

MOHAWK VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM
ANNUAL MEETING

River Stone Manor
Glenville, New York
May 11, 2011

- MVLS Trustees:** Sarah Beekman, Margaret Carballeira, Elizabeth Cleary, Cheryl Cufari, Patricia Franco, Barbara Germain, Marion Grimes, Bonnie Kerr
- MVLS Staff:** Valerie Catlin, Carol Clingan, Terri Flower, Lois Gordon, Kathy Insero, Sharon O'Brien, Sue Rokos, Joe Sherry, Maria Tse
- Joint Automation Staff:** Mary Hanley
- Guests:** Tatiana Boba, Tim Burke, Jeff Cannell, Bonnie Keller, Kathryn McCary

Library Trustees, Library Directors and Staff, and Friends

Fulton County

- Gloversville** Elizabeth Batchelor, David Heacock, Corky Heacock, Donna Kuhner, Barbara Madonna, Christine Pesses, David Pesses
- Johnstown** James Cleary, Denise Walsh, Thomas Walsh
- Northville** Michael Burnett

Montgomery County

- Amsterdam** Katie Capel, Thom Georgia, Jane Getty, Nicole Hemsley, Robin Kappler, John Naple
- Fort Hunter** Norma Jean Bennett, Tina Shave, Sue Summerfield
- Fort Plain** Eileen Chambers, Catherine Clinton, Laura Flynn, Virginia Hill, Susanne Manclow, Sally Taylor, Paige Young
- Fonda** George Carter, Alice Hinkle, Sherri Kirschman
- St. Johnsville** Sharon Fuller, Dawn Lamphere, Rebecca Sokol, Marta Zimmerman

- Schenectady County** Andy Kulmatiski, Charlotte Morey, Esther Swanker, Harold Wusterbarth, Junice Wusterbarth

Schoharie County

- Cobleskill** Lisa Breitbach, Lee Ricci, Deb Wingfield

Middleburgh	Vicki DeGross, Anne LaMont, Teresa Pavoldi, Hilary Virgil
Schoharie	Cathy Caiazza, Bonnie Farineau, Emily Henry, Deborah Paden, Arlene Price, Laura Rosenthal, Carl Stefanik
Sharon Springs	Ruth Parsons, Mary Ellen Wolfe

The fifty-second annual meeting of the Mohawk Valley Library System was held at the River Stone Manor in Glenville.

Carol Clingan, Director, welcomed all and introduced special guests Tatiana Boba, assistant to Assemblyman Peter Lopez, Jeff Cannell, Deputy Commissioner for Cultural Education, and Tim Burke, Director, Upper Hudson Library System.

Carol introduced the members of the Mohawk Valley Library System Board, MVLS staff and Mary Hanley from the Joint Automation Project.

Michael Burnett, Chair of the MVLS Directors' Council acknowledged member library directors from each library.

Business Meeting:

MVLS Board President Betty Cleary called the annual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

She noted that 13 libraries were in attendance and recognized their trustees.

Betty thanked Senator Hugh Farley and Senator Jim Seward for their outspoken advocacy for restoration of \$3 million in state aid to libraries this year. She also publicly thanked Assemblymen Amedore, Lopez, and Tedisco who also supported the restoration of library aid in the recently enacted state budget. Betty encouraged all in attendance to also thank them for their efforts for libraries.

Betty noted copies of the 2010 MVLS Annual Report were on tables. The report highlighted the activities of the past year, including statistics and reports from each of the member libraries. An online version is posted on the MVLS website.

Minutes from the May 2010 meeting were on the tables. Chris Pesses moved, Barbara Germain, seconded, approval and the motion passed.

Betty announced that this year the Board of Trustees moved to honor Junice and Harold Wusterbarth in a special way in light of their ongoing work on behalf of libraries. Beginning this year, the former Trustees Award, presented since 1971, had been renamed the Harold and Junice Wusterbarth Volunteer Service Award recognizing them for their longtime volunteer service on behalf of libraries through their work with the Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library, the Schenectady County Public Library, and the Mohawk Valley Library System. Junice and Harold were in attendance and applauded.

Betty called for the report of the Nominating Committee:

Cheryl Cufari, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented nominations for the following seats on the MVLS Board:

Lisa Cardilli, representing Schoharie County

Ellen McHale, representing Montgomery County

Betty Cleary, representing Fulton County

Betty asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she asked Secretary Patty Franco to cast a single ballot for the slate.

Betty Cleary presented staff recognition awards to Carol Clingan who worked at MVLS for ten years and Sue Rokos who worked at MVLS for twenty years.

Betty recognized Barbara Germain, Chair of the Awards Committee, to introduce the annual MVLS Awards. Barbara acknowledged James Cleary with a Certificate of Gratitude for sending news of member libraries events to each MVLS board meeting. Barbara thanked the Awards Committee, Patricia Franco, Marian Grimes, and Bonnie Kerr for their work on this year's awards and thanked those who submitted nominations this year. She noted the Committee revamped the two awards guidelines to provide guidance for nominations.

David Heacock from the Gloversville Public Library received the 2011 Harold & Junice Wusterbarth Volunteer Service Award. Christine Pesses, President, Gloversville Public Library Board of Trustees, presented the award, describing David's service as trustee of the Gloversville Public Library from 1990 to 2005, and his work changing the library from an association library to a school district public library with a dependable source of income and in creating the Gloversville Library Foundation. Christine presented David with a framed certificate and a certificate from the New York State Senate. The library received \$200 in his honor. Tatiana Boba, Assistant to Assemblyman Peter Lopez presented David with a certificate from the New York State Assembly.

Barbara Germain presented the 2011 Library Recognition Award to the Fort Plain Free Library for their *Twain Along The Mohawk* program. The library developed a community event in celebrating Mark Twain's visit to Fort Plain in 1868 to promote *Innocents Abroad*. Bringing together Twain's words from that visit, the library developed a community event. The library was awarded \$500, a framed certificate and certificates from the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly. Fort Plain Director Laura Flynn described the event and accepted the award on behalf of the library.

Slide shows of historic Fort Plain were available for viewing.

Betty thanked Kathy Insero and Terri Flower for their efforts in organizing the dinner. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

The evening ended with the sixth annual Library Trivia contest hosted by Michael Burnett and assisted by Sharon O'Brien. Winners received books by answering book related questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Franco, Secretary