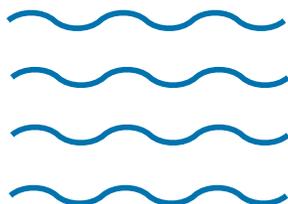


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2008 Outreach Mini-Grant Awards

The Coordinated Outreach Services Council met to review 18 mini-grant applications totaling \$41,272.95. Total funds available are \$36,479. Congratulations to the following libraries:

Albany Public Library will partner with YES (Youth Empowerment Services) to employ minority urban teens in its Branches and in the Main Library. Teens will go through a training session to learn job skills (such as customer service), they will then be employed in the library a few hours a week, and act as ambassadors for other teens.

Altamont Free Library will host a book/movie series for seniors. This group is unable to get to the library because of the two flights of stairs. The librarian will work with Altamont senior citizens to host a book and a movie.

Berne Public Library will work with students and their parents to improve reading skills. The librarian will go into the school, host book discussions at lunch with children who have been identified as reading below grade level, then invite the children and their parents into the library for a scavenger hunt, film, or other activity.

Bethlehem Public Library will assist ESL students in grade K-5 to improve reading and homework skills. The library will purchase bilingual dictionaries, children's books, children's audiobooks, and materials for their parents on citizenship, American culture, and raising a bilingual family.

Brunswick Community Library will sponsor an oral history program with Brunswick area seniors. Historians will interview and record seniors individually. The library will publish their interviews in booklet format.

Castleton Public Library will expand their services to the Castle Hill senior housing complex. The library will purchase a laptop for their bookmobile to facilitate checkouts, and will offer "Playaway" books for checkout.

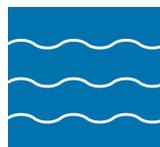
Cohoes Public Library will be offering computer classes in the senior center. The library requested funds for a trainer, a laptop, an LCD projector with screen, and materials.

William K. Sanford Town Library will create a Job Resource Center for use by all young adults in the Town of Colonie. The library will reach out to at-risk youth in the community who may need a personal approach to gaining job skills. The library will partner with Hope House, South Colonie Schools, and Town of Colonie Youth Bureau.

East Greenbush Community Library will use the Outreach mini-grant funds to leverage other grant monies to host a multi-faceted project utilizing photography, storytelling, lectures, and collection development centered on Alzheimers and other dementia-related diseases.

Guilderland Public Library will partner with LVA (Literacy Volunteers of America) to provide a laptop with English language software that patrons can check out. A second copy of the software will reside on a dedicated computer in the library.

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Grants

Staples Foundation for Learning Grants

Cheney Library (Hoosick Falls) will respond to a demand in the community to provide resources on the autism spectrum disorders. The library intends to hold workshops and purchase materials on autism spectrum disorders.

Nassau Public Library intends to hold workshops and classes for the unemployed/underemployed in the community.

RCS Community Library will train elders to tell stories. A professional storyteller will hold ten weekly training sessions for seniors to introduce storytelling, familiarize them with folktales, help them select a story or folktale to tell and coach the seniors on performing. Participants will then perform at the Riverway Storytelling Festival.

Rensselaerville Library will provide services to seniors who attend the Rensselaerville Senior Citizen's Club. The library will offer library cards, lending, and reader's advisory. The library will purchase a book truck, a hand truck, totes, and large print books.

Troy Public Library will improve services to young adults and teens by expanding their graphic novel collection and by having students create their own graphic novels. An art teacher will come in and teach cartooning to local teens.

Voorheesville Public Library will enhance their services to the visually impaired community. The library will purchase large print books, a bookshelf, and magnifying readers.

Watervliet Public Library will purchase a Nintendo Wii gaming system and associated peripherals to encourage seniors to use the library while increasing their mobility and range-of-motion. The library intends to hold tournaments for seniors and have them broadcast on WVLT (the local access cable channel). The gaming system can also be used to encourage teens to come into the library.

