



# 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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## Friends Support Group

**The MHLS Friends Support Group** will meet on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00pm at the Hyde Park Free Library (2 Main Street, Hyde Park). Light food will be served.

Our topic at this meeting will be **Fundraising Basics & Ideas**. We will also discuss the results of the 2008 MHLS survey of member library Friends Groups.

This support group has been created as a forum for member library Friends to come together and share information. Issues, problems and solutions will be on the table for all to learn from each other. This group meets multiple times per year.

- Get ideas
- Hear from those who do what you do
- Discuss and share challenges and solutions

Registration is required. Register one of 2 ways:

1. <http://midhudson.org>, then click on *Calendar*
2. call 845.471.6060 x46

### MHLS Announcements

**2008-2009 State Aid for Public Library Construction grant applications** are now available online through the NYS Division of Library Development's web site (linked at <http://midhudson.org>)

Libraries that want to apply need to:

1. Submit MHLS Action Memo #08-06: Construction Needs Update by **May 16<sup>th</sup>**
2. Submit 6 copies of their application to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich @MHLS by **August 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Questions? Contact Rebekkah at [rsmith@midhudson.org](mailto:rsmith@midhudson.org) or x39.

### Professional Development



*Save the Dates!*

**2008 New York Library Association**  
Annual Conference will be held

November 5 – 8, 2008 in Saratoga Springs, NY. Visit <http://www.nyla.org> for more information.

### Am I registered for that workshop?

If you are wondering if you have already registered for a MHLS workshop, there is an easy way to check.

1. Go to the MHLS Online Calendar by going to <http://midhudson.org> and clicking on *Calendar* OR get there directly at <http://calendar.midhudson.org>
2. Click on Display Personal Schedule in the upper left-hand corner of the calendar. Look it up by either:
  - a. Your first and last name and the phone number you listed when registering.
  - b. Your last name and confirmation number (note: the confirmation number appears on the screen when you submit your registration, and is also included in the Registration Confirmation Notice email that is sent to you right after you register.)

### Reference & Collection Development



**Access for you to the Wilson Catalogs:** Thanks to the Central Library, all member libraries have

access to a great collection development resource, the Wilson Catalogs online. Including:

- Public Library Core Collection: Nonfiction (Formerly Public Library Catalog)
- Public Library Core Collection: Fiction (Formerly Fiction Catalog)
- Children's Core Collection (Formerly Children's Catalog)
- Middle and Junior High Core Collection (Formerly Middle and Junior High School Library Catalog)
- Senior High Core Collection (Formerly Senior High School Library Catalog)

Go to <http://midhudson.org> → *Reference & Collection Development*, then scroll down and click on '*Wilson Catalogs Online*'. User names and passwords have been sent to all library directors. **Questions?** Contact: Sue Hermans, Reference and Adult Services Coordinator, Central Reference Library Services Poughkeepsie Public Library District at 845.485.3445 x 3321 or [shermans@pokitlib.org](mailto:shermans@pokitlib.org).

### Marketing, Advocacy & Funding

Neat idea for **digital signage at your library:** digital picture frames (cost: \$100-200). Upload slides from a PowerPoint presentation to announce programs/services and share pictures from library events. Good solution for small libraries.

(Source: Stephanie A. Squicciarini, Fairport Public Library, Fairport, NY)

A "public good" is: "A good or service that can be consumed by everyone and from which no one can be excluded." The Howland Public Library is your public good.

