

2009 MHLS Youth Services Report

A. 2009 Summer Reading Program

- Grant Funding

"Our library had record attendance and participation at this year's Summer Reading Program, due in no small part to a performer grant given to our library by the Youth Services Department of the Mid-Hudson Library System. In a time when funds are limited, the \$250 mini-grant made a huge difference to our one-room, rural library."

1. Assemblyman Kevin Cahill presented a New York State Assembly grant of \$25,000 to be divided among his constituency which includes: Esopus, Hurley, Kingston, New Paltz, Phoenicia, Pine Hill, Plattekill, Rhinebeck, Rhinecliff, Rosendale, Stone Ridge, Town of Ulster, West Hurley, West Shokan, Woodstock in MHLS and three additional libraries from RCLS.
2. Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) presented the Summer Reading Mini Grant award in the amount of \$12,000. Every library that applied was awarded.

Performer Grant winners; Amenia, Athens, Claverack, Germantown, Hurley, New Lebanon, Philmont, Pine Plains, Stanford, Tivoli, West Hurley and Windham.

Flip Mino Grant winners: Beacon, Beekman, Brewster, Chatham, Clinton, Cold Spring, Garrison, Highland, Kent, Kinderhook, LaGrange, Mahopac, Marlboro, Milton, Palenville, Patterson, Plattekill, Pleasant Valley, PPLD, Reed, Rhinecliff and Staatsburg.

Workshops

1. Flip Mino Workshop was provided to help grant recipients utilize new technology and provide applications for programming.
2. Summer reading planning workshops conducted to provide information and share ideas. Two meetings were held for the convenience of members: Southern Libraries-MHLS auditorium, Northern Libraries-Germantown

2009 Summer
Reading Themes



Children's
Be Creative
@Your Library



Teens
Express Yourself
@the Library

B. Kids' Port <http://kidsport.midhudson.org/>

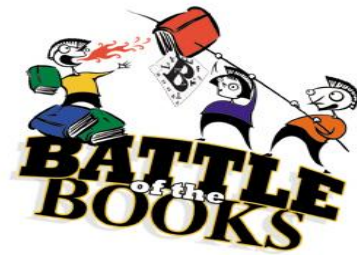
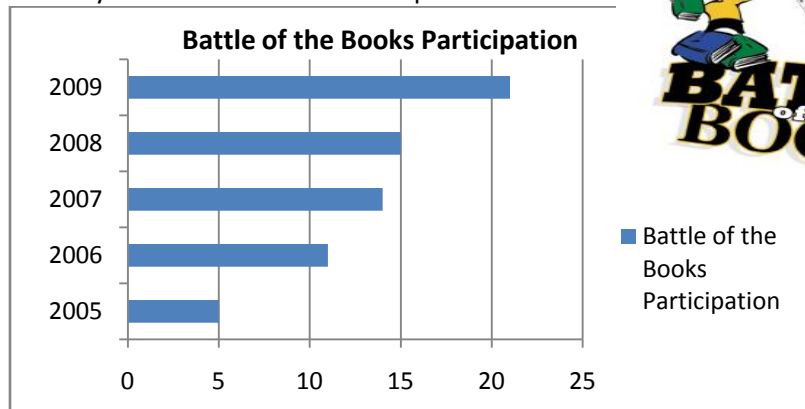


- Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000 awarded by Senator Vincent L. Leibell III
- Children's Web site to be facilitated and administered by the Mid-Hudson Library System. Includes; fun, games, homework help, community news and useful sites for parents
- The mission of the Kids' Port committee was to "develop a safe and appealing website that will inform, educate and entertain a target audience of children, aged pre-school to 10".
- Kids' Port public launch September 1, 2009

C. Battle of the Books

- 5th annual MHLS Battle of the Books for children 6th-9th grade
- Battle of the Books: competition where teams of students from various libraries come together, read a set list of books and answer questions based on those titles
- Participants include: Tivoli, Wappingers, Stone Ridge, Hyde Park, Cold Spring, Staatsburg, Cairo, Red Hook, Beacon, Clinton, Coxsackie, Marlboro, Valatie, PPLD, Plattekill, Beekman, Kinderhook, Millbrook, Esopus, Kent and Fishkill
- Regional Battles: Libraries conduct battles within their own community during the summer
- Final Battle: Roy C. Ketchum High School in Wappingers Falls, September 12, 2009.
- 5 Year growth of Battle Participation

By 2006 all counties were represented



- Sponsors include: Assemblymen Timothy Gordon, Marcus Molinaro and Joel M. Miller all donated funds to this event. Other sponsors include: Union, Town Foundation, Friends of Town of Esopus Library, Blackwood and Brower Book Store, Friends of Grinnell Library Association (Wappingers Falls), Foundation for Hudson Valley Libraries, Friends of Hyde Park, Free Library, Poughkeepsie Public Library District, Friends of the Cairo Public Library and the National Bank of Coxsackie.

D. Fall Into Books: Children's and Teen Literature Conference

- 11th Annual Fall Into Books Literature Conference
- Collaborative effort involving: MHLS, The Ramapo Catskill Library System, Orange/Ulster, Dutchess, Sullivan and Rockland County Boces
- Purpose of this event: to bring Public Librarians, School Media Specialists and other educational personnel together to talk about books, exchange ideas and form partnerships to further literacy in the Hudson Valley areas.
- Goals: reader's advisory, learn how to book talk books to youth and present helpful ways to engage young people in the art of reading.
- Location: One day conference to be held at the Marion Shrine in Stony Point, NY on October 23, 2009.

