

## MHLS REPORT TO MEMBER LIBRARY DIRECTORS - SEPTEMBER 2018

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The format of this report is based on the MHLS service priorities as determined by MHLS stakeholders.

### 1 DELIVERY SERVICES (REBEKKAH)

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#### 1.1 DELIVERY SERVICE CONTRACT RFP

- a. Our current delivery service contract will expire in June 2019. The RFP timeline will kick off in the first quarter of 2019. This timeline will include regular reporting to both the System Services Advisory Committee and the DA.

### 2 INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM & CATALOGING SERVICES (LAURIE)

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#### 2.1 ILS REVIEW AND REPORT — ACTION PLAN TO FACILITATE STAKE HOLDERS REVIEW

- a. Write, distribute and discuss with stakeholders an LSP whitepaper, which will guide and inform stakeholders about LSP issues and present options on how to best proceed in 9/1/2019. This requires a review of the current system, the available upgrades and the near future roadmap against the viable vendors.
  - o Continue with current contract, rolling over year to year
  - o Renegotiate with Innovative for a more favorable installation and contract
  - o Negotiate a contract for service with a new vendor (Migration)
- b. MHLS Techop staff review to narrow the field to only those vendors who could meet our current needs and parameters (CarlX, Autographics, Polaris, Sirsi Dynix), we were left with Innovative Sierra and Sirsi Dynix.
- c. A working group of individuals picked for their experience with ILS systems was formed to review the Sirsi's Symphony/Blue cloud against the Sierra system both as it stands and with the additional compliments of the "Success Package". The initial reviews were online followed by onsite demos (iii's is scheduled for Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>).
- d. The SSAC confirmed the working group's recommendation that energy moving forward be focused on assessing SirsiDynix and Innovative exclusively as our primary feasible options.
- e. The DA will receive a white paper report at the November business meeting to be voted on in the early part of 2019.
- f. We must be ready to begin to migrate by late April to be live by 9/1/19.

#### 2.2 SIERRA 4.0

- a. The migration took place on 8/14 and was a success overall. We are still working out a few small items.

- Collection agency testing is ongoing, but stable
- Additional field possibilities – next RS sharing
- 3 Webinars to train offline circulation with 30 registered attendees, MHLS Support staff remote installed 12 libraries.

### 2.3 ENCORE 4.7 SP2

- a. The Migration took place on 8/16.
  - Facet sorting for collection and location is not alphabetized (again). We hope a patch will be made available.

## 3 COORDINATED IT SERVICES (LAURIE)

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### 3.1 WINDOWS 7 SUPPORT ENDING

- a. Support for Windows 7 will end on January 14, 2020. Microsoft will no longer provide security updates or technical support for devices running Windows 7 operating systems. You should be preparing for updates in your 2019 budget if you have not yet done so.

### 3.2 MHLS MOVES TO VOICE OVER IP

- a. Our copper based phone system and connections were in dire need of replacement. We had downed lines that disrupted our ability to speak with you and provide core services to patrons.
- b. VOIP offers cost savings and improved features.
- c. Better caller experience
- d. Teleforms – We were able to find a vendor that could work with our current dialing system with references from other Innovative Users.
- e. The system we chose allows us to upgrade teleforms to the newer and improved i-Tiva platform.

## 4 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CONTINUING EDUCATION

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### 4.1 NO GROUP-BUY OF LYNDA.COM FOR 2019 (MERRIBETH)

- a. MHLS libraries that are current subscribers thorough the group-buy of Lynda.com for library staff (Clinton, Garrison, Kent, Kingston, Mahopac, Marlboro, Plattekill, PPLD, Putnam Valley, Rhinecliff, Saugerties, Tivoli) **will continue to have access** until the end of the subscription 12/18/18.
- b. MHLS will not offer a group-buy for this resource for 2019, as the vendor is changing how it is sold to customers, and that group-buy is no longer an option.

