

## Report to DA from the 7/31/09 System Funding Task Force Meeting

Attending: Linda Deubert, Debra Kamecke, Jeanne Buck, Gloria Goverman, Sally Alderdice, Frank Rees, Gillian Thorpe, Pat Kaufman, Tom Lawrence, Josh Cohen, Merribeth Advocate

- The MHLS Director's Retreat will be held on 9/3/2009 from 9:30-4pm at Mount Saint Alphonsus in Esopus. Lunch is included. Directors must register on the MHLS online calendar.
- The Task Force feels it is critical that every library attend the retreat. Josh has sent the letters to the Board Presidents.
- In advance each Library Director will be sent materials that need to be reviewed and a questionnaire on 'How has your library used the system' that needs to be filled out prior to the retreat.
- The Task Force has set a tentative agenda for the day:
  - 9:30 Start time
  - 10-11:00 Establishment of History of Public Systems  
Legal Requirements  
How Funded – 917 – Budget Cycle  
Role of MHLS Board – DA – System Staff
  - 11-12:00 Small groups: Discuss questionnaire results
  - 12-12:50 Lunch
  - 1-1:45 Groups report out
  - 1:45-2:45 Exercise: Decision making & building consensus
  - 2:45-3:15 Coffee/tea break
  - 3:15-4:00 Wrap up
- The Task Force agreed that the goal of the retreat is to provide relevant knowledge of the System background and foundation, and develop a framework or process for service and funding. Funding and service ranking will not be discussed at the retreat, but will be addressed further along in this multi-stage process.