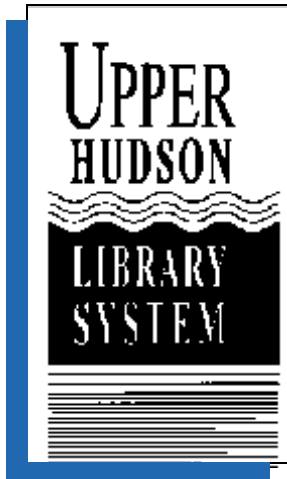


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CONTINUING EDUCATION IN 2003

Upper Hudson Library System offers continuing education and professional development programs designed to meet the needs of our member libraries. Each year, UHLS surveys its membership to determine the most important and topical issues and concerns. In addition, UHLS offers ongoing training of our new *epixtech* Horizon automation system, online database searching classes, trustee training, and specialized programs through our various Advisory Councils. Watch for the Continuing Education brochure; this information will also be posted on the UHLS Intranet. All programs are free and open to UHLS member library directors, staff, friends, and trustees.

Supervisory Skills for the Anxious and Not-So-Anxious will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2003 from 9:30 AM—3:30 PM at UHLS. This session will cover how to train, motivate, counsel, and evaluate employees. The workshop was originally scheduled for November 2002. If you already signed up for it, you do not need to register again. You will receive a confirmation by email. The registration deadline is February 20, 2003. Contact Rachel Baum, Adult & Information Services at 437-9880 x225; rachel@uhls.lib.ny.us.

Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2003 from 9:00 AM—4:00 PM at the Schenectady County Public Library. *Picture This! Imagine That!* is the theme of the 2003 New York State Summer Reading Program. Your colleagues from the Mohawk Valley Library System and the Southern Adirondack Library System will be on hand to share ideas for programs, prizes, and presenters. The deadline for registration is February 27, 2003. Contact Mary Fellows, Youth Services at 437-9880 x228; mary@uhls.lib.ny.us.

Everything You Need to Know About EBSCO will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2003 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM at the Guilderland Public Library. EBSCO's MasterFile Premier is a rich collection of periodical databases that changes and improves constantly. This training is designed to familiarize participants with the content of the collections and strategies for searching. The Administrative module will also be discussed. The registration deadline is March 7, 2003. Contact Rachel Baum, Adult & Information Services at 437-9880 x225; rachel@uhls.lib.ny.us.

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Reaching Out to Older Adults will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2003 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM at UHLS. May is Senior Citizen's Month! Demographics show that this age group is the fastest growing segment of the population. Experience the aging process, dispel some myths about aging, and learn how to provide services for this important part of your community. The deadline for registration is May 1, 2003. Contact Sara Dallas, Outreach Services at 437-9880 x227; sara@uhls.lib.ny.us.

Managing Audio Visual Resources will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2003 from 9:00 AM—4:00 PM at UHLS. Managing youth and adult audio and visual formats is a complex task. What do we buy? Which format is best? When, if ever, should we choose to discontinue a format? How do we decide which vendor to use? What should our collection management policies say? Come learn the answers to these questions and more! The registration deadline is September 4, 2003. Contact Mary Fellows, Youth Services at 437-9880 x228; mary@uhls.lib.ny.us.

Make My, and Their, Day! Customer Services for Front Line Staff will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2003 from 9:00 AM—Noon at UHLS. Make your patrons feel like they are the only customers in the library. Giving great customer service, working hard and having fun CAN co-exist. Learn techniques based on the Pikes Peak Fish Market program to create a whole new staff attitude. The deadline for registration is December 11, 2003. Contact Rachel Baum at 437-9880 x225; rachel@uhls.lib.ny.us.