The mission of the Staples Foundation for Learning is to provide funding to programs that support or provide job skills and/or education for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. The organization must: 1) Have a nonprofit tax-exempt classification under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; 2) Align with Staples Foundation for Learning's mission and give focus on job skills and education. The Foundation accepts online applications only; deadlines to apply are **March 14 and June 16, 2008**. The requested amount of each grant can be up to \$25,000. Guidelines and the online application are available on the Foundation's website: <http://www.staplesfoundation.org/foundapplication.html>.

Let's Talk About It: Love & Forgiveness Grants

The American Library Association and the Fetzer Institute, as part of its Campaign for Love & Forgiveness, present "Let's Talk About It: Love & Forgiveness," a scholar-led reading and discussion program for libraries interested in exploring themes of love and forgiveness in everyday life through classic and contemporary literature. Public libraries are invited to apply for grants to support the program in their community.

Successful applicants will receive \$2,500 to be used to support program costs and scholar honoraria; program materials, which include introductory literature and essays on each of the themes, selections for additional reading, and template promotional materials; and training for the library project director at a national training workshop where they will hear from project scholars, experts, and organizers, and receive a program planning guide, materials and ideas.

Themes, book selections, grant guidelines and the application are available on ALA's website: <http://www.ala.org>. **Deadline for applications is July 15, 2008.**

NEH Small Grants to Libraries: Pride and Passion: The African American Baseball Experience

The *Small Grants to Libraries* program brings traveling exhibitions and other types of public programming to libraries across the country. "Pride and Passion: The African American Baseball Experience" has been designated as part of the NEH's We the People program, exploring significant events and themes in our nation's history and culture and

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advancing knowledge of the principles that define America. The story of African Americans in baseball is a remarkable and fascinating slice of American history. It parallels the failures of the greater American society in solving the racial problems resulting from slavery, the Civil War, and the confusion of Reconstruction. **Application deadline is April 4, 2008.** For more information visit the HEH Web site: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/index.html>.

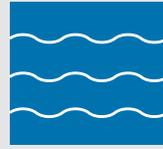
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NEH Picturing America Grants

Picturing America is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA). The goal of *Picturing America* is to enhance the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture by bringing some of America's greatest works of art into school classrooms and public libraries. *Picturing America* will provide K-12 schools and public libraries with 40 images of American art on laminated posters, an illustrated teachers resource book, and a web site containing additional information including lesson plans.

For more information about *Picturing America*, including a list of the artwork featured, grant guidelines, and the online application, visit <http://picturingamerica.ala.org>. **Application deadline is April 15, 2008.**



UHLS News

Mark the Date: NYLA Lobby Day 2008

NYLA Library Lobby Day 2008 is on Tuesday, March 11th. A full day of activities and appointments are planned. If you intend to be there, please contact Phil Ritter at 437-9880 x222 so that the legislators know how many they need to accommodate in advance.

It will be impossible for anyone to make every appointment because of the tightness of the schedule and distance between offices. However, it is essential that several people attend each appointment. Someone needs to be a representative and/or official spokesperson for Upper Hudson Library System at each of these meetings. Please let Phil know if you would like to be that person for a particular legislator.

Upper Hudson Library System is also putting together packets for each legislator of materials that will supplement the packets that NYLA will prepare and distribute. If you have anything that you would like included in these packets, please send them to Upper Hudson Library System.

New Members of the UHLS Board of Trustees

Two representatives from the member libraries were recently elected to the UHLS Board of Trustees. Ronald Ginsburg, a member of the Altamont Free Library's Board of Trustees, was elected to be one of the representatives of the small libraries in Albany County. Mr. Ginsburg was elected to replace Patricia Spohr from Altamont who joined the UHLS Board in 2004, and he will serve the remainder of her term until 2009. Nikki Caruso, a member, and Vice-President, of the William K. Sanford Town Library's Board of Trustees, was elected to represent this Colonie public library. She replaces Hawley Zwahlen who joined the UHLS Board in 1998 and will serve the remainder of his term until 2010. We are pleased to welcome Ronald Ginsburg and Nikki Caruso to the UHLS Board of Trustees and wish to thank Pat Spohr and Hawley Zwahlen for their many years of dedicated service to the Upper Hudson Library System.

