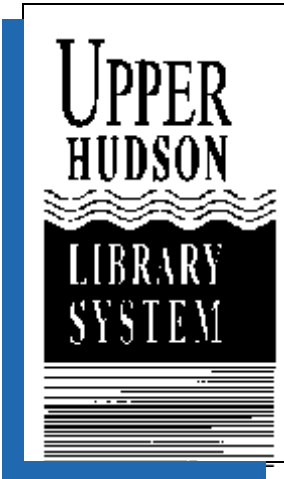


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## CARPE SUMMER

By Mary Fellows, UHLS Youth Services Consultant

In public libraries across America, librarians are planning their summer reading clubs. A summer reading program has become a basic and expected service of a public library. Why do we – or if we don't, why should we – have a summer reading program?

- Summer reading programs keep kids reading - Kids and teens need to be encouraged to read over the summer. When they don't read during the months school isn't in session, their reading skills decline.
- Summer reading programs promote leisure reading - In the summer, kids have more time to read for fun. This is our best opportunity to develop lifelong readers who read not just out of necessity, but because it's an enjoyable hobby.
- Summer reading programs provide fun, engaging learning experiences - Kids are more available during the summer, and are looking for fun, interesting activities. Library programs can provide that stimulation.
- Summer reading programs attract new library users - Interesting programs and activities can draw kids who have never before experienced the library. Those kids in turn can bring parents, siblings, other family members and friends.
- Summer reading programs promote the library as a vital part of the community - By serving the needs of kids and teens during the summer months especially, a library positions itself as an integral community organization.
- Summer reading programs encourage family library use - Many summer programs are targeted to families, bringing more folks to the library who may not be regular users.
- Summer reading programs increase traffic and circulation - Families and kids coming to programs or participating in a reading club check out materials and boost your circulation and library attendance statistics.

Summer reading programs can be complex and very busy, simple and low-key, and everything in-between. Whichever level of effort a library chooses, there are three key elements to include in a summer reading program:

1) *Reading goals* may be a set number of books, pages or minutes participants read. My favorite is minutes, as it levels the playing field. When we measure effort and not results, kids who aren't good readers but try hard are rewarded equally with kids who are good readers. Goals should be reasonable, and the honor system used. Our goal is to encourage reading in every possible way, not to become the library police to make sure the program is impeccably fair.

2) *Prizes* reward kids for their efforts and are an integral part of a summer reading program. Kids find little reward in reaching the intangible goal of becoming a better reader. Just as an adult trying to lose ten pounds may need more encouragement to keep dieting than simply the knowledge that she will be more healthy with less weight, so kids need the positive reinforcement of earning prizes to maintain their motivation to read, especially if reading does not come easily. The prizes need not be large or expensive. Small rewards along the way and a larger prize, like a paperback book, when the child reaches his or her goal will boost the success of your program. Fun and festive end parties may also be used as a reward.

3) *Programs* bring kids to the library, where library staff can encourage them to participate in the summer reading program and check out materials. Best of all, staff members develop relationships with kids and teens in the community that not only promote libraries and lifelong reading, but also help kids grow into healthy, balanced adults. It really does take a village to raise a child.

There are many ways UHLS assists libraries in developing a summer reading program: distributing the state theme program manual, coordinating supply ordering, presenting a planning workshop, discussions at youth services meetings and, when you call on me, my time in helping you plan the best approach for your community. Many opportunities are unexpected, challenging us to respond quickly and effectively, given the resources available to us at that moment. Summer is an opportunity offered to us every year. With enthusiasm and good planning, we can seize that opportunity and transform summer into a creative, stimulating experience that will win the library's place in the lives and futures of our kids and teens. It's an opportunity too good to miss.

## WEB-BASED LEGAL INFORMATION

At the next Adult Services Advisory Council meeting, a reference librarian from Albany Law School library will give a demonstration of Internet-based legal information resources. The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2002 at 9:30 AM in the large meeting room at UHLS. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## FAMILIES READ! GRANT UPDATE

Ten UHLS libraries involved in the *Families Read!* grant distributed 2400 literacy bags to 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in their partner schools. Kids received a book, a bookmark, a brochure with tips for family reading, a coupon good for a free family photo at their public library, information on getting a library card, and details of at least two programs planned especially for them. School staff and librarians wore *Families Read!* t-shirts during the bag distribution. Some schools planned a week of school administrative staff reading in each classroom. Kids were thrilled with their bags. One little boy told the public librarian that he had no idea what she was giving away but it must be good if she came there to give it to them. Another child could hardly believe that the book was his to keep. Programs funded through the grant are also underway. Many performers will be presenting in local libraries and librarians will also be presenting an in-house program for families. Library staff are purchasing materials targeted towards first, second and third graders, and have mastered their new digital cameras and printers in preparation for taking family photos.