DAS PUPPENSPIEL

The UHLS Youth Services Department has been awarded grants from both the Albany-Schenectady League of Arts and The Arts Center of the Capital Region. The grant will bring Puppenspiel Puppet Theater to libraries in the two counties. Das Puppenspiel is a professional touring theater featuring exquisitely designed mask, mime, marionette, and bunraku style puppetry.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EBSCO

There will be an EBSCO training session on Wednesday, March 12, 2003 at 9:30 AM in the large meeting room at the Guilderland Public Library. With constant upgrades to the EBSCO databases, this will be a productive session for everyone to learn more about the extensive information available. Send an email to rachel@uhls.lib.ny.us if you plan to attend.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE January 2003 UHLS BOARD MEETING

- The Board approved the contract for a structural evaluation of the 28 Essex Street building.
- The Board approved making Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a floating holiday in 2003, rather than a day that UHLS is closed.
- The Board approved a UHLS membership in the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, as part of the *Tech Valley Tech Libraries* grant project.
- The Board requested that each member library provide copies of their newsletters for the Board members as they are published.
- Melissa Palmer resigned as UHLS trustee. Her resignation was accepted with regret. Her replacement will be introduced at the next UHLS Board meeting.

Regional News

TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND SAY "ANNUAL REPORTS"

The State Annual Report software is now accessible on the UHLS Intranet. For further information regarding Bibliostat Collect, go to <http://collect.informata.com>. Use the password and login information sent to you by Sara Dallas. We have been assured that the software should work faster and that problem areas have been improved. For detailed instructions on the Annual Reports, check www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/. UHLS sent each library a spreadsheet with financial information that will help complete the report. The deadline for submitting Reports is March 14, 2003. If you have any questions or would like to use the UHLS workstation to complete your Report, contact Sara Dallas, at 437-9880 x 227, sara@uhls.lib.ny.us.

STATEWIDE LOBBY DAY

Library Lobby Day, sponsored by the New York Library Association, will be held March 18, 2003 from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center, beginning in Meeting Room 6 with a briefing. There will also be a rally on the State Capitol steps at 12:30 PM. UHLS will be setting up appointments with legislators, along with a list of library issues for discussion. For more information, contact Mary Fellows at 437-9880 x228.



PICTURE THIS, IMAGINE THAT - READ!

The second annual UHLS/MVLS/SALS Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop will be held at the Schenectady County Public Library on Thursday, March 6, 2003 from 9:30 AM - Noon. There will be a performer showcase segment this year, as well as many great ideas for carrying out the *Picture This, Imagine That - Read!* theme. We'll have a costume contest again, and let's not forget the jokes! Look for registration information in early February, and be sure to join us.

TOO UNCOOL TO CARE? - PART I

By Mary Fellows, Manager, UHLS Youth Services

Teens don't find libraries "cool."

While the terminology may be not what we typically expect from a user survey, it's nevertheless representative of the opinions of one of our patron groups. In E. Meyers' "The Coolness Factor: Ten Libraries Listen to Youth" (*American Libraries* (30)10), the reasons why libraries are uncool to teens provide some impetus for change.

Looking at the coolness issue grew out of the DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund's Public Libraries as Partners in Youth Development project. Ten grants to public libraries in major urban areas offered planning funds to develop programs and activities during afterschool hours. Teens were asked for their opinions of the public library. Their candid answers spare no feelings:

- Libraries are not cool; they are frequented by nerds, dorks, and dweebs.
- Library staff is not helpful or friendly.
- Teens need more access to technology and more training in using it.
- Teens want help with their school projects and research.
- Libraries need to provide better books and materials.
- Teens need welcoming spaces - not morgues.
- Library hours of service are not convenient to teens.
- Teens want jobs and volunteer service opportunities.
- Libraries need to get rid of restrictive rules and fees.
- Teens offered to help libraries become better.

So why should we care? Cutting to the chase, for the survival of libraries. The Benton Foundation's 1996 article "Buildings, Books, and Bytes" (*AL*, June/July 1998) indicated that "the youngest Americans polled, those between the ages of 18 and 24, are the least enthusiastic boosters of maintaining and building library buildings. They are also the least enthusiastic of any age group about the importance of libraries in a digital future."

We know the importance of libraries because we've had good experiences with libraries, and understand their importance to democratic society and community life. Kids who haven't had good experiences cannot as easily be persuaded, even as adults, of the necessity of libraries. So how do we integrate teens' honest concerns and needs with realities of our building, staffing, and budget?

Tune in next month for TOO UNCOOL TO CARE? PART II.