Upper Hudson Library System
presents
Coaching for Performance
Thursday, March 20, 2008
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
at
Guilderland Public Library
2228 Western Avenue
Guilderland, NY
featuring
Ted Baumhauer, Ed. D.

Supervisors help employees reach their potential by giving effective feedback and encouraging involvement in work process improvements. High performance supervisors develop the coaching skills of their whole team.

Coaching and providing effective feedback are essential skills for supervisors today. The feedback process energizes and empowers employees and teams to reach higher levels of productivity and achievement. This workshop will focus on direct, one-on-one coaching and how to transfer this talent throughout your group to achieve more consistent training, results, and higher productivity.

Key Topics

- Learn how to deliver constructive feedback
- Create a learning environment
- Encourage problem solving, action planning and follow through
- Counsel employees who don't respond, by clearly establishing choices that must be made
- Create strategies that promote employee and team ownership of the work process, results and continuous improvement
- Know what action to take when employees do not want to speak up about problems
- Identify supervisory behaviors that build trust, reduce conflict and encourage initiative.

Cost: \$10.00 to cover lunch

For additional information, contact Jo-Ann Benedetti 437-9887 x 225

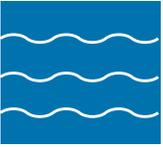
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Please make checks payable to **Upper Hudson Library System**

This program is sponsored by a Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) grant to the Upper Hudson Library System



Adult Services Jo-Ann Benedetti, Manager-x 225



Interlibrary Loan Update

Save the date

CDLC / CORS one day conference to be held at www.wswheboces.org/ [Washington, Saratoga, Warren, Hamilton, Essex BOCES] on May 1, 2008. Information on speakers and registration will be made available at CDLC's website, www.cdlc.org.

New Service!

Do you want to shorten your ILL time? Confused about to whom to send your requests? Tired of tracking down fax numbers and filling out paperwork? The CDLC/ILLiad Point-2-Point ILL Project is now available and has been developed to provide a single point of registration for non-ILLiad/Worldcat Resource Sharing CDLC member libraries (like you) interested in submitting their interlibrary loan ILL requests electronically to participating libraries through ILLiad's web interface. (ILLiad is special ILL software.)

This is not a public request interface and can be used only by the Interlibrary Loan departments of registered CDLC libraries. All Upper Hudson Library System libraries have been pre-registered and assigned logons and passwords. Questions about the project should be directed to Gregg Kiehl [SUNY – Cobleskill] at Kiehlgr@cobleskill.edu. Greg will walk you through the process step-by-step. ILL will never be the same!

Please note: Gordon Noble, Bethlehem Public Library (nobleg@uhls.lib.ny.us) and Chris Sagaas, Albany Public Library (sagaasc@uhls.lib.ny.us) are the Upper Hudson Library System representatives on the CDLC – Committee on Resource Sharing. Any questions about Interlibrary Loan or the new ILLiad Point2Point ILL Project can also be directed to them.

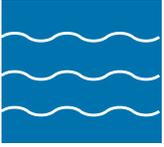
The 2nd Big Read is here!

Join us during the month of April for a month-long celebration of Edith Wharton's classic novel The Age of Innocence.

Upper Hudson Library System is the recipient of a \$20,000 grant from the NEA to bring the transformative power of literature to our community. We are pleased to present over 90 programs in various venues, highlights include a trip to Lenox, Massachusetts to visit The Mount (Wharton's home), a tour of the filming locations in Troy, NY where Scorsese's 1992 film was shot, Selected Shorts (Actors are coming to Guilderland to read Wharton on stage), even a trip to France is planned!

We have a number of community partners this year: the New York State Writer's Institute will show the film and host Wharton scholar Nancy Lewis; WMHT is producing an hour-long special on Wharton; RISE (WMHT's 24 hour radio information service for the blind and print disabled) will broadcast the book to its listeners, and several high schools will be reading the book.

For more information about The Big Read, its programs and activities, please go the The Big Read website at www.albanypubliclibrary.org/bigread.



