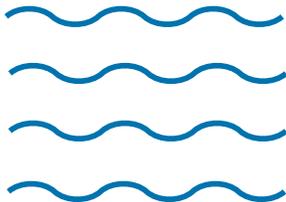


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## Upper Hudson Library System is starting the New Year off with three brand-new Customer Service Workshops.

On Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, Libby Post, President of Communication Services in Albany will present an all-day workshop on "Customer Service as Marketing." Just about every interaction someone has with your library is a marketing experience—from calling with a reference question to checking out a book in person. This 6-hour interactive workshop will show you how to establish your library's branding and marketing and then how to make it come alive through customer service.

This program is \$10.00 to cover the cost of lunch.

On Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, Eleonora Morrell from MicroKnowledge, Inc. will hold a workshop on accessibility and library webpages. In this workshop, participants will become familiar with the importance of website accessibility including:

- Design and legal issues
- Assistive technologies
- Browsers considerations
- Checking for accessibility
- Design tips and techniques

This workshop is designed for: Individuals who have decision-making responsibilities on web site development and design, those who prepare information for publication on the web, and web developers who want the latest information on accessibility issues and solutions.

This program is \$10.00 to cover the cost of lunch.

On Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Michael Sullivan is returning to Upper Hudson Library System by popular demand! Michael will present a half-day program on customer service called "Breaking All the Rules." This program will present alternative approaches to library service focusing on radical customer service. It pushes attendees to question even the most basic assumptions about what public libraries do and why. It addresses cataloging, reference, collection development, children's services and programming and asks, "Does this serve our customers?" Methods are offered as examples of radical departures from standard library practice.

This program is free of charge.

All workshops will be held at Upper Hudson Library System, 28 Essex Street, Albany, NY. Please register by filling out the registration form on page 2 of this newsletter.

These programs are sponsored by a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant to the Upper Hudson Library System

**Customer Service as Marketing – Libby Post**

Friday, January 18, 2008 at 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM at UHLS

Cost: \$10.00 (includes lunch)

For additional information contact Jo-Ann Benedetti (518) 437-9880 x225

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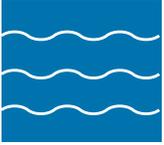
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## Adult Services

### Jo-Ann Benedetti, Manager-ext 225

#### Upper Hudson Library System Offers Disk-Cleaning Machine



Do you have CDs or DVDs that are damaged? Do you hate to throw out an audiobook because one of the CDs is scratched?

Upper Hudson Library System now offers the Eco-Senior disk repair system from RTI. This machine will clean, repair, buff and polish damaged and scratched media so that you can keep it in your collection. The machine is set up and ready for our member libraries to use.

Please call Jo-Ann (x225) or Jonathan (x229) for instructions on how to use the machine.

#### The Big Read

Upper Hudson Library System is once again pleased to announce that we have been selected by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to participate in The Big Read, a national initiative to bring the power of reading back to the center of American culture.

This year, Upper Hudson Library System will be celebrating The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton with book discussions, lectures, children's programming, films, TV programming and tours. If you are interested in participating in The Big Read, but are not sure how, please call Jo-Ann Benedetti at 518-437-9880 x225.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.

#### New Books in the Professional collection

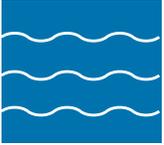
Planning the Modern Library Building, Edited by Gerard B. McCabe and James R. Kennedy.

Library Outreach, Partnerships, and Distance Education: Reference Librarians at the Gateway, Edited by Wendy Arant and Pixey Anne Mosley.

Fools Gold: Why the Internet Is No Substitute for a Library by Mark Y. Herring.

Crash Course in Marketing for Libraries by Susan Webreck Alman.





## Youth Services

### Mary Fellows, Manager-ext 228



### Bring a Guitar Hero, a Revolution and More to your Library!

Upper Hudson Library System now has a variety of video games popular with all ages available to borrow for your programs. These games have proven especially effective in drawing teens and tweens into the library. Upper Hudson Library System member librarians report success in getting kids they have never seen into the library for these programs – and then seeing those kids back again!

