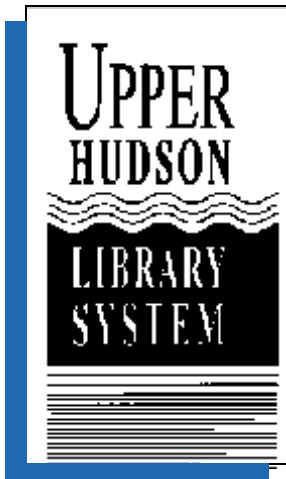


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AUTOMATION INFORMATION LINE

UHLS has set up an information line which reports any automation service problems. The number is 437-9880 ext. 411. Please use it to find out about problems that affect multiple libraries, such as network slowness, server problems, etc. The line is for information only, so you will not be able to leave a voicemail message when you call that number.

For issues that require immediate attention, continue to call UHLS at 437-9880 during business hours, and the emergency number 448-5910 at night and on weekends. If you are experiencing a non-critical problem, call the Information Line to see if it's a known issue, and to get an estimate of when we expect it to be corrected.

SNOW DAYS

When your library is closed for a snow day, UHLS can add an exception to your circulation policies so that patrons are not charged for items they have on loan that are due on or before that day. Please notify UHLS on the snow day itself to avoid confusion and/or unfairness.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE February 2004 UHLS BOARD MEETING

- Rachel Baum, Manager of Information and Outreach Services has resigned from UHLS, effective February 20, 2004. Philip Erlich, Chair, expressed the Board's appreciation for all of her years of service to UHLS and for her willingness to take on whatever she was asked.
- The Manager of Information and Outreach Services position has been advertised. The review of applications will begin after March 1st.
- The Board approved a construction project to enlarge the UHLS Shipping Room due to the increased volume of materials being handled by the couriers.
- Erin Apostol, Chair of the Services Committee, was appointed the *ex-officio* Board representative to the Outreach Advisory Council.

RIVERWAY FESTIVAL IN ITS 2ND YEAR

By Mary Fellows, UHLS Youth and Family Services Manager

Riverway Storytelling Festival will be filling the Capital Region with stories and tellers both young and old! The Festival will take place April 26 – May 1, 2004. This year, the event has expanded to include weekend happenings in Rensselaer County. Hudson Valley Community College will host a Friday evening family performance from 7:00 – 8:30 PM, followed by a ghost story concert (for teens and adults) from 9:00 – 10:30 PM.

We are very pleased with our slate of storytellers this year! The lineup includes Beth Horner, Bobby Norfolk, Gregorio Pedroza, Jack Maguire, Diane Edgecomb, Kent Busman, Frank Wind, Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi, Karen Pillsworth, Bill Cliff, Joni Goldberg, Becky Holder and Bairbre McCarthy. All are talented professionals who bring a variety of experiences and backgrounds to their telling. Students from three area schools will also be telling their tales on Saturday of the Festival.

This year, UHLS librarians will receive free admission to Festival workshops. Workshops are scheduled for Friday afternoon from 3:30 – 5:00 PM, and on Saturday afternoon. More details will be available soon. In addition, eight UHLS libraries will host free public performances weeknights April 26-29, leading up to the weekend festivities. Ticket information, the final schedule, and storyteller information will be available in March. UHLS libraries will be asked to distribute information.

Regional News

LIBRARY LOBBY DAY EVENTS

The Council of the New York Library Association (NYLA) and the NYLA Legislative Committee invite you to participate in the annual New York Library Association Library Lobby Day events, March 15 and 16, 2004. This year, we offer Whine & Wine and a Library Rave.

On the evening of Monday, March 15, NYLA is hosting its second annual "Whine & Wine at NYLA." All legislators are receiving invitations to stop by after work between 5 and 7 PM to meet informally with NYLA members and staff. Finger Lakes wine will be served, from the only librarian-owned winery in New York! If you are in Albany for pre-Lobby Day meetings, please stop by and enjoy some wine and conversation with colleagues and legislators.

