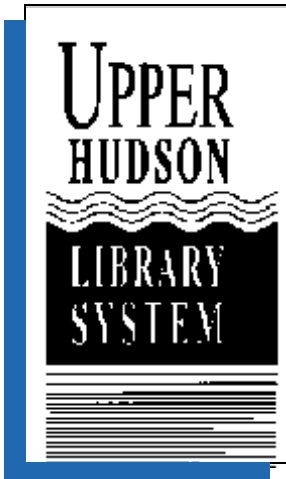


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ADVOCACY FOR LIBRARIES

By Mary Fellows, UHLS Youth Services Consultant
NYLA Legislative Committee, Youth Services Section Representative

Now more than ever! These are the words Education Commissioner Mills used to describe the New Century Libraries initiative at the NYLA conference in October. They were important words, because in a post-September 11th world, there was uncertainty about how strongly we should push for libraries. The message from Commissioner Mills, and more recently from the Regents, is that libraries need increased funding now more than ever.

The Regents recently strengthened New Century Libraries, the \$95 million proposal for improved library services for all New Yorkers. An additional \$10 million has been added to give all of New York's college students and researchers access to the resources of the state's academic and research libraries. The plan now proposes \$105 million in new state aid for all types of libraries in New York State.

The Governor has proposed a budget with level funding for libraries – no more than last year, no less. As of this writing, the Senate and Assembly have yet to respond on this issue. If tradition holds, each body will pass its budget by April 1 and the real negotiations will begin. Now, more than ever, is the time for you as a library trustee, a library employee, or a library friend to help advance New Century Libraries.

Why should you get involved?

- ! Because the same dollars with no inflationary factor means less service for the friends and neighbors your library serves – fewer materials, fewer programs, fewer hours open, fewer tools to access information that keeps students competitive.
- ! Because the same dollars with no inflationary factor means less money in library staff member's paychecks, and eventually, less staff.
- ! Because it's a better challenge to guide an organization that has money for innovation than to hold together an organization that can barely pay its bills.

So what can you, as a library trustee, staff member, or friend, do?

- ! Spread the news of the importance of New Century Libraries by writing your representatives, calling your representatives' offices, visiting your representatives.

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Become active in the UHLS Library Advocacy Advisory Council. The next meeting is on March 6 at 7:00 PM at the Upper Hudson offices. If you can't attend, make it a priority that someone from your library does.

Attend March 19th Lobby Day, the annual New York Library Association event at which library representatives travel to Albany to carry the message of library funding to their legislators. Legislators need to learn what libraries do for New York citizens and why we need increased funding. It's a message that has punch when it's delivered in person. UHLS will make arrangements to assist you with this day.

It is tempting to all of us to ignore the workings of the state government, which sometimes seems cumbersome and labyrinthine. It is tempting to choose to spend our time in service – which we know how to do – rather than advocacy – which is less natural for us. But we must learn to become comfortable with sometimes choosing advocacy over service. If we do not, eventually we may not have the opportunity to serve.

If you don't speak for libraries, who will?

PLEASE NOTE

The UHLS Annual Dinner Meeting has been changed to **TUESDAY, June 11th** at the Albany Country Club.

Robert Freeman will speak on the Open Meeting Law.

WHY COLLECT STATISTICS?

Libraries spend a great deal of time collecting data, for good reason:

1. To help make good management decisions, such as measuring progress toward accomplishing strategic plan goals, or to allocate resources;
2. For political purposes, such as documenting the library's value to its funding sources and the community;
3. To meet external requirements, including the State Annual Report and grant criteria.

What to do with all of this collected data? As part of the LSTA grant *Numbers Tell the Story 2*, Polly Alida Farrington will show us how to put this data into tables, graphs, and charts using Microsoft Excel. She will also teach us how to use the Power Point program to develop professional presentations to help us tell our stories. The workshops will be held:

- Using Excel on March 22nd, from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at the East Greenbush Community Library;
- Using Excel on March 27th, from 1:00-5:00 PM at UHLS;
- Using Power Point on April 10th, from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at UHLS.

These are hands-on workshops with limited seating. To register, contact Sara Dallas at 437-9880 x. 227; email: sara@uhls.lib.ny.us. You do not need previous experience using either Excel or

Power Point to attend these workshops.