### Play Station 2: Dance Dance Revolution (DDR)

DDR is a music video game played with the feet! A dance pad has panels that are pressed using the player's feet in response to arrows that appear on the screen in front of the player. The arrows are synchronized to the rhythm of a song. The player's success depends on his ability to time and position his steps.

The game can be played by one person or two players competing against one another. Girls and boys alike are into this game!

### Wii: Guitar Hero

Guitar Hero is a music video game with an accompanying guitar controller. Notes scroll on the screen, and players must play the corresponding notes on the guitar to complete a song. Every player gets a chance to feel like a rock star!

### The Singing Machine: karaoke

You've heard bad karaoke and maybe you've heard good karaoke. The Singing Machine gives you a chance not only to hear karaoke, but by virtue of a small camera for the singer to see him or herself onscreen. What could be worse – er, better than seeing yourself sing karaoke? If you're a teen, maybe nothing!

Please contact Lynn Orme (437-9880 x236; lynn@uhls.lib.ny.us) to book.

## Riverway Storytelling Festival Featured Tellers Announced

The 2008 featured tellers for Riverway Storytelling Festival are bringing diverse cultures to our festival. On **April 21-27**, we will welcome:



*Where Stories Come Alive!*

### ★Leeny Del Seamonds

Leeny Del Seamonds is a multi award-winning international performer of animated and interactive Latino, original and world tales. Leeny's repertoire reflects her desire to embrace life to its fullest, as she encourages listeners to rejoice in human and cultural diversity, and to share in her Cuban-American sense of humor and joy of performing.

### ★Norah Dooley

Norah Dooley has been telling stories to people of all ages throughout New England and also in New York, Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas and Phoenix for 16 years. She is also a children's author whose widely acclaimed picture books include Everybody Cooks Rice, Everybody Bakes Bread, Everybody Serves Soup and Everybody Brings Noodles, a series about her former neighborhood in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

### ★Baba Jamal Koram

Baba Jamal Koram is a dedicated practitioner and teacher of the African American spoken word traditions. He is a respected leader in the world of storytelling who uses stories to uplift, inspire, and encourage the positive growth of our children, adults, and communities.

### ★John Porcino

John has been bringing audiences the gifts of laughter and insight and leaving them with nourished minds and spirits for 25 years. Kindled from the flickering flames of story, song and music, his programs are humorous, tender, and hopeful. John has been called “a combination of Robin Williams, Pete Seeger and Captain Kangaroo.”



### ★Gayle Ross

Gayle Ross is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation and a direct descendant of John Ross, Principal Chief of the Cherokee during the infamous “Trail of Tears.” Her grandmother told stories, and Gayle’s storytelling springs from this rich Native American heritage. During the past twenty-five years, Gayle has become one of our country’s best-loved and most respected storytellers.

In addition, we are fortunate to have the following local professional tellers joining the Festival:

### ★Bill Cliff

A singer and songwriter for over 25 years, Bill Cliff combines these talents with storytelling for a performance that blends stories with songs. Bill’s stories may feature music from recorder, dulcimer, mandola, and guitar. Bill has been featured on WAMC and at many libraries, daycare centers, and worship centers. Bill is a regular performer at the New York State Museum, where he has appeared over seventy times.

### ★Kate Dudding

As an award-winning storyteller and author, Kate Dudding enjoys telling many kinds of stories to all ages. A particular interest of hers is bringing history to life -- giving a voice to people from the past. Her first CD, “Lighting the Way Home: Stories of Lighthouses and Their Keepers,” is a Parents’ Choice Approved Award Winner of 2007.

### ★Marni Gillard

“Through stories we see ourselves as if in a mirror,” says Marni Gillard, who discovered storytelling while teaching middle school English in Niskayuna. Marni performs for all ages at schools and universities, libraries, museums, prison facilities, houses of worship, family gatherings, festivals, even at airport openings. Marni’s tales will inspire her listeners to find stories in themselves.

