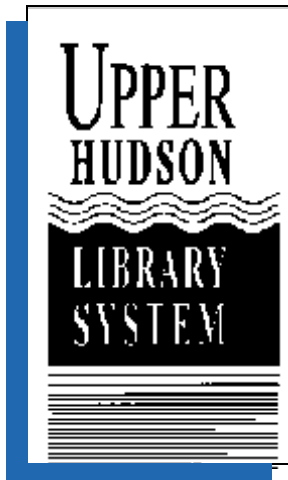


# The Latest Edition



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According to the fourth quarter 2002 Tech Valley Technology Hiring Index, locating key technology staff is still the greatest challenge facing companies in Tech Valley. Residents eager to meet that challenge need public libraries to help them gain the knowledge they need to enhance their careers, to increase their skills and expertise, and to take advantage of the lifelong learning opportunities for self-directed personal growth that the library can offer. In a poll conducted at the 2002 Summit in Tech Valley, the participants strongly believe that the Capital Region's greatest success is in education and business collaboration.



Now, everyone involved in upstate New York's Tech Valley has access to research materials and expertise. The Tech Valley Tech Libraries project makes the natural connection between the educational resources of public libraries and the Tech Valley community. Upper Hudson Library System received a Federal Library Services and Technology Act grant from the New York State Library through the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services to coordinate the project. Four libraries - Albany Public Library, William K. Sanford Town Library, East Greenbush Community Library, and Troy Public Library - will help Tech Valley researchers, entrepreneurs, and employees in Albany and Rensselaer Counties to find what they are looking for - both in the library and online from home or office. The libraries have partnered with the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Latham Area Chamber of Commerce, the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce, the University at Albany Science Library, and the Folsom Library of RPI to supplement their resources.

Library staff received specialized training to provide technology-based reference services. An information and research web site at [www.uhls.org/techvalley](http://www.uhls.org/techvalley) gives 24-hour access to resources and information in genomes, electronics, alternative energy, nanotechnology, semi-conductors, physics research, biotechnology, software development, and employment in high tech fields. Programs will be held at the participating libraries on many of these topics, in recognition of Tech Month and the 2003 Tech Valley Summit.

## HEALTH RESOURCES TRAINING

The Crandall Public Library in Glens Falls has received a National Library of Medicine grant to provide a four-part training series for librarians and earn 12 hours of MLA CE credits in consumer health. This project will increase accessibility to online consumer health information for public librarians and encourage partnering with local institutions for support. Upper Hudson Library System is one of six library systems participating in the project. Jo-Ann Benedetti, Crandall's Health Information Services Librarian, will provide hands-on training covering Consumer Health Information on the Internet, Evaluating Consumer Health Information on the Internet, PubMed for Public Librarians, and a session on how to handle difficult questions, emotional patrons, and the appropriate limits to set with patrons. Scheduling details will be distributed soon.

## GET YOUR LIBRARY NOTICED!

UAlbany Librarian and marketing expert Carol Ann Germain will speak at the Adult Services Advisory Council meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2003 at 9:00 AM in the UHLS conference room (NOTE: This is a date and location change). Carol Anne Germain received her MLS from the University at Albany. She is currently the Networked Resources Education Librarian there. She has written numerous presentations on marketing libraries. *College & Research Libraries* published her article, "99 Ways to Get Those Feet in the Door," in March 2000.

## TECHNOLOGY TIPS

By Rawdon Cheng, Manager, UHLS Technology Services

Are you sick of spam mail? Let's face it, if you have an email address published anywhere on the Internet, the chances that you receive spam is nearly 100%, and there is no way to avoid it.

Where does this mail come from? Some are actually initiated by you. When you register a new software product or sign up for a new service through a vendor's website, very often there are checkboxes already checked to send you a newsletter or updates of new products, etc. Usually, they are listed on the very bottom of the page. If you do not scroll down to the bottom, you won't even know they are there. You have to be careful what you have checked before clicking the Accept or Submit button. Luckily, most of these sites honor "unsubscribe" requests. Some bogus spammers use unsubscribe as a way to confirm your email address. One rule of thumb: if the message is from a reputable site, you can unsubscribe from it. Otherwise, just press the delete button on your keyboard.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE

March 2003

## UHLS BOARD MEETING

- The Board approved a contract with Bagdon Environmental for an air quality study of the 28 Essex Street building.
- The Board approved Outreach mini-grants for Albany, Berne, Bethlehem, Brunswick, Guilderland, Hoosick Falls, Petersburg, Poestenkill, Sand Lake, and Stephentown.