-As seen in the Howland Public Library (Beacon)'s Community Report, 2008

## Youth Services

### Serving Homeschooling Families at the Library:

This May 1<sup>st</sup> workshop was presented by Adrienne Furness of the Webster Library, author of the new book, *Helping Homeschoolers in the Library* (in the MHLS Professional Collection.) Adrienne covered the following tips:

- ❑ Network with local homeschooling support groups to find out what they would need in library service, share program flyers & let them know the library is willing to help them
- ❑ Offer a *Homeschooling Open House* to demonstrate databases, reference resources, offer library space for homeschooling sessions or meetings
- ❑ Plan a *Library Skills Class* for homeschoolers (kids and parents); this is a required course in their curriculum
- ❑ Offer to display homeschooling students' school projects; they have no other public place to do this
- ❑ Plan a science or art fair for homeschoolers
- ❑ Be sure homeschooling families know they can attend any library programs offered

Adrienne's entire presentation is posted on the revamped MHLS homeschooling site at

<http://midhudson.org/program/support/homeschooling.htm> or get to it by going to the MHLS site at <http://midhudson.org> and clicking on the *Youth Services* button. Those who attended the program said it was "a terrific workshop covering all the bases" and was "inspiring, with lots of great ideas to help my homeschooling families."

## Trustee Resources

Reminder: **Essential Trustee Duties and Responsibilities Workshop**, presented by Josh Cohen - MHLS Executive Director, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich - MHLS Coordinator of Member Information and Merribeth Advocate - MHLS Outreach & Education Coordinator. This year's workshop is designed especially for new board members with an all-new curriculum, but open to all. Library board members looking for essential, baseline information to increase their effectiveness in serving on a library board will benefit from attending this session. Attendees will learn effective ways to carry out the nine essential library trustee duties and responsibilities (everything the library board does either falls within one of these duties or is done in support of them).

- Thursday, May 22 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the MHLS Auditorium, 105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie [\[http://midhudson.org/help/directions.htm\]](http://midhudson.org/help/directions.htm)  
OR

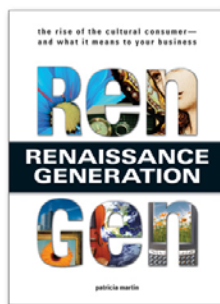
- Saturday, May 31 from 10:00am - 12:00pm at the Catskill Public Library, 1 Franklin Street, Catskill
- There is a \$50.00 incentive grant to libraries in 2008 if at least one of their trustees attends this session. The System will mail checks based on attendance. Light

food will be served. Registration is required. Register online by going to [midhudson.org](http://midhudson.org) and clicking on *Calendar* OR get there directly at <http://calendar.midhudson.org> OR call 845.471.6060 x46.

## Administration & Management

### Looking for more time or motivation to read the latest book on trends in society and culture?

Or have you read a recent business book that you think other library folks should read? Interested in sharing ideas with others in the library community about how we can think beyond the walls of our buildings (and our profession!) to become



even more important and relevant to our patrons. Join the North Suburban Library System (NSLS) online book discussion. Following the journal discussion group model, participants will read a title and discuss the book chapter-by-chapter over a set time period. In this "shared reading" method, each chapter will be assigned a discussion leader (or leaders) who will closely read the chapter, post an abstract, lead the discussion, and then post a wrap-up message. Participants will be able to read the chapter as closely as time and interest allows. This is a good way to get a basic overview of a new practice or theory at whatever level works best for you. Selected titles will not necessarily be library focused but will have applications to library world. Participation will be open to all in the library community. And you can join at any time! Visit

<http://www.nsls.info/community/cops/community.aspx?copID=53> to check it out.

## Job Openings

**Part-time Clerk Position** Available at the Coxsackie Correctional Facility: (up to grade 9 equivalent). Part-time clerk (19 hrs. per week) for maximum security facility library. Involves supervising inmate clerks and patrons. Salary: \$14.60 per hr. Please send cover letter and resume: Personnel Office, Coxsackie Correctional Facility, PO Box 200, Coxsackie, NY 12051; 518.731.2781 ext. 3600.

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>.

"It is, however, not to the museum, or the lecture-room, or the drawing-school, but to the library, that we must go for the completion of our humanity. It is books that bear from age to age the intellectual wealth of the world."

- Edward Robert Lytton Bulwer-Lytton, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Lytton (a.k.a poet Owen Meredith)