Youth Services

Mary Fellows, Manager-ext 228

Don't Bug Out! Come to the UHLS/MVLS Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop

Summer is coming! Join other creative program planners at the annual Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop on March 13th at Schenectady County Public Library and return home with your summer plans nearly done. This daylong workshop includes a performer showcase and a huge variety of program, decoration, school visit, marketing, and summer fun ideas! Our Summer Reading Program themes this year are "Catch the Reading Bug" (kids) and "Metamorphosis @ Your Library" (twins and teens). Come join us – we'll put a bug in your ear about all the best ideas! Registration for the day (which includes refreshments and lunch) is \$15.00 for Upper Hudson Library System member libraries. For more information, contact Mary Fellows at 437-9880 x228 or mary@uhls.lib.ny.us.



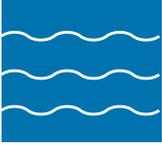
Riverway Storytelling Festival: Coming to Your Neighborhood Soon

Riverway Storytelling Festival is becoming firmly embedded in the Capital Region. In addition to 20 events at Upper Hudson Library System libraries or their alternate sites, Upper Hudson Library System libraries are sending Festival storytellers to ten senior centers, senior housing complexes, public schools and charter schools to do outreach programming for the library. Including the Story Walk! day at the New York State Museum, the Festival has a record 31 events this year.



Come to the Festival for a workshop, a swap, or one of the many performances. Upper Hudson Library System member library staff get in to the Friday workshops free; simply register that you're coming with Mary Fellows. Every performance is free and open to the public. Some require free tickets so that sponsoring libraries can offer their customers first dibs; please see our brochure at www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org for complete information.

If you've never experienced Riverway Storytelling Festival, you've missed what one 2007 attendee called "a rare treat." For adults, for kids, for teens, for families or couples, Riverway provides an experience of warmth, laughter, and connection, all associated with our terrific public libraries. Don't miss it!



Member Library News

Altamont Public Library

The Altamont Free Library held their first Annual "I Love My Library" fundraising dinner and auction. The dinner was attended by 164 people and raised over \$17,000. It included a silent auction as well as a live auction which was conducted by local news anchor Elisa Streeter.

Big Read Events At Bethlehem Public Library

Wednesday March 12th at 7:00 PM
After Dinner Books discusses [The Age of Innocence](#)

Monday April 14th at 1:30 PM
Day Books discusses [The Age of Innocence](#)

Friday April 18th at 2:00 PM
Film--[The Importance of Being Earnest](#) (2002) directed by Oliver Parker and starring Rupert Everett, Colin Firth and Judi Dench

Sunday April 20th at 2:00 PM
Film--[The Age of Innocence](#) (1993) directed by Martin Scorsese and starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer and Winona Ryder

New E-service

"What's NOW @ the Library," our new e-message to registered borrowers and others, offers helpful links and info-tidbits twice a month. To sign up, go to www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org and click on "what's NOW."

Writers And Friends Welcome Cheever, Westlake

We welcome two more notable authors to our literary series Writers and Friends: Susan Cheever on March 9th and Donald Westlake on April 6th. Both programs start at 2:00 PM. The events are free, but tickets are required; call 439-9314 for details. Ms. Cheever will read from [American Bloomsbury](#). Mr. Westlake will read from [What's So Funny?](#) Reception, book sale and signing after the programs. Writers and Friends is generously underwritten by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Bethlehem Public Library



Teen Film Fest

Watch original videos by contest finalists at Bethlehem Public Library's Teen Film Fest on Saturday March 15th at 2:00 PM. Judges will choose winning videos in the following categories: animation, comedy, documentary, library promotional, short, technical/experimental, and best film. The audience will vote for the winner of the People's Choice award. Grade 6-12 and families.

Riverway Finale In Bethlehem

Bethlehem Public Library hosts the sixth annual Riverway Storytelling Festival Finale. Join us on Sunday April 27th at 2:00 PM for an afternoon of tales by five world class performers: Leeny Del Seamonds, Norah Dooley, Baba Jamal Koram, John Porcino, and Gayle Ross. This event is made possible by the generous support of our Friends.

