

**Mohawk Valley Library System
Director's Report
June & July 2018**

Administration & Governance

State Aid distribution began in mid-July; a modern record. Most aid categories will be increased at just under 1%. We will do the associated budget amendments in September, once we have all of the updated figures for state aid and bullet aid. Typically Bullet Aid is released in October.

Glenn Winter from T.M. Byxbee was in to do the onsite part of our annual review in July. As always, the process went smoothly. Glenn expects to have the reviewed statements and IRS 990 form ready for your review by the September meeting.

The Building and Equipment Committee held their annual walkabout meeting on June 21. Several items were discussed including:

- Needed sealing and caulking of the front steps and back wall
- Possible future project to upgrade the heating system
- Possible future development of additional signage

The parking lot has been re-sealed and striped. Next year we may look at having more extensive repairs done.

Much behind-the-scenes work is being done to retire the MVLS server and switch our local file storage to OneDrive. I will provide additional information at our August meeting. We are planning to have that process complete by the end of September.

I am on vacation in Rhode Island from August 6 – 10; and at the New York Association of Library Systems conference from August 15 – 17.

Automation and Resource Sharing

The Joint Automation Council met on July 11 at MVLS. The June software upgrade went well with welcome new changes to the public catalog. Two policies were amended and will be brought to the MVLS and SALS boards for final approval. We also discussed the budget and some upgrades to job descriptions. The next JA Council meeting will be at SALS on September 12.

Work continues on the many JA projects in the works, including the patron address project and implementing OneDrive to member libraries.

Outreach Services

The Outreach Advisory Council met on July 23. This group provides input into the Adult Literacy Grants. At the meeting, Karen Bradley from Schenectady and Nicole Hemsley from Amsterdam provided information on past grants. This year, since no libraries were interested in applying for their own projects, Lois has developed a job coaching project that libraries can participate in. So far six libraries/branches are interested. If there is sufficient interest, we may explore MVLS putting in

additional resources beyond the \$4,727 that New York State allocates for adult literacy at MVLS. Minutes from the Outreach Advisory Council meetings are now available on the MVLS website at: <http://www.mvls.info/insidemvls/outreach-advisory-council/>

For 2018 the Hale Creek facility will continue with the successful “Write for Your Life” program series. This will take up most of the Corrections state aid. Hale Creek is also seeking funding from Poets & Writers for the project.

MVLS is cooperating with UHLS and SALS in providing books for asylum seekers confined at the Albany County Jail. Lois has worked on selecting some of the materials.

Adult Services

Lois continues to work on developing the “Library Moon Walk” project with UHLS and SALS. This project, funded by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, will help member libraries make connections with medical institutions and provide resources to library users. Much outreach is being done with various medical organizations, and a workshop is being planned for Monday, October 15.

The NYSCA funded “Books ala Carte” and “Authors Among Us” programs are in full swing at member libraries. Please consider participating. The schedules are available at: <http://www.mvls.info/current-projects/>

Lois’ contacts & visits: 6/6 – MVLS Foundation Meeting; 6/8 – Webinar with NNLM for grant coordination, meeting with Erica and Deanna; 6/11- CDLC –Great American Read; 6/15- Adirondack Rural Health Network; 6/19 – Hale Creek; 6/27- Schaffer Library – Albany Medical College (Elizabeth Irish, Kara Burke, Erica and Deanna); Gateway; 7/2/18- Krisitin Pullyblank- RHENSOM –Regional Health Education Network of Schoharie, Otsego, and Montgomery Counties; 7/12/18- SCP Construction committee
7/12/18- SCP Project Outcome; 7/18/18- Erica Freudenberger, Deanna DiCarlo, Gloria Kishton, Jack Scott and Katie Stair, Hudson Mohawk Area Health Education Center; 7/23/18- Outreach Advisory Committee; 7/24/18 – Space Planning workshop, Paul Smith’s College

Youth Services

The 2018 statewide Summer Reading Program “Libraries Rock!”, is in full swing at MVLS member libraries. We are making great progress with Beanstack participation this year, with 14 libraries/branches using Beanstack and 1,013 patrons registered on the software.

The MVLS collection of Lego bricks continues to be well used at member libraries. We had an additional 10 bins of Legos donated this summer.

The 2017-18 Family Literacy Grant has been submitted. Through the project, 63 staff/volunteers were trained; with 140 programs presented by member library staff/volunteers utilizing the new training on providing effective programs for children. Year three of the project will be very similar. Funding continues to support the Picture Book City and 1000 Books Before Kindergarten projects. Picture Book City is progressing at the Woodlawn branch.

Summer Science @ the Library programs continue at member libraries. Wade had introduced kinetic sticks into the program. Dominos and magnetiles have been added to the MVLS STEM kits for use at member libraries.

The success of last April's Tri-State Teen Meet-up has Sue and her colleagues at SALS and UHLS planning for a second session on April 11, 2019.