# Regional News

## 2-1-1 IN NEW YORK STATE

The phone number 2-1-1 is the number to call to reach trained and certified staff who provide information and referral to health and human service programs. This initiative, called the *2-1-1 New York Collaborative*, is underway statewide, with 10-12 regional call centers planned as hubs. Libraries are potential access points to the 2-1-1 database via the Internet, once start-up funding is secured. For more information, visit [www.211ny.org](http://www.211ny.org).

## ONLINE DATABASE UPDATE

The NOVEL database access to Dialog @ CARL ended as of March 31, 2003. Due to a vendor merger, Dialog no longer exists. Over the next few months, the NOVEL databases committee will investigate other products. The selection of a replacement database collection is dependent on available funding.

The contract for Gale's Health Reference Center-Academic database has been extended through December 31, 2003.

If your library has not yet signed up for free access to the NOVEL databases, visit <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/library/implink> or call 877-277-0250.

## PRESERVATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS

The Guilderland Public Library will host a workshop on the preservation of photographs on Thursday, April 3, 2003 from 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM. The workshop is sponsored by the New York State Library Division of Library Development and the Northeast Document Conservation Center. The cost to attend is \$10 and includes lunch. To register, visit [www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cp/workshop.htm](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cp/workshop.htm) or contact Suzanne Hulin at 473-0700; [shulin@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:shulin@mail.nysed.gov).

## EQUAL PAY DAY

This national campaign is concerned with the issues of pay equity and fair pay, and is supported by the American Library Association. It is observed on **April 15, 2003**. For ideas on

recognizing Equal Pay Day, visit [www.bpwuse.org/content/FairPay/EqualPayDay/equalpayday.htm](http://www.bpwuse.org/content/FairPay/EqualPayDay/equalpayday.htm)

## IN SAFE HANDS

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual New York State Child Abuse Prevention Conference will be held April 7-9, 2003 at the Marriott Hotel in Albany. The theme is "In Safe Hands: Working Together for Children and Families." A number of keynote speakers and workshops will be offered. For more information or to register, call 445-1273 or visit <http://preventchildabuseny.org/conference03/index.html>.

## MARKETING SKILLS FOR LIBRARIANS

This workshop, sponsored by the Capital District Library Council, will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2003 from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM at 28 Essex Street in Albany. The program is for librarians who would like to learn how to better influence the people with whom they work. Whether you need to sway your institution's superiors or change a patron's point of view, these skills can help. The workshop leaders are Patricia Wagner and Leif Smith, owners of Pattern Research, a 27-year-old research and training business. Registration for the workshop is free for CDLC members, \$15 for non-members. Registration is required. Go to <http://www.cdlic.org/cdlic/hlspevnt.html> to register by April 9, 2003.

## CYBER SECURITY CONFERENCE

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual New York State Cyber Security Conference will be held April 23 & 24, 2003 at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. This free conference is for public sector employees including academic and public library staff who are interested in information security. Topics to be discussed include secure information portals, wireless security, and managing viruses. Session information and online registration are now available at <http://www.cscic.state.ny.us/security/conf03.htm>.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR PLS

NYLA Public Libraries Section (PLS) Biennial Spring Conference will be held Tuesday, May 6, 2003 at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel. ALA President Dr. Maurice Freedman will be the keynote speaker on the important issues of pay equity for library staff and the implications of the USA Patriot Act for libraries. The theme of the conference is **WORKING SMARTER @ YOUR LIBRARY**.

