

## **Liaison Report to the BOT from the DA Meeting of 10/12/04**

### **Items of Action for MHLS Staff**

- The DA is not sure if allowing outside agencies to link directly to NOVEL databases without going through a library webpage first is a good idea. Mid-Hudson will work on some kind of bridge page that will perhaps grant this direct access while still encouraging people to investigate the resources of their local library's webpage.
- Mid-Hudson will be working on a grant for a historical name index. First a survey will go out to discern what types of items are in member libraries and then a pairing with a local history society may help as well.
- Mid-Hudson is working on a new users group, for "small libraries" to begin next year.

### **Items of Action for DA**

- The Directors Association voted to approve the motion to extend due dates on 7 day items that were received for a system hold. Now they may be extended for an extra week. In addition, the due date for holds for book discussion groups may be extended an extra few weeks, but no longer than that.
- The steering committee was approved for 2005.
- After reviewing the changes to the Incentive Package from Mid-Hudson, the topic that caused the most concern was the reimbursement for those pursuing their MLS. Feeling that it is a very valuable and worthy cause to promote within the profession, the DA feels that this is definitely an item that should remain, and perhaps be looked at even more closely to provide more funding if possible.
- A new resource "Performers and Programs" is a database that allows member libraries to look up local performers by a variety of criteria. Please encourage any local performers from your libraries to register.

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