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Mission Statement

The Upper Hudson Library System (UHLS) coordinates resources and activities that will improve the services of the public libraries in Albany and Rensselaer Counties.

NYLA Rallies for Library Funding

NYLA will be holding two rallies to oppose further cuts in Library Aid. The first rally will occur at the NYLA Conference on Saturday, November 8th at 12:15 PM (right before the Farewell Luncheon) outside the Saratoga Springs Civic Center. NYLA will issue a press release and invite media to attend to get coverage in the Sunday papers.

The second rally will occur on Tuesday, November 18th at 1:00 PM, the day of the scheduled Special Legislative Session in Albany. NYLA has submitted paperwork to NYS Office of General Services to reserve the East Capitol Park/Steps to hold the rally as well as a public demonstration permit from the City of Albany.

UHLS will provide transportation to and from the second event. Please contact Philip Ritter at 518-437-9880 x222 for details.

NYLA will be posting a letter on their website (www.nyla.org) for library advocates to send/fax/email to their Legislators and the Governor opposing any further cuts in library funding. Attendees at the NYLA Conference will have opportunity to use the Internet Cafe to send letters while they are in Saratoga Springs.

Between now and November 18th, please urge your legislators to oppose any further cuts in library funding citing three main points:

1. Library usage is up and now is not the time to cut library funding.
2. Library aid has already been cut twice and now it's time for others to shoulder their fair share of the burden.
3. Libraries are part of educational system and are providing life-long learning to people of all ages as we strive to improve student academic achievement and retool our workforce for the Digital Age economy.

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GRANTS

Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials Program

The New York State Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials Projects focuses on projects which contribute to the preservation of significant research materials in libraries, and other agencies in New York State, whether by conducting surveys, improving collection storage environments, reformatting or treating collections or other preservation activities described in the program guidelines. The grant period will be from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. The New York State Library, New York State Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials, will provide applications and guidelines to all requesting institutions and individuals in New York State.

Eligible organizations include libraries, museums, and similar institutions in New York State and consortia or cooperating groups of agencies, professional associations or other not-for-profit institutions which provide services to libraries. One-year grants will be available in amounts from \$1,500 to \$40,000.

For eligibility criteria, additional information or to obtain a copy of the grant application potential applicants should contact the New York State Library, Conservation/Preservation Program, Room 10B41, Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230; or visit the Web site: www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cp; or call 518 474-1565. **Deadline for submission is December 5, 2008.**

From the National Network of Libraries of Medicine

The Middle Atlantic Region (MAR) of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) announces the availability of three new types of awards that support access to health information for libraries, consumers, health professionals and in particular reaching underserved populations; enhance the capacity of libraries to share resources, strengthen network member librarians' skills in the use of NLM databases and increase the visibility of the NN/LM and NLM products and services. For additional information about these awards, please go to <http://www.nlm.gov/mar/funding>.

Outreach Training Awards from the National Library of Medicine

Full and Affiliate Network members may apply for grants to train and promote awareness of the products and services of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and NN/LM. Two awards up to \$10,000 each are available. **Deadline is December 15, 2008.**

Small Project Awards - Currently Available

Full and Affiliate Network members may apply for grants to enhance their services as well as promote NLM products and services; and provide seed money for ongoing or one-time projects through the purchase of displays, brochures, presentations, materials, equipment, supplies or presentation of small programs. Eight awards at \$1,000 each are available. **Deadline is ongoing.**

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Exhibit Awards - Currently Available

For members participation at venues that promote health information resources. Funds support registration and fees, travel, and related expenses. Members can promote their local library resources while promoting the National Library of Medicine. One award of \$2,000 is available. **Deadline is ongoing.**

UHLS NEWS

The Trustee Workshop, held on Thursday, September 25th at the Albany Marriott was another success for UHLS. It was well attended by 70 trustees representing 21 of our 29 member libraries. Libby Post and Josh Cohen each gave two-hour presentations that garnered rave reviews.

Libby Post, President/CEO of Communication Services in Albany, gave an informative program on *Advocacy and Public Relations*. She discussed how to establish the local public library as an essential service in the community; why library trustees must be advocates for their libraries; how to build community support; how libraries can stabilize their funding base; and how libraries can be a reflection of their community.

