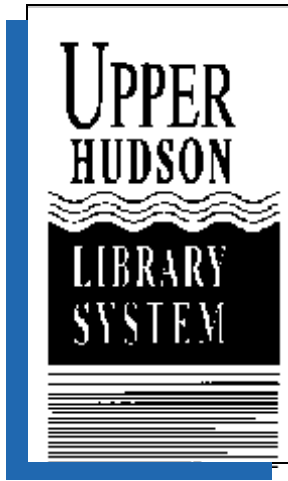


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## AMERICA AFTER 9/11: FREEDOM PRESERVED OR FREEDOM LOST?

By Dr. Carla Hayden, President, American Library Association

The American Library Association affirms the responsibility of the leaders of the United States to protect and preserve the freedoms that are the foundation of our democracy, and we are committed to ensuring that our country is safe and secure. We believe, and we practice the belief, that the free flow of information and ideas are at the core of what we seek to protect, of what makes our country strong. Vibrant discussion and expression and the ability to research both broadly and deeply are what have made the United States a beacon of freedom and they are what keep us strong.

The ALA has long opposed efforts to censure, control, or to oversee the information sought by the public, particularly in libraries. Privacy is essential to the exercise of free speech, free thought, and free association and lack of privacy and confidentiality chills users' choices, and can have the same effect as the suppression of ideas. The possibility of surveillance, whether direct or through access to records of speech, research and exploration, undermines a democratic society. Libraries are a critical force for promoting the free flow and unimpeded distribution of knowledge and information for individuals, institutions, and communities.

The American public has clearly conveyed - through the passage, in three states and 210 localities, of resolutions, ordinances or ballot initiatives protecting the civil liberties of their over 26 million residents - its discomfort with some provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act. We are, as members of the American public and as librarians, deeply concerned about certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act which increase the likelihood that the activities of library users, including their use of computers to browse the Web or access e-mail, may be under government surveillance without their knowledge or consent. We are also deeply concerned about the revised Attorney General Guidelines to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and other related measures that give the federal government overly broad authority to investigate citizens and non-citizens without particularized suspicion, to engage in surveillance, and to threaten civil rights and liberties guaranteed under the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights.

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## AMERICA AFTER 9/11 (continued):

As the Committee is aware, the ALA has been very involved in advocating for legislation that would amend the USA PATRIOT Act to protect civil liberties and the privacy of the public while at the same time ensuring that law enforcement has the appropriate tools necessary to safeguard the security of our country. We have also advocated meaningful Congressional oversight of and accountability to the public for the implementation of these expanded authorities, and so we genuinely appreciate this hearing to address how the protection of civil liberties, privacy, and the free and open exchange of ideas enhance the vital efforts of law enforcement and the security of our country.

*This Public Statement was made by Dr. Carla Hayden, endorsed by the American Association of Law Libraries, Association of Research Libraries, Medical Library Association, and Special Libraries Association, and submitted to a Judicial Committee Hearing. Dr. Hayden was recently honored by Ms. Magazine as one of ten outstanding 2003 Women of the Year.*

## SKY CAMP PLANS TAKE OFF

UHLS' LSTA grant-funded *Sky Camp* project is underway. Participating libraries in UHLS and MVLS are ordering grant-funded aviation materials and making plans for programs in schools, libraries and during the three-day summer camp. Participants have a program budget and may choose among fourteen presenters, ranging from a helicopter pilot to the Federal Aviation Administration.

## Regional News

### PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICTS

New York State now has 176 chartered public library districts. A public library district enables voters to approve the library budget and elect the library trustees. Libraries that want to become public library districts should contact Phil Ritter, UHLS Director, at 437-9880 x. 222. For more information on library districts, go to <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/libs/pldtools/index.html> for the "Public Library District How-To Kit" and to <http://www.nyla.org> for an article titled "Increasing Autonomy: Rechartering Your Public Library."

