

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. I would like to remind everyone that the 50th Annual Meeting will be on October 2nd at the Culinary Institute of America. This year's featured speaker is Karen Hyman, Executive Director of the South Jersey Library Cooperative. She will speak about customer service in today's library. Josh has assured me that she is both informative and entertaining. I encourage everyone to attend.
2. October 18th through the 24th is National Friends of the Library Week. Think about using this time to plan a library event and invite politicians and patrons to your library as a *Getting to Know You* campaign.
3. The NYLA conference is scheduled to be held in Niagara Falls on October 15th and 16th
4. System Tour: Wednesday, September 23 from 9:30am - 12:30pm @ MHLS. Click on <http://calendar.midhudson.org/eventsignup.asp?ID=1899> for more information. This year's theme is *Libraries: Peace, Love and Freedom*.
5. 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.
6. Continue to remind our elected officials about the important services that libraries provide to the community.
7. Four excellent sites to visit for library reference material are, of course, the MHLS site located at <http://midhudson.org/> (check out the Trustee Resources Section); the NYLA site located at <http://www.nyla.org/>; the NYSALB site located at <http://www.nysalb.org> and the ALA site at <http://www.ala.org/>.
8. Please 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 carry out your duties as library trustee.

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ALA – American Library Association
MHLS – Mid Hudson Library System
NYLA – New York Library Association
NYSALB – New York State Association of Library Boards