Josh Cohen, Executive Director of the Mid-Hudson Library System, gave an in-depth program on *The Essential Duties and Responsibilities of Library Trustees*. He explained that everything a Trustee does falls within one of nine duties, or is done in support of those duties:

1. Regularly plan and evaluate the library's service program;
2. Create and develop the mission of the library;
3. Select and hire a qualified library director;
4. Secure adequate funding for the library's service program;
5. Exercise fiduciary responsibility for the use of public and private funds;
6. Adopt policies and rules regarding library governance and use;
7. Maintain a facility that meets the library's and community's needs;
8. Promote the library in the local community and in society in general;
9. Conduct the business of the library in an open and ethical manner in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.



During the buffet dinner that followed the presentations, trustees completed a survey that will be used to guide UHLS in determining what subjects will be handled in future Workshops. The top ten choices for workshops were (in order of preference): Building and Renovation; Staffing and Personnel Issues; Friends of the Library; Core Issues Library Trustees Should Understand; Board Evaluation; Library Laws, Rules and Regulations; Fiscal Responsibilities of Library Boards; The Board's Relationship with the Library Director; Advocacy and Public Relations; and Planning and Evaluation.

Outreach Minigrant Applications

On December 1, 2008, the Outreach minigrant applications will be sent to library directors and posted on the UHLS website.

This year, because of diminished state aid, libraries will be competing for \$14,000 earmarked for services for one of eight target populations: the educationally disadvantaged; members of ethnic or minority groups; the unemployed; people not served by a library; people who are blind or physically handicapped, including people who are deaf or hearing impaired; the aged; and people who are confined in an institution.

To ensure that everyone understands what makes a successful application, Jo-Ann Benedetti will be available after the Directors Association Meeting on December 5th at 11:00 AM. Call Jo-Ann at 437-9880 x225 for additional information.

E-Rate Reminder

This fall, UHLS will be initiating the e-rate application process for the 2009–10 fiscal year. That means that for the libraries on whose behalf UHLS applies for e-rate, directors will be receiving a letter of agency to sign authorizing UHLS to apply for e-rate reimbursements on their behalf. UHLS will also need the following items to start the paperwork:

Before December 1st:

1. The number of phone and fax lines in your libraries

Before January 1st:

1. Number of rooms with phone service
2. For each phone vendor you use:
 - Name of vendor
 - Phone number associated with that vendor
 - The type of phone service this vendor provides (local, long distance or both)
 - Amounts paid to this vendor from January 08 - December 08 (just the amounts, please, not the actual bills)
 - A representative phone bill for each vendor.

Please contact Jo-Ann at 437-9880 x225 if you have questions.

YOUTH SERVICES

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Upcoming training:

Storytime Skills

Friday, November 14th, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

All thumbs with finger puppets? Flannelboard technique just doesn't stick? Come develop new storytime techniques, hone your existing skills, or gather fresh ways to use your expertise. Upper Hudson Library System and Mohawk Valley Library System bring the best outside and inside presenters together to demonstrate, teach, coach and facilitate sharing of key storytime skills. A must for anyone with minimal storytime training! Training will be held at William K. Sanford Town Library (Colonie). For more information please contact Mary Fellows at 518-437-9880 x228.

Special feature: picture book author/illustrator Jeff Mack (www.jeffmack.com) will join us from 12:00 – 1:00 PM to share his techniques and insights. Books will be available for signing.

Teen Programs That Work!

Monday, December 8th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Come learn about innovative and fun teen programs that work in big or tiny libraries! Our workshop leader, RoseMary Hannold is the author of five books (four of them on teen services), numerous articles and websites, and is a well-traveled presenter. Training will be held at UHLS. For more information contact Mary Fellows at 518-437-9880 x228.

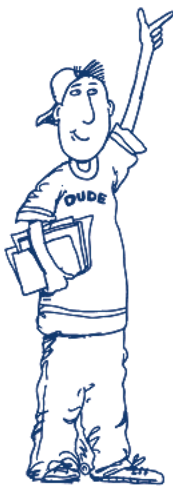
Busy Summer for UHLS Libraries

Summer Reading Program statistics are in and they are interesting. The numbers indicate a 19% overall increase. Last year's total of registration and program attendance was 30,519, while the 2008 figure is 37,035. As many have noted, when the economy gets tight, library usage goes up.

In particular, program attendance by teens increased dramatically. The training we've held over the past year on service to teens, the increased emphasis on teen service in the library literature and lists, and the availability of UHLS gaming equipment have all contributed to these higher numbers.

The great news is that our youth services staff's energy and creativity makes us eligible again next year for the higher SRP mini-grant amount, which this year was \$12,000 compared to the \$6000 we got in 2007. The break point between the lesser and greater grant amounts is 30,000 total participation.