### ★Mary Summerlin

Mary Summerlin is a talented raconteur who loves to entertain with an assortment of stories. She grew up on a cotton farm in South Carolina, at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The wrap-around porch filled with rocking chairs was a favorite place for family and friends to sit and tell stories. In addition, Mary is a retired school teacher who taught first grade for 25 years. This combination of life experiences offers rich resources for her charming stories.

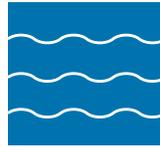
### ★Tales ‘n Tunes

Tales ‘n Tunes is an award-winning musical storytelling duo based in the Capital District of New York State. For more than fifteen years, Carol Connolly and Don Darmer have been presenting programs in schools, libraries, museums, and at community events and festivals. Their CDs, “Travelin’ Down the Road: Sing Along Stories from Around the World” and “Bunches of Beasts” have received numerous awards.

### ★Dan Testo

Dan Testo began telling stories in 1976. He is a math teacher at Amsterdam High School and uses storytelling in math and remedial reading classes. He has told stories in school, university, library and outdoor education settings both in the United States and in Italy.

Mark your calendars now to come see and hear these talented storytellers and enjoy an experience that has been called “as good as a Broadway show!” For complete details and schedule of events, see [www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org](http://www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org).



## Member Library News

### Altamont Public Library

#### Adult programs

January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM

This five part series on basic computing for adults begins and continues for the next five Tuesdays. We’ll cover word processing, email and web searching. Absolutely no experience necessary.

January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

Sushi class - Come to the Library to roll and eat your own (vegetarian) sushi.

January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 PM

Learn about Blogs, RSS, and online calendars- fancy new ways to keep in touch.

Please call the library to register for each of the above events.



#### Children’s programs

January 3<sup>rd</sup> and every Thursday at 3:30 PM

Read to a dog: Jane, our Therapy Portuguese Water dog loves to have children read to her.

## Altamont Public Library (cont.)

January 16<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM  
Dance Dance Revolution in the library, for Tweens and Teens.

January 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

Candy sushi: Join us as we roll our creations with fruit leather, gummy worms and licorice strips.



February 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM

Valentines Day Decorations workshop

February 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM

Incredible edible landfills: Join an environmental engineer to learn about what happens to all our garbage while creating a delicious mini "landfill" of your own.

## Albany Public Library

### New Scotland Avenue Branch to Be Named for John J. Bach

The Albany Public Library's Board of Trustees unanimously voted to name the future New Scotland Branch after long time Board member John J. Bach. When the branch opens in early 2010 it will be called the John J. Bach Library.

John Bach, who passed away on October 25<sup>th</sup>, was a central figure in the recent history of Albany Public Library. He served on the Albany Public Library Board of Trustees since 1987 and was President of the Board from 2002 to 2007. During his tenure as President, he played a key leadership role in the successful campaign to re-charter the library as an independent organization with a secure financial future. He also led the library through the successful referendum to fund its Branch Improvement Plan and oversaw the early stages of the comprehensive planning for this historic project that will transform the library's service to Albany's neighborhoods.

Board President Mary Ellen O'Connor said, "The Board voted unanimously to name the New Scotland Branch after John, and I can think of no better way to honor his memory and his achievements."

### The Far East on Western Avenue: The Chinese Collection at Pine Hills Branch

There are nearly five thousand Chinese and Chinese-Americans in the Capital Region and more are coming here every day. To serve this growing population Albany Public Library has established a collection of Chinese materials to borrow from the Pine Hills Branch.

