



MHLS BULLETIN

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HIP = “Teen Approved”

What's new with the Health Information Project? When you go to the Project website at <http://hip.midhudson.org>, this is what you'll find:

- **31 new DVDs with the teen seal of approval.** Interns worked at 5 Project Centers this past summer evaluating videos for the purpose of finding those that would be the most meaningful to their peers. The results are now on the library shelves, ready for System-wide circulation.
- **15 top-ranked, teen-focused websites.** Also reviewed by interns, these run the gamut from general health and social information to ones that concentrate on specific issues. These are reliable sites that teens can use for school assignments or for their own personal information needs.



(left): Teen interns at the Heermance Memorial Library in Coxsackie participate in the Teen Reviewer Program as part of the MHLS Health Information Project (HIP) this past summer.

- **An up-to-date consumer health information page.** This page has links to websites that are listed under easy-to-search headings, including general health, mental health, drugs, information on physicians, hospitals, care options & insurance, and topic-specific sites. Now, the page has a new, streamlined appearance.

To help promote these resources to your community, you can go to the online Material Request Form to order:

- **New** Project bookmarks designed just for teens. (Available in packets of ten – great for in-library distribution and to local schools)
 - Project Resource Guides and
 - Post cards
- [\[http://midhudson.org/forms/material_request.htm\]](http://midhudson.org/forms/material_request.htm)

For more information, contact Barbara Clapp, HIP Coordinator: 845.471.6060 x23 or bclapp@midhudson.org.

MHLS Announcements

Time to get ready for the Annual Report! Every library submits an NYS Annual Report online with Bibliostat software. Here are some resources to help you: Links are now on midhudson.org (go to *Administration & Management*, then *Budgeting & Finance*) for **instructions, a print copy** and **Outline of Major Changes for 2007** (a series of questions related to summer reading, literacy, and ESOL programs were added in Section 3 by DLD. Also, two questions were added in Section 5 relating to interconnectivity).

⇒ The 2007 Annual Report is due from each member library to MHLS on **February 15**. When the software is ready for your input, we will let you know.

⇒ If you are a new director, or are submitting the report for your library and have not done it before, you should attend the **Annual Report Workshop for New Directors**. 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. Register for one of the sessions:

- Friday, January 18: 10am-noon
- Thursday, January 24: 1pm-3pm
- Tuesday, January 29: 10am-noon

This workshop will cover:

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

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

⇒ **Please contact Lena Smolon at x36 with any annual report questions.**

MHLS Libraries

More vote results were shared after the 11.13.07 Bulletin article, “**2007 Vote Round-Up**,” bringing the success ratio up to 22:4.

- Athens (SP) Win, 30-12
- Coxsackie (SP) Win, 84-4
- East Fishkill (SP) Win, 141-32
- Patterson (A) Loss, 692-672
- **Vote count correction:** Beacon (SC) Loss, 707-809

[Type of library key: SP = special district public library; SC = school district public library; M = municipal library; A = association]

“If you ever use the library, if you've ever gone into a library [you know] how important libraries are to the future of this city.”
-Chicago mayor Richard Daley, 2009 budget presentation, as seen in *Library Hotline*, 10.22.07

Sally Alderdice, of the Claverack Free Library, recently marked her 30th year as director. Sally claims she's never had a day when she got out of bed and didn't want to come to work, she believes when you love your job, 30 years passes in a heartbeat. Sally began her career at the New York Public Library but moved north to raise her family. Claverack has changed a lot since Sally moved up here, "Claverack is no longer a small library sitting in the middle of nowhere," she says, "but rather a small library sitting in the middle of everywhere." Sally notes one of the benefits of working in a small library is that the people you meet often become your friends. Sally currently serves on the MHLS Continuing Education Advisory Committee and Central Library/Collection Development Advisory Committee and has taken a few turns as chair of the Director's Association. Not to mention her pivotal role in the Columbia County Directors Group.



The Hudson Area Association Library has received a \$250,000 grant through the NYS Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). The grant will

fund a multiphase project to stabilize and restore the historic building, constructed in 1818, and address issues relating to health and safety, energy conservation and protecting and preserving the library's collections, as well as a reconfiguration of the programming space. *The EPF program, created in 1993, is funded primarily through the real estate transfer tax and provides a dedicated source of funding for a variety of environmental projects and programs administered by the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of Agriculture and Markets.*

Mary Maynard, director of the Chatham Public Library from 1979 until her retirement in 1992, passed away November 25th. Mary loved local history and spoke nationally on the topic.

Youth Services

More than 1,000 teens across the United States chose **Books with Bite @ your library®** as the 2008 Teen Read Week theme. The theme was chosen in an online vote at <http://www.ala.org/teenread> during Teen Read Week 2007. Check out the Teen Read Week Wiki for program and promotional ideas:

http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Teen_Read_Week

Administration & Management

New I-9 Form: The USCIS announced on November 7, 2007, that a new Form I-9 and a revised version of the "*Handbook for Employers, Instructions for Completing the Form I-9*" are now available. The significant revision to the Form I-9 is the removal of several "List A" documents which previously could be used for proof of both identity and employment eligibility. The omitted documents include: Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (Form N-560 or N-570); Certificate of Naturalization (Form N-550 or N-570); the Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-151); the Reentry Permit (Form I-327); and the Refugee Travel Document (Form I-571). The new Form I-9 and revised M-274, Handbook for Employers can be accessed through the MHLS web site at <http://midhudson.org> → Administration & Management → Human Resources/Personnel or get there directly at <http://midhudson.org/admin/personnel/main.php>

Marketing, Advocacy & Funding

According to Jessica Shaw's "The Shaw Report," **getting a library card is "in,"** while buying books online is "out" and reading in the bookstore is "so five minutes ago." *Entertainment Weekly*, Nov. 30, p. 13 (from *American Libraries Direct*, 11/29/07)

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>.

Around the System – November 2007



← The **Small Libraries Roundtable** met at the Heermance Memorial Library in Coxsackie to discussing managing growth in a small library setting. This group meets quarterly.

Over 50 MHLS member library trustees and directors joined ⇨ together for the **2007 Executive Committee/Directors forum** on "Legal Issues in Personnel" with personnel expert Bob Allen. Bob is show (right) with MHLS Executive Director Josh Cohen.



"I want to change people's images of what libraries can be and I want young people to see that the library can be a vibrant, relevant place to go."

-Bill Harmer, Chelsea District Library, MI, "A Rock Band Tours the Libraries," *Library Journal*, July 2007