We used our mini-grant money this year for the Marketing Challenge. Libraries were challenged to execute a number of marketing activities. A tiered approach made the challenge possible on some level for all libraries. Fifteen libraries chose to participate. Eight achieved the first level, three achieved level two, one achieved level three, and three achieved the top level. Each library will receive a proportional program stipend.



MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

Albany Public Library

Bechard Appointed to Board of Trustees

On October 14th, the Board of Trustees of the Albany Public Library voted to appoint Andrew Bechard as its newest trustee to serve the seat left vacant by the passing of James Gallagher. Bechard will serve on the Board until a successor is selected in the next election in May 2009.

Mr. Bechard holds a BA from SUNY and juris doctor from the University at Buffalo School of Law. He worked with the New York State Legislature, has been an Assistant County Attorney and has spent eight years with the New York State Office for Technology. Mr. Bechard has invested over 17 years volunteering with the Albany Housing Coalition and has been the President of the Board for the last seven years.

Kindred Spirits with Author Kathy Stevens, Founder of Catskill Animal Sanctuary

On Wednesday, November 19th, 7:00 PM, Albany Public Library will host a very special meeting of Kindred Spirits, a book discussion group for animal lovers. The featured title is Kathy Stevens' book *Where the Blind Horse Sings: Love and Healing at an Animal Sanctuary*. The author, founder of Catskill Animal Sanctuary will be joining the discussion to answer questions about her book and give readers an update on all the animals living at the sanctuary.

Sunday Cinema

Sunday, November 2th, 2:00 PM, *The Incredible Hulk*

Another explosive, action-packed story of Marvel Comics superhero the Incredible Hulk. Scientist Bruce Banner (Edward Norton) is desperately hunting for a cure to the gamma radiation that poisoned his cells and unleashes the mean green force. Trying to avoid detection by his nemesis, General Thunderbolt Ross, the Hulk must also battle a new foe known as The Abomination. Rated PG-13.

Sunday, November 30th, 2:00 PM, *WALL-E*

What if mankind had to leave Earth and somebody forgot to turn the last robot off? The year is 2700 and WALL-E is a robot still spending every day doing what he was made for. Soon he is visited by a sleek robot named EVE whom he chases across the galaxy with a heroic team of malfunctioning misfit robots. Rated G.

Moseley Receives Casey Award

Dennis Mosley, member of the board of the Friends of the Albany Public Library, has been selected to receive the prestigious Daniel W. Casey Award by the Empire Friends Roundtable of the New York Library Association. He received this award, said Karen Achilles, Casey Award chair, "for his commitment and focus to bring the library to the community and vice versa." She noted his involvement with the Book Cellar and the Albany Independent Film forum, among other accomplishments. Mr. Mosley will receive the award on Friday, November 7th at the NYLA conference.

Bethlehem Public Library

Second Annual Tech Fair



Make a “tech trek” to Bethlehem Public Library on Saturday November 1st, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM for our second annual Technology Fair. Area businesses and interest groups will introduce this year’s consumer technology innovations through hands-on demonstrations and exhibits. Two info-sessions offer the lowdown on solar energy for the home and the digital TV transition. We’ll also have an art project station for young techies-to-be.

This year’s fair features exhibits and demonstrations by AT&T Store in Glenmont, the library’s Computer Partners, Capital Region Geocachers, FIRST Lego League, Bethlehem Middle School GEMS, Hippo’s, NYSERDA, Renewable Power Systems, Sinnamon Sewing Machine Service, Staples, Tangora Technologies, and Upstate NY Unix User Group.

Html And Web Design

Teens in grade 6 and up can learn to be webmasters of the universe in this workshop on two successive Tuesdays, December 9th and 16th, at 6:30 PM. The workshop facilitator is IT staff member John Love, who created our award-winning summer reading program software. Participants can bring their own laptops or borrow one of ours—but they must attend both sessions.

A Little Sunday Music

Bethlehem Public Library’s annual winter concert series begins on November 2nd with a recital by pianist Duncan Cumming. A member of the UAlbany faculty, Mr. Cumming also teaches and performs as Assistant Director of the Young Artists Piano Program at Boston University’s Tanglewood Institute. His innovative and carefully constructed programs often include informal commentary.

The series continues with a flute and piano recital by Pauline and Peter Mancuso on December 7th, and mezzo-soprano Kara Cornell on February 1, 2009. The Amherst String Quartet closes the 2008-09 series on March 1st. All concerts begin at 2:00 PM.

Guilderland Public Library

What better way to get into the holiday spirit?