East Greenbush Community Library

East Greenbush Community Library is becoming a Family Place Library!

The library has received a NY State Library Family Literacy Grant to become a A Family Place Library™: a center for early childhood information, parent education, emergent literacy, socialization and family support. Expanding the traditional role of children's services, Family Place builds on the knowledge that good health, early learning, parent involvement and supportive communities play a critical role in young children's growth and development.

A joint initiative of Middle Country Public Library and Libraries for the Future, the Family Place Libraries network currently includes more than 225 sites in 24 states and continues to grow.

In the coming months we will be expanding our parenting collection, adding more educational toys, and conducting more developmentally appropriate programming for our youngest patrons. Stay tuned for details!

Read for the Ranch

Join us on March 28th from 6:00 – 9:00 PM for this special family event sponsored by the library and Half-Pints at the East Greenbush Price Chopper to raise awareness and funds for the Double H Ranch in Lake Luzerne. There will be food, fun, entertainment, and of course, lots of reading to support the ranch.



The mission of the Double H Ranch is to provide specialized programs and year-round support for children and their families dealing with life-threatening illnesses. The Ranch's purpose is to enrich the campers' lives by providing experiences that are memorable, exciting, empowering, and safe. All of their programs are FREE of charge and capture the magic of the Adirondacks.

Call the Children's room at the library at 477-7476 x6 for more details on how your family can become involved in this special event.

The Schenectady Theater for Children presents The Emperor and the Nightingale

Join us Thursday, April 17th at 2:00 PM for a special presentation of this enchanting tale by one of the world's greatest storytellers, Hans Christian Andersen. For ages 3+, registration required by calling the library at 477-7476 x6.

Stories and Songs for the Whole Family

The library is hosting a special evening featuring Dan Testo and the award-winning musical storytelling duo of Tales 'n Tunes on Tuesday, April 22nd at 7:00 PM. Registration is required for this family performance. To learn more about the Festival, check out www.riverwastorytellingfestival.org.

Alzheimer's 101

The Alzheimer's Association of NE New York will present a program that will help you better understand the basics of normal aging vs. Alzheimer's disease on Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00 PM. This program is part of a year-long series of library programs entitled "Keeping our Memories Alive."

Ending the Violence in Northern Ireland

Sunday, March 16th at 2:00 PM

Anthropologist Dr. Jack Conway discusses his research into the cycles of violence that plagued Northern Ireland for nearly three decades and considers what factors contributed to a successful resolution of this bitter conflict. Dr. Conway has a Ph.D. from Brown University, has taught at Skidmore and UAlbany, and has done extensive field research in Cork, Kilkenny and Belfast.

Maintain Your Brain

On Thursday, April 10th at 7:00 PM, the Alzheimer's Association of NE New York will present this interactive discussion about brain-healthy behaviors and how to manage some of the risk factors associated with Alzheimer's disease. This program is part of a year-long series of library programs entitled "Keeping our Memories Alive."

An Afternoon of Traditional Chinese Music

Join the Chinese Community Center Ensemble for a program of traditional Chinese Music on Sunday, April 13th at 2:00 PM. The program will include some ensemble pieces as well as solo performances.

Troy Public Library



Aunt Helen's Closet is a hands-on tour of the life and escapades of a dauntless, daring woman, the mysterious Aunt Helen. Join us on Saturday, March 15th at 1:00 PM at the Main library. Don't miss this prelude to Books on Stage (an acting workshop beginning in May) in which children will research their own characters' histories prior to becoming them on stage. As our final lead in to the acting workshop, we will have a Writers Workshop with playwright Mary Jane Hansen (Who is Pippi Longstocking?) coming in April. All events are for children ages 8 and up. Please call the library at 274-7071 for details.

Red Cross Babysitter Training will be held Saturday April 5th from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM at the Main library for children ages 11-15. Learn emergency response skills and basic caretaking. Participants earn Red Cross certificates. This is an all day class so bring a lunch!