### 4.2 NEW DIRECTORS FORUM TO BE HELD AFTER THE SEPTEMBER DA MEETING (REBEKKAH)

- a. Member library directors who have been in their positions for 3 years or less are invited to join us for the New Directors Forum (formerly known as the New Directors Roundtable) after the September DA meeting from 12:30-2:30pm in the MHLS Auditorium

- b. Our topic will be budget planning and our guest speakers are Carol Fortier, Director of the Beekman Library & AnnaLee Giraldo, Director of the Kinderhook Memorial Library.
- c. Registration is required for this event so we have an accurate count for lunch:  
<https://bit.ly/2KTQ3PZ>

#### 4.3 TRUSTEE EDUCATION SERIES (REBEKKAH)

- a. Essentials: Roles & Responsibilities (*all attendees will receive a free copy of the brand new 2018 edition of the Trustee Handbook*)
  - Friday, September 7 from 9:30am-12:30pm @MHLS Auditorium
  - Saturday, September 22 from 9:30am-12:30pm @Kingston Library
- b. Intermediate: Financial & Fiduciary Responsibilities
  - Tuesday, September 25 from 5:30-8:30am @MHLS Auditorium
- c. NEW: Advanced: Strategic Thinking: Planning & Advocacy
  - Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-12:30pm
  - Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30pm @MHLS Auditorium
- d. Please encourage your trustees to attend these session. Directors are welcome to attend as well. You can learn more and register online at <http://calendar.midhudson.org>

#### 4.4 FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP (REBEKKAH)

- a. Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30pm at the BRAND NEW Highland Public Library (14 Elting Place, Highland, NY 12528). A light dinner will be provided.
- b. Topic: PR Idea Exchange
- c. Please encourage your Friends to register online for this event online at <http://calendar.midhudson.org>

#### 4.5 OVERVIEW OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) FOR LIBRARY FACILITIES (REBEKKAH)

- a. In partnership with the Northeast ADA Center, MHLS is offering a custom webinar for member libraries on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 -11:30am - that will provide:
  - Overview of the ADA
    - ADA definition of “person with a disability”
    - Review of the 5 Titles of the ADA and how they are enforced
  - Focus on ADA Title II obligations for state/local government entities – including public libraries
    - Self-evaluation
    - Transition Planning
    - Review of Title II “Program Accessibility” requirements
  - Discuss ADA Priorities for physical accessibility
  - Answer to your questions
- b. Please register online for this event at <https://bit.ly/2GNnEsN>

## 5 CONSULTING & DEVELOPMENT (REBEKKAH)

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### 5.1 2018 LAB PROJECT TO BE FEATURED DURING THE PR EXCHANGE

- a. Member Library Directors involved in the 2018 Lab Project: Cardholder Activation & Retention will share their experience working on this project during a panel presentation at the 2018 PR Exchange which will occur directly after the DA business meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

### 5.2 TURNING OUTWARDS COHORT

- a. Members of the 2018 Turning Outwards Cohort have interviewed more than 300 Hudson Valley residents to identify community aspirations. All ten members of the cohort plan to use this information to shape strategic planning over the next year at their library.
- b. Members of the cohort will attend a full day training on September 21 to identify themes in the data they have collected and translate that into action plans.
- c. **If you are interested in joining the 2019 cohort please register for the 2019 Introductory Webinar on November 1.** Feel free to contact me with any questions: [rsmith@midhudson.org](mailto:rsmith@midhudson.org)
- d. If you are looking for more info please feel free to contact me or speak with a member of the current cohort (Cold Spring, Highland, Hudson, Kingston, LaGrange, New Lebanon, Putnam Valley, Rhinebeck, Saugerties, Tivoli. We will also offer an informational webinar to help you understand what to expect if you were to participate next year in November.

### 5.3 PROJECT OUTCOME LIBRARIES

- a. Reminder: Next Virtual Meeting is on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-12:00pm

### 5.4 NEW EDITION OF THE TRUSTEE HANDBOOK NOW AVAILABLE

- a. A new edition of the *Handbook for Library Trustees of New York State* is now available in both print, for \$5.00 a copy, (by using this [order form](#)) and online, for free, (through the [New York State Library's web site](#))
- b. Updates include:
  - o Alignment of information with the newly revised Minimum Standards for Public Libraries in NYS;
  - o Clarity on the questions surrounding the Library Treasurer and Library District Clerk positions;
  - o Expanded commentary on procurement policies and the “claims audit” procedure, a very hot topic in recent audits of public libraries by the Office of the State Comptroller;
  - o New information about the position of the Library Director as an “Officer of the Corporation” and the suggestion that the Library Director take the Oath of Office, just as public library trustees do;
  - o Connections to the work of the Sustainability Initiative of the New York Library Association; and
  - o Links to several brand-new webinars that will help you do your job as a trustee.