Regional News

DIALOG@CARL CONTINUES

The New York State Library's contract for the Dialog@CARL online database, offered through the EmpireLink project, has been extended for one year for the period April 1, 2002 - March 31, 2003. The EmpireLink Project is supported by Federal Library Services and Technology Act funds, awarded to The New York State Library by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

WEB PRESENTATIONS

Joe Makowiec from the Brunswick Community Library will give a presentation on accessibility, and Peter Kowalski, Web Specialist at Upper Hudson Library System, will answer questions at a meeting on March 13, 2002 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM in the Stedman Room at the William K. Sanford Town Library. For more information, contact Maureen DeLaughter at delaughterm@uhls.lib.ny.us.

MAKING PUBMED WORK FOR YOU

The Capital District Library Council Hospital Library Service Program will hold a workshop on the PubMed interface to MEDLINE on Friday, March 15th, at 9:00 AM. The class will help with

search techniques and strategies to make the most effective use of this valuable resource. It will be held in the Learning Center of the Schaffer Library at Albany Medical College. To register contact Christopher Tosh at 438-2872; email: chris@cdlc.org.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM PLANNING WORKSHOP

This program is a collaborative project between the Mohawk Valley, Southern Adirondack and Upper Hudson Library Systems, to be held on March 21st, at the Saratoga Springs Public Library. Registration fees are structured as follows: the first person from your library pays \$15 for registration, and each additional person from your library (whether they are staff, trustee, volunteer, friend) pays \$10. This fee will cover lunch, snacks and materials. The workshop will run from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. For more information, contact Mary Fellows at 437-9880 x. 228; email: mary@uhls.lib.ny.us.

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS TO MEET

The next meeting of the Capital Area Library Assistants (CALA) will be held at CDLC on Friday, April 5th, at 2:30 PM. CALA's mission is to enhance communication and interaction between library personnel.

YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

The Bureau of Education & Research is producing an all-day workshop on *What's New in*

Young Adult Literature: 2002. It will be held at the Century House in Latham on April 10th. Preview new books and learn practical strategies for using them in programs. There is a \$175 registration fee. For more information, visit the web site at www.ber.org.

YSS SPRING CONFERENCE

Patchwork of Services is the theme of the annual YSS spring conference, to be held Friday, April 26th from 8:15 AM - 3:30 PM at the Four Points Sheraton Rochester Riverside Hotel in Rochester. YSS is the Youth Services Section of the New York Library Association. Speakers this year include author Natalie Kinsey-Warnock and publisher Kent L. Brown of *Highlights Magazine* and Boyds Mill Press. Topics include crafts, dealing with change, storytelling techniques, learning experiences across the elementary curriculum, teen advisory councils, and teen spaces in the library. For more information, contact Mary Fellows at 437-9880 x. 228; email: mary@uhls.lib.ny.us.

LET THE READING BEGIN CONFERENCE

Let the Reading Begin (LRB) is a gathering of teachers, librarians, administrators, authors, illustrators, and others interested in putting magic back into reading classes through the use of literature in the classroom. LRB is a day and a half of presentations, seminars, and sessions staffed by top professionals in the fields of education and the arts. A variety

of children's authors and illustrators from the United States, Canada, and abroad are expected to attend. The conference will be held May 17-18 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany. For more information and to register, visit www.hodgepodgebooks.com and click on LRB. There is a fee to attend the conference.

DID YOU KNOW...

...that Dialog@CARL, provided through the UHLS online database program at www.uhls.org/uhls/Databases/databases.html, and funded by the New York State Library EmpireLink project, includes these databases:

- (Albany) Times Union
- American Library Directory
- Consumer Reports
- Foundation Directory
- The New York Times
- Christian Science Monitor
- USA Today

- Peterson's Colleges
- Standard & Poor's Register
- Thomas' Register
- U.S. Patents

SAVE THE DATE FOR SERIALS

There will be a meeting of people who deal with periodicals in libraries on June 4, 2002 from 9:30 AM - noon at the Saratoga Springs Public Library. The agenda includes an informal discussion on topics such as collection development, retention periods, circulation, how to measure usage, and microforms, as well as

any other issues concerning periodicals. Representatives from MVLA, SALS and UHLS will be on hand to speak about electronic resources. Additional details will be provided in the April issue of The Latest Edition.