Sue's meetings, contacts & field visits: CDLC Field Visits with Kathleen Gundrum, SCP; MID; SHO; QUA, 6/7; Lego Donation Pickup, Guilderland, 6/18; ALA Annual Conference, New Orleans, 6/22-6/26
FLLS Planning Meeting, Joyce Laiosa, 6/28; Out for surgery/recovery 6/29-7/10; Science @ the Library, ROT, 7/2 – Wade Abbott; Science @ the Library, QUA, 7/11; Beyond Surveys Webinar, 7/18; Collecting 2.0--Taking a Deep Dive – Teen Webinar, 7/19; Science @ the Library, FON, 7/23; Be a Data Champion Webinar, 7/24; Science @ the Library, MTP/Pleasant Valley School, 7/25; Start with Science Meeting, Alison Dubrey, 7/30

Member Services

Upcoming workshops include the following:

September 6 - Director's Council at St. Johnsville
September 27 – Adult Program Swop at MVLS
September 28 – CDLC Member Showcase
October 11 – Youth Services Workshop
October 15 – National Network of Libraries of Medicine Workshop
November 7 – 10 – NYLA Conference in Rochester

Lois is working with several libraries on potential construction projects. Applications are due by August 31. We are looking at making revisions to the "Additional Information" page found at: <http://www.mvls.info/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2018-Additional-Information-Form-PLC.pdf> to try and make the committee's work easier. The Library Services Committee will meet in September before the September 20 Board meeting to determine recommended awards based on the applications. The MVLS board will need to approve a system proposal at the September meeting.

Lois is working with Schenectady to help them implement Project Outcome for their technology programs. This should help produce more useful data on the effectiveness and need for these programs.

The Capital District Library Council is coordinating library participation in the PBS Great American Read project.

We continue to work with the Johnstown Library on helping them get their newly approved school district public library chartered.

Advocacy & Awareness

We are now working with Gloversville on developing a new mission statement, and Wade is meeting with several other libraries to get more libraries participating. We will discuss this at the August meeting. Several stories are in the works for the stories.mvls.info site.

The Foundation held another successful fundraiser on July 31. Profit on the golf tournament was \$3,500.

The Foundation has approved two grant packages that we will ask the MVLS board to approve at the August meeting. \$4,500 has been allocated to advocacy grants and \$7,500 to the annual library public service grants that are available to every library. We will discuss at the August meeting. I would also like to have a discussion on other avenues we may want to explore for Foundation grants.

I mentioned above that I am at the NYALS Conference. The founding and remaining primary purpose of NYALS has been statewide advocacy for library funding. I can share some information at our August meeting on where this is going in the future.

Meetings, Contacts & Field Visits

6/1/2018	Hannah Stahl, Canajoharie Library & Art Gallery
6/4/2018	MVLS Member Library Directors
6/5/2018	Capital District Library Council Division of Library Development, NYSED Barbara Madonna, Gloversville Public Library MVLS Member Library Board Presidents Devon Hedges, The Community Library
6/6/2018	Foundation Board Erica Wing, Johnstown Public Library MVLS Workshop Karen Bradley, Schenectady County Public Library
6/8/2018	Hannah Stahl, Canajoharie Library & Art Gallery Foundation Board MVLS Member Library Directors
6/11/2018	Bonnie Kerr Melissa Stocking, Quipu
6/12/2018	MVLS Trustee Education Session
6/13/2018	Capital District Library Council
6/14/2018	Hannah Stahl, Canajoharie Library & Art Gallery Michael Burnett, Northville Public Library
6/15/2018	Capital District Library Council
6/18/2018	Ava Douglass Mary Anne Waltz, Division of Library Development MVLS Member Library Directors
6/19/2018	Nicole Hemsley, Amsterdam Free Library Hannah Stahl, Canajoharie Library & Art Gallery Eric Kass, Fort Hunter Free Library Helen Thomas, Sharon Springs Library
6/20/2018	Barbara Madonna, Gloversville Public Library
6/21/2018	MVLS Board of Trustees MVLS Building & Equipment Committee
6/25/2018	MVLS Member Library Directors Michael Burnett, Northville Public Library

6/26/2018 Erica Wing, Johnstown Public Library
 6/27/2018 Michael Burnett, Northville Public Library
 6/28/2018 Mary Anne Waltz, Division of Library Development
 Barbara Madonna, Gloversville Public Library
 MVLS Member Library Directors
 6/29/2018 Barbara Lilley, Division of Library Development
 Devon Hedges, The Community Library
 7/2/2018 Bonnie Kerr
 Hannah Stahl, Canajoharie Library & Art Gallery
 7/3/2018 Bonnie Kerr
 JA PAC Steering Committee
 Edward Asselin, SUNY Cobleskill
 7/5/2018 Bonnie Kerr
 Erica Wing, Johnstown Public Library
 MVLS Member Library Directors
 MVLS Trustee Education Session
 7/9/2018 Mal Martin
 Bonnie Kerr
 Mary Anne Waltz, Division of Library Development
 Terry Pavoldi, Middleburgh Public Library
 7/11/2018 Bonnie Kerr
 Hannah Stahl, Canajoharie Library & Art Gallery
 JA Council
 MVLS Member Library Directors
 7/13/2018 MVLS Awards Committee
 7/16/2018 Bonnie Kerr
 Joe Santangelo, Arkell Hall Foundation
 Foundation Board
 Erica Wing, Johnstown Public Library
 Catherine Caiazzo, Schoharie Free Library
 7/17/2018 Bonnie Kerr
 7/18/2018 Michael Burnett, Northville Public Library
 Dawn Lamphere, The Margaret Reaney Memorial Library
 7/19/2018 Bonnie Kerr
 Brian Hildreth, Southern Tier Library System
 7/24/2018 MVLS Member Library Directors
 Edward Asselin, SUNY Cobleskill
 7/31/2018 Foundation Golf Tournament