## 5.5 REVISED MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN NEW YORK STATE

- a. The NYS Board of Regents have approved amendments to Commissioner's Regulations 90.2, Standards for Registration, also known as the Minimum Standards for Public Libraries in New York State. This is the first update to these standards since 1983.
- b. All public and association libraries will be required to comply with these new standards by January 1, 2021.
- c. Compliance with these standards is required to retain your library's registration, the document that authorizes your library to receive tax dollars.
- d. Major changes include:
  - a. Updated language in the standards for registration related to library bylaws, a long-range plan, an annual report, the annual budget, and the periodic evaluation of programs, services and collections. Requires library bylaws and written policies to be reviewed and reapproved by the board at least once every five years or earlier if required by law.
  - b. Adds language to clarify that current information about the library, its governance and its services should be available to the community both in print and online.
  - c. Adds language to the existing standards about maintaining a library facility that addresses community needs, to clarify that the restroom should be a public restroom and further clarifies the need for adequate power and data infrastructure.
  - d. Updates current language in the standard related to providing equipment, technology and internet connectivity to address community needs, to include the need for a circulation system that facilitates access to the local library collection and other library catalogs.
  - e. Adds three new standards – one related to library programming, one related to annual technology training for library staff appropriate to their position, and one related to establishing and maintaining partnerships with other education, cultural and community organizations.
- e. These new standards were developed through a partnership with the NYS Division of Library Development, the Public Library Systems Directors Organization (PULISDO), the New York Library Association (NYLA) and the Library Trustee Association of New York State (LTA). In 2017, multiple drafts were shared statewide with library leaders, including all public and association library directors/managers. A statewide survey conducted in November/December 2017 received 290 responses. Some 45% of the respondents were library trustees. The majority of survey respondents indicated overall support for the updates, with a few respondents noting that some smaller and rural libraries may need additional support and assistance from their systems and the State Library to successfully achieve compliance.
- f. The State Library is working to update their resources to help support libraries in meeting these new standards and once their updated "Helpful Information" pages are updated to align with the new standards MHLS will plan training for library directors and trustees to help educate you on how the new standards will impact your library.

## 6 COOPERATIVE COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT & DIGITAL COLLECTION ACCESS (MERRIBETH)

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### 6.1 2019 E-MAGAZINE COLLECTION – NEW TITLES AND NON-RENEWALS - DUE OCTOBER 1

- a. The RBdigital collection (previously known as Zinio) was fully funded in 2018 with support from New York State (through Central Library Development Aid, Central Book Aid and Family Literacy Funds), Columbia County Library Association, East Fishkill Public Library District, Poughkeepsie Public Library District, Putnam County Library Association and Ulster County Library Association.
  - o Use this link [Current E-Magazine Content Master Order Form](#) to view the E-Magazines that are available, their price and circulation caps.
- b. Libraries and county associations that currently provide (or would like to start providing) funding for RBdigital titles need to have any additions or deletions to the 2019 collection to me **by October 1st**.
- c. A list of E-Magazines currently subscribed to is available at <https://midhudson.org/topics/statistics-research/zino-usage-statistics-by-library/>.
- d. Access the collection at <http://tinyurl.com/mhls-emag>

### 6.2 VENDOR CONTACTS FOR POTENTIAL DATABASES

- a. A reminder that in September 2014 it was decided that MHLS and the Central Library/Collection Development Advisory Committee will only review databases that have been brought to the CL/CD committee by a county group for potential group purchase. Please do not refer vendors directly to MHLS.

### 6.3 TOP OVERDRIVE HOLDS

- a. As of 8/28/18 here are the top 10 OverDrive titles with the highest copy to holds ratio. **If you have not already purchased an Advantage copy of this title, you may want to check to see how many of your patrons are in the holds queue for these.**

Title	Author	Format	Total Holds	Number of Copies	Consortium Ratio*	Price
Girl, Wash Your Face: Stop Believing the Lies About Who You Are so You Can Become Who You Were Meant to Be	Rachel Hollis	eBook	37	1	37	\$19.99
Tailspin	Sandra Brown	eBook	37	1	37	\$81.00
Dark Sacred Night: Renee Ballard Series, Book 2	Michael Connelly	eBook	31	1	31	\$87.00
Past Tense: A Jack Reacher Novel	Lee Child	eBook	29	1	29	\$65.00
Girl, Wash Your Face: Stop Believing the Lies About Who You Are so You Can Become Who You Were Meant to Be (unabridged)	Rachel Hollis	Audio-book	56	2	28	\$43.99

Dark Sacred Night: Bosch and Ballard Series, Book 1	Michael Connelly	Audio-book	26	1	26	\$47.99
Baby Teeth: A Novel	Zoje Stage	eBook	23	1	23	\$60.00
The Kiss Quotient	Helen Hoang	eBook	23	1	23	\$45.00
An Unwanted Guest	Shari Lapena	eBook	45	2	22.5	\$65.00
Tailspin	Sandra Brown	Audio-book	22	22	22	\$59.99

\* The "Consortium Ratio" indicates "All Holds" / copies of the title in the shared collection (including Advantage Plus shared copies).

