



## Mid-Hudson Library System

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### **Executive Director's Report to Director's Association – January 2014**

1. MHLS Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, December 10. Actions included:
  - a. Welcomed John Dax and Michele Ment, new MHLS trustees elect
  - b. Approved the MHLS 2014 budget
  - c. Elected Board Officers for 2014:
    1. President: Roland Patterson
    2. Vice President: Caroline Profera
    3. Treasurer: Regina Morini
    4. Secretary: Lisa Baker Brill
    5. Board Member: Camilla W. von Bergen (to serve on Executive Committee to fill the position normally held by a past seated Board President)
  - d. Approved 2014 meeting dates:
    1. Saturday, January 18
    2. Saturday, March 22
    3. Wednesday, May 7 (location to be announced)
    4. Wednesday, July 9
    5. Wednesday, September 17
    6. *The annual meeting is tentatively set for Friday, October 17.*
    7. Tuesday, December 9
  - e. Reviewed proposed Mileage Equalization Grant proposed by the Director's Association, for final review at the January meeting;
  - f. Reviewed a draft of a formal policy for Board Mileage Reimbursement for attendance at Board and Committee meetings, for final review at the January meeting;
  - g. Approved submission of Variance Requests from the Patterson Library, the Hudson Area Association Library, and the LaGrange Association Library;
  - h. Reviewed meeting attendance requirements, as stipulated in the Bylaws and discussed a formal policy for MHLS Board attendance requirements;
  - i. Reviewed and signed the American Library Association's "*Declaration for the Right to Libraries*" affirming the right of every citizen to access to quality libraries;
  - j. Conducted an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues related to Union contract negotiations.

## 2. eBooks for All

- a. A special thank you to the Columbia County Libraries Association, the Greene County Libraries Association, the Putnam County Libraries Association, the Howland Public Library (Beacon), the Beekman Library, the Highland Public Library, the Kingston Library, and the Pine Plains Free Library for purchasing eBooks for all!
- b. Easy ways to give include:
  - Requesting a MHLS invoice for your library in whatever amount you wish to contribute; and/or
  - Purchasing digital materials through your own OverDrive account.
- c. Enhanced access to OverDrive statistics include:
  - Titles YOUR patrons are currently waiting for;
  - Titles YOUR patrons checked out in the past year.

## 3. Star Libraries

- a. Congratulations to the Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library, Philmont Public Library, Red Hook Public Library, Tivoli Free Library, and Windham Public Library for their selections as "American's Star Libraries" as recently reported in *Library Journal*.
- b. In addition to recognizing individual library excellence, the Star Library national rating system encourages improvement to nationally collected library statistics and library self-evaluation.
- c. The report's authors suggest a number of ways a library may use the report data. A start might be to ask and answer a few questions:
  - Where does your library rank in the national data and why?
  - What are the Star Libraries doing that might be useful to you in delivering services?

## 4. Moving Forward Project

- a. Steps in the Moving Forward Project Include:
  - Developing a detailed analysis report of system services including all resources allowed to each service, outputs, outcomes, and return on investment.
  - Reviewing the system's Plan of Services to ensure the Plan and the detail service analysis are aligned.
  - Seeking prioritization of system services by stakeholders.
  - Establishing an Action Plan component to the Plan of Service based on project findings.
- b. First Services Reviewed - Resource Sharing
  - Integrated Library System
  - Cooperative Collection Development
  - Delivery
  - Interlibrary Loan