## GRANT-WRITING WORKSHOP

Mohawk Valley Library System is offering a daylong grant-writing workshop on Thursday, May 15, 2003. Non-profit advisor Linda London will present this program that will cover the basics of grant-writing. The workshop is supported by Federal Library Services and Technology Grant funds, awarded to the New York State Library by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

# National News

## BEST REFERENCE

The Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) Reference Sources Committee has selected the 2003 list of Outstanding Reference Sources for Small and Medium-sized Libraries:

- ? A Chronology of American Musical Theatre by Richard C. Norton
- ? Companion to Southern Literature: Themes, Genres, Places, People, Movements, and Motifs, edited by Joseph M. Flora
- ? Dictionary of American History 3rd ed. edited by Stanley I. Kutler
- ? Dogs: the Ultimate Dictionary of Over 1,000 Dog Breeds by Desmond Morris
- ? Encyclopedia of Aging edited by David J. Ekerdt
- ? Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment edited by David Levinson
- ? Encyclopedia of Evolution edited by Mark Pagel
- ? Encyclopedia of Holocaust Literature edited by David Patterson
- ? Encyclopedia of Modern Asia edited by David Levinson
- ? Horror Films of the 1970s by John Kenneth Muir
- ? Legal Systems of the World by Herbert M. Kritzer
- ? Social Workers' Desk Reference edited by Albert R. Roberts
- ? World Atlas of Coral Reefs by Mark D. Spalding

## HR@ THE LIBRARY

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### BACKGROUND CHECKS: A 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY NECESSITY

Adapted from *BLR: Business & Legal Reports* 8/28/02

With an increase in negligent hiring, retention, and defamation lawsuits; spiraling recruitment and training costs; and an upsurge in workplace violence and theft, more employers feel that they have a need to know as much as possible about every potential and current employee. Surveys report that 30-50% of job applicants either lie or exaggerate on applications and during interviews. Obviously, the need to investigate and confirm application data is more important than ever.

There are two common ways to perform a background check: checking references and criminal records.

#### Reference Checks:

- ? Require applicants to sign a release statement authorizing the prospective employer to contact past employers for job reference information. The release should be included as part of the employment application and retained in the employee's personnel file after hire.
- ? Call past employers and supervisors to obtain additional work history, general character, or performance information.
- ? For professional positions, contact educational institutions to verify degrees earned.

#### Criminal Records:

- ? Be particularly cautious in this area, since an arrest record is not evidence of criminal guilt, and such information should generally not be used as definitive grounds for rejection.
- ? Before making any negative employment decision based on an applicant's or employee's criminal record, consider the length of time since a conviction, the nature of the crime, the relationship between the job to be performed and the crime committed, the number of convictions, rehabilitation efforts, and subsequent employment history.

# Trustee News

NYSALB TRUSTEE INSTITUTE

The New York State Association of Library Boards (NYSALB) will hold a Trustee Institute on Friday evening, May 2, 2003 and all day Saturday, May 3, 2003 at the Marriott on 670 White Plains Road (Route 119) in Tarrytown, NY. The event begins on Friday at 6:00 PM, with a reception, dinner and networking with trustees. Saturday begins with a continental breakfast and trustee networking, then on to a session about the U.S. Patriot Act, presented by ALA President Dr. Maurice Freedman. There will be programs on planning for success and effective boards. Lunch is followed by the NYSALB annual meeting, with the Institute ending at 3:00 PM. There is a fee to attend. For more information and to register, visit [www.nysalb.org](http://www.nysalb.org).

## Grants & Funding

### COMING UP TALLER AWARDS

This award recognizes outstanding after-school and out-of-school arts and humanities programs for children and youth. It is a project of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities in partnership with Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Ten winners will receive \$10K each. Applications are available at [www.cominguptaller.org](http://www.cominguptaller.org). The deadline for applications is April 4, 2003.

### HUMANITIES FOCUS GRANTS

The National Endowment for the Humanities will award \$10K-\$25K for projects dedicated to improving humanities education, to pay for resources such as guest scholars, visiting consultants, books and other materials, project-related computer equipment, etc. Applications are due April 15, 2003. For more information, visit [www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/hfg.html](http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/hfg.html).

### MARIAN AWARD

*The Shy Librarian* magazine's Marian Award honors individuals who have demonstrated exceptional creativity and resourcefulness in marketing, promoting and advocating on behalf of public librarians and public libraries. Nominations in the form of a first-person essay (up to 1,200 words) should be submitted by April 30, 2003. Guidelines and an entry form are available at [www.shylibrarian.com/entryform.shtml](http://www.shylibrarian.com/entryform.shtml).