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RIVERWAY SECOND ANNUAL STORYTELLING  
FESTIVAL  
April 26 – May 4, 2004

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## National News

### PREVENTING PLAGIARISM

The South Central Regional Library Council is sponsoring a workshop on preventing plagiarism on Friday, January 16, 2004 at Broome County Public Library in Binghamton, NY from 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM. This presentation by Gretchen Pearson of Le Moyne College will provide first-hand knowledge of plagiarism resources. Policies, procedures, and honor codes will be discussed. "Training for Effective Database Use" is a series of LSTA-funded workshops that address a serious problem in all types of libraries -- low patron usage of electronic databases. Each one-day session will focus on a different issue: marketing, database management, effective teaching methods, metadata, and how to prevent plagiarism. Registration is \$35 per person and includes lunch. For more information or to register, visit [www.lakenet.org/scrlc/SPRING04.pdf](http://www.lakenet.org/scrlc/SPRING04.pdf).



## LIBRARY SIGNS YOU CAN USE

### USA Patriot Act

#### A Warning From Your Library

Although the \_\_\_\_\_ Library makes every effort to protect your privacy, under the federal USA PATRIOT Act (Public Law 107-56), federal agents can obtain library records of circulated materials, interlibrary loans, database searches, computer use and reference interviews. That federal law prohibits library workers from informing you or anyone else if federal agents have obtained records about you. Questions about this policy should be directed to Attorney General John Ashcroft, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530.

*Adapted from the Santa Cruz (CA) Library posting*

### Internet Disclaimer

The Internet offers information from many sources. Users need to consider the information wisely and question its accuracy. Not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete or current information.

Since the Internet is not monitored by any entity, Internet access to information of a controversial or mature nature is possible. Please be aware that the \_\_\_\_\_ Library site contains links outside of the \_\_\_\_\_ Library's control.

Recommendations are for the World Wide Web sites listed. They do not apply to any sites that may be linked from those pages. \_\_\_\_\_ Library does not endorse any commercial products that may be advertised or available on those sites.

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*Adapted from the Darien (CT) Library posting*

## NEXTBOOK READING LISTS

Nextbook is a national initiative to promote Jewish cultural literacy in new and innovative ways. One of its projects is the creation and distribution of annotated Reading Lists that offer guided tours through 3,000 years of Jewish history and culture. These Reading Lists are intended to encourage all Americans to learn more about Judaism. Nextbook Reading Lists will be distributed through public library systems, through chain and independent bookstores, and advertised in national publications. The Nextbook home page at <http://www.nextbook.org/index.html> is a comprehensive source of web links to current Judaic resources such as newspapers, periodicals, books and reviews, digests, libraries, and more.

## COMPUTERS IN LIBRARIES CONFERENCE

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Computers in Libraries Conference will be held March 10-12, 2004 at the Hilton Washington, in Washington, D.C. There will be four program tracks covering searching, web design, content management, electronic learning, information exchange, and more. For more information, visit [www.infoday.com/cil2004](http://www.infoday.com/cil2004).

## Trustee News

### JOB DESCRIPTION: BOARD TREASURER

(Adapted from *Board Source: Board Essentials*, 2002.)

The Treasurer is an essential role on the Board of Trustees of any size Library. Like any Board member, the Treasurer is expected to attend all board and committee meetings and functions, be informed about the Library's mission, services, policies, and programs, review agenda and supporting materials prior to meetings, serve on committees or task forces, keep up-to-date on library developments, follow conflict of interest and confidentiality policies, and refrain from making special requests of the staff.

In addition, the Treasurer is also expected to:

- Maintain knowledge of the Library and personal commitment to its goals and objectives;

- Understand financial accounting for nonprofit organizations;
- Serve as Financial Officer of the Library and as Chairperson of the Finance Committee;
- Manage, with the Finance Committee, the Board's review of and action related to the Board's financial responsibilities.
- Work with the Library Director to ensure that appropriate financial reports are made available to the Board on a timely basis.
- Assist the Library Director in preparing the annual budget and presenting the budget to the Board for approval.
- Review the annual audit and answer Board members' questions about the audit.

## Friends News

### FEBRUARY IS LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH

Library Lovers' Month is a celebration of school, public, and private libraries of all types. This is a time for everyone, especially library support groups, to recognize the value of libraries and to work to assure that the Nation's libraries will continue to serve. Visit this web site <http://www.librarysupport.net/librarylovers/> for bookmarks, e-greeting cards, fundraising and event ideas, poems and more.