Librarian Xiaofei Li, who has worked at the Pine Hills Branch for the past four years, manages the collection of approximately one thousand books, fifteen magazine subscriptions and one hundred Chinese language movies. "This is the biggest non-academic collection of Chinese language materials in upstate New York, and we are adding to it all the time," says Ms. Li. She says historical fiction seems to be the most popular category, but there is a growing interest in the children's collection. "Parents who have adopted children from China are taking out the books, and so are people who speak Chinese fairly well, but who want to work on their reading skills." She added. The region's growing population of Chinese students is also starting to visit the Pine Hills Branch to check out books and movies, especially during college breaks in the winter and summer.

This April, Xiaofei was invited to give a presentation at the offices of the Capital District Library Council. The honor was a part of the Council's "Secret Gems of the CDLC" program. Carol Anne Germain of CDLC said, "There was a wide variety of exciting proposals, but we selected the Pine Hills Library presentation."

Xiaofei has been encouraging diversity at the library for a long time. She hosts a weekly discussion group for recent immigrants called "Connecting With America." The participants share their experiences with life in America and further their understanding of American culture. Included among the many immigrants that attend are: Chinese, Korean, Russian, Uzbekistan, African and Indian. "Connecting with America" meets every Friday at 4:30 PM at the Pine Hills Branch.

For more information on the Pine Hills Chinese collection or "Connecting With America," contact Xiaofei Li at the Pine Hills Library at 518-482-7911.

### The Friends of Albany Public Library Programs

Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 PM

The Gershwin Legacy

Richard Glazier, a brilliant pianist and masterful storyteller weaves together history, film clips and music as he explores Gershwin's legacy. This program is presented in cooperation with the Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Center.

Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 PM

Book: Legacy of Ashes, The History of the C.I.A. by Tim Weiner. The focus of the book is on the agency's failures and delusions of grandeur.

Reviewer: Herbert Holland, former teacher, high school principal and administrator at the State Education Department.

## Albany Public Library (cont.)

Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:15 PM

Book: Day of Reckoning: How Hubris, Ideology, and Greed Are Tearing America Apart by Patrick J. Buchanan. In his latest book, Buchanan says that a cabal with an alien agenda captured the Bush administration and committed American blood, energy and money to aggression against Muslim Countries in the Middle East.

Reviewer: Joe Parisi, well known radio personality on WROW.

Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 PM

Peter Hess, President and owner of Albany Steel and President of Albany Rural Cemetery will talk about the book Major Albany Authors, about those buried in the Albany Rural Cemetery. The celebrities include the families of Henry James, on which the characters the novel Billy Budd were based; William Glazier, the best selling author in America immediately after the civil war; Charles Fort, whose magazine, *The Fortean Times* is still being published in London; and Robert Yates who drafted the document that was the basis for our Bill of Rights.

## Berne Public Library

### Movies

Join us at the library for some first-rate movies!

Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," Rated PG-13.

Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00 PM "The Game Plan" starring the Rock, Rated PG

### Dance Dance Revolution

Come to the library on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM for Dance Dance Revolution, the latest video game craze! It can be a challenge to move to the music – come to the library to check it out.



## Bethlehem Public Library

### Bethlehem Public Library Welcomes Carol Goodman

Best-selling author Carol Goodman will read from her novel The Sonnet Lover at Bethlehem Public Library Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. A question and answer reception, plus a book signing will follow the reading. Copies of her books will be available for sale.



Ms. Goodman is the author of The Lake of Dead Languages, The Seduction of Water, The Drowning Tree, and The Ghost Orchid. Her work has appeared in *The Greensboro Review*, *Literal Latte*, *Midwest Quarterly*, *New York Quarterly* and *Other Voices*. She has been nominated for the IMPAC Award, the Simon & Schuster/Mary Higgins Clark Award, and the Nero Wolfe Award. She won the Hammett Prize in 2003. Her novels have been translated into eight languages.

This free event is the first of the library's Writers and Friends series, supported generously by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

### Friends President Receives State Award

David Cooper, president of the Bethlehem Public Library Friends, received the New York Library Association's 2007 Daniel W. Casey Advocacy award, presented at the NYLA conference last October.