RIVERWAY STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

By Mary Fellows, Manager, UHLS Youth Services

What event offers you workshops for your professional development, delightful family entertainment, and an unusual evening of fun for adults? Find the answer at the *Riverway Storytelling Festival*, sponsored by Upper Hudson Library System, Albany Public Library, and a number of community businesses and organizations.

Riverway Storytelling Festival begins on Thursday evening, April 3, 2003 with free storytelling performances at a number of UHLS member libraries. These performances are a nice intergenerational activity for the community. On Friday, April 4th, Festival storytellers present stories in two local high-need schools, one in Albany County and one in Rensselaer County. Friday evening, come to the WAMC Linda Norris Auditorium in Albany for a family storytelling concert featuring top-notch New York tellers. The concert begins at 7:00 PM and is geared for school-aged children and their families. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children.

Saturday, April 5th, begins a full day of storytelling activities. Daytime activities are held at Albany Public Library. For librarians, teachers, storytellers or wannabe storytellers, workshops on storytelling will be available at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM, for a cost of \$15 for both sessions. We're especially proud to present middle school students from the four sites of Upper Hudson's *Imagination River Storytelling Camp*, who will perform at locations around the library at 10:30 AM. At 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM on Saturday, public storytelling performances by Festival tellers will be offered. At 3:00 PM, internationally renowned storyteller Laura Simms will offer a two-hour master class. Cost for the class is \$20. Saturday evening, invite your friends to join you at The Egg at 8:00 PM for an evening of exquisite storytelling for adults. Teens are also welcome. Storytelling diva Laura Simms will be our headliner, accompanied by several well-respected regional tellers. Tickets are \$12 apiece.

Full ticket information will be available in March. Watch the web site at www.timesunion.com/communities/riverway/ for additional information, and put the Festival on your calendar now! It's a great deal, a terrific way to develop your own storytelling skills (who doesn't use storytelling in their work in some way), a fun family outing, and a "date night" destination all in one! In addition, you'll be participating in promoting literacy and libraries in the Capital Region. Plan now to join us.

SOARING TO EXCELLENCE TELECONFERENCE

Co-hosted by Union College and Schenectady County Community College, the next teleconference will be held on Friday, March 21, 2003 from Noon – 2:00 PM. The topic will be: "Library support staff soar to great heights: How library workers give back." *Soaring to Excellence* is a series of teleconferences that provide information and training to library support staff nationwide. The teleconferences are transmitted live from College of DuPage and provide cutting-edge topics for staff. For more information, contact Dennis Mott at 381-1237; mottdg@gw.sunysccc.edu.

VIDEOTAPE CLEANING AT CDLC

The Capital District Library Council (CDLC) is providing a new video-tape cleaning service. CDLC and Sage Colleges are cooperating to bring this service to the libraries of the region. Member libraries of CDLC will be receiving via courier or mail copies of a flyer with the details of how the service works as well as the forms to use when sending videos to be cleaned. As noted on the flyer, questions about the cleaning process and requests to schedule video cleaning should be directed to Dianne Roosa, Sage College Library, at 244-2249.

LIBRARY DISTRICT KIT

The NYS Library has designed a how-to kit to help library professionals learn more about public library districts. A public library district enables voters to approve the library budget and elect the library trustees. The Regents Commission on Library Services recommends the voluntary creation of public library districts to close existing gaps in library service and to improve local support for public libraries. The kit includes a listing of new public library districts, a PowerPoint presentation on public library districts, steps to creating the two most common types of public library district: School District and Special Legislative District, and more. The kit can be found at www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/libs/pldtools/index.html.



STATEWIDE DELIVERY BEGINS

LAND (Libraries and Nylink Deliver), Nylink's statewide library delivery service, began in January 2003. LAND is a closed delivery system, which means that deliveries can only be made to other participating libraries. To learn more about LAND, go to www.nylink.suny.edu/land.htm. If you have questions or would like to become a LAND participant, send an email to nycc@nylink.suny.edu.