## Grants & Funding

### PARAPROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

*Library Journal* recognizes the Paraprofessional of the Year, honoring excellence in library service and efforts to further the role of paraprofessionals in the library profession. The deadline for nominations is January 5, 2004. To nominate a colleague, send a letter describing why the candidate deserves the award, in 500 words or less, to: [fialkoff@reedbusiness.com](mailto:fialkoff@reedbusiness.com), or by mail to: Francine Fialkoff, c/o Library Journal, 360 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10010.

### OLDER ADULTS GRANTS

*Community Partnerships for Older Adults*, a program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, supports efforts of local public-private partnerships to improve long-term care and supportive services systems for older adults with development grants of up to \$150,000 for 18 months. Applicants must partner with a core group of community leaders encompassing a geographic area with at least 10,000 residents who are age 60 or older, except in rural communities. Letters of intent are due January 9, 2004. Visit <http://www.partnershipsforolderadults.org> for more information.

### RELATIVES AS PARENTS PROGRAM

Non-profits can apply for this grant program that is designed to encourage and promote the creation or expansion of services for grandparents and other relatives who have taken on the responsibility of surrogate parenting when the biological parents are unwilling or unable to do so. The deadline for applications is January 15, 2004. For more information, visit <http://www.brookdalefoundation.org>.

### HONDA GRANTS

Honda supports educational and non-profit organizations, whose mission is to advance and educate youth. Funding can be used for program planning, operating expenses, projects, general and continuing support, challenge or matching grants, and multi-year programs. The deadline for entries is February 1, 2004. Visit the Foundation web site at <http://www.hondacorporate.com/community/index.html?subsection=foundation> for more information.

### RECORDS MANAGEMENT GRANTS

The NYS Archives offers grants to improve records management and archive administration in local governments. Grants can be used for inventory, planning, historical records, and educational uses of local government records. Application deadline is February 2, 2004. For more information, visit [www.archives.nysed.gov](http://www.archives.nysed.gov).

## COMMUNITY BUILDERS AWARDS

The Council of Community Services honors those who have made substantial contributions to human services in the Capital Region. The deadline for nominations for all of the following awards is February 9, 2004. For more information, call Jacqueline Mulligan at 434-9194 x. 114.

- q Human Services Program of the Year Award – recognizes an innovative human services program that is currently in operation, addresses unmet needs, based on collaboration, and is cost-effective.
- q Sister Serena Branson Award for Achievement – recognizes an individual who has been instrumental in health and human services.
- q Community Collaboration Award – recognizes a community-wide collaboration to increase awareness and to address a problem.
- q James P. Heron Award – recognizes a human services professional whose activities have contributed to the quality of life in Albany County.
- q Lawrence F. Klepper Award – given to an attorney who has demonstrated ongoing support, leadership, and commitment to non-profit organizations in the Capital Region.

## RESPONSIBLE NEIGHBOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Rohm and Haas Company has developed the Community Partnership Initiative, which focuses on providing youth with

support programs and activities at times when school is not in session. Projects and activities that promote science, technology and mathematics education; structured after-school programs; environmental and safety concerns; and employee volunteerism, are eligible. For more information, visit <http://www.rohmhaas.com/community/giving/guideline.htm>.

## WE THE PEOPLE BOOKSHELF GRANT

This National Endowment for the Humanities grant project will give *We The People* bookshelf sets of 15 books for young people to 500 libraries. Libraries interested in receiving the collection must develop and host a program to introduce it to the community. The deadline for applications is February 14, 2004. For more information, visit <http://www.wethepeople.gov/grants/>.

## Worth Noting

The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program needs volunteers to provide income tax assistance at the Main Branch of Albany Public Library. Basic tax assistance for low-income taxpayers (household income limit of \$41K) will be provided on Saturdays, starting February 5, 2004 through April 9, 2004. This long-standing, popular program needs volunteers to help with the preparation and filing of returns for taxpayers. Volunteers do not need to commit to every Saturday during the tax season, but they do need to be certified by taking an

open book exam. If necessary, VITA site coordinators can provide additional training. For more information, contact Chris in the Reference Department, at 427-4323.

Winter storytime sessions at the Bethlehem Public Library will be back up to a full 10-week schedule. Registration begins January 20; storytimes begin the following week. Call 439-9314 for details. Other programming remains on hold for the duration of the library renovation project.

The Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library donated \$9,550 to the Library for collection development, to update and expand the Youth Services and Adult Services Reference Collections, to fill gaps in the juvenile non-fiction collection, to purchase genealogical reference sources on the early settlers of Greenbush and East Greenbush, and to update and expand the Consumer Health Reference Collection.

East Greenbush Community Library, on behalf of UHLS, has received an arts grant of \$2,500 to partially fund performances of Schoolhouse Rock Live! in member libraries this summer.

Part of the recent renovation of the William K. Sanford Town Library includes plans for theatre productions, according to an article in the *Times Union* (Wednesday, November 12, 2003, page B1). Track lighting, a mobile stage and curtains have been installed in the Stedman Room. The first performance will take place in Spring 2004.

# People

Christine Demetros joined Bethlehem Public Library as a part-time youth services librarian. Christine has worked as a youth services librarian at the White Plains Library and as a reference librarian at the Columbia University law library. Marge Duffy joined Bethlehem Public Library's circulation staff in December as a part-time library assistant.

After 31 years, first as a Library Clerk at Ravena Free Library and later as a Library Assistant at RCS Community Library, Irene Williams has retired. Carolyn Brook has changed status from part-time Librarian to substitute, in order to complete her school media certification. Steven Geurds has joined the RCSC staff as part-time Librarian. Joel Glogowski has begun work as a part-time Library Assistant.

Sharon Hodges, Director of the Petersburg Public Library, is one of the 27 librarians from around the country who received the 2003 New York Times Librarian Award.

# Library Programs

## ALBANY MAIN:

MOHAWK-HUDSON REGIONAL INVITATIONAL - Jane Bloodgood-Abrams, Chris Cassidy and Allison Hunter at the Albany Center Galleries located on the second floor of the Library. The gallery is open Tuesday-Saturday 12:00-5:00 PM, January 6-February 21. Reception and interview on Thursday, January 15, 2004 at 5:30 PM. For more information, call 462-4775.

RESCUING INJURED ANIMALS - Presented by Barbara Nizinkirck, Veterinary Technician at the Humane Society Animal Shelter. Tuesday, January 6, 2004 at 12:15 PM.

THE SEAFARER'S CENTER - Serving Seaman at the Port of Albany. Speaker: Pastor William Hempel, St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Albany. Tuesday, January 13, 2004 at 12:15 PM.

AFRICAN AND ATLANTIC CREOLE - Free, Indentured and Enslaved. Speaker: L. Lloyd Stewart, educator, writer and civic activist. January 20, 2004 at 12:15 PM.

## DELAWARE:

HANDIVAN WORKSHOP - Cooling systems and hot water tanks. Tuesday, January 27, 2004 at 6:00 PM.

## HOWE:

HANDIVAN WORKSHOP - Home Maintenance and Codes. Tuesday, January 6, 2004 at 6:00 PM.

ALBANY QUILTERS - Thursday, January 8, 2004 at 10:00 AM.

NUBIAN SKI CLUB - Tuesday, January 20, 2004 at 5:30 PM.

## NEW SCOTLAND:

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - Seabiscuit: An American Legend by Laura Hillenbrand. Monday,

January 26, 2004 at 10:00 AM.

## PINE HILLS:

ALBANY COIN COLLECTORS - Wednesday, January 7, 2004 at 6:45 PM.

CONNECTING WITH AMERICA - Discussion group for recent immigrants. Discuss American life and American Culture. Fridays, January 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2004 at 4:30 PM.

HANDIVAN WORKSHOP - Weatherization. Saturday, January 17, 2004 at 10:00 AM.

## BRUNSWICK:

AUNT HELEN'S CLOSET - Storyteller Ellen Mnich brings a trunk of artifacts and clothing from her Aunt Helen's closet for an interactive presentation about all parts of the world. Saturday, January 10, 2004 at 1:00 PM in the Brunswick Family Community Center.

**EAST GREENBUSH:**

**FREEDOM FROM HEADACHES** - Dr. Robert Kipp of the East Greenbush Chiropractic will discuss the various types of headaches and how they can affect our lives. After the program, take Dr. Kipp's headache/stress quiz to see if you could benefit from a natural treatment approach. Sunday, January 4, 2004 at 2:00 PM.