## RIVERWAY FESTIVAL 2003

The Riverway Storytelling Festival planning continues to gain momentum. UHLS libraries have been surveyed about their interest in hosting a storytelling event to take place on Thursday evening, April 3, 2003. This performance will bring the festival to local communities, and build interest in the weekend activities and performances. The festival and not the local library will pay the storyteller's fee. If you haven't yet expressed interest in hosting an event that night, you may respond to [deisleyc@strose.edu](mailto:deisleyc@strose.edu).

## SPLISH SPLASH PLANS

Seventy library staff, trustees and



volunteers immersed themselves in the 2002

Summer Reading Program: *Splish Splash Read!* at the first annual UHLS/MVLA/SALS Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop. Despite a snowstorm the day before, participants donned their required water costumes and traveled to Saratoga Springs for a day packed with ideas and fun. Our own Joyce Laiosa in her bathing costume and Ginny LaJuene in her road-crew-worker-in-the-rain outfit won top prizes for costumes. Presenters, all member librarians, shared ideas and experiences on everything from how to run your program to specific craft activities. Goldfish crackers, submarine sandwiches, gummy fish in blue Jello and other edible treats all carried along the theme and sparked inspiration for library program refreshments. Watery jokes and lots of prizes rounded out a refreshing day. Evaluations unanimously indicated a desire for a second annual SRP planning workshop – which means that we have a year to figure out our costumes relating to the 2003 theme: *Picture This – Imagine That!*



## MIGRATION NEWS UPDATE

From the UHLS Automation Department

The Automation Department is busy sending bibliographic database samples to Horizon Migration Team members. Database cleanup is an ongoing project. Consequently, there are fewer brief MARC and all CAPS records. Most of the duplicate bibliographic records have been merged, and NEWCATS are now being overlaid with fuller records. We thank member libraries for sending problem records to UHLS for clean up.

The Implementation Team is meeting on a continuing basis with Horizon staff, to assist in setting up the various codes. Over 22 member libraries have been represented at the two meetings held so far on this topic. These libraries are sending UHLS their choices for codes, based on sheets that were handed out at the meetings. Libraries who did not attend will be contacted later. Karen and Rawdon will attend a two-day pre-installation workshop at epixtech's offices in Evanston, Illinois on April 29 and 30.

## LOCAL AUTHORS DIRECTORY

Scheduling an author visit can be a real challenge, especially when it comes to tracking down and contacting elusive writers. To help make this task a little easier, UHLS is planning to compile a local

author database. The database will provide the author's name, address, phone, and email (if known), book titles, audience/genre, and notes on availability or fees charged. If there is additional information you believe would be useful to collect, please contact Rachel Baum, a [rachel@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:rachel@uhls.lib.ny.us) with your suggestions.

## LEG DAY SNAPSHOT

By Sara Dallas, UHLS Deputy Director and Outreach Services Consultant

These are the brave people who



ventured down to the Legislative Office building and spoke to our representatives: Jeanne Biggins (BETH), Pat Sahr (NASS), Susan Zweig (NASS), Fran Hamblin (NASS), Pat Spake (ALTM), Ginny LaJuene (ALTM), Rob Ganz (GUIL, UHLS) - group spokesperson, Dorothea Fisher (POES), Bill Meredith - Albany citizen, Joe Mackowiec (BRUN), Carol Trager (BRUN), June Tyrrell (BRUN, UHLS), Mary Fellows (UHLS), Phil Ritter (UHLS), Sara Dallas (UHLS), Barbara Nichols Randall (GUIL), and Lou Ann Lundgren (POES). They met with Ihor Evanick, Senior Staff Counsel in Senator Bruno's office, Senator Breslin and Aide John Clancy, Assemblyman Casale, Assemblyman McEneny, Assemblyman Prentiss and Aide Peter Potter, Assemblyman

Canestrari and Aide Tom Nardacci, and Aide Brian Nevin in Assemblyman Faso's office. All of our representatives or their aides said that libraries are important to the community - and that they wanted to be invited to library events. Keep that in mind when planning your Summer Reading programs.