### ADULT LITERACY GRANTS

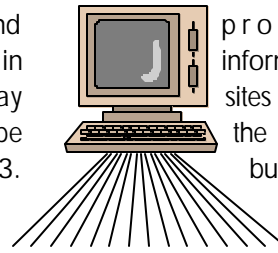
The New York State Library provides up to \$200K in this grant program to help public libraries and public library systems develop or expand adult literacy services in collaboration with a local literacy provider. A new feature of this grant program for 2003-2004 is two-year projects. The deadline for applications is May 1, 2003. More information is available at [www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/literacy/](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/literacy/).

### PARENT CHILD LIBRARY SERVICES PROGRAM

This grant program, offered through the New York State Library Division of Library Development, helps public libraries develop or expand library services to children, parents, and caregivers. Collaboration with other libraries, schools, or organizations is encouraged. One-year grants of \$5K-\$20K are available. There is also the option of applying for a two-year grant. The application deadline is May 1, 2003. For more information, visit [www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/parchld/](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/parchld/).

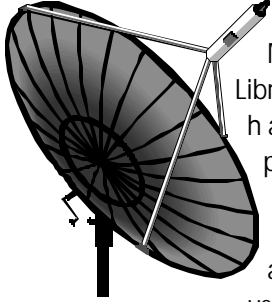
### BEST OF THE WEB AWARDS

This award recognizes excellence in web sites that provide health information, and web sites designed to meet the needs of small businesses. There will be two awards in each category, one



for libraries serving populations under 50,000, and one for libraries serving larger populations. The criteria for evaluation of web sites includes usability, accessibility, clarity of design, range of resources, range of services, and community impact. Winners receive \$1,000. The deadline for submissions is May 1, 2003. Submission is through email only (to Brian Kenney at [bkenney@reedbusiness.com](mailto:bkenney@reedbusiness.com)). Send a statement of 500 words or less, detailing the goals and achievements of the nominated site. Include all relevant URLs.

## BROADBAND FUNDING



The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has requested proposals for projects to develop innovative approaches to the use of broadband technologies. Successful proposals will demonstrate the ability to develop educational programs drawing on content from libraries and museums and using high-bandwidth capacity for delivery. Collaboration between a library and a museum is required. Grant guidelines and the application are available on the IMLS web site at <http://www.ims.gov/grants/library/pdf/nlg03app.pdf>. The application deadline is May 15, 2003.

## OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE OF LIBRARIES AWARD

The New York Library Association presents this award to an individual or group that has made a far-reaching sustained contribution to the promotion and/or support of library and information services. The deadline for nominations is May 30, 2003. Award guidelines, criteria and nomination process can be found at <http://www.nyla.org/office/awards/advocate.html>.

## OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO LIBRARIES AWARD

The New York Library Association gives this award to an individual or group who has made a significant contribution of services through their affiliation with a library. The deadline for

nominations is May 30, 2003. Award guidelines, criteria and nomination process can be found at <http://www.nyla.org/office/awards/service.html>.

## ANN GIBSON SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is a \$1,000 award given annually by the Youth Services Section of the New York Library Association. Applicants must be currently enrolled in an MLS program, have completed at least 18 credit hours, and are directing their studies toward youth services in a public or school library. The application deadline is May 31, 2003. For more information and an application, contact Cindy Rasely, Scholarship Chair, Broome County Public Library, 185 Court Street, Binghamton, NY 13901; 607-778-6456; [crasely@co.broome.ny.us](mailto:crasely@co.broome.ny.us).

## TARGET GRANTS

Target has a grant program that funds projects in the arts, education, and family violence

prevention. Applicant organizations must be located in a community where Target does business. The application deadline is July 31, 2003. Grants average \$1K-\$5K. For more information and an application form, go to <http://www.target.com> and click on Community Giving.