Join us for Tea on Tuesday Victorian style, as we celebrate Edith Wharton's novel The Age of Innocence as part of The Big Read celebration on Tuesday, April 15th, at 2:00 PM at the Main library, for children ages 6 and up.

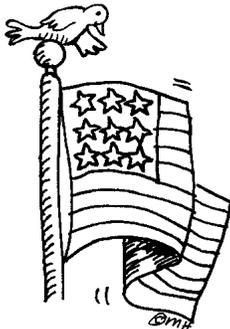


William K. Sanford Town Library

Noon Book Review

Soldier's Heart: Reading Literature Through Peace and War at West Point

On Thursday, March 6th our Noon Book Review welcomes Rose Kent, local author, Navy veteran, former corporate executive, and a member of one of the first classes at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis to admit women. Rose will review Soldier's Heart: Reading Literature Through Peace and War at West Point by Elizabeth Samet. Elizabeth Samet has been at West Point for ten years and teaches humanities and literature courses to West Point cadets – both male and female – who are now preparing (since 2003) to go to war and lead others in combat. Ms. Samet, according to Library Journal, “illustrates how literature can transform raw cadets into reflective, conscientious leaders. She and her students struggle with the relationship between art and life as well as the true meaning of sacrifice and honor and their place in a world of peace and a world at war.” More than one reviewer has compared Soldier's Heart to Reading Lolita in Tehran due to the book's “realistic description of the transformative power of literature.” What some other reviewers say of this memoir: “exploring the military meaning of Homer and Milton, Shakespeare and Hemingway, has changed both Samet and her students....this meditation on war, teaching and literature is sympathetic, shrewd and sometimes profound.” Soldier's Heart has generated a lot of buzz and the author was featured recently on PBS and NPR. We're sure that our reviewer will have some insightful things to say about this book. Review begins at 12:15 PM; bring your lunch if you like.



Watervliet Public Library

Watervliet Public Library held a very successful 2nd Annual “I Love My Library” Dinner. It was attended by over 200 people. Several local citizens spoke about the value of the public library to the community, including Watervliet Mayor Michael Manning; Cori Spain, a teacher and librarian at St. Bridget's Regional Catholic School; and Rosemary Nichols, Head of the newly-created City Department of Community Development. Assemblyman Ron Canestrari attended and also spoke about the importance of the library. Albany County Legislator Robert Beston, the moving force behind the Dinner, made a surprise presentation of a check for \$5,000 to the library. The function netted about \$10,000 for the library.

Calendar

March

- 3 "Breaking All the Rules" workshop featuring Michael Sullivan at Guilderland Public Library 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 7 Directors Association at UHLS 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM
- 11 Lobby Day
- 12 Services, Finance, Board meeting at UHLS 3:00 - 6:00 PM
- 13 UHLS/MVLS Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop at Schenectady County Public Library 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
- 18 Reports Subcommittee Meeting at UHLS 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- 20 "Coaching for Performance" Workshop featuring Ted Baumhauer at Guilderland Public Library 9:00 AM - 4:00 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

April

- 1 Big Read begins
- 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
- 12 Latest Edition Deadline
- 18 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
- 22 Automated Services Committee meeting at UHLS 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 30 Database Maintenance Advisory Council at UHLS 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

May

- 2 Directors Association at UHLS 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM
- 12 Administration Committee meeting at UHLS 4:00 - 6:00 PM
- 14 Services, Finance, Board meeting at UHLS 3:00- 6:00 PM
- 16 YSAC at William K. Sanford Town Library Small library concerns discussion group 9:00 - 10:00
YSAC meeting 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM, Large Library concerns discussion group 12:00-1:00 PM
- 27 Automated Services Committee meeting at UHLS 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 28 Database Maintenance Advisory Council at UHLS 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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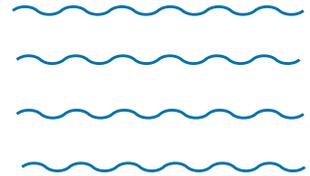
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"When I read about the way in which library funds are being cut and cut, I can only think that American society has found one more way to destroy itself." - Isaac Asimov



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