### GOT DATABASE IDEAS?

Send us your suggestions for online databases that you would like to try out this summer. Throughout July and August, UHLS will run trials of online databases from the UHLS Intranet for member library staff to use and evaluate. Let Rachel Baum know the name of the database by sending an email to her at [rachel@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:rachel@uhls.lib.ny.us).

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE April 2002 UHLS BOARD MEETING

- The Board approved the lease renewal with OGS/Task Force on a month-to-month basis at \$13 per square foot.
- The Board approved the establishment of a Lifetime Service Recognition for trustees in the member libraries who have served 10 or more years and are retiring or have recently retired from Board service. Further information will be sent to Directors and Board Presidents.
- The Board approved the Reconciled 2001 budget.

## Regional News

### NEW ADDITIONS TO EMPIRELINK

The New York State Library has added two databases to the EmpireLink/NOVEL project. The new databases are Gale's Business & Company Resource Center and Infotrac Junior. Business & Company Resource Center contains 2,385 titles, 1,617 of which are full text; 500,000 company profiles, Investext reports, and Thomson Financial Securities Data. Infotrac Junior is designed especially for junior high and middle schools. It features the titles most critical to their libraries and the curriculum as identified by school librarians.

The addition of a business database completes the "highest priority content areas" recommended by the Statewide Database Access Committee, a twenty-member group of representatives from all types of libraries and all regions of the state established in 1998. The Statewide Database Access Committee identified the priority subject content areas as newspapers, health, business and general reference. With the addition of a business database, the EmpireLink project has fulfilled the original committee's subject content recommendations.

Credit for pre-existing subscriptions is part of the State Library contract with Gale. Those libraries with pre-existing contracts for Business & Company Resource Center or InfoTrac Junior should

contact [linda.roths@gale.com](mailto:linda.roths@gale.com) or [nancy.harris@gale.com](mailto:nancy.harris@gale.com) as soon as possible as these credits do expire. If you have any further questions, contact Mary Elizabeth Jones at [mjones@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:mjones@mail.nysed.gov).

### GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

The Arts Community Grants Program of Orange County is presenting *Writing Winning Grants Proposals* on Saturday, May 4, 2002 from 9:00 AM - Noon at the BOCES Business Incubator, 92 Seward Avenue in Middletown, NY. The workshop will be lead by Gary Schiro, Executive Director of the Hudson Opera House. Each workshop participant will have the opportunity to develop and draft a mini-proposal. Reservations are required and attendance is limited to 45; deadline is April 26, 2002. Contact Margaret Young, Arts Community Grants Coordinator at 845-343-4845; [artscommunitygrants@citlink.net](mailto:artscommunitygrants@citlink.net) for a registration form.

### ACRL SPRING CONFERENCE

The Eastern New York Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries will hold its annual spring conference *May You Live in Interesting Times: Current Issues in Information Access* on Monday, May 6, 2002 from 8:45 AM - 3:30 PM at the Statler Hotel, Cornell University. Among the topics for discussion are The U.S. Patriot Act and library security. A pre-conference dinner will be held May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, with guest speaker Mary Redmond, Research Library Acting Director, New York

State Library, speaking on "Information Access Issues in Times of Crisis: Before and After Sept. 11." The printable registration form for both the conference and the dinner can be found at [www.enyacrl.org/](http://www.enyacrl.org/).

#### PUBLIC LIBRARY WORKSHOPS

The Public Library Section of the New York Library Association is offering three continuing education programs in May for public librarians. *Attitudes: Changing Problem Behavior* will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2002 from 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM at the Broome County Public Library in Binghamton, NY. *Staffing the Small Library: Setting Reasonable Priorities* will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2002 from 9:30 AM - Noon at the Plattsburgh Public Library in Plattsburgh, NY. On Thursday, May 16, 2002 from 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM, *A Civil Service Primer: Civil Service Issues for Library Managers and Administrators* will be held at the Scarsdale Public Library in Scarsdale, NY. To register for any of these programs, contact Laurie Shedrick at 914-336-5767; [tou@sebridge.org](mailto:tou@sebridge.org).