National News

WEB WISE 2003

The fourth annual Web-Wise Conference on Libraries and Museums in the Digital World will be held in Washington, D.C. from February 26-28, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill. The conference theme is "Sustaining Digital Resources," and will focus on preservation and economic issues. The audience is anyone involved in the creation and use of digital resources. Registration is limited, but there is no registration fee. Participants are responsible for their own travel and lodging expenses. For more information about the program and to register, visit <http://webwise.mse.jhu.edu> or send an email to Matt Burdetsky at matt@cmpinc.net. A pre-conference on Copyright and the Digital Age will be offered on Wednesday, February 26, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill. Registration for the preconference is separate. The preconference agenda and registration is posted at www.oclc.org/events/register/rightsmanagement.shtm.

COMPUTERS IN LIBRARIES 2003

This annual conference and exhibit focuses on library and information delivery technology. It will be held March 12-14, 2003 at the Washington (D.C.) Hilton & Towers. Some of the program topics are search engines, web design, digital content management, collaborative digital reference, intranets, portals, usability testing, and e-learning. For more

information or to register, visit www.infotoday.com.

FREEDOM AND PRIVACY CONFERENCE

The 13th Annual Conference on Computers, Freedom & Privacy will be held at the New Yorker Hotel in New York City on April 1-4, 2003. The 2003 theme is *Freedom to Move, Think and Speak!* and will explore the most important issues facing the Internet and freedom, including: consumer privacy, broadband issues, wireless privacy and security, digital divide, critical infrastructure issues, public records, filtering, disabilities access and much more. For information, visit www.cfp.org.

TOP TRENDS FOR 2003

According to *American Demographics* magazine ("Top Trends for 2003" by Peter Francese; December 2002/January 2003), there are ten ways in which Americans are changing.

1. Aging Boomers - People in the 45-55 year old age range are more likely to remain fully employed as they enter their 60's. Boomers are anxious to delay the aging process, so plan library programs for them on health and fitness topics.
2. Delayed retirement - Many baby boomers have not saved enough for retirement. Programs on investing, finances, and retirement options might be appealing to them.
3. The changing nature of work - More than half of all workers are employed in management, professional, or related

occupations, or in a sales or other office-based positions. Many workers have access to the Internet at their offices. They are also continuing to pursue educational opportunities. Keep this in mind when updating the library's web site.

4. Greater educational attainment - Especially among women, who are more inclined than men to go to college. This trend will help women increase their lifetime earning power.

5. Looming labor shortages - There is a growing lack of service workers in suburbs. Labor shortages may lead to a greater reliance on workers from abroad. It may become more difficult to hire support staff in libraries.

6. Increased immigration - The majority of immigrants over the next decade will come from Latin America, and will be young. English as a Second Language services will be needed, as will employees who can speak Spanish.

7. Rising Hispanic influence - The Latino population is the largest minority group in the U.S. Their median age is just 25.8. Hispanic households tend to have more children, so Spanish language young adult and children's services will become more important.

8. Shifting birth trends - Births to older women are increasing, births to teenagers are decreasing, and there is rising diversity among young children. Over time, more than half the children in U.S. public schools will be either Hispanic, African American, Asian or another race.

9. Widening geographic differences - Half of all Americans now live in suburban areas, and

the number of people moving to the suburbs is expected to increase. Suburban libraries are already acutely aware of this growth through increased patron registrations, circulation, and attendance at library programs.

10. Changing age structure - The impact of the 71 million "echo boomers" ages 8-25 may not be as great as that of their parents because there are about as many of them as there are in the big generation that came before them.

SURVEY OF TRAINING PROGRAMS PLANNED

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) will conduct a study to identify and analyze education and training programs for non-MLS-degreed library staff in the U.S., such as pre-professional, paraprofessional, technicians, and media specialists. For more information, visit www.ims.gov/whatsnew/current/010803.htm.

Trustee News

NYSALB NEEDS YOU

The New York State Association of Library Boards (NYSALB) is seeking trustees to fill two vacancies on the Board of Directors. They need people who are currently serving as library trustees, and who are willing to complete a three-year term for NYSALB, attend quarterly meetings in Albany, assist with planning workshops for trustee training, and be vocal advocates on behalf of public libraries. NYSALB welcomes applications from all areas of New York State.