ADVANCED ETHICS INSTITUTE

The New York Library Association is offering a program on Ethics to be held at the Guilderland Public Library on July 12th. *Ethics II* is an opportunity to learn about making ethical decisions in the library setting. You must have attended an *Ethics I* workshop to register for *Ethics II*. This is a workshop for librarians and other staff from public, school, academic and special libraries, as well as trustees of public libraries. The cost for the daylong program is \$85 for NYLA members and \$120 for non-members, payable by check or credit card. To register, send your payment to the NYLA Office, 252 Hudson Ave, Albany, New York 12210-1802, with your name, address, phone, email, fax number and which Ethics I program (White Plains or Rochester) you attended in 2001.

National News

DEPRESSION ERA LIBRARIES

If your library was founded sometime during the Great Depression, between 1930 and 1940, a university professor would like to hear from you for a

book he is writing about the American public library. Please contact him with the story of the library's founding, including any documents you can copy and send. He is particularly interested to know if WPA money was involved, or any money other than community resources. Reply to Charles A. Seavey, Associate Professor, Distance Learning Coordinator, School of Information Science & Learning Technologies, 303 Townsend Hall, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO 65211; Phone 573-882-7646; Fax 573-884-4944; email: SeaveyC@missouri.edu.

BEYOND THE BARCODE SCANNER



Instead of carrying a library card, all your patrons will need to check out library materials is their own hand. Grocery chains are now letting customers pay for their purchases by simply putting their index fingers on a matchbox-sized scanning pad (*Progressive Grocer* February 1, 2002). An optical reader compares the fingerprint against a database of customers and then processes the payment. Find out more about biometric scanners by visiting Softlink Finger Recognition System at www.softlinkamerica.com, Sagebrush Ucheck at www.sagebrushcorp.com, and Biometric Access Corporation at www.biometricaccess.com.

COMPUTERS IN LIBRARIES

The annual *Computers in Libraries* conference will be held March 13-15, in the Washington Hilton and Towers Hotel in Washington, D.C. This is a technology conference and exhibition. For more information, visit www.infotoday.com.

Trustee News

TEN QUICK WAYS TO IMPROVE BOARD MEETINGS

By Jan Masaoka. Adapted from *Board Café*, January 21, 2002.

For Board presidents, chairs, or anyone else who has to facilitate a meeting, here are some simple ideas to make meetings better:

1. **Name tags for everyone, every meeting.** It's embarrassing to have seen people at several meetings and wondered what their names are.
2. **Post an acronym chart.** Make a poster of frequently used external and internal acronyms (such as UHLS for Upper Hudson Library System or DLD for Division of Library Development) and post it on the wall of every meeting. If you distribute the list to individuals, it will get lost.
3. **Write an "anticipated action" for each agenda item.** Examples: "Finance Committee report: Anticipated Action: brief questions and answers, no action

needed." "Volunteer recruitment: Anticipated Action: form committee of 3-4 Board members."

4. Make sure that each person says at least one thing at every Board meeting. This is the Chair's responsibility, but everyone should help. "Cecilia, you haven't spoken on this issue. I'm wondering what you're thinking about it?"

5. Don't read reports aloud. If you have a regular Director's Report on the agenda, put it in writing in the Board packet and just ask if there are any questions.

6. Include committee reports on the agenda only when needed. If a committee has done work but doesn't need it discussed, put the committee report in the Board packet. Recognize the committee's good work during the meeting, and refer people to the written report.

7. Put the two most important matters facing the library on every agenda. Plan to discuss the economic downturn, changes in funding, demographic changes in the chartered to serve area, or whatever is of major concern.

8. Encourage questions and respectful disagreements. "Sylvia, I'm glad you asked that question. I didn't know the answer either." "Duane, I appreciate the fact that you disagreed with me in that last discussion. Your comments helped make the discussion much more valuable."

9. Make sure the room is comfortable. Not too hot or cold

or crowded. Offer beverages and something light to eat such as cookies or fruit.

