

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