The Guilderland Public Library will host noted illustrator and artist Will Moses, great-grandson of the world-famous Grandma Moses, at a Carol J. Hamblin Notable Author Speakers event at 7:30 PM, Friday, December 12, 2008. The Guilderland Library Foundation sponsors this signature occasion.

Will Moses has had several acclaimed exhibitions in the United States, Canada and Japan. Will delights in illustrating and writing children’s books. Philomel Books/Penguin Books for Young Readers, have now published seven books to date: *Silent Night*, *The Legend Of Sleepy Hollow*, *Rip Van Winkle*, *Johnny Appleseed*, *Mother Goose*, *Hansel and Gretel* and *The Night Before Christmas*. His just-published *Will Moses Raining Cats and Dogs* is a delightful book of illustrated idioms such as “in a pickle,” “short fuse,” “let the cat out of the bag” as well as many others.

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Free tickets to the Author Talk are available now at the Guilderland Public Library's information desk. There is a limit of four free tickets per person. People wishing to spend some time talking with Will Moses at a 6:45 PM Private Dessert Reception before the Author Talk are invited to call 456-2400 x50, or e-mail foundation@guilpl.org.

Improved Website

Four years ago, the Library Public Relations Council named the Guilderland Public Library's website at GuilderlandPublic.info among the best of library websites. Noted for its ease of navigation and quality of content, this website provides the latest information about Library programs, services, and special events.

So many aspects of the Library have changed in the intervening years that the Library's website could not keep up. So the staff challenged itself to create a website that was more responsive to its patrons' needs. What they came up with is www.guilpl.org.

Highlights include:

- What's new at a glance: New programs, special events, and key information are all featured right on the home page.
- New tabbed navigation: "Adults", "Teens", "Kids" and other tabs take users right to content tailored to their interests.
- "Ask a Librarian" Service: If patrons have a question, but don't have time to come to the Library, they can now e-mail their question using the Ask a Librarian e-mail feature.

New Online Research Database Hits Close to Home A century's worth of the Altamont Enterprise is fully searchable online

After nearly a year's worth of work by Library staff and support personnel off-site, nearly 100 years of the *Altamont Enterprise* are now available online through the Guilderland Public Library's new website at www.guilpl.org. The *Enterprise* collection is just the first in a series of new online resources available through the Library's new website at www.guilpl.org. Be sure to check the site frequently for details on the latest releases.

Stephentown Memorial Library

Stephentown Memorial Library Celebrates National Native American Month in November!

Local Ethno-Documentary Filmmaker, Fidel Moreno, co-director of White Eagle Gallery and Resource Center will be hosting several screenings of Native American films at the Stephentown Memorial Library. After film screenings we will explore and share local and area Native American connections or related themes and subjects.

Friday, November 7th at 7:00 PM – *Windwalker*

This film features beautiful winter cinematography shot on location in Montana and Canada on the Blackfeet reservation. This is a heart-warming story about two young American Indian boys and their grandfather. A surprise ending with a twist makes this a great family film to watch, very little violence.

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Tuesday, November 11th - Veteran's Day – 7:00 PM – *Windtalkers*

This film details the Navajo Code Talkers of WWII. Following the film there will be a discussion on Native American participation in all U.S. military campaigns beginning with American Revolution.

Sunday, November 16th - 6:00 PM - Community Potluck and film showing *The Last of the Mohicans*

This film showcases Cherokee actor Wes Studi as Maguwa, creating treachery and havoc wherever he can. Enjoy the company of friends and neighbors as we share a simple meal and enjoy this film together.

Thursday, November 20th- 6:30 PM - Pajama Story Time

Wear your pj's and bring your favorite stuffed animal, along with a parent or caregiver. Guest Storyteller Fidel Moreno will tell Native American tales of Eagleheart, the brave warrior boy and his sisters Smiles Alot and Hungry Tummy. Join us for stories, singing and drawing, along with some delicious Native American corn chowder!

Voorheesville Public Library

Bus Trip to Broadway

The Friends of the Voorheesville Library are sponsoring a trip to Manhattan to see "Spamalot" on Saturday, March 28, 2009. For information, please visit the Voorheesville Public Library website at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.



Social Networking Online

Social networking has created new ways to communicate and share information. Social networking websites are being used regularly by millions of people, and social networking is becoming of everyday life. Learn about social networking services such as Facebook, Myspace, and LinkedIn with Dr. David Adkins on November 9, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Beyond The Invisible: Living with a Brain Injury

This 30-minute documentary focuses on three veterans who sustained a brain injury in combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The film is designed to educate the public, professionals, and advocates about what it means to live with a brain injury. Although the documentary portrays the challenges of brain injury in a military context, many of the struggles these veterans discuss are shared by all who experience a brain injury.