**WARM UP WITH YOGA** - Certified Kripalu Yoga teacher Kathy Matulis will help you beat the winter cold and snow with gentle deep breathing exercises and yoga postures healing to body and mind. Bring a mat or blanket and dress comfortably. Sunday, January 11, 2004 at 2:00 PM.

**YANKEE DOODLE SERIES: CLASH OF CULTURES IN COLONIAL NEW YORK** - Theodore Corbett, author of Clash of Cultures on the Warpath of Nations: The Colonial Wars in the Hudson-Champlain Valley, will speak about his discoveries while researching early colonial wars. Formerly director of the Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation, he currently teaches at Schenectady County Community College. Sunday, January 18, 2004 at 2:00 PM.

**GUILDERLAND:**

**DEEP FREEZE MOVIE WEEKEND** - The Teen Advisory Committee is organizing a weekend of great teen films: Friday, January 16 at 6:30 PM - *Pirates of the Caribbean*, and Saturday, January 17 at 1:00 PM - *Bruce Almighty*. Free popcorn. For details, visit [www.guilderlandpublic.info](http://www.guilderlandpublic.info) or call Trevor at 456-2400 ext. 40.

**MUSICAL PERFORMANCE** - Join us for a performance by The Student Theater Outreach Program (S.T.O.P.), a collaboration of the Albany Branch of the NAACP and the Albany Public School District. Student participants are trained in Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s philosophy of nonviolence and create theater pieces and improvisations on themes of racial harmony. S.T.O.P. is directed by Broadway director/choreographer Alan Edward Weeks. Sunday, January 11, 2004 at 2:00 PM. For details, visit [www.guilderlandpublic.info](http://www.guilderlandpublic.info) or call 456-2400 ext. 7.

**CHESS CLUB** - The Friday Night Chess Club is adding a special feature. Chess enthusiasts will still find great partners to challenge and win (or lose), but in response to growing interest from the community, instruction for those new to the game is now being provided. For details call 456-2400 ext. 9.

**VOORHEESVILLE:**

**LIFELINES** - Creative writers will meet to read and discuss each other's work. Bring a short prose piece to share. No signup is necessary. Call for information at 765-2791. Monday, January 5, 2004 at 7:00 PM.

**BOOK RELEASE PARTY** - The Traveled Road by Bryce Butler. An afternoon celebration of the posthumous publication of a collection of essays by Butler, a well-known local writer and reporter for the *Altamont Enterprise*. The book includes his poignant Dead Man Writing series. January 18, 2004 at 1:30 PM.

**BARKLEY'S SCHOOL FOR DOGS: SNOW DAY** - By Marcia Thorton Jones and Debbie Dadey. Join us for book discussion, book-related activities and refreshments. This program is for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Parents are welcome. Friday, January 23, 2004 at 7:00 PM.

**WATERVLIET:**

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** - Poetry you've enjoyed or which has special meaning for you. Wednesday, January 7, 2003 at 3:00 PM.

**WILLIAM K. SANFORD:**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET** - This class is for patrons who have little or no experience with the Internet, but who are basically competent with a mouse, keyboard and Windows. Learn Internet terminology and how to access the Internet from home, work, and at the library. Emphasis will be on browsing and searching the World Wide Web. Reservations are required. Contact Zina Shevchik or Peggy Mello at 458-9274. Wednesday, January 7, 2004 at 1:00 PM.

**INTERMEDIATE INTERNET: USING SEARCH ENGINES** - This class is for library patrons who have experience using the World Wide Web, the computer mouse, keyboard and Windows. Learn the best methods of searching the Internet. We will explore the many search engines and directories available to aid you in your informational quest. Reservations are required. Contact Peggy Mello or Zina Shevchik at 458-9274. Wednesday, January 21, 2004 at 1:00 PM.

LITERARY LUNCH BOOK REVIEW  
 - Local book reviewer extraordinaire Helen Adler will review So Many Books, So Little Time: A Year Of Passionate Reading by Sara Nelson. What this self-professed readaholic did was vow to read a book a week for a year. Her choices are all over the map – memoirs, novels, history, essays, and children’s books. The result, according to *Library Journal* is “a marvelous record of how books choose us ... Nelson’s observations remind us of how books can transport us to different worlds and end up changing our own.” Thursday, January 29, 2004; doors open at 11:45 AM and the review begins at 12:15 PM. Don’t forget to bring your lunch!

