

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. I would like to thank everyone that attended the 49th Annual Meeting on October 3rd at the Culinary Institute of America. As always, it was a wonderful event.
2. The Board of Regents announced the appointment of Bernard A. Margolis as the New York State Librarian. He will assume his new responsibilities in January 2009.
3. The New York State Library announced that enhancements are underway for the NOVELny web site (novelnewyork.org). To view the preview page, go to <http://novelnewyork.org>, and click on the "Preview Our New Look" link under Latest News. The revised NOVELny home page will display, and, if the Web browser has cookies enabled, the preview will remain in effect for 12 hours. The most significant enhancements are:
 - a. more precise wording and functionality relating to NOVELny database access,
 - b. simplified search options for those using their NYS Driver License for access, and
 - c. a more prominent link to information for librarians.
 - d. Training webinar is scheduled for December 12th at 2:00 p.m. To register for webinars or to find out what other training webinars are available, click on <http://www.novelnewyork.org/training.php>.
4. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to visit with our member library boards. Please continue to visit with and work with the trustees of our member libraries and to educate them about the services that MHLS provides for the member libraries.
5. Continue to remind our elected officials about the important services that libraries provide to the community.
6. Continue to spread the word that all trustees and library staff should attend MHLS training sessions. If you haven't attended any of the sessions, I encourage you to do so. You will find the sessions are well done and contain very valuable information that will help you to be an even better trustee.
7. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a **HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**

Marie F. Smith
President