Nominations should include name, address, phone numbers and e-mail for home and business, library affiliation, and a brief description of the individual's service to the library. The deadline for nominations is March 10, 2003. More information is available at www.nysalb.org. Nominations may be sent to New York State Association of Library Boards, 388 Broadway, 4th Floor, Albany, NY 12207; karen@carrpublicaffairs.com.

Grants & Funding

JACKIE EUBANKS MEMORIAL AWARD

This \$500 cash award recognizes outstanding achievement in promoting the acquisition and use of alternative materials in libraries, such as developing specialized collections; making or moderating presentations; publishing reviews, articles or books; actively participating in professional organizations; organizing events or exhibits; or developing and maintaining an alternative Web site useful to librarians. The deadline for nominations is February 15, 2003. Nominating letters should state the nominee's specific contributions and may be accompanied by documentation (e.g., publications, press notices). Submit nominations to: Byron Anderson, University Libraries, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115; banderson@niu.edu.

NATIONAL AWARD FOR LIBRARY SERVICE

The Institute of Museum and Library Services sponsors the National Award for Library Service, which honors outstanding American libraries that have made extraordinary contributions to their communities. The deadline for nominations is February 15, 2003. For additional information, visit www.ims.gov/grants/library/lib_nals.htm.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN AWARD

The Capital District Library Council (CDLC) Committee on Interlibrary Loan (COIL) will honor an outstanding interlibrary loan staff member with a Distinguished Service Award. Candidates for the award and their nominators must be from the CDLC service area that includes Albany, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington counties. Award winners will be recognized for exceptional achievement, leadership, or innovative contributions to interlibrary loan and document delivery. The deadline for nominations is March 1, 2003. The award will be presented at the CDLC annual dinner. For a complete description of the award, criteria and nomination process, go to www.cdlc.org and click on Interlibrary Loan.

DOCUMENTARY HERITAGE GRANTS

The New York State Education Department, State Archives, provides funding for projects documenting life in New York

State. Priority is given to projects relating to under-documented subjects such as institutions, environmental affairs, the Latino and Hispanic community, and industry. Projects can also arrange and describe historical records already in repositories. Grants range from \$1,000 - \$25,000. The deadline for applications is March 3, 2003. For information or a copy of the grant application, visit www.archives.nysed.gov or send an email to gbartows@mail.nysed.gov.

BEAUMONT FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Beaumont Foundation of America grants provide Toshiba equipment to community-based organizations such as schools and libraries. Awards are made for single sites only, according to relative poverty rates. The deadline for proposals is March 31, 2003. For guidelines and the application, visit www.bmtfoundation.com/grants/.

NEH LOCAL HISTORY GRANTS

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Special Initiative for Local History grants help institutions to sustain long-term humanities programs in local history. Grants can range from \$10K-\$100K. One dollar of non-federal donations must be raised to match each federal dollar offered. There are two deadlines: February 3, 2003 for programs beginning in September 2003, and May 1, 2003 for programs beginning in January 2004. Applicants may apply for either, but not both. For information,

visit www.neh.fed.us/grants/guidelines/localhistory.html, or send an email to info@neh.gov.

NEH CONSULTATION GRANTS

The National Endowment for the Humanities Consultation grants are designed to help libraries and other community organizations develop a new project, or identify key humanities themes and questions that will guide a project's development. Projects should convey humanities ideas to the public, use formats and programs creatively, examine topics in a regional or national context, and extend their impact by involving new audiences, or serving as models. Grants are available of up to \$10K. The deadline for applications is April 7, 2003. Visit www.neh.fed.us/grants/guidelines/public-consult.html for information.

PRESERVE NEW YORK

The Preservation League of New York State and the New York State Council on the Arts, through the Preserve New York Grant Program, provides support for three types of projects: cultural resource surveys, historic structure reports, and historic landscape reports. Grants range between \$3K - \$15K. The application deadline is May 5, 2003. For information, go to the website at www.preservenys.org/funding.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS GRANTS

The American Legacy Foundation provides grants to advance efforts to reduce and prevent tobacco use among women with its Circle of Friends - Women United to Be

Smoke Free Small Grants Program. One-year, non-renewable grants for up to \$50K will be awarded. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until June 2003. Grant applications may be filed online at www.americanlegacy.org.

Worth Noting

The Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library donated \$2200 to furnish a parent/child reading area.