10. Adjourn on time, or agree to stay later. Twenty minutes before the scheduled end of the meeting, ask whether the group wants to stay later. "If we continue this very interesting discussion, we will have to stay fifteen extra minutes to hear the recommendation on the Director's salary. Can everyone stay that long, or should we end this now?"

Once every year or two, survey the Board about meetings. Pass out a questionnaire for anonymous return to the Board vice president or secretary. Ask "What do you like best about Board meetings? Least? Are you satisfied with the items that are usually on the agenda? How could the Board president do more to encourage discussion at the meetings? Is the location or time of day difficult for you?"

Friends News

BAKER & TAYLOR AWARDS

Baker & Taylor and the Friends of Libraries USA offer six \$1,000 awards, based on outstanding activities by Friends groups during 2001. For more information, call the FOLUSA office at 800-9FOLUSA.

HR@THE LIBRARY

VIP: VERY IMPORTANT POLICY

A customer service policy? The North Adams Public Library has one. In its introduction, the library states that it "strives to offer excellent library services, which includes a quality and welcoming facility and a collection that is varied and current. Successful customer service connects customers to what they need, but also leaves them satisfied and happy and eager to return again to the NAPL because they feel that the library is the ideal place to fulfill their needs.

The library staff provides friendly, efficient and accurate service to all patrons at all times. It is important to keep in mind that the patron is the customer to whom the staff is ultimately responsible."

The Customer Service Policy of the North Adams Public Library is clear and easy to read. It addresses employees' manner and attitude towards the customer, patron confidentiality, staff procedures for phone and in-person greetings, and even when to "bend the rules." Take a look at the policy on the library's web site at www.napllibrary.com/customer.html and adapt it to meet the unique needs of your library and your patrons.

Funding News

FREE BOOK SALE PUBLICITY

Publicize your book sale nationwide by posting a listing at www.BookSaleFinder.com. This web site is visited by dealers, collectors and book lovers. Fill out the online form on the web site to have your sale listed.

LIBRARY OF THE YEAR AWARD

Gale and *Library Journal* once again join forces to recognize and reward the library that most profoundly demonstrates outstanding community service. This year's winning library will receive \$10,000 and will be the cover story in the June 15, 2002 issue of *Library Journal*. Libraries may be nominated by staff or members of the community. The deadline for nominations is March 15th, 2002. For more information and nomination guidelines, visit www.gale.com/libraries/aboutloyr.htm.

TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITY GRANTS

The Commerce Department is accepting applications for the Technology Opportunity Program (TOP). The program provides underserved communities the opportunity to improve education, community, health, economic, and government services through computer technologies. Funding priorities include bringing high

speed technologies to users; mobile wireless communication; encouraging users to move to distributing services, and emerging data-sharing technologies that facilitate the exchange of information across organizational boundaries. These are matching grants of \$200K-\$750K. Deadline for applications is March 21st, 2002. For more information, visit www.ntia.doc.gov/top or contact Stephen Down at 202-482-2048; email: top@ntia.doc.gov.

IFLA/3M MARKETING AWARD

This award, sponsored by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), and 3M Library Systems, honors libraries that have implemented creative marketing projects. The first place winner will receive airfare, lodging, and registration for the IFLA conference in Glasgow, Scotland on August 18-24, 2002. The award also includes \$1,000. Applications can be found on www.ifla.org. The deadline is March 31st, 2002.

LEADERSHIP GRANT REMINDER

The federal Institute of Museum and Library Services will award National Leadership Grants to library-museum partnerships. IMLS encourages all eligible libraries and museums to apply for these funds. Applicants may request up to \$500,000. The deadline is April 1st, 2002. For more information, go to www.imls.gov/current/021202-1.htm.

WEB SITE AWARDS

netConnect, *Library Journal*, *School Library Journal* and Jones e-Global Library sponsor this new award, recognizing the web site that best expresses the library's own mission. Nominees will be evaluated by community impact, usability, range of resources, clarity, and accessibility. There will be one award of \$1,500 for each library type: public, school and academic. The deadline for submissions is April 15th, 2002. For more information, go to www.libraryjournal.com.