David has served nine years on the Friends board and has held the office of president since 2004. He has initiated and steered many innovations during his tenure, among them the Family Fun Festival in 2005 and the annual Friends on the Green Family Picnic for five years running. Under his leadership the Friends have also underwritten the library's Winter Concert series and the new Writers and Friends visiting author series, and sponsored the annual Riverway Storytelling Festival.

David Cooper's advocacy for libraries extended beyond Bethlehem to communities ravaged by floods in 2006, when he proposed a generous contribution to NYLA's disaster relief fund.

### Calling All Filmmakers!

Students in grades 6-12 can enter an original video production in Bethlehem Public Library's Teen Film Fest. A panel of well-known judges will choose winning videos in several categories, including best animation, best documentary, best promotional piece on library teen

services, best short film and more. Video screenings and judging will be held on Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>. Entry forms are available at [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org) and at the youth services information desk. Contact Reagan Silva for more information: 439-9314, [silvar@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:silvar@uhls.lib.ny.us)

## Family Game Nights

Everyone's invited to Bethlehem Public Library for an evening of fun on Wednesday January 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30-8:30 PM. We'll provide board games, Dance Dance Revolution, Guitar Hero and Wii. You are welcome to bring your own favorite game.



## William K. Sanford Town Library

### John Harden Returns to Review Shopping for God

John Harden returns to our Noon Book Review after his wonderful and insightful review of Eat, Pray, Love in June. This time, on Monday January 28<sup>th</sup>, he will review Shopping for God: How Christianity Went From In Your Heart to Your Face by James Twitchell. What the publisher says: "Not so long ago religion was a personal matter that was seldom discussed in public. No longer. Today religion is everywhere, from books to movies to television to the internet – to say nothing about politics. Now religion is marketed and advertised like any other product or service. How did this happen? And what does it mean for religion and for our culture?" What the reviewers are saying: "Is this book about how mainstream churches have stolen marketing strategies from Madison Avenue, or is it the answer to religiosity in America? Actually, both. [The author] shows how religion is being marketed and staged like any big-name consumer product, to the point where believers can now essentially shop for their religion of choice." With chapter headings like "Hatch, Match, Dispatch, or Baptized, Married, and Buried: The Work of Denominations" and "The Megachurch: If You Are Calling About a Death in the Family, Press 8" this looks like a most interesting book. And, if you were here for John's review of Eat, Pray, Love you also know this will be a most enlightening review. Review begins at 12:15 PM. Bring your lunch if you like.

## East Greenbush Community Library

### Adult Services Programs January – February 2008

#### Title: Ice Age: The Rise and Fall of the Natural Ice Harvesting Industry

Date: Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 2:00 PM

Jamie McGinnis, Program Coordinator, Peebles Island State Park and Schodack Island State Park tracks the history of ice harvesting in the northeast up to the advent of mechanical refrigeration.

#### Title: Galapagos Animals

Date: Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 2:00 PM

Join Randi Bentley, wildlife artist, for a nature drawing session and talk to complement her January library exhibit as she focuses on the curious and unique animals of the Galapagos Islands. Bring drawing materials and paper.

#### Title: Popular Music of the Gaslight Era

Date: Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 2:00 PM

Join musician John Root for a program featuring a diverse repertoire of instrumental and vocal music styles from the turn of the century. The songs' lyrics offer insights into the customs and values of these bygone days.

#### Title: The East Greenbush Garden Club Presents: Endangered Plants

Date: Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 PM

Join the East Greenbush Garden Club as they present Steve Young, Chief Botanist, Department of Environmental Conservation, Natural Heritage Program. Mr. Young will present a program on endangered plants.

#### Title: Friends of the Library Present "Michael Benedict Jazz Vibes"

Date: Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 2:00 PM

Multi-instrumentalist Michael Benedict is a mainstay of the upstate NY jazz scene having fronted a big band here for several years. He is a veteran of such diverse groups as the Loren Schoenberg and J.R. Montrose bands, as well as the Spike Jones Orchestra. Critics have called his latest CD, entitled *The New Beat*, "a treat for all jazz enthusiasts." Spend a memorable afternoon with Michael Benedict.