## EZRA JACK KEATS FOUNDATION

In celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of The Snowy Day, the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation will award \$40,000 in mini-grants. The awards will recognize innovative and imaginative programs, designed to combat illiteracy, in public libraries and public school libraries. Libraries may apply for mini-grants of \$350. The deadline for submissions is September 15, 2003. Programs may be storytelling, workshops, or festivals. Programs featuring the works of Ezra Jack Keats will be given special attention. Applications can be found at [www.ezra-jack-keats.org](http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org).

## Worth Noting

The Public Library Association awards committee selected the Guilderland Public Library as the recipient of the 2003 Demco Creative Merchandising Award. The library applied for this grant to enhance the display and merchandizing of the library's services to teens. The award will be presented to a representative of the library at the PLA President's Program and Award Reception during the 2003 American Library Association Annual Conference.

The Board of Trustees of the Guilderland Public Library presented an "Oscar" for Best Performance to the Guilderland Public Library staff for their performance in "The Midst of Chaos." The award came with a statue, balloons, and mountains of chocolate. It was presented by two members of the Library Board to the staff on

# People

Bethlehem Public Library staff welcomes Kara Russell. Kara has accepted a position in Computer & Media Services as Library Assistant/TV-18.

## WHO IS GENERATION Y?

The 73 million members of Generation Y were born between 1977 and 1994. They range in age from 8 - 25. They: celebrate diversity, are optimistic and individualistic, believe in rewriting the rules and that institutions are irrelevant, are knowledgeable about the Internet and technology, and are able to multitask quickly (from "Gen Y and the Future of Mall Retailing" in *American Demographics*, December 2002/January 2003).

# Professional Collection

50 Great Make-it, Take-it Projects by LaBritta Gilbert. Upstart Books, 2002. Instructions, material lists and color photos for 50 art projects, like sugar cube mosaics, cityscapes, and lanterns. PROF 745.5 GIL

Booktalks and Beyond: Thematic Learning Activities for Grades K-6 by Nancy J. Keane. Upstart Books, 2001. Includes booktalks for 150 titles in 15 subject areas, suggested book lists, extension activities and guidance on giving booktalks. PROF 372.64 KEA

Cook-A-Book: Reading Activities for Grades Pre-K to 6 by Leslie Cefali. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Alleyside Press, 1999. Over 300 recipes from recent best-selling or classic award-winning children's books. PROF 641.5 C

Electronic Resources and Services in Sci-Tech Libraries by Mary C. Schlembach. Haworth, 2001. A series of papers on information retrieval technologies, electronic journals, preprint services, e-resource registry, and electronic resources. PROF 026.6 E

Fiddle-Dee-Dee: Songs, Stories & Activities by Jill Andrews. Alleyside Press, 2000. Music, lyrics and themed programming activities for 36 all-time favorite tunes. PROF 372.2 A

Reading Don't Fix No Chevys: Literacy in the Lives of Young Men by Michael W. Smith. Heinemann, 2002. Research and interviews with 49 middle and high school young men, identifying the factors that motivate them, with suggestions for alternatives to traditional literacy methods. PROF 371.8 S

Sound and Action Stories by Jerry J. Mallet. Alleyside Press, 1992. Tales that encourage pre-readers and beginning readers to participate, building listening and comprehension skills. PROF 372.64MAL

Blindsided: A Manager's Guide to Catastrophic Incidents in the Workplace by Bruce Blythe. Penguin, 2002. Must reading in these troubled times, addresses preparedness, response, recovery, effective communication, managing employee stress, analyzing risk, and evaluating current procedures. PROF 658.4 B

The Business Review Book of Lists 2001-2002. American City Business Journals, Inc, 2002. Lists, 82 in all, of best employers, largest defense contractors, highest paid executives, etc. in the Capital Region. Each citation gives details on revenues, projects, customers, top company officials, and contact information. PROF 658 BOO

Marketing Outrageously by Jon Spoelstra. Bard Press, 2001. Thinking differently about marketing and challenging the thinking of staff to influence the course and attitude of your organization. PROF 658.8 S

Reaching Reluctant Young Adult Readers by Edward T. Sullivan. Scarecrow Press, 2002. Addresses the issue of aliteracy - when one has the ability to read but chooses not to - with strategies, tools, and resources appropriate for intellect and maturity level of 10-15 year olds. PROF 028.5 S