ACCESS TO LEARNING AWARD

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation sponsors this award which is given to a library or library agency that has been innovative in providing free public access to information. The award includes a grant of up to \$1 million. Preference will be given to organizations that make information technology easily accessible to the public, train the public in using information technology, educate staff on information technology use, and reach out to underserved communities. In addition, preference will be given to organizations that have not been funded in the past by the foundation. Applications are available at www.clir.org/fellowships/gates/gates.html. Deadline for applications is April 15th, 2002.

LATEST EDITION LEXICON

Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) - ISDN is a switched network over ordinary telephone copper wire or other media that supports a wide range of services, both voice and non-voice.

Worth Noting

The Guilderland Public Library received a grant from the Albany/Schenectady League of Arts for the continuation of the Second Sunday Concert series. This grant, along with support from the North Eastern Mountain Chapter of the American Harp Society, will support three free concerts. Kathleen Bride, harpist, will perform on March 10th. The Berkshire Reed Trio will perform April 14th. The last concert in the series will be held May 12th, Mother's Day, and will feature the Bennington Trio with Paul Opel playing harpsichord.

The Guilderland Public Library will be participating with the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce Regional Family Expo March 23-24 at Crossgates Mall. The Library will have an information booth giving out information about our library and library services in the Upper Hudson Library System.

The Voorheesville Public Library will be closed on Friday, March 22nd for Staff Development Day, rescheduled from January.

People

Bethlehem Public Library welcomed storyteller Leah Golby to its part-time staff in February. Leah has a degree in theater from UAlbany and a keen interest in working with young children. Michael Farley has assumed new duties and a new title, Head of Media and Computer Services.

Dana Mayne is the new day maintenance worker at the Guilderland Public Library.

The staff and board of the Voorheesville Public Library sadly mark the passing of Harry B. Goldberg, who retired last year as the library's accountant.

According to *Choice* magazine (April 2001), the average cost of a reference book was \$89.83 in 2000.

Professional Collection

Gotcha! Nonfiction Booktalks to Get Kids Excited About Reading by Kathleen Baxter. Libraries Unlimited, 1999. Organized by popular topic, this guide describes dozens of books for various ages. Readers learn how to put together

a booktalk program. Also included is a list of resources to help build a nonfiction collection. PROF 028.1 BAX

Literacy & Libraries: Learning from Case Studies edited by GraceAnne DeCandido. ALA, 2001. Examples of library-based literacy programs that use various methods, such as theme-based instruction, technology, partnerships and outreach to meet the needs of their communities. PROF 021.2 LIT

Statistical Report 2001: Public Library Data Service. Special Section: Finance Survey. PLA, 2001.

Use this publication to compare your library with data from over 700 public libraries across the country on finances, library resources, per capita measures, annual use figures, technology, alternative sources of income, library foundations, and more. PROF 027.473 STA

Library Programs

ALTAMONT:

DANCE IN THE HILLS - This free program features the Albany Berkshire Ballet performing four dances ranging from classical to contemporary. Sponsored by the Library and the Berne Knox Westerlo PTA. Sunday, March 3, (snow date is March 10th) at 3:00 PM in the Berne Knox Westerlo High School Auditorium.

BETHLEHEM:

A GATHERING OF QUILTS - Quilters United In Learning Together, a local group dedicated to furthering the art of quilt making, will display their handiwork, answer questions, and demonstrate techniques. A story corner for children will offer tales about quilts, and fabric blocks will be available for creating designs. All ages are welcome to browse, admire, and ask. Refreshments will be served. Call 439-9314 to register. Sunday, March 3 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM.

GREEN POTATO MASH - Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with stories, crafts and potato snacks. Wear a smock or old shirt. For children in grades K-3. Call 439-9314 to register. Sunday, March 17 at 3:00 PM.

TRAINING GROUND FOR DEMOCRACY - Presenter Bonnie Beard contends that a polling station is a microcosm of international diplomacy and a classroom for practical democracy. Find out why in this slide lecture detailing international supervision of a polling station in post-conflict Bosnia. Beard is president of the board of the League of Women Voters and its director of international relations. She recently completed her seventh mission to the Balkans. Call 439-9314 to register. Monday, March 25 at 7:00 PM.

