



MHLS BULLETIN

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Adult Programmers Group

The Adult Programmers Users Group (APUG) will meet on Wednesday, December 3rd from 10:00am – 12:00pm in the MHLS Auditorium. Our topic will be **Promoting Programs**.

Join us for a lively discussion about making the most out of adult programming in your library. This session is **ideal for library staff currently doing adult programming and for those interested in expanding their programming to include adult patrons**.

Facilitated by Josh Cohen, MHLS Executive Director, Merribeth Advocate, Outreach & Education Coordinator & Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator or Member Information this session of APUG will discuss:

- Best Practices for promoting programs
- How to plan programs that maximize attendance
- Learn how to develop a programming “cycle” to save time and energy

Register online for this event at <http://calendar.midhudson.org>

MHLS Announcements

Just Add “2”: MHLS has a new phone system – beginning this week when you call in you will need to put a “2” in front of each staff person’s phone extension.

So for all of you that have memorized Laurie’s extension (21) it is now 221. An updated list of all staff extensions is included with this week’s Bulletin and is available online at <http://midhudson.org/contacts/staff.htm>

The Tech Hotline remains the same: 845.471.3440.

Please report any problems you experience when calling in to Doris at x210.

2008 “Vote Round up” will be in next week’s *Bulletin*.

2008 Incentive Grant checks: Please submit all claims you have under the 2008 Incentive Grant Program before **Saturday, November 15th**. Libraries that applied for the NYLA grant will need to submit proof of attendance in order for the money to be distributed in the next check. Questions may be directed to Doris Formby by phone (x210) or e-mail dformby@midhudson.org.

Resource Sharing & Millennium

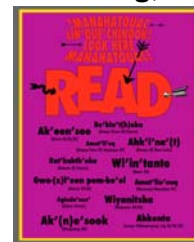


Just a reminder that staff in member libraries are the eyes and ears in the catalog. If you spot discrepancies – misspellings, items

linked to the wrong bib record, especially the wrong material format – call Karen (x253) or Kit (x252) and let them know so they can fix it. Like Ranganathan said – *for every reader his [or her] book, for every book a reader*, if books and readers can’t find each other we’re not doing our job! Thanks for your help, your patrons will appreciate it!

Please remember to write legibly on the delivery slips! MHLS staff sorts – literally – THOUSANDS of items a week. When we can’t read what you’ve written or you’ve abbreviated library names that could be construed in multiple ways it really slows things up. Help us help your patrons get their stuff! *[Please also take the time to write clearly on your ILL requests!]*

Marketing, Advocacy & Funding



November is Native American Heritage Month and thanks to Raymundo Rodriguez-Jackson, a Matouac-Taino and clerk at Elting Library in New Paltz, we have a spin on the ALA READ posters. Raymundo translated the word *read* into many of the Native American languages found in the Northeast and Deborah Begley, MHLS Print Department, has created a wonderful poster incorporating the words.

“Democracy is...the conviction that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people.”
-Harry Emerson Fosdick,

Deb has made the 8 1/2 x 11 posters available as jpg files, both color and B&W, which can be found on the MHLS youth services site at

<http://midhudson.org/department/youth/main.htm>.

In addition you may purchase a colored 11 x 17 poster from MHLS Print Dept. for \$1.50. Contact Deb at dbegley@midhudson.org. These posters can be used to highlight a display of Native American authors (adult, children's and teen) at your library. For further information about which authors to choose, see the lists on the site mentioned above.

Reference & Collection Development



There are lots of links on the **Quick Answers** page that can help your patrons in these tough economic times – take a few minutes to refresh your

memory about what's included at

<http://midhudson.org/answers/> There's help for patrons who need to:

- Find a new job
- Find help to pay their heat / electricity bills
- Plan for retirement
- Find others to rideshare/carpool with
- Find out their credit score at no charge
- Investigate a charity they'd like to donate to
- Lots more!

Youth Services

2009 Summer Reading Program Manuals: The 2009 manuals are here! In the delivery last week every library received:

- Elementary SRP manual
- Teen SRP manual
- Index tabs for both
- Two copies of the CD that contain clip art for both programs as well as copies of the manuals in PDF.
- One copy of the Upstart incentive catalog. Please note there are 3 order cycles. The first is December 1, 2008.

If you have questions, contact Kerstin Cruger at kcruger@midhudson.org.

Reminder: 2nd Annual Table Talks Workshop, Friday, November 21st from 10:00am – 12:00pm. This event will feature 6 topics:

- From Lullabies to Literature: Stories in the Lives of Infants and Toddlers
- Science for Everyone Storytimes (showing how to do basic fun science activities in library programs/story hours)

- Book Buddies (all the ins and outs of conducting these great programs, incorporating tweens/teens and younger kids)
- Tween Programs that Work (From an RCLS librarian who works successfully w/this population)
- Using Web 2.0 Tools to Connect with Young People (what to do with all those fantastic tools to help your library connect w/young people)
- Going Green on the Red: Teen Program with Pizzazz (conducting a fashion show w/tweens/teens who make their outfits out of recycled materials)

You will be able to sit in on 4 of the 6 tables, 1/2 hour each, to learn about the topics being discussed there. Register online at

<http://calendar.midhudson.org>

Administration & Management

Small Libraries Roundtable to meet on Monday, December 1st @Heermance Memorial Library in Coxsackie from 10:00am – 12:00pm. Facilitated by Josh Cohen, MHLS Executive Director & Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Coordinator of Member Information this session's topic will be **Board Development – Recruitment, Orientation & Evaluation**. The workshop will cover:

- Organizing an orientation to the library and its services
 - Helping your board discover the types of trustees needed to fill vacancies
 - Developing a board evaluation tool with your trustees
- Register online at <http://calendar.midhudson.org>

Job Openings

The Starr Library in Rhinebeck is seeking a **Story Hour leader** for two sessions per week. The position involves one session for 2-3 year-olds, as well as another session for 4-5 year-olds. There is also a simple craft component for the older group. Hours are projected as Wednesday 10-11 and Thursday 10-1, although both could be done back-to-back if desired. Additional preparation time is included. Salary is \$11.00 per hour for three hours per week. If interested, please contact Steve Cook, Director at 845.876.4030 or starrdirector@me.com. Position is available until filled.

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>.

Did you know? 1.5 million children and teens participated in the New York State Summer Reading Program in 2008.