Stir Up Some Fun With YSS by the Youth Services Section of the New York Library Association, 2002. In addition to recipes for creative edibles as well as play dough, there are story time resources, program suggestions, and helpful hints like using a hair dryer to make a cake look professionally decorated. PROF 641.5 STI

**National Directory of  
Computer Recycling  
Programs (PEP)**

[www.microweb.com/pepsite/  
Recycle/recycle\\_index.html](http://www.microweb.com/pepsite/Recycle/recycle_index.html)

Here's what to do with that old computer - Check this directory of agencies that facilitate donations of used computer hardware for schools and community groups.

## Library Programs

### ALBANY MAIN:

**TAILSPIN: THE STRANGE CASE OF MAJOR CALL** - Former FBI agent and best-selling author Bernard F. Connors will speak about his book on Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at 12:15 PM in the Auditorium of the Main Branch. Sponsored by the Friends of the Albany Public Library, this program is free and open to the public.



**Andrew Carnegie**

**CARNEGIE** - Author Peter Krass will speak about his book on Saturday, April 5, 2003 at 3:00 PM in the Library's Albany Center Gallery. This is the first full biography of Carnegie in

thirty years. Krass captures the drama of the times amid the burgeoning industrial empires of John D. Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan and others while revealing the essence of a man torn between building his own fortune on the

backs of his workers and pioneering the philanthropy movement in America. This event is sponsored by the Friends of Albany Public Library and the Friends of the New York State Library.

### BETHLEHEM:

**AUTHOR TALK: DREAMING NOVELS** - Claudia Ricci will talk about the evolution of her book Dreaming Maples. She will also recount the perils of publishing a novel and the circumstances that led her to start her own publishing company. Call 439-9314 to register. Sunday, April 13, 2003 at 2:00 PM.

**AUTHOR TALK: THE ROAD TO SARATOGA SOJOURN** - Allison Bennett's latest book recounts the life of Ellen Hardin Walworth, historian, educator and founder of the DAR. Author of five local history books, Bennett is also a former Bethlehem town historian. Call 439-9314 to register. Monday, April 21, 2003 at 2:00 PM.

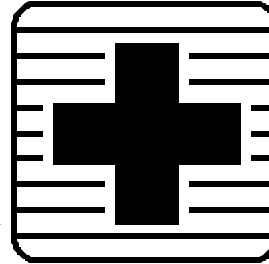
**CRAFT DAY** - Students in pre-K through Grade 5 are invited to drop in and fashion a variety of crafts. All materials provided. Pre-K children must be accompanied by an adult. Friday, April 25, 2003 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

### BRUNSWICK:

**EGG DECORATING** - Egg decorating is fun and even more fun when the eggs are goose eggs! For children ages 6 and up. Registration is required. Call 279-4023. Sunday, April 6, 2003 from 1:00 - 2:00 PM at the Brunswick Family Community Center.

**DATABASE SEARCHING** - If you have mastered some of the basic techniques of the computer, using the mouse and typing in an Internet address, you are ready for the next step! Joe Makowiec will provide helpful hints for getting the most out of your Internet searches. Call 279-4023 to reserve your spot in this informative class. Saturday, April 12, 2003 at 10:30 AM at Tamarac High School.

### RED CROSS BABYSITTER'S TRAINING CLASS



The Red Cross will provide training to students 11 years old and up who want to be babysitters. The cost is \$35 payable at time of registration. Register in advance

at the Library. Class size is limited. Call 279-4023 for more information. This class fills quickly. Tuesday, April 22 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM at the Brunswick Family Community Center.

### CASTLETON:

**GREAT NEW YORK READ-ALLOUD** - Local celebrity guest readers will read aloud from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Library. Prizes and giveaways to everyone who comes to help celebrate reading! Wednesday, April 9, 2003.

**CELEBRATE YOUR WORLD** - Join Mrs. Miller for a fun-filled hour of Earth Day/Arbor Day stories, games and a craft. Come dressed for an outside planting project. Saturday, April 26, 2003 at 10:30 AM at the Library, and at 1:30 PM at the East Schodack Firehouse.