## 7 AWARENESS & ADVOCACY SERVICES

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### 7.1 SAVE THE DATE! 2019 LIBRARY ADVOCACY DAY IN ALBANY

- a. The New York Library Association's 2019 Library Advocacy Day in Albany will be on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- b. This is our annual trip to Albany to advocate for operating aid for MHLS, Local Library Services Aid for your library and for the State Aid for Library Construction Program. All major financial components to the success of libraries in New York State.

### 7.2 NYLA STEPS UP TO HELP THE WOODSTOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

- a. The Woodstock Public Library District is faced with an unprecedented situation: a petition has been filed by citizens of the town to force a vote on the questions of whether or not the library district should be "dissolved and terminated." For more information: <https://hudsonvalleyone.com/2018/08/23/woodstock-library-district-dissolution-referendum-set-for-general-election/>
- b. The Council of the New York Library Association (NYLA) has authorized both in-kind support in the form of consulting from NYLA staff and financial support to help the community keep its library in its current form.

## 8 INTERLIBRARY LOAN SERVICES

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### 8.1 NO REPORT FOR THIS MEETING

- a. If you have a question about this service area, contact Tara Stohr (ill@midhudson.org).

## 9 CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM SERVICES (REBEKKAH)

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### 9.1 2018-2021 STATE AID FOR LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM UPDATE

- a. Seventeen (17) applications for funding through the State Aid for Library Construction Program were received. Requests totaled over \$2.3 million. The MHLS region is allotted \$1,276,323
- b. Applications were ranked based on the funding priorities identified by the MHLS Board of Trustees in March 2018. Recommendations for award amounts will be presented at the September 12<sup>th</sup> MHLS Board meeting at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison, NY.
- c. Applicants will be notified of recommended award amounts approved by our board by September 15<sup>th</sup>. At that time the library director and board president will need to certify their intent to proceed with their application or withdraw their application.

## 10 COMMUNICATIONS AMONG MEMBER LIBRARIES (REBEKKAH)

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### 10.1 A NEW LOOK FOR THE MHLS BULLETIN

- a. Thanks to the efforts of Kerstin Cruger, MHLS Library Sustainability Associate & Communications Specialist, our weekly newsletter, the MHLS Bulletin, will have a new look starting in September.
- b. Kerstin will be taking on a larger role in the editing of the Bulletin moving forward as I take on my new responsibilities as Executive Director.
- c. As always, if you need help posting a job ad or have an innovative service or program that you think may be newsworthy for the MHLS Bulletin readership send it on over to [bulletin@midhudson.org](mailto:bulletin@midhudson.org)

## 11 SPECIAL POPULATIONS (MERRIBETH)

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### 11.1 NYS TALKING BOOK AND BRAILLE LIBRARY

- a. Starting in the 2017 Annual Report, there is a new question - is your library is registered for services with the NYS Talking Book and Braille Library. If your library is not, and you would like to register:
  - o Download and print out the institutional application at <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl/app-institution.pdf> . Send it back to TBBL by fax to (518) 474-7041 OR scan it and send it as an email attachment to [tbbl@nysed.gov](mailto:tbbl@nysed.gov) OR mail to: New York State Talking Book and Braille Library, Cultural Education Center, 222 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY 12230-0001.
  - o If you would like TBBL display material for your library, contact them and they will be glad to send materials to you. Also see <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl/outreach.htm>
  - o Once you become a TBBL member, apply for your BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) demo account. The National Library Service (NLS) allows you access to four demonstration titles. Downloading these titles – using either a computer or the BARD



mobile apps - will provide you with experience that you can pass on to your TBBL patrons.

