

Appropriation For Ulster County Libraries

The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Lomita and Legislators Bartels, Berardi, Gregorius, Provenzano, Zimet, Cummings, Gerentine and Noonan) offers the following:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Consolidated Laws of New York, Education Law Article 5, Part II, Libraries, §256, Contracts: any authority named in section two hundred fifty-five may, individually or jointly with another municipal or district body or tribal government which authorities include County governments, grant money for the support of the cost of maintaining or the cost of any capital improvements to or expenditure for one or more: free association libraries, provided such libraries are registered by the regents, public libraries, provided such libraries are registered by the regents; and cooperative library systems approved by the commissioner, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature has heretofore appropriated the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$57,500.00) for Ulster County libraries to be distributed as agreed to by the majority of libraries in Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, the majority of libraries have agreed to the distribution of such funds as follows:

- Rosetta Stone 9-language learning online \$19,000.00
 - NetLibrary downloadable audio books \$10,000.00
 - HeritageQuestOnline (census, genealogy) \$11,500.00
 - Children’s Books \$ 8,600.00
 - TumbleBook Library (children’s books online) \$ 8,400.00
- Total \$57,500.00

, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the Mid-Hudson Library System the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$57,500.00) for Ulster County libraries, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said Mid-Hudson Library System shall render a verified account of disbursements (including a list of the distribution), and refund any unused amount on or before the 31st day of December 2007, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said County Auditor and/or any and all officers of the County of Ulster, their agents and representatives, shall be allowed full access upon reasonable notice and at reasonable times to view the books, papers, records and premises of the Mid-Hudson Library System during the period that this resolution is in effect for the purpose of ascertaining the manner in which the above sum of money is being used or applied, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that no County money shall be paid to the said Mid-Hudson Library System until a memorandum of receipt, signed by the Director or Business Manager, agreeing to comply with the terms of this Resolution, is delivered to the County Treasurer,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 31 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Felicello)
(Legislator Stoeckeler left at 8:05 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
\$57,500.00 – AS APPROPRIATED IN THE 2007 BUDGET

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