The Library Lobby Day event this year is a Library Rave. From 11:00 AM until noon on Tuesday, March 16, we invite the library community to come together in a show of unity and support in our usual spot – Meeting Room 6 on the Concourse. As always, we will offer bagels, coffee, etc. all morning beginning at 8:30 AM. NYLA staff will prepare a legislative packet for each of the 212 legislators, filled with helpful information and talking points. NYLA President Art Friedman will provide briefings. At 11:00 AM, we begin the Library Rave: inviting EVERY legislator to join us for coffee and bagels in Meeting Room 6 to meet with delegations. At 11:30, we will hear from Speaker Silver, Senator Bruno, Assemblymember Galef and Senator Farley. We hope to impress them with the number of library supporters who have traveled to Albany to speak up for libraries. This is our opportunity to show strength in numbers, so we really want to pack the room and rave about libraries!

UHLS librarians will meet in Meeting Room 6 at 10:30 AM, attend a briefing and join the Rave at 11:00 AM. Following the Rave, we'll have appointments with our legislators. More information will be forthcoming in early March.

YOUTH SERVICES CONFERENCE

The Youth Services Section of the New York Library Association will hold its 29th Annual Spring Conference "Beyond our Boundaries: Imagine Discover Explore Connect" on Friday, April 23, 2004 from 8:15 AM-3:30 PM at the Lake Placid Resort in Lake Placid, New York. Events include a keynote address by Tim Wynne-Jones, with Steven Kellogg as the luncheon speaker. Workshop topics will cover teen summer programs, Canadian children's literature, homework help on the Internet, craft ideas for summer programs, school and public library collaborations, programming for babies and toddlers, storytelling, and library services for 'tweens. Book sales will take place throughout the day. Fee includes speakers, workshops, continental breakfast, and lunch. For more information or to register, contact Regan DeFranza, Conference Chair at 315-379-9524; defranza@northnet.org.

National News

BUSH BUDGET HAS LIBRARY MONEY

President Bush's budget proposal includes \$220 million for the Library Program at the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS), an increase of 11%. The Department of Education would receive \$53.7 billion in discretionary funding, including \$1.1 billion for the *Reading First State Grants* program. The *Improving Literacy Through School Libraries* program would be funded at \$19.8 million, with \$100 million for the *Striving Readers Initiative*. Despite increases in overall funding, President Bush proposes eliminating several key programs like the *Even Start* family literacy program, *Star Schools*, and *Community Technology Centers* program.

RUSA BEST REFERENCE SOURCES

The Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), a division of the American Library Association, has announced its list of Outstanding Reference Sources, suitable for small to medium-sized libraries. The selections are:

- i [Advertising Age Encyclopedia of Advertising](#) edited by John McDonough and Karen Egolf. ISBN 1-57958-172-2. \$38
- i [The Beat Generation: A Gale Critical Companion](#) edited by Lynn M. Zott. ISBN 0-7876-7569-5. \$350
- i [The Encyclopedia of American Folk Art](#) edited by Gerard C. ISBN 0-415-92986-5. \$125
- i [Encyclopedia of American History](#) edited by Gary B. Nash. ISBN 0-8160-4371-X. \$935
- i [Encyclopedia of Community](#) edited by Karen Christensen and David Levinson. ISBN 0-7619-2598-8. \$595
- i [The Encyclopedia of Education](#) edited by James W. Guthrie. 2nd edition. ISBN 0-02-865594-X. \$850
- i [Encyclopedia of Food and Culture](#) edited by Solomon H. Katz. ISBN 0-684-80568-5. \$395
- i [Encyclopedia of Radio](#) edited by Christopher H. Sterling. ISBN 1-57958-249-4. \$375
- i [Encyclopedia of Russian History](#) edited by Jim Millar. ISBN 0-02-865693-8. \$475
- i [The Encyclopedia of Sculpture](#) edited by Antonia Bostrom. ISBN 1-57958-248-6. \$375
- i [Encyclopedia of Terrorism](#) by Harvey W. Kushner. ISBN 0-7619-2408-6. \$125
- i [Encyclopedia of the Romantic Era 1760-1850](#) edited by Christopher John Murray. ISBN 1-57958-361-X
- i [Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia](#) edited by Michael Hutchins. 2nd edition. ISBN 0-7876-5362-4. \$1,595
- i [Handbook of Death & Dying](#) edited by Clifton D. Bryant. ISBN 0-7619-2514-7. \$350
- i [Holocaust Literature: An Encyclopedia of Writers and Their Work](#) edited by S. Lillian Kremer. ISBN 0-415-92985-7. \$250
- i [Literature of Travel and Exploration: An Encyclopedia](#) edited by Jennifer Speake. ISBN 1-57958-247-8. \$375
- i [Magill's Encyclopedia of Social Science: Psychology](#) edited by Nancy A. Piotrowski. ISBN 1-58765-130-0. \$385
- i [The Oxford Dictionary of the Renaissance](#) by Gordon Campbell. ISBN 0-19-860175-1. \$150
- i [The Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History](#) edited by Joel Mokyr. ISBN 0-19-510507-9. \$695
- i [Reader's Guide to British History](#) edited by David Loades. ISBN 1-57958-242-7. \$295