## 11.2 NYS LIBRARY'S ADULT LITERACY LIBRARY SERVICES 2017-2018 FUNDS AWARDED

- a. Congratulations to nine MHLS member libraries who have each received \$1,000, funded by the 2017-2018 New York State Library's Adult Literacy Library Services grant program and 2018 Coordinated Outreach Services Aid administered through MHLS:
  - o Brewster Public Library partnered with Delancy Street Foundation
  - o Grinnell Public Library District partnered with Wappingers Central School District
  - o Hudson Area Library, Poughkeepsie Public Library District, and Stanford Free Library partnered with Literacy Connections of the Hudson Valley
  - o Kingston Library and Saugerties Public Library partnered with Ulster Literacy Association
  - o Patterson Library partnered with Information Performance Corporation
  - o Pawling Library partnered with Dutchess Community College.
- b. These libraries have worked with literacy partner organizations over the past year, providing more than 609 group programs and a total of 4,311 one-on-one programs, which enhanced workforce development services in their libraries; improved adult literacy on the job and in the home; and increased participation of adults in library literacy programs, improving their career and educational opportunities.
- c. Participating libraries developed a Tip Sheet to share at <https://tinyurl.com/MHLSAdultLitTips2017-18>

## 11.3 SUMMER READING FINAL REPORT – DUE SEPTEMBER 28

- a. The 2018 Summer Reading Program Final Report is now available for MHLS member libraries. Every member library is required to submit an online Summer Reading Program Final Report. This information is sent to the Division of Library Development and assists your library with needed statistics for the Member Library Annual Report.
- b. If you have any questions or your library will not be able to submit by the deadline please contact Kerstin, [kcruger@midhudson.org](mailto:kcruger@midhudson.org) or 471-6060 ext.250
- c. For the questions and online report form please visit <https://midhudson.org/summer-reading-program>

## 11.4 OUTREACH 2018 MINI-GRANT RECEIPTS & FORMS – DUE NOVEMBER 15

- a. 33 member libraries<sup>1</sup> were notified of the approval of their 2018 Outreach Mini-Grants (funded by NYS 2018 Outreach Categorical Aid, administered by MHLS) at the beginning of August by email and packet in the delivery, funded by
- b. A reminder that the Receipt Form with all receipts attached (dated 1/1/18 – 11/1/18) must be sent in to MHLS Business Office before November 15, 2018 for reimbursement. MHLS will reimburse your library within 3 weeks of receiving your completed paperwork, so if it is ready, send it in!

## 11.5 DONATIONS FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITY LIBRARIES

- a. If you are weeding keep in mind we are looking for **paperbacks of interest to men and medical books published within the past 6 years.**
- b. These donations are of great interest to our correctional facility libraries. If you bring them to a MHLS meeting or workshop (please do not use the delivery for donations) we will be pleased to pass them on. Thank you in advance for giving your materials a second life and for helping to contribute to the literacy, information seeking and recreational reading of many people.

## 12 COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WITH OTHER LIBRARY SYSTEMS

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### 12.1 INNOVATIVE USERS GET TOGETHER IN STAMFORD, CT (LAURIE)

- a. We are lucky to be in an area that is rich with other Innovative systems users, it just made sense to get together. We will be gathering in Stamford CT at the Ferguson Public library on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September to share ideas and solutions, and hopefully get a full blown regional conference in place for the future. The idea was born at the IUG when a group of us northeast locals were together sharing ideas at the IUG desert reception. After the conference we worked on a guest list and possible presentations. Innovative will also be there to share their upcoming roadmap.

## 13 ADMINISTRATIVE (REBEKKAH)

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### 13.1 A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW MHLS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, REBEKKAH SMITH ALDRICH

- a. **I am excited to have begun my new role at MHLS!** After twenty years of watching and participating in the powerful platform the System provides to strengthen member libraries, I am honored to take on the challenge of being this organization's executive director.

During my tenure as Coordinator for Library Sustainability I was focused on a goal of helping member libraries receive direct-taxpayer support of their operations in order to stabilize and sustain our libraries. We are now faced with a new challenge – to inspire taxpayers and legislators to continue to invest in the promise of our libraries and our system so that we can increase our capacity to meet growing and changing community needs.

**There are both opportunities and challenges ahead.** State funding has been stagnating for years, stunting the purchasing power of MHLS. We are all confronted with a hyper-visual digital landscape that we must master to ensure patrons are connecting with the various services we invest thousands of dollars in for their benefit. Our world today is a disruptive place not only technologically but politically, economically, environmentally and socially. Divisive politics, an era of “fake news” and “alternate facts,” and threats to our economy from cyberterrorism are characteristics of our time. A true sign that the role of the local public library to serve as not just an educator but as a community catalyst and convener for positive change has never been more important.