BRUNSWICK:

HARRY POTTER TRIVIA AND

UNO CONTEST - Kids aged 7 and up are invited to show off their knowledge of Hogwarts School trivia by participating in the Sorcerer's Stone trivia game. You will need some luck to win the Harry Potter Trivia Game. Prizes can be won; refreshments will be served. Call 279-4023 or email us to reserve your spot. This program fills very quickly! Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 PM in the Tamarac Middle School Cafeteria.

GARDENING SITES - Joe Makowiec will review some of the basic techniques of Internet searching while highlighting sites of interest to garden lovers. Seats are limited. Call 279-4023. Saturday, March 9 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Tamarac High School.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC - Reserve this date for a very special Library event you won't want to miss. There will be crafts, unique teddy bears, books and a big brunch. Contact the Library at 279-4023 or by e-mail for details Saturday, March 23 from 10:00 AM to Noon at Brunswick Family Community Center.

GUILDERLAND:

STEINBECK FILM SCREENING - Celebrate John Steinbeck's 100th birthday and attend a screening and discussion of John Ford's classic film adaptation of "The

Grapes of Wrath." Join the discussion led by Menands Public Library Director Leonard Zapala, who holds a MFA in film studies from Columbia University. Friday,

March 8 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Register by calling 456-2400 x. 7.

EVERYBODY EATS SOUP - Will be read on Saturday, March 9 at 1:30 PM. The discussion following the reading will be about recipes and family stories.

SEE THE BIRDS - With spring in the air, we know the birds will be returning which means great opportunities for birdwatching. Children grades 1-3 are invited to make a set of binoculars on Saturday, March 17 at 2:00 PM.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - From 2:00 - 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 27.

TROY:

HISTORY OF WOMEN DETECTIVES - As part of the Mysteries at the Library Series, learn about all of your favorite female detectives. Monday, March 11 at 7:00 PM.

DRESSED TO KILL: IMAGE AND CRIME - Does an image fit the criminal? Dr. Frankie Y. Bailey of SUNY Albany will present this topic on Monday, March 18 at 7:00 PM.

VOORHEESVILLE:

TRITONIS - The Friends of the Library will hold their Annual Meeting, followed by a classical music concert featuring the guitar, flute and cello trio *Tritonis*. Sunday, March 10 at 1:30 PM.

SHIFTY - Local band *Shifty* will be live in the community room for a special performance for teens. Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 PM.





WILLIAM K. SANFORD:
MOZART AND SALIERI - This is a two-part program, funded by a grant from the New York Council for the Humanities. On Saturday, March 16 at 1:30 PM, the film *Amadeus* will be shown in the Stedman Room. Then, on Sunday, March 17, at 2:00 PM, Dr. Jane Hettrick, a leading authority on the life and work of Antonio Salieri, will present a program titled "Amadeus Revisited: Did Salieri Murder Mozart or Did Mozart Slay Salieri?" using music and video.

JOHN STEINBECK BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES - In honor of the 100th birthday of John Steinbeck, the Library is presenting a series of book discussions of Steinbeck titles with area college professors: Tortilla Flat with Siena College Professor Naton Leslie on Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 PM; The Log From the Sea of Cortez with Siena Biology Professor Nancy Elliott on Sunday, April 14, at 2:00 PM; In Dubious Battle with Skidmore College Professor Alan Wheelock on Wednesday, May 8, at 7:00 PM; and The Grapes of Wrath with Skidmore College Professor

Emeritus Charlotte Goodman on Wednesday, June 5, at 7:00 PM. Books will be provided. To reserve a place, call the Information desk at 458-9274.

OPERA OVER EASY: VERISMO - Opera gets real! Join Library Director Robert Jaquay for an exciting new series which will explore the world of *Verismo*, Italian for "realism," focusing on works including Ponchielli's "La Gioconda," Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana," Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci," Giordano's "Andrea Chenier," and Puccini's "Il Tabaro." Fridays, March 8, 15, 22, 29, from 9:00 AM-Noon OR Mondays, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, from 6:00-9:00 PM. Registration is required; call the Information Desk at 458-9274 and please indicate which series you will be attending.

