion by a qualified scholar on exhibition themes. All showings of the exhibition will be free and open to the public.

MHLS Announcements

Please note that the date listed in the 11.26.06 Bulletin for *Adult Literacy & Family Literacy Grants* for MHLS Staff to assist you with an overall Application Review is incorrect. **All applications for MHLS review must be received by February 21, 2007.** View last week’s Bulletin for grant details: <http://midhudson.org/bulletins/main.htm>.

Incentive Program Checks: Those libraries, which claimed reimbursements under the 2006 Incentive Program, will receive their checks in the blue plastic envelopes with this week’s Bulletin. For accounting purposes, please deposit the checks before the end of the year. Enclosed with the checks are copies of the Processing sheets, which show you your available balance. Please keep these for your records. You may send in a claim for the available balance any time before March 15th, 2007. As always, if you have questions, please call or e-mail Doris Formby at x10 or dformby@midhudson.org.

Upcoming Action Memo Due Dates:

December 8, 2006:

- Library & Trustee Contact Information Update

December 15, 2006:

- Bulk Order of Delivery Slips

December 20, 2006

- Rotating Large Print Collections
- SRP Incentive Packets

[To view a copy of these Action Memos visit http://midhudson.org/action_memos/main.htm]

MHLS Libraries

The Poughkeepsie Beat, a local weekly newspaper, has named the **Poughkeepsie Public Library District** their “Organization of the Year.” *“The Poughkeepsie Public Library District was willing to work with residents to put forth a project that would*

“It is even possible to imagine that many books and stories may not see the light of print at all; they will go into the hands of their readers or hearers rather, as phonograms.”

-Philip G. Hubert Jr., *Atlantic Monthly*, February 1889 (reprinted September 2006) As seen in *Library Journal*

garner voters' support, replacing an overly ambitious \$24 million project for a more feasible \$14.5 million renovation plan after public comment last winter. For its diligence in working for a better library and ultimately a better community, the *Weekly Beat* names the district its 2006 Organization of the Year."

Resource Sharing & Millennium

MILLENNIUM List: Last week's upgrade showed one of the strengths of the MHLS-MILLENNIUM Listserv. Automated Systems Manager, Laurie Shedrick, was able to communicate with all libraries in a timely manner when things didn't go as planned the morning of November 28th. However it became evident that not all libraries were checking the list before calling in to MHLS. Those that were checking the list were kept apprised, step-by-step, of the actions MHLS was taking to solve the issues and how member libraries could help. Be sure to have a least one staff person check the MHLS-MILLENNIUM list on a regular basis throughout the day. Subscription information for the list is available at <http://www.midhudson.org/MHLS/listserv/listservs.htm>.

REMINDER - 2007 Closed Dates: 2007 will be here before you know it. It is time to get your dates in to Laurie [lshedrick@midhudson.org] to be entered into the Millennium closed dates table. The dates must be submitted to MHLS at least four weeks prior to the end of the year for most libraries

Youth Services



Last week MHLS sent out a system-wide press release to all media outlets, "**Give your children the gift of a life-long love of reading - Children's librarians recommend books for the holidays.**" An expanded list of recommended books is now available on the MHLS home page: <http://midhudson.org> for you to share with your patrons through your web site, newsletter or as a handout in your library. Thanks to the youth services librarians of MHLS who contributed to the listing! [Looking for grown-up ideas too? Check out the "**Gift Guide for Library Lovers**," created by J. Siminitus: <http://www.kn.att.com/wired/fil/pages/listgiftguij.html>]

Trustee Resources

An "**Unattended Children in the Library**" policy is an important one to have for your library. A new resource has been added to the *MHLS Sample Public Library Policy & Development Tips* page for this policy – a document on *Children and Libraries* authored by a lawyer for the New Jersey Library Association and the New Jersey Library Trustee Association. This document is provided as

background information on this topic. Every public library is encouraged to adopt its own policy regarding unattended children and have the local policy reviewed by the library's attorney. To access the MHLS Policies page go to <http://midhudson.org> → *Trustee Resources* or get there directly at http://midhudson.org/department/member_information/library_policies.htm.

Administration & Management

The Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science has announced that applications for the second year of the new **Ph.D. focused on Managerial Leadership in the Information Professions** are now being accepted. Applications and more information can be found at: <http://www.simmons.edu/gslis/phdmliip>. The deadline for submitting application is February 1, 2007.