**Never forget:** we are mighty! This System boasts a dedicated and talented staff and board; 66 member library directors who are leading and innovating on the frontlines; and more than 600 member library trustees that are dedicated to making the world a better place through their local public library. Library cardholders number over 300,000 systemwide. There is a veritable army of library advocates out there that we need to help all pull in the same direction to inspire future investment of both dollars and good will in our libraries.

I look forward to working with you all to find the right paths forward. This system is a cooperative, it only works when we work together.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with issues, concerns, ideas or kudos for the MHLS staff. I aim to be your partner in creating quality library services for the citizens of the Hudson Valley. My email address and phone extension will remain the same: [rsmith@midhudson.org](mailto:rsmith@midhudson.org); x239.

**b. Stakeholder Survey & Listening Tour**

- a. You and your board president will soon receive a MHLS Stakeholder Survey. This is an initiative I am using to kick off my tenure here at MHLS to ensure I understand what kind of library you are working to create for your community.
- b. I will be knocking on the door of your county directors meetings to have this conversation as well. I have been in touch with each county chair to set up a time to speak with you in that venue.
- c. I will use the information I have gathered to help MHLS staff, trustees and the System Services Advisory Committee to strengthen critical services as well as to design future services and programs that are relevant to you and help us all advance the cause of increasing the visibility, viability and vibrancy of our member libraries.

### 13.2 FILLING THE COORDINATOR FOR LIBRARY SUSTAINABILITY POSITION

- a. Efforts are underway to advertise for a new staff person to fill a position similar to the Coordinator for Library Sustainability position.
- b. In the meantime:
  - a. Please continue to contact me ([rsmith@midhudson.org](mailto:rsmith@midhudson.org); x239) as you normally would for technical assistance and consulting services.
  - b. Kerstin Cruger, MHLS Library Sustainability Associate & Communications Specialist, will take on a more prominent role in a number of key Action Plan projects such as Project Outcome, the Turning Outwards cohort, the 2018 Lab Project and production of the MHLS Bulletin.

### 13.3 59<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

- a. Registration is now open for the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Meeting of the Mid-Hudson Library System: <https://bit.ly/2PaTpRm>
- b. Details:
  - o **When:** Friday, November 2, 2018

- Registration opens at 8:15am
  - Breakfast Buffet provided
  - Business Meeting & Awards at 9:00am
  - Keynote Presentation at 10:30am
  - Program ends at 12:15pm
- **Where:** [Locust Grove Historic Estate, Museum & Nature Preserve](#) in Poughkeepsie, NY
  - **Keynote Presenter:** **Garry Golden, Futurist** [<http://www.garrygolden.com/>]



**Focusing on the Future: Getting Ahead of the Curve:** Today, libraries are continually confronted with claims that advances in technology will disrupt our future. Some predictions may be overhyped, while other emerging trends may indeed change the role of libraries in helping our communities thrive in an uncertain future. Futurist Garry Golden will help us imagine implications at the intersection of demographic and digital change, exploring questions such as: How aging populations and caregiver culture will impact our communities; How social equity can be achieved while pursuing innovation; and What will the next wave of digital policies and innovations mean for the library user experience?

After a break the keynote speaker will provide an **extended session** to continue the conversation, taking a deeper dive into the emerging trends introduced in the keynote presentation and expanding into the topic of the future of learning and “experience data.” Attendees will have the opportunity to imagine the future of library experiences and how they may be transformed by access to lifelong learning data through a Q&A portion of the session with Mr. Golden as well as table talk discussion with fellow attendees.

- c. **Pre-Event Survey:** MHLS is focusing on the future for our 2018 Annual Meeting! This survey should take you around 15 minutes to complete. The responses will help us begin thinking about how the future might be different and help our presenter, Futurist Garry Golden, get a sense of where our thinking is. Survey responses are anonymous. We will provide an aggregated summary to all attendees. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TYWQRS6>

## 13.4 MEMBER LIBRARY MILEAGE EQUALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM

- a. [Information & Details](#)
- b. [Claim Form](#) (due July 15 & December 15)
- c. [Mileage Chart](#)
- d. [Library Resolution Details](#)

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<sup>i</sup> Adirance, Amenia, Beekman, Brewster, Cairo, Chatham, Claverack, Clinton, D.R. Evarts, Esopus, Grinnell, Highland, Howland, Hudson, Hunter, Hurley, Kinderhook, LaGrange, Mahopac, Marlboro, Millbrook, Mountain Top, Olive, Patterson, Pawling, Philmont, Pine Plains, RoeJan, Sarah Hull Hallock, Saugerties, Staatsburg, Tivoli, West Hurley