For the Asking

TO GIVE AWAY:

The Guilderland Public Library has the following materials to give away:

- Brands and Their Companies, 1999 (3 v);
- Encyclopedia of Association, 2000 (3 v);
- Hoover's Handbook of America Business, 2001 (2 v);
- National Electrical Code Handbook, 1999 (1 v);
- Thomas Regional Directory Upstate New York, 2000 (1 v);

- Ulrich's Periodicals Directory, 2001 (5 v) 2001.

If interested, contact Barbara Nichols Randall at 456-2400 x13; randallb@uhls.lib.ny.us.

The New York State Police Department is giving away the following Federal Reporters and Federal Supplements:

- 678 F2d through 256 F3d;
- 612 F Supp through 147 F Supp 2d.

If you can use these volumes, contact Paul M. Salvino, Assistant Counsel, New York State Police, 518-457-6137.

Calendar

MARCH

- 1 Read Across America
- 1 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 4 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS ***
- 5 Implementation Team 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 5 Services Committee 4:30 PM at UHLS ***
- 6 Finance Committee 3:30 at UHLS ***
- 6 Board of Trustees 4:30 at UHLS ***
- 6 Advocacy Advisory Committee 7:00 PM at UHLS
- 13-16 Public Library Association conference in Phoenix, AZ
- 19 NYLA Legislative Lobby Day
- 20 Resource Sharing Advisory Council 9:00 AM at APLM
- 21 Adult Services Advisory Council 9:30 AM at EGRN (Topic: Online database workshop)
- 21 Summer Reading Program Planning workshop 9:00 AM-4:00 PM at Saratoga Springs Public Library
- 22 Numbers Tell the Story - Using Excel 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at EGRN
- 26 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 27 Numbers Tell the Story - Using Excel 1:00-5:00 PM at UHLS

*** NOTE DATE CHANGE

APRIL

- 5 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 8 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 9 Services Committee 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 10 Numbers Tell the Story - Using Power Point 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at UHLS.
- 10 Finance Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 10 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 12 Youth Services Advisory Council 9:00-10:00 AM - small library concerns discussion group at MEND
- Youth Services Advisory Council 10:00 AM-12 Noon at MEND
- Youth Services Advisory Council 12 Noon-1:00 PM - large library concerns discussion group at MEND
- 14-20 National Library Week (Theme: @your library)
- 17 Great New York ReadAloud
- 23 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS

MAY

- 3 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 6 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 7 Services Committee 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 8 Finance Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 8 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 15 Resource Sharing Advisory Council 9:00 AM at SNLK
- 16 Adult Services Advisory Council 9:30 AM at UHLS (Topic: Legal information workshop)
- 17 Youth Services Advisory Council 9:00-10:00 AM - book review at UHLS
- Youth Services Advisory Council 10:00 AM-12 Noon at UHLS
- Youth Services Advisory Council 12 Noon-1:00 PM - book review at UHLS
- 27 MEMORIAL DAY - UHLS OFFICES CLOSED
- 28 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS

JUNE

- 7 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 10 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 11 UHLS Annual Dinner Meeting at Albany Country Club ? (MARK THE DATE!)
- 13-17 ALA (American Library Association) 2002 Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA
- 25 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS

JULY

- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY - UHLS OFFICES CLOSED
- 5 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 8 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 9 Services Committee 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 10 Finance Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 10 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 23 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS

AUGUST

- 2 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 5 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 6 Services Committee 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 7 Finance Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 7 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 27 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS

SEPTEMBER

- 2 LABOR DAY - UHLS OFFICES CLOSED
- 6 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 9 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 10 Services Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 11 Finance Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 11 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 19 Adult Services Advisory Council 9:30 AM at UHLS
- 20 Youth Services Advisory Council 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 24 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS

OCTOBER

- 4 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 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
- 14 COLUMBUS DAY - UHLS OFFICES CLOSED
- 18 Youth Services Advisory Council 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 22 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS



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VISION STATEMENT: Upper Hudson Library System (UHLS) and its twenty-nine members will operate as a consortium and be a part of a dynamic statewide and national network, operating in cooperation and collaboration with educational and cultural organizations, community human service agencies and the business community to provide library and information services to the people of the Capital Region of New York State.