Grants & Funding



COMING UP TALLER AWARDS

The Coming Up Taller Awards recognize and support outstanding community arts and humanities programs that foster the creative and intellectual development of America's children and youth through education and practical experience in the arts and the humanities. Ten awards of \$10,000 each are available, as well as Certificates of Excellence for semifinalists. The deadline for nominations is March 25, 2004. Visit www.cominguptaller.org for an application.

BOOKS FROM THE LIBRI FOUNDATION

The Libri Foundation helps rural libraries acquire new, quality, hardcover children's books they could not otherwise afford to buy. The Foundation works with the library's Friends of the Library or other local organizations to encourage and reward local support of libraries. The Friends, or other local sponsors, can contribute from \$50 to \$350, which the Foundation matches on a 2-to-1 ratio. The Foundation awards grants three times a year. Application deadline is March 15, 2004. Visit www.librifoundation.org for an application.

PATHWAYS WITHIN LITERACY GRANTS

Applications for books and other educational materials from Pathways Within, which supports libraries in rural communities and organizations that conduct family-literacy and other reading programs, are currently being accepted. The organization helps prepare young children to learn to read and to motivate older children to read regularly. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2004. Contact Pathways Within, P.O. Box 1354, Brookline, MA 02446-0011; 617-482-0324; pathwayswithin@mindspring.org.

PARENT AND CHILD GRANT

The Parent and Child Library Services Grant program is a state competitive grant program that supports family literacy library projects. The grant year runs July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005. Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with other libraries, library systems, schools, cultural organizations, community groups, social service agencies and local businesses for public library-based programs. Projects must include components for families, including parents and/or caregivers and young people. The deadline for application submission is April 19, 2004, but a copy of your grant application should also be submitted to your public library system before April 19, 2004. Guidelines and application forms are available at www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/parchld/. For more information, call Anne Simon, Library Development Specialist II, at 486-2194.

JOSEPH F. SHUBERT LIBRARY EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award recognizes the achievements of small, medium and large libraries and library consortia in New York State. Co-sponsored by EBSCO, \$1,000 will be given to a library or library consortium that has taken significant steps within the past two years to improve the quality of library service to its users. In 2002, the Council recognized the **Albany Public Library** for creating the "First Stop/The Next Step" project. The deadline for applying is **May 3, 2004**. For a copy of the application, visit www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/adviscns/rac/index.html or contact Patty Case, Joseph F. Shubert Library Excellence Award, New York State Library, 10D45 Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230; 474-1195; pcase@mail.nysed.gov.

Worth Noting

The Altamont Free Library has been awarded a member item grant for \$2,500 by Assemblyman McEneny, to be used for furniture. Senator Neil Breslin's office notified the Library of a \$2,500 member item grant for carpeting.

Move over, Rover! CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Renovations at Bethlehem Public Library have progressed to the circulation desk and staff work areas, reducing the desk to half-size and displacing technical services operations to the community room. Automation personnel moved and rewired close to two-dozen staff and public

computers to accommodate this phase of construction. Collections and service areas continue to move around in musical chairs fashion. But the work is progressing well, and challenges have been met with good humor and patience by staff and patrons alike. We are all looking forward to mid-March, when the project should be virtually complete. Renovation photos can be found on our website at www.uhls.org/bethlehem/. Check us out!



