

Mid-Hudson Library System Board Meeting Director's Report July 2006

State Aid: We have received our state aid check and we do not have to borrow this year.

Delivery: We have moved from Velocity to Hudson River Transport without incident. We have retained the service of all the drivers.

Technology: A Kingston based company, Intelligent Information Technology Solutions (IITS), did a technology audit of our internal system. IITS has done similar audits of schools, banks and the City of Poughkeepsie. Their findings show no problems with our network in terms of throughput, security or configuration.

American Library Association: I attended the American Library Association's Annual Conference in New Orleans. There was much discussion of increased interactivity of Web sites through blogs, RSS feeds and podcasts. The fundraising section of our Web site was cited as a recommended link by OCLS presenters.

Summer Reading Program: Assemblyman Kevin Cahill has said the libraries in his district will receive a total of \$20,000 to support the Summer Reading Program.

Energy Audit: Mary Gordon from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) conducted an energy audit of the System's two buildings. Replacement or upgrade measures looked at during the audit were lights, the heating and air conditioning systems, lighting controls, hot water system, window insulation, doors and appliances. Detailed recommendations for improvements and cost savings are forthcoming.

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.

Member Memos:

- #06-05: Bulk Order of Delivery Slips
- #06-06: FRIENDS MATTER 2006 Invitations
- #06-07: Plan of Service

Letters Sent:

- 6/21 – Thomas Lawrence re: support for proposed building project

Correspondence Received:

- Thank you note to Josh Cohen from Anne Jordan, Director Staatsburg Library, for the excellent design and print job done by Deb Begley, Print Services Manager, for the Friends of the Staatsburg Library's annual Murder Mystery Night at Coppola's Restaurant in Hyde Park.
- Article from *the Poughkeepsie Journal's Supplement* about the Health Information Project's Teen Intern Video Review Project and the new materials available on rise in the abuse of prescription drugs by teens.
- Thank you note to Lena Smolon, Outreach Assistant, from Roland Larkin, Deputy Superintendent of Program Services and Victor Gallo, Correction Counselor, for her participation in the Fishkill Correctional Facility's second annual job fair.
- May edition of the Poughkeepsie Journal's monthly feature "*On the Shelves*" submitted by Josh Cohen who reviews five mystery novels.
- Article from the Kingston Times about the health career conference sponsored by the Health Information Project given to eighth graders at the Kingston Library.
- Article from the Putnam County Courier re: the System's "Book Club in a Bag" program.

- Thank you note to Josh Cohen and Rebekkah Smith Aldrich from Carol Corrigan, Director New Lebanon Library, for meeting with her board to discuss the library's building plans.
- Thank you note to Josh Cohen from Patricia Miller, former President Putnam County Libraries Association, for speaking to the directors and trustees about the Getting to Yes Project.
- Thank you note to Josh Cohen from Matt Pfisterer Director, Grinnell Library, for speaking with representatives of the Howland and Grinnell Libraries re: "double taxation" issue for some Wappinger's residents.
- Thank you note to Deb Begley, Print Services Manager, from Julie Johnson, Director Kinderhook Library, for creating the design for the county library teeshirts.
- Thank you note to Josh Cohen from Virginia Flood, President Pawling Library Friends Group, for visiting the library and answering questions to help foster better communication between trustees and Friends.
- Thank you note to Josh Cohen from Karen LaRocca-Fels, Director Kent Library, for his visit to the library and new director orientation.

Other Reports:

- Staff Library Visits Report