



# 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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## Books in Print Workshop

Upcoming workshop to learn the great features of ***Books in Print Professional online & Patron Books in Print***. Presented by Bob Gerace, RR Bowker Training Specialist. Register for one of the following sessions, held in the MHLS Auditorium (105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie):

-Thursday, January 4: 1:00- 2:00pm (snow date 1/5)

-Friday, January 5: 1:00 – 2:00pm

### *Learning Objectives / Target Audience:*

Every member library now has access to *Books In Print Professional* online, through funding from Central Library Development Aid. If purchased in print this would annually cost each library over \$1,200. Staff involved in material selection, reference and/or public services should attend this training to know how save time and money by getting full functionality from this professional resource.

This workshop will cover:

- Using Bowkers *Books in Print Professional* <http://www.booksinprint.com/bip/>, a bibliographic database of over 5.6 million in-print, out-of-print, forthcoming, book, audio, and video titles.
  - Using the online features of Advanced Search, Browse, Book Reviews, Book Awards, Best-Sellers, Media Mentions, Items in Series, Children's Room, and BIP Alert (an integrated electronic alerting service for favorite searches).
  - Finding additional details about titles, including full-text reviews from 15 respected, professional sources such as Booklist, Publishers Weekly, and Library Journal
  - Comparison shopping and inventory counts from up to 25 distributors & preparing selections for export
- Overview of Patron *Books in Print* features <http://patronbooksinprint.com/bowker/>. This interface will be accessible to all patrons through Home**ACCESS** and gives them an easy-to-use tool to discover titles similar to books they already enjoy.

Register at

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

Registration is required and will be filled first-come first-served.

### MHLS Announcements

Holiday Closings @MHLS:

- Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>: no deliveries
- Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>: no deliveries
- Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>: there will be deliveries

The **Print Services Department** will be closed from Friday, December 22 to Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

**MHLS Board of Trustees** met on December 9<sup>th</sup>, in the MHLS Auditorium and:

- Approved the System's 2007 Budget and a 3.5% salary increase for non-union staff;
- Elected its 2007 Board Officers:
  - President: Marie Smith (Dutchess)
  - Vice President: William Conine (Greene)
  - Secretary: Jennifer Lange (Ulster)
  - Treasurer: Frank Tuttle (Columbia)
- Approved the *2007 Incentive Program*, available online at <http://midhudson.org/admin/budgeting/main.htm>
- Scheduled its 2007 meetings as follows:
  - Saturday, January 27
  - Saturday, March 24
  - Thursday, May 17 (@New Paltz?)
  - Thursday, July 12
  - Thursday, September 20
  - Friday, October 5 (Annual Meetings) and Saturday, December 8.
- Approved the request from the East Fishkill Public Library that it become a participating member in the Mid-Hudson Library System;
- Designated HSBC as the System's 2007 bank of business.

### Professional Development

The **Annual Report Workshop for New Directors** will be offered three times in 2007. Designed for Directors who are new to submitting a NYS Annual Report online with Bibliostat software. The workshop is hands-on so space is very limited. You will actually be entering your library data, **so bring all data to be entered**. This workshop will cover:

- Logging onto the system
- Entering your data
- Dealing with edit checks
- Writing State and Federal notes
- Submitting

Register for one of the following sessions:

- Thursday, January 25: 10am-noon (*snow date 1/26*)
- Tuesday, January 30: 10am-noon (*snow date 1/31*)
- Friday, February 2: 1pm-3pm (*snow date 2/6*)

The workshop will be held in the MHLS 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Lab located in our main building at 103 Market Street, Poughkeepsie. Register online at <http://www.midhudson.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

## Resource Sharing & Millennium

**Going Pro...** The MHLS online catalog will be going pro! We will be installing Innovative's new search interface, Webpac Pro on December 28<sup>th</sup>. Webpac Pro uses Right Results technology, a weighted search strategy that will bring patrons to the material that they are looking for more efficiently. A detailed explanation of Webpac Pro has been sent to each library. The same information can be found on the MHLS Resource Sharing & Millennium page at <http://midhudson.org/resource/Millennium/WebPACPro.pdf>

## Marketing, Advocacy & Funding

**New Yorkers for Better Libraries (NYLIBS-PAC)** is a political action committee formed in 2003 by New York library advocates who believe that increased state aid for libraries and library systems is essential so that library and information services can be sustained and improved for the people of New York. The mission of NYLIBS-PAC is to provide financial support to decision makers who are in a position to effectively champion libraries. NYLIBS-PAC activities focus on fundraising and making contributions to those who have actively supported increased state aid to libraries and library systems. So far, more than 140 library supporters have contributed to NYLIBS-PAC. NYLIBS-PAC's mission does not include conducting advocacy campaigns, employing lobbyists, or prioritizing among library bills. NYLIBS-PAC is not affiliated with any other organizations and maintains cordial and beneficial relations with all segments of the library community in New York State. Personal and corporate contributions to NYLIBS-PAC are welcome. Please send them to New Yorkers for Better Libraries, PO Box 795, Canton, NY 13617. A suggested minimum contribution of \$50 would be greatly appreciated. Learn more through the brochure included with today's *Bulletin* or online at <http://www.nylibs-pac.net/>.

## Programming

**A new Book Club in a Bag (BCB) kit is now available!** The Highland Public Library has supplied *The Black Madonna* by Louisa Ermelino. The kit includes 10 copies of the title and discussion questions to help any book group get started. For a complete list of available titles visit one of these links: BCB for Library Staff: <http://midhudson.org/program/BCB/staff.htm>  
BCB for Library Patrons: <http://midhudson.org/program/BCB/main.htm>

## Youth Services

The next meeting of the **Columbia-Greene-Ulster Youth Services Staff** will be on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00am – 12:00pm at the Palenville Branch of the Catskill Public Library. Attendees will be encouraged to share resources, program, publicity, outreach and craft ideas, and will receive updates from MHLS Youth Services Department. This group meets three times a year at Palenville. Register online through the MHLS Calendar by going to <http://midhudson.org> and clicking on Calendar OR get there directly at <http://www.midhudson.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

## Job Openings

**Loading Dock Worker Needed Saturdays:** Mid-Hudson Library System is seeking an organized, responsible, and detail oriented person to work approximately four hours every Saturday. Job involves sorting library materials, unloading cargo vans, and being able to lift 50 pounds. Send resume with prior or present employment references to Mid-Hudson Library System, 103 Market St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 Attn: Shipping/Receiving Supervisor.

Somers Library: **Part-time Reference Librarians for Adult and Children's Areas.** Must be available Weekends and Evenings. 2007 Salary: \$23.49/hour; \$35.24/hour Sundays. Contact: Pat Miller, [somers@westchesterlibraries.org](mailto:somers@westchesterlibraries.org) or 914.232.5717.

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](mailto:bulletin@midhudson.org). The MHLS Bulletin is available on line at <http://midhudson.org/bulletins/main.htm>.