Job Openings

Full-time Bookkeeper/Human Resources Administrator for Catskill Public Library: This work involves accounting duties including, but not limited to: accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, budget, audit liaison, annual financial reporting to NYS Education Department, monthly financial reporting to library director and Board of Trustees, implementing and overseeing human resources functions in library, supervising library's clerical staff, performing library circulation duties as needed. Knowledge of accounting on an accrual basis; proficient in Quickbooks & Microsoft Office; ability to learn new software quickly; ability to manage people; strong customer service skills; professional-level oral and written communication skills. Minimum Qualifications: Two years of experience in clerical work of which one year shall have involved the keeping or reviewing of financial records in a responsible capacity, preferably in the field of governmental accounting and completion of a standard high school course or any equivalent combination of experience and training sufficient to indicate ability to do the work. Preferred: College-level coursework in Accounting or related field. Experience in a non-profit organization. Accepting applications through December 11, 2006. Review begins immediately. Submit applications by mail, fax or e-mail to: Jessica Maisano, Director, Catskill Public Library, 1 Franklin Street, Catskill, NY 12414; Fax: 518.943.1439; E-mail: catskill@mhccable.com.

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>.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

-Dr. Seuss

* New Titles from the MHLS Professional Collection *

Collection Development - Children

Books Kids Will Sit Still For 3: A Read-Aloud Guide by Judy Freeman (Libraries Unlimited, 2006) [MHP 025.21305]

The 101 Best Graphic Novels by Stephen Weiner (NBM, 2005.) [MHP 025.213052]

From A to Zine: Building A Winning Zine Collection in Your Library by Julie Bartel (ALA, 2004) [MHP 025.213052]

Encouraging Reading

Boys and Literacy: Practical Strategies for Librarians, Teachers, and Parents by Elizabeth Knowles & Martha Smith (Libraries Unlimited, 2005) [MHP 372.1]

Library Programs - Elementary

The Big Book of Reading, Rhyming and Resources: Programs for Children, Ages 4-8 by Beth Maddigan & Stefanie Drennan (Libraries Unlimited, 2005) [MHP 027.6250544]

Books Every Child Should Know: The Literature Quiz Book by Nancy Polette (Libraries Unlimited, 2006) [MHP 027.6250544]

Library Programs – Young Adults

More Teen Programs That Work, edited by RoseMary Honnold (Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2005) [MHP 027.625055]

Management Decision Making

Managing Change: A How-to-do-it Manual For Librarians by Susan Carol Curzon (Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2005) [MHP 658.403]

Management of Youth Services

Outstanding Library Service to Children: Putting the Core Competencies to Work by Rosanne Cerny, Penny Markey, Amanda Williams (Association for Library Service to Children, ALA, 2006) [MHP 025.52305]

Teens and Libraries: Getting it Right by Virginia A. Walter & Elaine E. Meyers (ALA, 2003.) [MHP 025.52305]

Dynamic Youth Services Through Outcome-based Planning and Evaluation by Eliza T. Dresang, Melissa Gross, Leslie Edmonds Holt (ALA, 2006) [MHP 025.52305]

Fundamentals of Children's Services by Michael Sullivan (ALA, 2005) [MHP 025.52305]

Marketing

Marketing to American Latinos: A Guide to the In-culture Approach by M. Isabel Valdães (Paramount Market Pub., 2000-2002) [MHP 021.7]

Hispanic Marketing: A Cultural Perspective by Felipe Korzenny, Betty Ann Korzenny (Elsevier/ Butterworth-Heinemann, 2005) [MHP 021.7]

Partnering With Purpose: A Guide to Strategic Partnership Development for Libraries and Other Organizations by Janet H. Crowther & Barry Trott (Libraries Unlimited, 2004) [MHP 021.7]

Personnel Administration

Supervising Staff: A How-to-do-it Manual For Librarians by Marcia Trotta (Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2006) [MHP 658.3]

Staffing the Modern Library: A How-to-do-it Manual by John M. Cohn & Ann L. Kelsey (Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2005) [MHP 658.3]

How To Be #1 With Your Boss by Don Aslett Pocatello (Marsh Creek Press, 1993) [MHP 658.3]

Reading Clubs

Running Book Discussion Groups: A How-to-do-it Manual by Lauren Zina John (Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2006) [MHP 028.534]

The Teen-centered Book Club: Readers Into Leaders by Bonnie Kunzel & Constance Hardesty. (Libraries Unlimited, 2006) [MHP 028.534]

Security & Disaster Preparedness

Emergency Planning and Recovery Techniques: A Handbook for Libraries, Historical Societies and Archives in the Hudson Valley by Nelly Balloffet (Lower Hudson Conference, 1999) [MHP 025.82]

The MHLS Professional Collection contains materials to assist member libraries with issues of library service, programming, advocacy, construction, administration, training, outreach and fundraising. They are arranged in clearly defined categories, listed at http://midhudson.org/MHLS/professional_collection.htm.

MHLS Professional Collection materials are owned by MHLS and may **only** be borrowed by member library staff, trustees and Friends. 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, trustees and Friends) for MHLS items using the Millennium staff module. [Instructions for staff to place a hold on a MHLS Professional Collection item are available at the URL listed above.]*