Col. James D. McDonough, Jr., USA (ret) Director, NYS Division of Veterans' Affairs and Judith I. Avner, Executive Director, Brain Injury Association of New York, will be here on Tuesday, November 18th at 7:00 PM to preview this new film, discuss the repercussions and treatment of traumatic brain injury, and answer your questions.

William K. Sanford Town Library

'Friends' Hold First Annual Meeting

The public is invited to attend the first annual organizational meeting of the Friends of the William K. Sanford Town Library on Tuesday, November 11th. The meeting is being held to formally elect officers and approve by-laws and other required legal documents. The group also plans to discuss its potential activities for 2008-2009. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM in the library's Stedman Room.

The non-profit Friends group was launched in the summer of 2008 to help support and promote the library's role as a vital resource for local residents, businesses and other community organizations.

Membership fees are \$10 for individuals, \$15 for families and \$8 for seniors over 60. For more information about becoming a member, please contact library Director Richard Naylor at 458-9274 (naylorr@uhls.lib.ny.us) or Jonathan Walter, interim president of the Friends of the William K. Sanford Town Library (jmwalter@nycap.rr.com).

Noon Book Review: *The Opinion Makers: An Insider Exposes The Truth Behind the Polls*

If you haven't had (or heard) enough about polls this year our first November Noon Book Review should wrap everything up for you! On Monday, November 10th, Dr. Don Levy, Director of the Siena Research Institute – nationally known for its surveys and polls – will review *The Opinion Makers: An Insider Exposes The Truth Behind the Polls* by David Moore. Dr. Levy, our reviewer/pollster, has presented his research in both scholarly and popular venues and has been interviewed by the *New York Times*, *Fortune*, and *National Public Radio*. For more information about SRI, see their website: www.siena.edu/SRI/. The review begins at 12:15 PM; bring your lunch too.

Mark Grimm To Review *How To Win A Local Election*

On Wednesday, November 12th, our second Noon Book Review welcomes Mark Grimm, Town of Guilderland Board member, manager of eight political campaigns, and principal of local media company Mark Grimm Communications. He will be reviewing *How To Win A Local Election: A Complete Step-By-Step Guide* by Judge Lawrence Grey. Of the book, *Publisher's Weekly* says: "Grey, who has won his share of local elections ... tells would-be public officials how to get elected.... Anyone who wants to get on the school board or the city council will find this book exceedingly helpful... Uncommon for a lawyer, he writes clear prose in chapters that follow the course of a campaign: organizing volunteers, advertising, analyzing your district's demographics, etc... Grey spells out clearly the legal issues involved in becoming a formal candidate...This is a smart, informed, and practical package." Let's see what our reviewer will have to say! In addition to running Mark Grimm Communications, Mark has conducted one-on-one interviews with Presidents Bush and Clinton; been on the Phil Donohue show; and, as news anchor in Denver, doubled the news' ratings. He also teaches journalism at Siena, hosts the popular weekly radio show Siena Alumni Connection on WVCR 88.3 FM, and taught media courses at the College of St. Rose. The review begins at 12:15 PM and, as always, you can bring your lunch.

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November

- 10 Administration Committee meeting at UHLS 4:00 PM
- 12 Tech Advisory Council meeting at UHLS 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 12 Services, Finance, Board meeting at UHLS 3:30 - 6:00 PM
- 14 Storytime Skills Workshop at W. K. Sanford (Colonie) 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 21 Fit For Life Workshop - Prescription for Success: Consumer Health Information on the Web, at Albany Public Library (Main) 9:00 AM - 12:00 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
- 27 **UHLS offices closed for Thanksgiving**

December

- 3 Resource Sharing Advisory Council at UHLS 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 5 Directors Association at UHLS 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 8 Teen Programs That Work! Workshop at UHLS 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 8 Administration Committee meeting at UHLS 4:00 PM
- 10 Services, Finance, Board meeting at UHLS 3:30 - 6:00 PM
- 12 *Latest Edition* Deadline
- 12 YSAC Meeting at UHLS 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Book review 9:00 - 10:00 AM
Book review and Teen services Discussion Group 12:00 - 1:00 PM (simultaneous)
- 19 From Snake Oil to Penicillin: Evaluating Consumer Health Information on the Internet, at Albany Public Library (Main) 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 24 Database Maintenance Advisory Council at UHLS 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
- 25 **UHLS offices closed for Christmas**

January 2009

- 1 **UHLS offices closed for New Years**
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