## For the Asking

Calling All Collectors! The Guilderland Public Library is looking for 1960’s memorabilia to display during our 2004 six week film discussion series *The Sixties: Decade of Crisis and Change*. Have you saved your sixties bellbottoms or tie-dyed shirts, buttons, military gear, record albums or anything else from that intriguing era? If you'd like to loan any items or collections to the Library for our display cases, see Eileen at the Reference desk or call her at 456-2400 x.7.



## UHLS ADVISORY COUNCILS

### Adult Services Advisory Council

Coordinator: Rachel Baum 437-9880 x. 225; [rachel@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:rachel@uhls.lib.ny.us)

*Member Participation:* All member library staff responsible for reference, adult programming, collection development in all formats, marketing, and grant writing.

*Charge:* To facilitate the exchange of information among member libraries for effective development and management of collection resources, especially adult and reference materials in all formats; to investigate and develop grant opportunities; to share insights and information about adult and intergenerational programs; to aid UHLS in meeting Goal A Objective #1 and Goal B Objective #5 as stipulated in the Plan of Service.

### Central Library Advisory Council

Coordinator: Philip Ritter 437-9880 x. 222; [phil@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:phil@uhls.lib.ny.us)

*Member Participation:* Central Library Director, UHLS Director, one Director from a small, medium, and large library in each county.

*Charge:* To assist in the preparation of the Central Library Development Grant application; to make recommendations regarding Central Library Services; to aid UHLS in meeting Goal B Objective #7 as stipulated in the Plan of Service.

### Coordinated Outreach Services Advisory Council

Coordinator: Rachel Baum 437-9880 x. 225; [rachel@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:rachel@uhls.lib.ny.us)

*Member Participation:* “Appoint an advisory council of not less than 5 nor more than 11 members, which shall be composed of persons who are educationally disadvantaged, members of ethnic or minority groups in need of special library services, unemployed and in need of job placement assistance, living in areas underserved by a library, blind, physically handicapped, aged, or institutionalized, representatives of agencies serving such individuals within the system’s service area and one director of a member library. Council members shall serve three-year terms.”

*Charge:* “The council shall meet at least twice each year, shall advise the public library system and assist in the evaluation of activities in the coordinated outreach program.” (Commissioner’s Regulations 90.3 (j)(2)(iv)); to aid UHLS in meeting Goal C Objective #5 as stipulated in the Plan of Service.

### Database Maintenance Advisory Council

Coordinator: Rob Carle 437-9880 x. 238; [rob@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:rob@uhls.lib.ny.us)

*Member Participation:* All member library staff responsible for cataloging and bibliographic database maintenance.

*Charge:* To ensure that clean, accurate, and consistent bibliographic, authority and item records are added to the UHLAN database; to apprise library staff of changes or advancements in cataloging rules; to train cataloging library staff in the correct tools (MARC tags, classification, UHLS procedures); to aid UHLS in meeting Goal B, Objectives #1, 3, and 4 as stipulated in the Plan of Service.

### Library Advocacy Advisory Council

Coordinator: Philip Ritter 437-9880 x. 222; [phil@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:phil@uhls.lib.ny.us)

*Member Participation:* All interested member library staff, trustees, friends, and volunteers.

*Charge:* To define public awareness and legislative action goals for the region; to keep the region informed about library legislation; to keep local legislators aware of libraries and their programs; to organize regional activities which will encourage New York State Assembly and Senate support for library legislation; to aid UHLS in meeting Goal C Objective #3 as stipulated in the Plan of Service.

### Resource Sharing Advisory Council

Coordinator: Rachel Baum 437-9880 x. 225; [rachel@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:rachel@uhls.lib.ny.us)

*Member Participation:* All member library staff responsible for circulation and interlibrary loan.

*Charge:* To facilitate effective and efficient use of the UHLAN circulation system; to encourage, promote, and expedite regional interlibrary loan services; to explore and inform members of developments which affect ILL; to develop and update ILL procedures and the UHLS Interlibrary Loan Code; to aid UHLS in meeting Goal A Objective #2 and Goal B Objective #3 as stipulated in the Plan of Service.