The Nassau Free Library has received a grant from The Arts Center of the Capital Region to sponsor a series of family programs on the theme "Celebrating Diversity."

The Troy Public Library has been awarded grants from Poets & Writers, Inc. and the New York State Council on the Arts, to fund a Reading workshop, and a four-part Memoir Writing workshop, led by author Susannah Risley.

The Trustees of the Watervliet Public Library gave a dinner recently to honor the volunteer staff and gave each volunteer an umbrella with a Watervliet Public Library logo.

People

The Altamont Free Library Board of Trustees welcomed Karen Armstrong and Barbara Quackenbush to the Board. Karen is a seventh grade Social Studies teacher and Barbara recently retired as the Middle School Principal in the Burnt Hills School District. The Board is very

pleased to have educators with wide ranges of experiences.

Beth Nagel has joined the staffs of Brunswick Community Library and Sand Lake Town Library as Children's Librarian. She was formerly employed at the East

Greenbush Community Library and is an MLS graduate of the University at Albany. Both libraries believe Beth will be a great addition and look forward to expanding their children's programming with her guidance.

The new president of the Nassau Free Library Board of Trustees is John Sullivan. Judy Ziller will be joining the Board as a Trustee.

Bobbi Crowther has resigned as Director of the Valley Falls Free Library. The Acting Director is Sandra Goodwin who has been working on the staff there for over a year.

Yorden Huban has joined the Watervliet Public Library as a new Trustee.

Ann Close, part-time librarian at the William K. Sanford Town Library, has resigned as of January 10. Ann had been with the library since January 1989. She was primarily involved in interlibrary loan activities as well as helping to staff the information desk.

WHAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE?

Adapted from *Rural Libraries* v. XXII no.2

The Heartland Center for Leadership Development has developed a list of factors that make a difference in rural community survival.

These can apply to rural libraries as well:

- Evidence of community/library pride.
- Emphasis on quality of community/library life.
- Willingness to invest in the future.
- Participatory approach to community/library decision-making.
- Cooperative community/ library spirit.
- Awareness of competitive positioning.
- Knowledge of the physical environment.
- Active economic development plan.
- Deliberate transition of power to a younger generation.
- Acceptance of women in leadership roles.
- Strong belief in and support of education.
- Problem-solving approach to health care.
- Strong multi-generational family orientation.
- Strong presence of traditional institutions that are integral to community life.
- Sound and well-maintained infrastructure.
- Careful use of fiscal resources.
- Sophisticated use of information resources.
- Willingness to seek help from the outside.
- Conviction that, in the long run, you have to do it yourself.



Remarkable marketing is the art of building things worth noticing right into your product or service. Because brown cows are boring - and boring always fails.

-Fast Company, February 2003

Library Programs

ALBANY:

TEEN BOOK GROUP - When you daydream, where do you go? Do you glide lazily down a peaceful river, or kayak through whitewater rapids? This month, we will be discussing where Elva and Courtney journey in *Mind's Eye* by Paul Fleischman. E-mail Deidre at mcgrathd@uhls.lib.ny.us if you need to get in touch. Wednesday, February 12, 2003 at 5:30 PM.

THE BLACK LOYALISTS - In exchange for their freedom, thousands of slaves took up arms for the British during the Revolutionary War. Afterward, most Black Loyalists relocated to Nova Scotia, Canada, or to Sierra Leone in Africa. Learn more about their story, especially of their journey to Sierra Leone and their influence on the history of that region. Presented by Leon Van Dyke, Advisor/Consultant to the Committee of Management, City

Council of Freetown, Sierra Leone. Monday, February 17, 2003 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

THE SITUATIONIST - Albany Independent Film Forum presents Dean Giani's *The Situationist*, a short film about a New York artist and anarchist who attempts to redeem the world by blowing it up piece by piece. Meant to be controversial, this film has taken on new meanings in a post-9/11 world, and is intended for mature audiences only. The filmmaker will speak and answer questions following the screening. Thursday, February 27, 2003 at 7:00 PM.

HOWE BRANCH:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH OBSERVANCE - Hear local speakers, visit and tour a replica of a slave house built by the children of the South End of Albany & New Day Art Institute. Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2003 at 6:00 PM.