**COHOES:**

**VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE ERIE CANAL** - The Friends of the Cohoes Public Library is sponsoring this program, with tour guide Danielle Cherniak, a member of the Spindle City Historical Society. The tour begins promptly at 6:30 PM at the Cohoes Visitor's Center on Remsen Street in Cohoes. For further information, contact Caroline Edwards at 235-2570. Monday, April 21, 2003.

**EAST GREENBUSH:**

**OUR LOCAL POETS READ** - Poets Tricia LaRose Vicedomine, John Stephenson, and Harry and Helen Staley will read their poetry in honor of National Poetry Month. Each has published books of poetry. Tricia will give away one of her poetry books to every member of the audience. Come share the music of the written word in lyric and Haiku styles. Sunday, April 6, 2003 at 2:00 PM.

**FUN WITH SIGN LANGUAGE**

- Tell stories through sign language with Junior Girl Scout Troop #49. Members will perform popular children's stories through sign language and show how to sign a nursery rhyme or two. Children ages 2-8 are welcome. Class size is limited. Saturday, April 19, 2003 at 11:00 AM.

**MILK SHAKESPEARE** - We're having a birthday party! Celebrate Shakespeare's birthday with a milkshake and a sonnet on the side. We'll read some of Shakespeare's best sonnets and the winning poems of the poetry contest. Wednesday, April 23, 2003 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM.

**GUILDERLAND:**

**GREAT NEW YORK READALoud** - Read and discuss The Match Lock Gun, the 1942 Newberry Award Book by Walter D. Edmonds. During Guilderland's Bicentennial year, it was felt that the reading of a book set in Guilderland in the 18<sup>th</sup> century would be fun to read together. Copies of the books will be for sale and some of the original illustrations for the book will be on display in the library. For more details or to sign up as a reader, call 456-2400 ext. 7. Wednesday, April 9, 2003.

**LEE SHAW TRIO** - Come see the performer described by NPR as "one of jazz's premier pianists," jazz pianist and local treasure Lee Shaw, and the Lee Shaw Trio. Sunday, April 13, 2003 at 2:00 PM.

**SPRING BREAK SPECIAL EVENTS** - If you are staying home for spring break, the library has activities for you. On

Tuesday, April 22 at 1:00 PM - Book Discussion of A Tarantula in My Purse

by Jean Craighead George, for 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders. Registration required. On Wednesday, April 23 at 6:30 PM - Bunny Hop Drop in Pre-School Storytime. On Thursday, April 24 at 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM - Double the fun at two with Family Films and great popcorn.

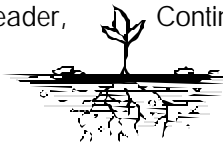
**MENANDS:**

**FILM SERIES** - Beginning on March 4, 2003 at 1:00 PM, the library will present a film series that explores how Hollywood tried to understand the impact of World War II on American society.

Before each showing, there will be a brief lecture concerning the film's importance and how it represented a trend in American popular culture. There will be a discussion after each film. April 1-12 *O'Clock High*; April 8 - *Sands of Iwo Jima*; April 15 - *The Men*; April 22 - *Mr. Roberts*; April 29 - *Attack*; May 6 - *Man in the Gray Flannel Suit*.

**POESTENKILL:**

**WATCH OUT FOR SPRING** - Continues with a tour of Dyken Pond Environmental Center, led by Lisa and Pierce Hoyt, with an emphasis on animals, birds, trees and water. We'll meet there and have a brown bag picnic in the shelter, weather permitting. Sign up at the Library. Saturday, April 26, 2003 at 10:00 AM.

**TROY:**

**ARMCHAIR TRAVEL SERIES: Spain** - With Zane Studenroth on Monday, April 7, 2003 at 6:00 PM at the Main Library.

**A JOURNEY INTO THE WORLD OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN** - With Hugh Vaughn. Part 1 on Wednesday, April 2 at 5:00 PM at the Lansingburgh Branch. Part 2 on Wednesday, April 9 at 5:00 PM at the Lansingburgh Branch. Part 3 on Wednesday, April 16 at 5:00 PM at the Lansingburgh Branch. Part 4 on Wednesday, April 23 at 5:00 PM at the Lansingburgh Branch. Part 5 on Wednesday, April 30 at 5:00 PM at the Lansingburgh Branch.