The Guilderland Public Library has several exhibits running for the month of March: Bernie Kolenberg Retrospective of Photos from Vietnam, *Times Union* Archival Photos, Suny Archival Items, NYS Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Gallery: a Soldier's Gear, State and National Campaign Buttons from the collection of Albany City Court Judge Thomas Keefe, plus memorabilia of the Sixties from various private collections.

The Troy Public Library was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Howard and Bush Foundation. The money will be used to purchase computer and microfilm equipment so that historians and scholars can access the library's microfilm collections of nineteenth century newspapers and federal and state census data.

People

Lou Domanico and Mary Dornbush have accepted invitations to join the Altamont Free Library Board of Trustees. There are two vacancies on the Board at this time.

Pat Nonamaker, Director of the East Greenbush Community Library, has resigned her position, effective late March, to pursue other career interests in the health care field. She would like the UHLS library directors to know that she will miss the Directors Association meetings! The Trustees have named Deborah Shoup, Head of Adult Services, acting director until the search process is completed.

Carol Trager, Director of the Brunswick Community Library, has resigned her position, effective in June, to pursue other career interests.

Sharon O'Brien, formerly a reference librarian at Troy Public Library, is the new Member Services Coordinator at the Mohawk Valley Library System.

Beginning March 15th, Rachel Baum, UHLS Manager of Information and Outreach Services, will be Assistant Dean at the University at Albany School of Information Science and Policy.

Professional Collection

The Big Book of Library Grant Money 2004-2005 prepared by Taft. ALA, 2004. More than 2,400 private and corporate foundations and givers are profiled with contact information, application information, historical data, officer biographical information, and more. Includes tips on winning grants and a substantial index. PROF 021.8 BIG

The Library's Continuous Improvement Fieldbook: 29 Ready-to-Use Tools by Sara Laughlin. ALA, 2003. This guide applies quality management concepts to make library processes more effective, using 29 practical templates. Find ways to lower costs, save time, improve efficiencies, elevate morale, reduce turnover, stimulate creative thinking, build teamwork, and identify causes of problems. PROF 025.1 LAU

The Library's Legal Answer Book by Mary Minow. ALA, 2003. Get answers to your questions about filters, fair use, copyright, web publishing, software sharing, ADA compliance, free speech, privacy, access, employment, and liability. PROF 344.73 MIN

The Public Library Start-Up Guide by Christine Lind Hage. ALA, 2004. A step-by-step approach on planning and starting a new library, covering community building, financing, building, cooperative arrangements, collection development, services, and promotion. PROF 035.1 HAG

Teens & Libraries: Getting it Right by Virginia A. Walter. ALA, 2003. Includes tools to involve teens in the library, such as space and technology needs, partnership building, and programming for young adults. PROF 027.62 WAL

Web Site Design with the Patron in Mind: A Step-by-Step Guide for Libraries by Susanna Davidsen. ALA, 2004. How to create a user-friendly web presence, using design principles that focus on users' behaviors, needs and habits. PROF 025.04 DAV

Library Programs

ALBANY:

ALBANY INDEPENDENT FILM FORUM - MoBetta Films Showcase: The latest work by the new local film production company Mobetta Films, with Kofi Candela and Kevin Craig West. Thursday, March 4, 2004 at 7:00 PM. Also, Horns and Halos, the tragic story of the author of the George W. Bush biography Fortunate Son. Sunday, March 21, 2004 at 2:00 PM and Thursday, March 25, 2004 at 7:00 PM.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS - FROM WELLESLEY TO CURISS-WRIGHT - A World War II reminiscence, with artist Betty Sonneborn. Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 12:15 PM.

MEET THE AUTHOR - Joan Murray, former Writer in Residence at the New York State Writers Institute, will give a dramatic reading from her book, Queen of the Mist: the Forgotten Heroine of Niagara. Tuesday, March 9 2004

at 12:15 PM.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUBS IN THE CAPITAL REGION - With Carol Preylor, President of the M.C. Lawton Club. Tuesday, March 16, 2004 at 2:00 PM.