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS - For the computer novice, a hands-on introduction to mouse skills and Microsoft Windows. No computer knowledge required. Wednesday, February 5, 2003 at 10:00 AM.

ADVANCED INTERNET SEARCHING - Discover more sophisticated techniques for successfully searching the World Wide Web. Previous Internet experience required. Wednesday, February 19, 2003 at 10:00 AM.

ALTAMONT:

PRESCHOOL STORY HOURS - Starting February 3rd, story hours will be held on Monday and Thursday mornings at 10:30 AM. Preschoolers are invited to bring

adults for stories, fingerplays, songs and a craft.

BERNE:

CRUISING THE MALL - If you like to hang out at the mall, you're going to love what we have in store for you at the Berne library. Design your own mall. Play Mall IQ. And see what you can do with a dollar instead of spend it. (Bring your own dollar) Stroll the aisles of the library on Saturday, February 1, 2003 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM.

BETHLEHEM:

ERIBETH CHAMBER PLAYERS - Violinist Liz Silver, harpist Karlinda Caldicott and Albany composer Ray Bono perform American music, including works of Leroy Anderson and Bono. Silver and Caldicott are members of the Albany Symphony Orchestra. The concert is part of the series "A Little Sunday Music" sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. Sunday, February 9, 2003 at 2:00 PM. Call 439-9314 to register.

WOMEN AND HEART DISEASE: OPPORTUNITIES FOR PREVENTION - Dr. Ronald Stram will discuss the evidence for diet, exercise, vitamins and herbal supplements to reduce the leading cause of death for U.S. women. Dr. Stram is Director of Emergency Medicine at Albany Memorial Hospital. He sees health as a holistic, multidimensional and collaborative process. Monday, February 10, 2003 at 2:00 PM. Call 439-9314 to register.

HEARTS AND HUGS - Storyteller Leah Golby has planned a variety of sweet Valentine activities for children ages 3-6 and their families. Friday, February 14,

2003 at 4:00 PM. Call 439-9314 to register.

EAST GREENBUSH:

THE DEATH PENALTY WITH DAVID KACZYNSKI - David Kaczynski, Executive Director of New Yorkers Against the Death Penalty and brother of Theodore Kaczynski ("the Unabomber"), will discuss the death penalty in Supreme Court cases and describe his experiences with the nation's justice system.

Sunday, February 9, 2003 at 2:00 PM.

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD - Celebrate Black History Month with The Junior

Museum. Through costumes, music and props, the experiences of fugitive slaves and abolitionists such as Sojourner Truth, Reverend H.H. Garnet and Henry "Box" Brown will be brought to life. Children ages 7 - 11 are welcome. Class size is limited. Wednesday, February 19, 2003 at 2:00 PM.

BUILDING CANOES AND SEA KAYAKS - Woodworker and photographer Chuck Newland needed a canoe to photograph nature in the Adirondacks when he retired. So he built one, and another, and another. He will bring a sea kayak and discuss building canoes and kayaks. Sunday, February 23, 2003 at 2:00 PM.

GUILDERLAND:

RISING STARS CONCERT - The Second Sunday Concert Series begins with a program featuring individual performances by three talented area youths: Winnie Tong, pianist and student of Dr.

Pola Baytelman; Hannah Lewis, soprano and student of Anne Turner; and James Benoit, percussionist and student of Richard Albagli and Mark Foster. Sunday, February 9, 2003 at 2:00 PM.

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION - The Youth Services Department will hold a Mardi Gras celebration guaranteed to cheer away those long winter doldrums. February 18, 2003 at 2:00 PM.

HEARTLINE PROGRAM - Children are invited to create wonderful valentines that they will then hand-deliver to the residents of Our Lady of Mercy Life Center. Saturday, February 8, 2003 at 1:00 PM.

TROY:

CHINESE NEW YEAR MUSIC CELEBRATION - With musician Frank Wang. Families are welcome. Saturday, February 1, 2003 at 2:00 PM in the Main Library.

BUDDHISM'S ROLE IN EDUCATION - Presented by Alphonso Johnson, member of Soka Gakkai International. Monday, February 3, 2003 at 6:30 PM in the Main Library.

