



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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Millennium Users Group: May 22

Is Your Library Ready for the New Release of Millennium? Make sure your staff and computer equipment are ready for the new release:

Millennium Users Group (MUG)

Thursday, May 22nd

10:00am – 12:00pm

MHLS Auditorium

*Presented and facilitated by Laurie Shedrick,
MHLS Automated Systems Manager*

Laurie has recently returned from the 2008 Innovative Users Group (IUG) Conference in Washington D.C. where she learned all sorts of new stuff and brought back news to share with everyone – including information about the new release of Millennium. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from Laurie and meet with others who work with Millennium in the System.

Register today at <http://midhudson.org> → *Calendar* or get there directly at <http://calendar.midhudson.org/>.

Minimum specifications for staff computers to run the next release of the Millennium software will change. The next release requires:

- Intel Pentium 4, Pentium D, Xeob, Core or similar processor running at 3ghz or faster (2ghzi=or faster for the Core 2 Duo), or equivalent processor such as the AMD Athlon 64, Opteron 64, or Turion processors with comparable performance.
- You must have at least 1GB of RAM.
- You must also have at least 500mb of available disk space for the Millennium software
- Your screen resolution should be set to at least 800X600.
- When purchasing a new PC, you should consider your current receipt printers and scanners. It may be necessary to purchase adapters that will convert your serial and parallel jacks to USB.

If you have questions about minimum specs contact Mohamed Toufali, MHLS Director of Computer Operations at x38.

MHLS Announcements



A BIG thank you to everyone who distributed the **Barnes & Noble Bookfair** vouchers! Even in these tough economic times our supporters showed how much they care about public libraries in the Hudson Valley. With over \$13,000 in sales we achieved the 20% donation level from the 6 participating Barnes & Noble stores and have received a check for **\$2,590.08!** A portion of this money will go to support the MHLS Battle of the Books program <http://midhudson.org/battle/>.

The MHLS Trustee Success Story Recognition Awards annually highlight efforts by library trustees that resulted in positive outcomes for their library. The award consists of \$200 to the trustee's library and a certificate of recognition for the trustee. (One in each county served by the Mid-Hudson Library System, five (5) in all). Entries will be judged on:

- 1) Which of the trustee roles is exemplified by this trustee:

- To regularly plan and evaluate the library's service program.
- To adopt policies and rules regarding library use.
- To secure adequate funding for the library's service program.
- Stewardship and accountability in the use of that funding.
- Maintain a facility that meets the library's and community's needs;
- To promote the library in the local community and in society in general.
- To select and hire a qualified library manager or library director.

2) What the result was for the library

3) How easily this can be replicated

Applications should be in the form of a letter, two pages maximum, to the Trustee Services Committee c/o Peggy Winn at MHLS (through the MHLS delivery or to 103 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601) stating:

- Name of the person being recognized
- Name and address of library, name of county, and director's name

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"True word of mouth emanates from a grassroots-driven community that inspires passion and customer evangelism. It's a sustainable, long-term form of word of mouth that can build brands. There's countless ways to think about making that happen, which is part of the challenge."

-The Society for Word of Mouth, <http://theswom.ning.com/>

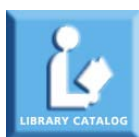
- Description of successful effort
- Back-up documentation, if available, should also be submitted (i.e. news releases, published articles, pictures).

Deadline: June 30, 2008 (winners will be notified in early September). Awards will be presented at the 2008 MHLS Annual Meeting, being held Friday, October 3rd at the Culinary Institute of America.

Reference & Collection Development

Help Your Patrons Find Books They Will Love with Readers Advisory

Presented by Sue Hermans (Head, Reference and Adult Services & Coordinator, Central Library Services at the Poughkeepsie Public Library District). This workshop is designed for all staff that interact with patrons. It will develop your ability to provide suggestions and guidance in finding interesting materials for readers even if you are not familiar with the topic, genre or author.



Learn new ways to get great results for your patrons through resources every library has (including the online catalog, Fiction Connection, NonFiction Connection and other online resources).