A READING FROM THE HOUSE OF HOLY FOOLS - A Family Portrait in Six Cracked Parts, by Amy Biancolli, biographer and film critic. Tuesday, March 23, 2004 at 12:15 PM.

WOMAN ARTISTS IN THE ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART COLLECTION - Presented by Tammis Groft, Deputy Director and Chief Curator, Albany Institute of History and Art. Tuesday, March 30, 2004 at 12:15 PM.

DELAWARE:

SAHAJ MARG MEDITATION - A workshop on Mind and Meditation. Monday, March 29, 2004 at 6:00 PM.

HOWE:

HOW TO START A HOME DAY CARE BUSINESS - Presented by the Capital District Child Coordinating Council. Tuesday, March 23, 2004 at 6:00 PM.

NEW SCOTLAND:

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith by Jon Krakauer. Monday, March 29, 2004 at 10:00 AM.

PINE HILLS:

CONNECTING WITH AMERICA - Discussion group for recent immigrants. Discuss life in America and further your understanding of

American culture. Fridays, March 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2004 at 4:30 PM.

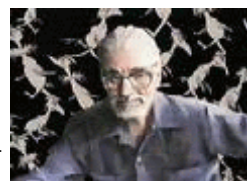
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - Shoeless Joe by W. P. Kinsella. Wednesday, March 31, 2004 at 6:00 PM.

ALTAMONT:

READ ACROSS AMERICA - The library will celebrate this event with guest readers Albany County Executive Michael Breslin, Albany County Legislator Bill Aylward, WTEN News Anchor Elisa Streeter and Library Board President Barbara Quackenbush. Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 10:30 AM.

BERNE:

D R . S E U S S BIRTHDAY PARTY-Honor the 100th anniversary of his birth at this event, coinciding with Read Across America. March 2, 2004 at 6:00 PM.



Theodore Seuss Geisel

SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE - Feature movie will be *Looney Tunes - Back In Action*, rated PG. March 6, 2004 at 2:00 PM.

HERITAGE COOKING DAY - Library patrons, staff and board members are invited to this historical event. Bring a dish and recipe that has been passed down through the generations. Sunday, March 14, 2004 at 1:00 PM.

BRUNSWICK:

CRAFTS TO GO! - Jane Chirgwin, Childrens Librarian, is offering this new monthly program. Each month when you get your books,

movies, magazines and music at the library, ask for your unique craft kit. The instructions and all the materials school-aged children need to complete a craft are included! Saturday, March 13, 2004 - Bead craft for children ages 7 & up starting at 1:00 PM at the Tamarac Middle School Cafeteria. Learn how to make beaded jewelry and take home something special. Call 279-4023 to reserve your spot.



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION CELEBRATION -

On Sunday, April 25, 2004, library volunteers will be recognized for all the wonderful things they do for the Library at this performance by Carol Lynn & Gene Langley's Quiet Creek Music. This Americana happening will feature traditional and original folk songs played on the mountain dulcimer, auto harp and pennywhistle. The Board of Trustees will provide refreshments. Please join us for an afternoon of culture, celebration and sustenance at the Brunswick Community Center on Keyes Lane. Call 279-4023 to reserve your place.

GUILDERLAND:

THE SIXTIES - Each Tuesday in March, the library will host the film and discussion series "The Sixties, A Film History of America's Decade of Crisis and Change." Dr. Paul T. Murray of Siena College will lead the discussions: 3/2-Freedom Road: The Struggle for Civil Rights; 3/9-Vietnam: The Lengthening Shadow; 3/16-The

Counterculture; 3/23-The War at Home; 3/30-Rage and Reaction. Funding for this program has been made possible through a major grant from National Video Resources and the NY Council on the Humanities, in collaboration with the American Library Association.

BONNIE AND CLYDE - The film "Bonnie and Clyde" will be shown followed by a talk by Leonard Zapala concerning this film's role in cinema history. Thursday, March 18, 2004 at 1:00 PM.

SECOND SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES - Skip Parson's Clarinet Marmalade will perform popular Dixieland and swing tunes for the entire family. Sunday, March 14, 2004 at 2:00 PM.

