

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JULY 2009

1. Communication is important. Being knowledgeable about System services is important. Board to Board visits are important. I would like to remind everyone to keep in contact with local library board members and let them know that we are available to attend meetings in order to provide information, assistance and support. Let them know that the services we provide are important and that we are there to help them.
2. Financially speaking, "it is the best of times, and it is the worst of times." Although the economy is still sluggish, ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funding has created funding opportunities where none existed previously. Continue to use every opportunity to keep library services in the public eye so that those we serve and the legislators that serve them will continue to recognize how valuable library services are. Let them know that an investment in libraries is an investment in the future.
3. Continue to encourage member library staff and board members to take advantage of the Continuing Education opportunities offered by the MHLS and to attend System Tours when they are available. These opportunities are listed in the weekly bulletin and on the MHLS website located at www.midhudson.org.
4. My best wishes for a safe and happy summer.

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