### Technology Advisory Council

Coordinator: Rawdon Cheng 437-9880 x. 233; [rawdon@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:rawdon@uhls.lib.ny.us)

*Member Participation:* All interested member library staff, trustees, friends, and volunteers, especially those responsible for systems, automation, and website maintenance.

*Charge:* To assist UHLS staff in researching various telecom, email, and website capabilities in the marketplace; to assist member libraries in providing their patrons with multiple methods of information access; to facilitate the discussion and resolution of technology issues among UHLS member libraries; to make suggestions regarding compatible software and hardware purchases; to study and recommend website techniques, software, and methodology; and to aid UHLS in meeting Goal B and all of its Objectives as stipulated in the *Plan of Service*

### Youth Services Advisory Council

Coordinator: Mary Fellows 437-9880 x. 228; [mary@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:mary@uhls.lib.ny.us)

*Member Participation:* All member library staff responsible for children's and young adult services, collection development in all formats, marketing, and grant writing.

*Charge:* To facilitate the exchange of information among member libraries for effective development and management of services to children, teens, and families, especially collection management, programming, reference and readers advisory; to investigate and develop grant opportunities; to aid UHLS in meeting Goal A Objective #1, Goal B Objective #5, and Goal C Objective #2, as stipulated in the Plan of Service.

# Calendar

## JANUARY

## BUSINESS & REFERENCE BOOKS MONTH

- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY – UHLS CLOSED
- 8 Learnatest workshops 9:00 AM and again at 11:00 AM at UHLS
- 9 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 12 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 14 Adult Literacy grant preliminary meeting 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 14 Services Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 14 Finance Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 14 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 15 Resource Sharing Advisory Council 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 15 Deadline for February issue of The Latest Edition
- 16 Youth Services Advisory Council (Book Review) 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM at UHLS
- 22 Outreach Advisory Council 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 27 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 29 2004 Online Databases workshop 9:00 AM at APLM (Computer Lab)

## FEBRUARY

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- 6 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 9 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 11 Services Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 11 Finance Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 11 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 13 Youth Services Advisory Council (Discussion Groups) 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM at UHLS
- 13 Deadline for March issue of The Latest Edition
- 23-28 Public Library Association Annual Conference in Seattle, WA

## MARCH

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

- 4 World Book Day Online Festival [www.worldbookdayfestival.com](http://www.worldbookdayfestival.com)
- 4 Interlibrary loan librarians 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 8 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 10 Books in Print Online workshop 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 10 Services Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 10 Finance Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 10 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 10-12 Computers in Libraries Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.
- 15 Deadline for April issue of The Latest Edition
- 18 Adult Services Advisory Council 9:30 AM at EGRN  
Workshop: Reference Smorgasbord
- 25 Summer Reading Program Workshop at GUIL
- 31 UHLS Outreach Retreat 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM  
at Emma Willard School



The Border Collie is the supreme sheep herding dog, and loves to work.

The tough little Border Terrier was developed to catch foxes.

## UHLS TRAINING EXPERTISE SURVEY

One of UHLS' strengths is our varied and extensive program of continuing education, including workshops on various aspects of librarianship. Many programs have featured noted speakers and presenters from different fields.

We believe there are untapped resources here in our own library community. We'd like to recruit YOU! Our libraries are filled with skilled colleagues and co-workers, and we could all benefit from their expertise.

If you feel you are competent to train library staff in a subject area or topic, please complete the following survey and return it to UHLS. Or, if you have an idea for a specific course you think would be of use to others, or if your library has had a particularly worthwhile in-service training program, please let us know.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Library: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the areas in which you feel competent to teach a course or lead a workshop. In the second column, indicate the areas in which you would like to attend a program.

TOPIC	TEACH	ATTEND
Cataloging		
Computer programs		
Database searching		
Network administration		
OCLC features		
Online reference		
Performance appraisals		
Public relations		
Readers advisory		
Storytelling		
Supervising		

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Return this form by **February 15, 2004** to Rachel Baum, Upper Hudson Library System, 28 Essex Street, Albany, New York 12206; or fax to 437-9884; or email to [rachel@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:rachel@uhls.lib.ny.us). Thank you!

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