## Guilderland Public Library

### Guilderland Public Library "Looks Back, Looks Beyond" at 50th Anniversary Celebratory Gala

Some 100 guests gathered in November to celebrate the Guilderland Public Library's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the "Looking Back, Looking Beyond Gala" held at the Western Turnpike Golf Course. If you want visible proof of the community's support, just drive by the Library.

"We were gratified by the contributions the community made to the Growing for Generations fund," Barbara Nichols Randall, director of the library said recently. "In fact the fund is now up to \$25,000, halfway to our goal of raising \$50,000. Many of these contributions came in during the 'Looking Back, Looking Beyond' gala."

The Foundation is the fundraising arm of the Library. It is the Foundation that underwrites so many of the programs and services that make the Guilderland Public Library such an important part of the community. It is the Foundation that, in the past, upgraded the Library's Young Adult area, created the ever-popular Community Literary Garden, and underwrites the Carol J. Hamblin Notable Authors Speakers Series that hosted the appearance of Ela Stein Weissberger.

### Guilderland Librarian Wins Statewide Multicultural Award

Maria Buhl, an adult reference librarian at the Guilderland Public Library, was recently honored at the New York Library Association's Annual Conference as winner of the 2007 Ethnic Services Round Table's Multicultural Award.

The Ethnic Services Round Table provides a forum for the exchange of information on ethnic services, provides guidance to libraries on developing and promoting ethnic collections, helps design services for ethnic groups, and offers up-to-date information on public and private funding sources that support of ethnic programs.

In a communication to Ms. Buhl announcing the award, Wol Sue Lee, a spokesperson for the committee, explained why Ms. Buhl's activities in this arena merited recognition, "the nominations ... were all great. However, the committee felt that you have been involved in a variety of programs for the new immigrants, working on a grant, Consumer Health,

and others. We also felt you did beyond and above your job. Congratulations again." Ms. Lee is Department Head of Reference and Advisory Services at the Mid-Manhattan Library in New York City.

Ms. Buhl's award consisted of a citation, a check for \$250 and a gift certificate for \$750 worth of books to be used to augment the Library's collection. It should be noted that Ms. Buhl captured a New York Times Librarian of the Year Award in 2006.

### Become a Literacy Volunteer!

Training Workshop March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Imagine not being able to read prescriptions from your doctor or a note from your child's teacher. This is the way it is for one in five adults in Albany and Schenectady counties. That's 60,000 people in our own backyard.

If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, please consider becoming a Basic Literacy tutor. You will not only help another adult learn to read and write; you will likely change his or her life, and perhaps your own as well.

The mission of Literacy Volunteers – Mohawk/Hudson, Inc. is to provide adults with reading and writing skills in order to help them achieve their personal, educational, and job-related goals.

Tutors meet once or twice a week for one to two hours for at least a year, and all tutoring is individualized to meet the needs of the learner.

Once you've completed your training, you're matched with a student in need of tutoring. The Guilderland Library offers five study rooms and a wealth of materials to use for your tutoring sessions.

If you can read this message without difficulty, you have what it takes to help another adult learn to read and write!

Literacy Volunteers asks for a \$30 donation to help defray materials costs. To register or to get more information on this important program, please call June O'Connor at 452-3382.



## Rensselaer Public Library

The City of Rensselaer purchased a building on 676 East Street, which now houses the Family Dollar, with the intention of moving the Public Library there. The Rensselaer Public Library's current building at 810 Broadway is in need of extensive structural repair and does not have a parking lot. The building was erected in 1909. The library board and the city planning commission had received a 2007 construction grant from DLD to improve the old building, and were given permission to change direction when the opportunity to move was presented. The current facility has about 3,000 square feet of usable space, while the building on East street will have 7,000 square feet.

"We are really excited about the move," says Library Director Jane Chirgwin. "It's a chance for us to plan the layout of the library and really do it right."

