

**Director's Association Liaison Report To
Mid-Hudson Library System Board of Trustees
For the 9/21/06 MHLS BOT Meeting**

From the 9/7/06 DA Meeting

1. Directors recommended approval of System Plan of Service and Central Library Plan of Service.
2. Director's Association voted to purchase two Innovative modules:
Spell Check
E-Commerce
The group seemed to have mixed feelings about Online Patron Registration.
3. MHLS will investigate federated search engines. A federated search engine would execute a search in several databases simultaneously. For example, a search for "phobia" would find the books and other items in the collection AND also locate articles in the various databases that are accessible to us.

A number of the discussions had an underlying theme of determining how to integrate technology into library service. Finding an equitable method of sharing the cost; balancing the needs and resources of individual libraries; determining the cost/benefit; matching the product to the patron; visualizing the best use of technology; having an awareness of what new products will be introduced in the near future; and anticipating the impact on existing resources.

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