**MEMOIR WRITING WORKSHOP: READING** - Susannah Risley will lead this workshop on Saturday, April 26, 2003 at 2:00 PM in the Main Library.



**VOORHEESVILLE:**  
**RIVERWAY STORY-TELLING FESTIVAL** - Family program with storyteller Lois Foight Hodges. Thursday, April 3, 2003 at 7:00 PM.

**TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING** - Teen Advisory Boards all over the

country are helping librarians plan activities and utilize teen talents. Anyone in grade 6 and over can be a part of this group. Friday, April 11, 2003 from 4:00 - 5:30 PM.

**POETRY OPEN MIC** - In honor of April as National Poetry Month, The Every Other Thursday Night Poets are hosting a Poetry Performance Day for adults and teens at the library. You are invited to bring poems to share or just sit back and enjoy the poetry and refreshments. Electro-acoustic improvisation will be provided by kitchen sync. Signups for the open mic begin at 11:30 AM. Reading time will be allotted according to the size of the crowd. Saturday, April 12, 2003 from Noon – 3:00 PM.

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**WILLIAM K. SANFORD:**

**THE PROUSTIAN JOURNEY CONTINUES** - Join us as we continue our journey through Proust's epic novel In Search of Lost Time. We will discuss Volume IV: Sodom and Gomorrah. Although we're halfway through, anyone interested in joining the discussion is welcome. Anyone who was not able to attend the February meeting that was rescheduled twice, please contact Robert Jaquay at 458-9274 for an update. Monday, April 21, 2003 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in Room B.

## For the Asking

The Historical Society for the Preservation of the Underground Railroad (PO Box 165, Fort Edward, NY 12828) is planning to open an exhibit center at 225 River Street in Troy this month. In addition to stagecoach tours and boat tours led by tour guides dressed in period clothing, there will be a small reading area. If you have any books, audiocassettes, or other materials concerning the Underground Railroad that you can donate, please

call Jo Sorsby at 792-1165.



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# Calendar

## APRIL

### National Poetry Month

- 3-5 RIVERWAY STORYTELLING FESTIVAL  
 4 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS  
 4 Deadline for nominations for UHLS Program of the Year, William Meredith Advocate of the Year, and UHLS Trustee of the Year Awards  
 6-12 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK (Theme: @Your Library)  
 7 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS  
 8 Services Committee 4:30 PM at UHLS  
 9 Finance Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS  
 9 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS  
 10 Adult Services Advisory Council 9:30 AM at UHLS  
 11 Youth Services Advisory Council (Small libraries discussion group 9-10 AM; YSAC meeting 10-12 Noon: Large libraries discussion group 12-1 PM) at UHLS  
 15 Deadline for the May issue of The Latest Edition  
 22 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS  
 29 Tech Valley Summit all day at the Albany Marriott

## MAY

- 2 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS  
 8 Reaching Out to Older Adults workshop 9:00 AM at UHLS  
 12 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS  
 13 Services Committee 4:30 PM at UHLS  
 14 Finance Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS  
 14 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS  
 15 Deadline for the June issue of The Latest Edition  
 15 Resource Sharing Advisory Council 9:00 AM at UHLS  
 16 Youth Services Advisory Council (Small libraries discussion group 9-10 AM; YSAC meeting 10-12 Noon: Large libraries discussion group 12-1 PM) at UHLS  
 21 UHLS Staff Meeting 9:00 - 11:00 AM at UHLS  
 22 Interlibrary Loan Field Day 8:30 AM at WSWHE BOCES in Saratoga Springs  
 26 MEMORIAL DAY - UHLS CLOSED  
 27 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS

## JUNE

- 2 PULISDO 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM at UHLS  
 6 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS  
 9 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS  
 10 Services Committee 4:30 PM at UHLS  
 11 UHLS Annual Meeting at the Albany Country Club  
 15 Deadline for the July-August issue of The Latest Edition  
 19-22 American Library Association Annual Conference in Toronto  
 20 Trial Online Database demonstration 9:30 AM at UHLS  
 24 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS

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