#### OCLC ILLIAD DEMO

Nylink will give a free demonstration of OCLC ILLiad, a service that manages interlibrary loan operations while saving time and increasing patron satisfaction. The demo will be held on May 17, 2002 at the Nylink Training Facility in Albany from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. For additional information or to register, go to <http://nylink.suny.edu/training/illiad>.

htm, or contact Jon Penn at [pennj@nylink.suny.edu](mailto:pennj@nylink.suny.edu); 518-443-5444.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The Community and Rural Development Institute is sponsoring *Everything Old is New Again: The New Approach to Community Development*, a CARDI Social/ Community Trends and Outlook Conference, to be held on May 22-23, 2002 at the Wyndham Syracuse. Topics include harnessing high tech, taming information overload, water front communities, using the Internet for community planning initiatives, improving public service delivery, and emerging problems facing rural communities. To register, visit [www.cardi.cornell.edu/events/02STOC/index.cfm](http://www.cardi.cornell.edu/events/02STOC/index.cfm).

#### CUTTING EDGE INTERLIBRARY LOAN

The CDLC Committee on Interlibrary Loan (COIL) is sponsoring a regional program for interlibrary loan librarians and staff called *Up To Speed: Interlibrary Loan Technologies for Today and Tomorrow*. The program will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2002 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM in the Student Union Building at Siena College in Loudonville, NY. The cost is \$12 per person, which includes a morning break and lunch. There will be an update on CaDiLaC Online, a discussion of document delivery alternatives, and a technology update panel discussion with speakers on Serials Solution, Ariel, Clio, ILLiad,

Docline and MISP. Luncheon table talks will give participants an opportunity to meet and talk with colleagues about specific topics. The registration deadline is May 17, 2002. Registrants will receive a Siena parking pass with their registration confirmation. For more information or to register, call Marie Noonan at 518-438-2500; [marie@cdlc.org](mailto:marie@cdlc.org).

#### COURSES OFFERED AT SYRACUSE

The Syracuse University School of Information Studies Summer Institute on Leadership and Change in an Information Society offers classes this summer in three areas: leadership development and management, technology applications, and user services. Most courses are a week or less in duration. The School also offers distance learning opportunities. For more information, visit the web site at [www.ist.syr.edu](http://www.ist.syr.edu).

## National News

#### CIPA UPDATE

July 1, 2002 is the CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act) compliance deadline for libraries planning on continuing to receive erate discounts on Internet access and/or internal connection services. The American Library Association's lawsuit to overturn CIPA concluded in April. The judges will likely rule by early May so libraries will have time to prepare for erate and LSTA deadlines.

CIPA compliance means that schools and libraries are filtering their Internet services and have implemented formal Internet Safety Policies (also known as Acceptable Use Policies). The Federal Communications Commission, charged with administering CIPA for E-rate purposes, has left it to applicants to determine the precise requirements of the Act. The FCC requires only that applicants certify their compliance on the Form 486. In anticipation of the July 1, 2002 deadline, library directors and their Boards should continue their discussions about CIPA and make decisions based on the possibility that the law will be upheld.

A CIPA erate primer and sample policy can be found at [http://e-ratecentral.com/help/cipa\\_policy\\_primer.pdf](http://e-ratecentral.com/help/cipa_policy_primer.pdf). In addition, a checklist to help libraries review their Internet Safety Policies and document their CIPA compliance is available at [http://e-ratecentral.com/help/cipa\\_checklist-032902.pdf](http://e-ratecentral.com/help/cipa_checklist-032902.pdf).

## REVIEW OF ERATE PROGRAM

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is conducting a review of the erate program "to ensure the continued efficient and effective implementation of Congress's goals as established in the statute, and to explore a variety of suggestions for improvement offered by schools and libraries, service providers, state and local governments, and other interested parties." This is the first review of the erate program, which began in 1998. In a related story, AT&T has been accused in a

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### MANAGING THE GENERATION MIX

By Carolyn Martin, PhD & Bruce Tulgan; adapted from *BLR HR e-Lert* April 3, 2002

Most experts agree that there are four distinct generations in the workforce today, and each generation has its quirks and preferences:

**THE SILENT GENERATION** (Born before 1946; roughly 10% of today's workforce): Years of experience have taught them to rely on tried, true, and tested ways of doing things. They are used to working under command-and-control management. Supervisors should respectfully assert authority and demonstrate their own track records, teach Silents in a safe environment and engage them as teachers, and when Silents retire, re-hire them as part-time project leaders and coaches.

