



MVLS System Trustee Orientation

Welcome to the Board of Trustees of the Mohawk Valley Library System. MVLS is one of 23 Public Library Systems in New York State. We provide service to member public libraries in four counties: Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady and Schoharie; and are an independent extension of the State Education Department's Division of Library Development. We are governed by a Charter, By-Laws, Mission and Plan of Service. Your service on the board will help guide and implement that mission and plan. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Most of the background documentation that you will need to get up to speed on MVLS can be found on the system's web site at www.mvls.info. This orientation packet includes links to specific pages on the web site.

Essential Documents

Mission Statement: <http://www.mvls.info/insidemvls/mission-and-history/>

Plan of Service: <http://www.mvls.info/insidemvls/mission-plan-of-service/plan-of-service/>

By-Laws: <http://www.mvls.info/insidemvls/policies-and-guidelines/>

Policies: <http://www.mvls.info/insidemvls/policies-and-guidelines/>

Who We Are

Board of Trustees: <http://www.mvls.info/insidemvls/governance/board/>

Staff List: <http://www.mvls.info/insidemvls/staff/>

Member Libraries: <http://www.mvls.info/members/>

Board of Trustees Meetings

Meeting Schedule: <http://www.mvls.info/board-of-trustees/>

Meeting Minutes, etc.: <http://www.mvls.info/insidemvls/governance/meetingsandminutes/>

Budgets & Reports: <https://www.mvls.info/insidemvls/reports-and-budgets/>

MVLS Services

Joint Automation Services: www.mvls.info/for-library-staff/automation/

Cataloging: <http://techserv.mvls.info/>

Interlibrary Loan: www.mvls.info/for-library-staff/ill/ill/

Delivery: www.mvls.info/for-library-staff/delivery/

Outreach Services: www.mvls.info/services/outreach/

Youth Services: www.mvls.info/services/youth/

Continuing Education: www.mvls.info/Calendar/

Consultant Services: www.mvls.info/services/youth/picture-book-city/
www.mvls.info/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/policymanual_contents1.pdf

Awareness & Advocacy: www.mvls.info/advocacy/

Background Information for Libraries & Library Trustees

Handbook for Library Trustees in New York State:
<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/trustees/index.html>

State Education Department Division of Library Development:
www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/libs/index.html

Links to a wealth of resources: <http://www.mvls.info/trustees-2/>

Additional Documentation

MVLS Annual Report: www.mvls.info/insidemvls/

MVLS Financial Statements: www.mvls.info/insidemvls/governance/meetingsandminutes/

Joint Automation Agreement: <https://www.mvls.info/for-library-staff/automation/>