



MHLS BULLETIN

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Mandatory Circ Training

Mandatory Millennium Circulation Training:
Learn about the top 10 mistakes you might be making! Presented by Laurie Shedrick, MHLS Automated Systems Manager

The Directors Association requires that at least one staff person from each library attend this training to ensure that our circulation practices are "consistent and correct."

Who Should Attend:

This workshop is intended as a re-training. Attendees should have a basic understanding about Millennium Circulation. Staff who need beginner training should attend Circulation Essentials.

- Patron Registration: Who to register and how
 - Overrides and blocks
 - How holds really work
 - How Millennium over dues and bills are generated
 - Loan rules and what you should know about them
- Questions are encouraged, so bring them along!*

Register for one of the following sessions by **September 1st** at <http://calendar.midhudson.org/>:

- Wednesday, September 9, 2009, 10:00am- 12:00pm:
Mid-Hudson Library System Auditorium, Poughkeepsie
- Thursday, September 10, 2009, 10:00am- 12:00pm:
Germantown Library, 31 Palatine Park Rd., Germantown
- Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 10:00am- 12:00pm:
Kingston Library, 55 Franklin Street, Kingston
- Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 10:00am- 12:00pm:
Mahopac Library, 668 Route 6, Mahopac



Registration
Deadline:
September 1st!

Professional Development

Additional Date for the **Book Repair Workshop:**
Wednesday, September 30th from 9:00am – 12:00pm
@Southeastern NY Library Resources Council, 21 S. Elting Corners Rd., Highland, NY 12528. There is no fee to attend this workshop. Registration is required (space is limited!): <http://www.senylrc.org/reg/>



New York Library Association Presents:

A Hudson Valley Cocktail Hour: Friday, September 11th from 5:00 – 7:00pm at 36 Main in New Paltz.

5 Reasons to Join Us:

- 1) Meet new people to add to your personal and professional networks.
- 2) Re-connect with your existing network.
- 3) Learn more about NYLA and upcoming events.
- 4) Establish your presence in the Hudson Valley library community.
- 5) Have some fun and a "killer cocktail" at a restaurant known as "*THE place to be in New Paltz.*" Stay for dinner after the party!

Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Current and future NYLA members are welcome to attend. *Please RSVP by registering for this event at <http://calendar.midhudson.org> by Friday, September 4th.*

Resource Sharing & Millennium

E-Contact: The Directors Association approved a new variable length field be added to the patron record at their last meeting. This field, **e-contact**, will be used to indicate a patron's preference regarding being contacted by email *for reasons outside of regular circulation notices*. Currently we have the "Notice Preference" field which indicates the patrons' communication preference for circulation notices. Placing "yes" in the **e-contact** field indicates that the

patron is ok with the library sending things like newsletters and other alerts through email, while “no” will indicate that the email address should not be used. This allows patrons to say *yes* for one and *no* to the other and makes it easier for staff to keep track.

Programming

Goals to keep in mind when planning programming:

1. Supports the mission of the library
2. Meets a recognized need within the library service area as identified through various evaluation tools and market research
3. Addresses target audiences
4. Relevant to the library’s Long-Range Plan
5. Increases community awareness of the library as a dynamic center for educational and entertaining activities
6. Shows a benefit equal to the cost involved
7. Is relevant to other library activities and the annual library calendar of events
8. Promotes use of the library and/or promotes literacy
9. Enhances the library’s image and strengthens its message to the community
10. Is not readily available elsewhere in the community
11. Provides opportunities for community partnerships
12. Enhances patrons’ lives
13. Is relevant to the community and/ or community activities
14. Is of popular interest
15. Does not exceed the available monies and resources

[Adapted from the Douglas County Libraries, CO]



The Sound and Story Project of the Hudson Valley

<http://www.soundandstory.org/>:

The mission of the Sound and Story Project of the Hudson Valley is to *strengthen community through the power of listening*. They believe by sharing the stories of ordinary people we can help each other become more aware of our own history and more connected to each other and the place where we live. This project can be a great catalyst for connecting people in your community with their history and each other.

All this month the Sound and Story Project has been recording people’s stories at the Stone Ridge Public Library. The project coordinator, former Sarah Hull Hallock Free Library director Eileen McAdam is working towards an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant to include, possibly, more libraries in their story gathering endeavor. If you are interested, contact Eileen at 845.331.7585 or emcadam@hvc.rr.com.



Your patrons might be interested in The Sound and Story Project’s **River Voices Audio Adventure Tour**, “a fascinating look at the mysteries of the Hudson River.” River Voices is an “audio adventure” that reveals the mysteries of the Hudson River. Learn answers to questions like:

- *What creature look like a dinosaur, can weigh over 300 pounds and lives in the Hudson River?*
- *In the 1930s, how did neighborhood kids make a dime to go to the movies?*
- *What Hudson River dwellers have been mistaken for river monsters?*

Patrons will need to have their cell phones with them:

- 1) **Visit** one of the parks listed below and look for the Sound & Story Project sign
- 2) **Call** 845.790.8771
- 3) **Enter** the number on the sign and press the # key
- 4) **Listen** to the story about the Hudson River

Parks:

Hudson Waterfront Park
Catskill Point Park
Saugerties Village Beach
Rondout Waterfront, Kingston
Kingston Point Park

Waryas Park, Poughkeepsie
Newburgh Waterfront
Beacon Ferry Landing
Beacon Waterfront Park
Metro North Station, Cold Spring

Marketing, Advocacy & Funding

The Roeliff-Jansen Community Library (Hillsdale, Copake & Ancram) recently held a volunteer “Thank You Luncheon.” Marjorie Deitz, Volunteer Coordinator at the library, shared her cheeky reasons of “*Why You are so Happy Being a Volunteer*” at the event:

- “We accept anyone of any age from teenagers to 86-year-olds.
- There are no layoffs - you have absolute job security.
- You can work at your own convenience. And Marj’s.
- There will never be any salary cuts. You are guaranteed to earn the same tomorrow as you do today.”

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>