Currently the city is receiving bids for an architect. Once one is selected, the architect will meet with a committee and work on a plan to renovate the building, putting in accessible bathrooms and other code requirements. The library will probably move next fall.



## Troy Public Library

### Events for kids

On Wednesdays, January 2<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and February 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:30 PM, teens aged 13 and up can join us for Anime films and discussion at the Main Library, including refreshments. Questions or comments about Anime? Email [tpl.anime@gmail.com](mailto:tpl.anime@gmail.com)

Starting January 3<sup>rd</sup> and continuing every Thursday from 3:30 - 4:30 PM, kids can join us for Reading with Rosey at the Main Library. Read your favorite book to Rosey, our resident reading dog. All kids are welcome! WOOF!

On January 4<sup>th</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 AM Preschool Family Storytime will be held at Lansingburgh Branch. This storytime is for children up to age 5 accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Join us each "first Friday" for stories, songs, and crafts.



Make Stone Soup at the Lansingburgh Branch on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 - 4:45 PM. This activity is for children in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 - 4:15 PM we will celebrate Earth Friends at the Grocery Store at the Main Library. Children will learn healthy buying practices, what a co-op is, and decorate their own cloth grocery bags to keep. Program for ages 6-10.

On Wednesdays, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>, join us at the Main Library, for Preschool Family Storytime. This is for children up to age 5 with their parents or caregivers. We will hold a special storytime with Ellen Sinopoli, Artistic Director of the Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company, on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Ellen will read from her favorite books and conduct basic dance movement for children.

Tweens and Teens can play Guitar Hero on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> and Dance, Dance Revolution on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Activities start at 6:00 PM at the Main Library.

# Calendar

## January

- 1 UHLS offices closed for New Years
- 2 YSAC Mock Newbery/Mock Caldecott at UHLS  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mock Newberry  
12:00 - 1:30 PM Lunch on your own  
1:30 - 4:00 PM Mock Caldecott
- 4 Directors Association at UHLS 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM
- 7 Administration Committee meeting at UHLS  
4:00 - 6:00 PM
- 9 Services, Finance, Board meeting at UHLS 3:00-  
6:00 PM
- 16 Resource Sharing at UHLS 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 18 "Customer Service as Marketing" workshop  
featuring Libby Post at UHLS 8:30 AM - 3:30  
PM
- 22 Automated Services Committee meeting at  
UHLS 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 23 Database Maintenance Advisory Council at  
UHLS 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
- 24 Tech Advisory Council at UHLS 9:00 AM -  
12:00 PM

## February

- 2 Directors Association at UHLS 9:00 AM- 12:00  
PM
- 5 "Library Webpages" workshop featuring  
Eleonora Morrell at UHLS 8:30 AM -4:00 PM
- 8 YSAC meeting at UHLS 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM  
Book review 9:00 - 10:00 AM  
Book Review and Teen Services Discussion Group  
(simultaneous) 12:00 - 1:00 PM
- 11 Administration Committee meeting at UHLS 4:00  
- 6:00 PM
- 12 Services, Finance, Board meeting at UHLS 3:00-  
6:00 PM
- 20 Database Maintenance at UHLS 9:30 AM - 12:00  
PM
- 26 Automated Services Committee meeting at  
UHLS 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## March

- 3 "Breaking All the Rules" workshop featuring Michael Sullivan at UHLS 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 7 Directors Association at UHLS 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM
- 10 Administration Committee meeting at UHLS 4:00 - 6:00 PM
- 12 Services, Finance, Board meeting at UHLS 3:00 - 6:00 PM
- 25 Automated Services Committee meeting at UHLS 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 26 Database Maintenance Advisory Council at UHLS 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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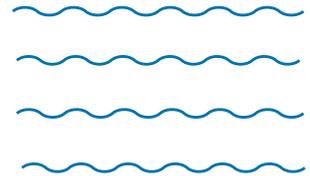
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