WEATHER WORKSHOP - With WTEN weathercaster Melissa Sander, on Monday, February 10, 2003 at 6:30 PM in the Main Library.

VOORHEESVILLE:

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION - Nickel and Dimed by Barbara Ehrenreich. Sign up and receive a copy of the book. Wednesday, February 5, 2003 at 7:00 PM.

A MAGIC TREE HOUSE PARTY - We'll travel back in time with stories and activities. We might go to the ancient world of mummies from Mummies in the Morning, or test our skills with the gods from Hour of the Olympics. Come prepared for fun! Sign up at the reference desk. For grades K - 3 on Tuesday, February 18, 2003 at 10:15 AM.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER AND THE PEANUT - Do you know how to plant a "peanut" butter sandwich? Carol Ann Margolis will help us do just that in this plant science program that will introduce us to the scientific genius of George Washington Carver. For grades 2 - 5 on Wednesday, February 19, 2003 at 2:30 PM.



George Washington
Carver

WATERVLIT:

IRIS MURDOCH - Everyone is welcome to attend this book discussion group to explore the life and novels of Iris Murdoch. February 5, 2003 at 3:00 PM.

WILLIAM K. SANFORD:

PAUL ROBESON: IN RETROSPECT - Paul Robeson was a controversial figure during the Cold War in spite of his enormous talent, his towering intellect, and his commanding presence. Join us for this program tracing Robeson's life and career with slides, original recordings, and commentary. The program is presented, in observance of Black History Month, by Jack Hotchkiss for the Scotia Glenville Traveling Museum. Teens through seniors are invited. Saturday, February 8, 2003 at 2:00 PM.

LITERARY LUNCHESES - On Monday, February 10, amateur astronomer Ray Bogucki will review Seeing in the Dark by Timothy Ferris. Then, on Monday, February 24, freelance writer Rose Kent reviews Life of Pi by Yann Martel. Doors open at 11:45 AM and the reviews will begin at 12:15 PM.

IN SEARCH OF LOST TIME: THE JOURNEY CONTINUES - In February, our hearty readers will continue their journey into Marcel Proust's In Search of Lost Time, exploring volume three The Guermites Way. Copies are available at the Library. If you have any questions, contact Library Director Robert Jaquay, the tour guide for this journey. To join, please call the Information desk at 458-9274. Monday, February 17, 2003 at 7:00 PM.



American Eskimo
Dog

Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 5 UHLS Staff meeting 9:00-11:00 at UHLS
- 7 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 10 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 11 Services Committee 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 12 Finance Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 12 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 14 Deadline for the March issue of The Latest Edition
- 14 Adult Services Advisory Council 9:30 AM at SNLK
- 14 Deadline for 2003 Outreach Mini-Grant applications to UHLS
- 17 PRESIDENTS DAY - UHLS CLOSED
- 19 Library Advocacy Advisory Council 7:00 PM at UHLS
- 25 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 27 Supervisory Skills Workshop 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 28 Youth Services Advisory Council (Small libraries discussion group 9-10 AM; YSAC meeting 10-12 Noon; Large libraries discussion group 12-1) at UHLS

MARCH

- 3 READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY
- 4 Tech Valley web content meeting 9:00-11:00 AM at UHLS
- 4 Outreach Advisory Council 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 6 Summer Reading Workshop 9:00-4:00 PM at Schenec. Public
- 7 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 10 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 11 Services Committee 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 12 EBSCO Training Session 9:30 AM at GUIL
- 12 Finance Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 12 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 14 DEADLINE for submission of State Annual Report
- 16 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DAY
- 17 Deadline for the April issue of The Latest Edition
- 18 LIBRARY LOBBY DAY
- 20 Resource Sharing Advisory Council 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 25 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS

APRIL NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

- 3 Adult Services Advisory Council 9:30 AM at VOOR
- 4 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 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
- 18 Youth Services Advisory Council (Small libraries discussion group 9-10 AM; YSAC meeting 10-12 Noon: Large libraries discussion group 12-1) at UHLS
- 22 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 29 Tech Valley Summit all day at the Albany Marriott

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