RENSELAERVILLE:

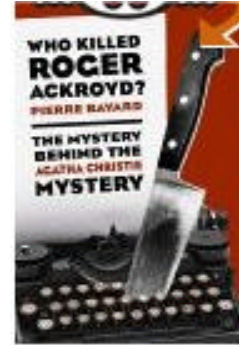
OPEN HOUSE - Make your reservations for brunch before or dinner after at The Palmer House, keep your fingers crossed that there isn't another snow storm, and head out to Rensselaerville to see the Library's renovations, have some food and drink and enjoy. Significant others, friends and family (including kids) are welcome. The more the merrier! Sunday March 14 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. For more information or directions, call 797-3949.

TROY:

LANDLORD & TENANTS: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES - A lawyer from the Albany County Bar Association presents requirements for landlords and tenants. Tuesday, March 23, 2004 at 6:15 PM.

SPECIAL BOOK DISCUSSION: THE DA VINCI CODE - Hundreds have read the book, now Troy Public Library Director Paul Hicok offers this exciting discussion. Wednesday, March 24, 2004 at 6:15 PM.

WE CARE WHO KILLED ROGER ACKROYD: THE TALENT OF AGATHA CHRISTIE - Catherine Crohan, Librarian at Siena College, speaks on the uniqueness of Agatha Christie's novels. Part of the program will include a discussion



of The Murder of Roger Ackroyd, Christie's most controversial book. Saturday, March 27, 2004 at 2:00 PM.

VOORHEESVILLE:

HARBINGER OF SPRING - Sixth Annual Classical Concert featuring Gypsy Melodies by The Musicians of Ma'alwyck. Preceded by the Friends of the Library annual meeting at 1:30 PM. All are welcome. Sunday, March 21, 2004 at 2:00 PM.

CHINESE MEDICINE - Healing Arts lecture, focusing on pain management and women's health, with Rebecca Rice and Christopher Reilly of The Center for Integrative Health and Healing. Wednesday, March 24, 2004 at 7:00 PM.

THE EVERY OTHER THURSDAY NIGHT POETS - Meet to discuss each other's work. All are welcome. Bring a poem to share. No signup required. Thursday, March 25, 2004 at 7:00 PM.

WILLIAM K. SANFORD:
TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION – Whirligig by Paul Fleishman. Please consider participating even if you have a busy schedule. The book is only 133 pages long! Contact Maureen DeLaughter at 459-9174 to register. Sunday, March 1, 2004 at 3:00 PM.

OPERA OVER EASY PRESENTS WAGNER'S DER RING DES NIEBELUNGEN - In the annals of great music, and opera in particular, one work towers above the rest. That work is Richard Wagner's 16-hour epic Der Ring des Niebelungen (The Ring of the Niebelungen) which is described as "a stage-festival play for three days and a preliminary evening." In the late spring, the Metropolitan Opera is presenting three complete Ring Cycles. In conjunction with this event, Opera Over Easy is presenting its very own Ring Cycle over the course of five Sunday afternoons. Library Director Robert Jaquay is the tour guide for one of the greatest musical adventures of all time. Registration is required; call the library's Information desk at 458-9274. Sundays, March 14, 21, 28, April 4 and 18, 2004, from 12-6 PM.

For the Asking

If your book group is in search of multiple copies of good books for discussion, the Guilderland Public Library can help. The library owns sets of more than two dozen fiction and nonfiction titles that may be of interest (and sufficient quantity) for your group. Titles include Girl with a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier, Empire Falls by Richard Russo; Bias by Bernard Goldberg, and One Writer's Beginnings by Eudora Welty. Contact Adult Services at 456-2400 x. 9 or come to the library to browse the selection.