Develop your expertise in finding:

- great reads for your patrons who love to read fiction or non-fiction
- the next book in a favorite series
- books by topic, genre, setting
- read-alikes, best-sellers, award-winners
- biographies and memoirs
- books about politics, science, religion, adventure

Register online for one of the following sessions:

- Monday, June 16 from 10:00am – 12:00pm @ MHLS Auditorium (105 Market St., Poughkeepsie)
- Thursday, June 26 from 10:00am – 12:00pm @ Kingston Library (55 Franklin St., Kingston)

Register online through the MHLS calendar by going to <http://midhudson.org> and clicking on *Calendar* OR get there directly at <http://calendar.midhudson.org>

Marketing, Advocacy & Funding



2008 Legislative Priorities: The New York Library Association (NYLA) urges you to contact your state legislators in support of our 2008 Legislative Priorities, which can be found at <http://www.nyla.org> under

Headlines. Use NYLA's Online Advocacy Center (click on the Library Advocate button shown above at <http://www.nyla.org>) to send a fax/email in support of the top four priority bills, which are:

■ **Association Libraries Opt Into State Retirement** (S.7507 Farley/A.10518 Paulin) The bill would allow association public libraries that meet certain criteria to join the NYS retirement system upon approval by their board of trustees.

■ **Dormitory Authority Bonding** (S.1684 Farley/A.6256 Eddington) The bill would allow NYLA to bundle small bonding projects together for submittal to Dormitory Authority to give libraries greater access to inexpensive financing and reduce their borrowing costs. Only projects below \$5 million would qualify for this program. All other library projects would still need special legislation. Status: Passed Senate

■ **BOCES-Libraries Internet Partnerships** (S.2082 Larkin/ A.6592 Gunther) Authorizes Boards of Cooperative Educational Services to enter into contracts with public libraries or library systems to provide internet access and communication services. Status: Passed Senate 3/28

■ **Sales Tax Exemptions for Book Fairs** (S.1722A Lavelle/A.3463A Cahill) Bill would exempt book fairs held by school and library organizations (PTA's/Friends Groups) from collecting sales tax.

Note: You can only send one letter at a time, so if you want to send letter in support of more than one issue, you need to go back to the beginning of the process.

Job Openings

Part-time Library Clerk: Seeking part-time Library Clerk to begin immediately at Phoenicia Library near Woodstock in Ulster County. Requirements: a friendly personality to match the library's pleasant atmosphere, basic computer skills that include MS Word and Internet use; knowledge of library methods and materials. Desired (but not essential skills) include knowledge of Millennium and circulation desk procedures, ability to run or assist in running children's programming, advanced computer skills including debugging. Hourly pay \$7.15-\$10.00 per hour depending on education, skills, and responsibilities. 10-15 hours per week; must include a minimum of one Saturday per month. Must have some college education; current college students acceptable. Please submit resume to Nicole Holmquist, Personnel Director, via e-mail at phoenicialibrary@hotmail.com or U.S. mail to Phoenicia Library, PO Box 555, Phoenicia, NY 12464.

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 closest you will ever come in this life to an orderly universe is a good library."

-Ashleigh Brilliant, author

Around the System | April 2008



The Construction Grant Workshop was well attended by member libraries from the Mid-Hudson Library System and beyond. Grace Kelly (yes that's her real name!) from the NYS Division of Library Development (shown left) walked attendees through the application question by question. Pat Barnes (shown right), the Outreach Project Consultant for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)'s New Construction Program gave a brief overview of how NYSERDA's programs can help benefit library projects financially and environmentally. *Stay tuned for more information about the construction grants in next week's MHLS Bulletin.*



The Dutchess County Notable Book Banquet was held in the MHLS Auditorium April 23rd. Organized by MHLS to meet the on-going need to connect public libraries with schools, the main goal of the event is to give public and school library people a chance to network. Another benefit of attending the Book Banquet is to learn more about the 2008 ALA Notable Children's and Teen Books. There were 12 public librarians attending, along with 32 school librarians and teachers.

The event was presented by Randall Enos, Ramapo Catskill Library System's Youth Services Consultant (shown left), and Julie Baxter, Director and Youth Services Librarian, Moffat Public Library.

All hands on deck! More 70% of member libraries (47) sent staff to the two **Summer Reading Program workshops** held in Catskill and Poughkeepsie respectively.

More than 50 library staffers shared literature, craft & program ideas based on program themes, heard what others have planned, and discussed new ways to motivate young people to read for pleasure over summer.

MHLS Youth Services Coordinator Margaret Keefe, MHLS Public Services Team Assistant Kerstin Cruger and "Crafty" Carolyn Travers – an experienced public and school librarian, presented the workshops.

