

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

### Selected Accomplishments:

- Brought all but one library, Livingston, online
- Developed model default web sites for participating member libraries
- Established regular monthly column in Poughkeepsie Journal
- Increased delivery stops by over 100 per week
- Built resources for attracting new residents to library
- Health Information Project recognized by Library for Future as national model
- Improved EZ program database through transfer to MYSQL
- Continued to improve and enhance Mid-Hudson Web site which has become a primary resource for many other systems and statewide groups
- Developed online CE registration from CE calendar
- Passed six 414 votes and created one new library district

**Annual Meeting:** People were happy with the annual meeting. The survey we did at registration suggested people liked the location, did not mind a weekday meeting and were evenly split on holding it in October or November.

**Member Items:** Two of the Republican Assembly members, Joel Miller and Willis Stephens, have given a portion of the member item money to the System for a total of \$28,000. If the 5% is not restored, we will add it to our operating receipts.

**CDs:** We have received the 9400 music CDs that were our share of the Attorney General's settlement and another 750 from Dutchess Community College library. We have distributed approximately half. We entered and created a MARC record for every CD sent to insure good cataloging and ease of linking.

**Velocity:** Velocity has been more responsive in finding drivers. In addition, we are now screening new drivers to be sure they understand the job.

**SAM:** We have negotiated a deal for the Smart Access Manager (SAM) product. This product manages Public Access PCs by creating a waiting list and time periods for users. It also manages the print fees. There are other features that can be purchased if we choose.

*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).*

### Memo Members:

- 04-16: MHLS Video
- 04-17: Bulk Order of Delivery Slips

### Correspondence:

- Article from *The Independent* re: the availability at System libraries of the *Generations Online* database that provides senior citizens with step-by-step instructions for using the Internet.
- Thank you letter from Regina Doebler, Catskill Library Board President, for the tuition grant for William McIntyre, a valued employee.
- Letter to Assemblyman Pat Casale from Carol Corrigan, Director New Lebanon Library, re: the excellent work performed by MHLS staff and the need to restore library funding.
- Letter to Josh Cohen from Jackie Thresher, Nassau Library System, complimenting the System's Web site resources.

- Thank you note to the Mid-Hudson Library System from Linda Todd, State Library Development Specialist, for sponsoring the State Education Department's Outcome-Based Evaluation training.\
- Email note to Josh Cohen from Kara Lustiber, Director West Hurley Public Library, commending Rebekkah Smith for helping her to prepare a PowerPoint presentation for the Hurley Planning Board; demonstrating the Home Access databases; and fielding questions regarding construction grants.
- November edition of *The Poughkeepsie Journal's* monthly feature *On the Shelves* by Marlboro Library Director, James Cosgrove.
- Thank you note to Josh Cohen from Patti Haar, Patterson Library Director, on behalf of the Patterson Library Board, for his assistance with their recent Library Budget Proposition.
- Article from *The Poughkeepsie Journal* by Mid-Hudson employee Nathaniel Smith re: the System's homework help search links.
- Thank you note to Josh Cohen from Sally Smith Raymond, Treasurer of the Ulster County Library Association, for the System's \$500 Incentive Grant and for the staff and resources provided by the System.
- Article from *The Daily Mail* re: the Health Information Project's Teen Intern Program.

**Other Reports:**

- Staff Library Visits Report