Job Openings

MANAGER OF INFORMATION AND OUTREACH SERVICES

The Upper Hudson Library System is accepting applications for the Manager of Information and Outreach Services. We are seeking an individual with a broad knowledge of public library organization, information services, resource sharing, and outreach services and who can coordinate the planning, development, and implementation of these system-wide services. Applicants must have a MLS degree from an ALA accredited school of library and information science, six (6) years of relevant professional library experience, including three (3) years in a supervisory capacity and three (3) years in public service with an emphasis on planning services and conducting programs

for adults and people with special needs. Initial review of applications will begin on March 1, 2004, but the position will remain open until filled. Salary Range: \$44,327 to \$66,491 per year with excellent benefits. Send a letter of application, resume, and contact information for three (3) references by mail, FAX (518-437-9884) or e-mail to: Philip Ritter, Executive Director, Upper Hudson Library System, 28 Essex Street, Albany, NY 12206.

SPECIAL NOTE FROM HEIDI FUGE, MANAGING EDITOR OF The Latest Edition:

Good luck to Rachel Baum, Editor of The Latest Edition.

Rachel, you will be missed here at Upper Hudson, both professionally and personally. You have worked hard to make this newsletter an outstanding publication that provides an exceptional amount of information every month. It is a task that requires you to be aware of many information sources and to select those items that will be useful to our readers. You will be a hard act to follow.

Thanks for all of your work. Good luck in your new position.

Calendar

March WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

4	World Book Day Online Festival www.worldbookdayfestival.com
4	Interlibrary loan librarians CANCELLED
4	Outreach Advisory Council 1:00 PM at UHLS
5	Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
8	Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
9	Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS
10	Books in Print Online workshop 9:00 AM at UHLS
10	Services Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
10	Finance Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
10	Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
10-12	Computers in Libraries Annual Conference in Washington, DC
15	Deadline for the April issue of The Latest Edition
18	Adult Services Advisory Council CANCELLED
25	Summer Reading Program workshop 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at GUIL
31	UHLS Outreach Retreat 8:30 AM at Emma Willard School

April NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

2	Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
9	Deadline for Annual Report narratives
12	Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
14	Services Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
14	Finance Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
14	Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
15	Deadline for the May issue of The Latest Edition
16	Youth Services Advisory Council meeting 9-10 AM Book Review; 10-12 Noon Meeting; 12-1 PM Book Review
17-24	National Volunteer Week
20	National Library Workers Day
21	Great New York ReadAloud
26- May 1	Riverway Storytelling Festival
27	Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS



Dachshund - Spunky, curious and friendly, the German "Badger Dog" was created to hunt down badgers.



Dandie Dinmont terrier - Confident, intelligent and brave. He can also be an entertaining clown.

May OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

- 7 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 10 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 12 Services Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 12 Finance Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 12 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 21 Book Sale Workshop 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 25 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 25 ILL Field Day at WSWHE BOCES in Saratoga Springs
- 27 Youth Services Advisory Council at NASS (NOTE CHANGE IN DATE!)
9-10 AM Small library concerns discussion group; 10-12 Noon Meeting;
12-1 PM Large library concerns discussion group

June

- 4 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 7 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 9 UHLS ANNUAL MEETING at the Albany Country Club**
- 10 Trial Databases Demo 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 22 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS



Farewell from Rachel and T (he's the big guy on the left!)

Please join us for
THE UHLS OUTREACH RETREAT

Wednesday, March 31, 2004
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

at the
 Wellington-Lay Mansion
 Emma Willard School
 285 Pawling Avenue
 Troy, New York

For directions, go to <http://www.emmawillard.org/about/visiting/>

Sponsored by
 Upper Hudson Library System
 Information and Outreach Services Department

\$12 per person covers registration, continental breakfast,
 lunch, and coffee breaks. Door prizes, too!

RSVP BY MARCH 19, 2004

Questions? Contact Phil Ritter
 437-9880 x. 222; phil@uhls.lib.ny.us

PROGRAM TOPICS & SPEAKERS

- **Library Services to Speakers of Other Languages**
 Maria Rocio Martinez, Pioneer Library System
- **Guidelines for Communicating with Persons with Disabilities**
 Josh Cohen, Director, Mid-Hudson Library System
- **Attracting Literacy Volunteers & Students**
 Bob Stevens, Executive Director, Mohawk-Hudson LVA
- **We're All Heading There: Older Adults and Library Services**
 Sheree Mirochnik, Occupational Therapist
- **City Blocks & Country Acres: Serving Geographically Isolated People**
 Nancy Lerner, Cornell Cooperative Extension
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