

## Mid-Hudson Library System Board Meeting Director's Report July 2004

**Online Status:** Hunter and Clinton have come online. This leaves only the Canaan Branch and Livingston Free Libraries. We expect Canaan to join the system soon.

**New York State Legislation:** As of this writing, we have not received any state aid, although libraries were included in the emergency legislation. Two other bills before the legislature include a bill mandating that public library systems receive payment by July 1, and a bill to create a library license plate.

**Conference Activities:** I went to the American Library Association Conference in Orlando, and attended an excellent program on space design that will help us with our space planning consultations.

**Rotating Collections:** We have discontinued our DVD and Mystery rotating collections and are distributing the materials to libraries.

**Technology:** We will be upgrading Millennium Silver and doing the authority control work on the database.

**County meetings:** I attended the Dutchess, Ulster and Greene County dinners all of which had good turnouts and excellent speakers. The value of these programs is well worth the \$500 we provided to support them.

*The list below includes documents & information that are to be placed in the permanent record. Board members may request copies of documents by contacting Peggy on ext. 16 [pwinn@midhudson.org](mailto:pwinn@midhudson.org).*

### Member Memos:

- 04-12: Bulk Order of Delivery Slips
- 04-13: Programming Needs Survey
- 04-14: Building Projects Update

### Correspondence:

- Article from *The Independent* re: the Hillsdale Library's information kits for new residents developed by Kirstin Litwin, LSTA Project Coordinator of the Outreach Services and Education department.
- Cover page of the first edition of the Marlboro Library's newly formatted newsletter, *The Inside Story*, designed by Print Services Manager, Deborah Begley.
- Thank you letter to Rebekkah Smith, from Helen LiMarzi, Secretary Putnam County Libraries Association, for her presentation on the PowerPoint template and MHLS Website.
- Article in *The Independent* re: the Hillsdale Library's program to welcome new residents with special programming and resources (in collaboration with MHLS' Gateway to the Community Program).
- Email thank you note to Josh and Merribeth from D.J. Stern, Director Woodstock Library, for participating in the library's Board program.
- First four "On the Shelves" articles from the *Poughkeepsie Journal*.
- Thank you email to Merribeth Advocate from Millbrook Library Director, Ellen Guerci, for the excellent event calendar training class and the redesigned MHLS Web sites.
- Thank you note to Josh, Merribeth and Rebekkah, from Gail Liss, Trustee Woodstock Library, for the Advanced Trustee Workshop on Saturday, June 19.
- Article from the United Way of Dutchess County Community Impact Report for 2004 re: the

“Raising a Reader” program offered through the MHLS.

- Thank you email to Rebekkah Smith from Nancy Nelson, Director, Clinton Community Library, for her ongoing assistance to the library and for her presentation and attendance, along with Deborah Begley at the library’s Annual Meeting.
- Thank you email to Josh Cohen, from Nancy Nelson, Director Clinton Community Library, for his and the staff’s support of her library.

**Other Reports:**

- Staff Library Visits Report