**BABY BOOMERS** (Born 1946-1964; roughly 45% of today's workforce): Boomers paid their dues and climbed the ladder under the old rules. They now find themselves operating amidst constant downsizing, restructuring, and re-engineering. Boomers still pride themselves on their ability to survive "sink or swim" management, but fewer today are willing to keep up the frenetic pace. Supervisors should be coaches who facilitate, not dictate, results. Boomers should be offered flexibility, authority and respect, as well as challenges to keep them growing (in their own way).

**GENERATION X** (Born 1965-1977; roughly 30% of today's workforce): Xers believe in the free-agent workforce. Now Xers are growing up and moving into positions of leadership, but they are not settling down. They remain cautious, knowing that their security lies in staying on the cutting edge. They're still willing to sidestep rules to get things done smarter, faster and better. Managers should give Xers fast feedback and credit for results. Xers can be pushed to keep learning.

**GENERATION Y** (Born 1978-1986; roughly 15% of today's workforce): Coming of age during the most expansive economy in the last thirty years, Gen Yers are the children of baby boomers and the optimistic, upbeat younger siblings of Gen Xers. They are socially conscious and volunteer minded. GenYers have been told that they can do anything... and they believe it. They are poised to be the most demanding generation in history. Supervisors should get to know Gen Yers' capabilities and put them in roles that push their limits. Treat them as professional colleagues and they will act like professionals. Keep Yers focused with speed, customization and interactivity.

class action suit of overcharging customers to fund telecommunications discounts for schools and libraries.

### HIGH USE OF AMERICA'S LIBRARIES

According to the American Library Association, two new national studies show that Americans are using their libraries more than ever, and 91 percent of adults believe public libraries will play an important role in the future, despite all of the information available on the Internet. The studies were commissioned by ALA, as part of its five-year Campaign for America's Libraries. For more details about the study and its findings, visit the ALA web site [www.ala.org/news/v8n5/studies.html](http://www.ala.org/news/v8n5/studies.html).

### SOFT SKILLS GETTING SCARCE

Adapted from *BLR HR Alert* March 27, 2002

Increasingly, organizations are having a hard time finding employees who have the so-called "soft skills," like providing friendly service, working well in teams, showing up on time, and using standard English. In a recent survey, the "top deficiency" among hourly workers and applicants for hourly jobs is a "lack of basic employability skills," such as timeliness, attendance, and a work ethic. While the responsibility for teaching such skills rests at home and in schools, employers must set clear standards of behavior and codes of conduct.

## Trustee News

### TRUSTEE INSTITUTE REMINDER

The New York State Association of Library Boards is holding its annual Trustee Institute from Friday evening, May 3, 2002 through Saturday afternoon, May 4, 2002 at the Holiday Inn Turf in Albany. Learn about becoming a public library district, trustee marketing and advocacy, Freedom of Information and Open Meeting Law, disaster planning, and the technological changes impacting library services. For more information and to pay the registration fee online by credit card, go to the NYSALB web site at [www.nysalb.org](http://www.nysalb.org).

### UHLS CREATES LIFETIME SERVICE RECOGNITION

The Board of Trustees of the Upper Hudson Library System has created a new Lifetime Service Recognition. This Recognition will honor trustees who have served ten or more years on a member library board and are retiring/have retired between June 12, 2001 and June 11, 2002. Libraries will be asked to submit names of Trustees who fit the criteria and a list will be read and/or distributed at the June 11, 2002 Annual Meeting and included in the July/August newsletter. Contact Phil Ritter for further information at 437-9880 ext. 222 or [phil@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:phil@uhls.lib.ny.us).

## Grants & Funding

### OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE AWARD

The New York Library Association sponsors this award to recognize and honor an individual or group who has made a significant contribution to the promotion and/or support of library and information services to the people of New York State or residents of a designated library service area within the State. The deadline for nominations is May 15, 2002. Guidelines and a nomination form are available at [www.nyla.org/office/awards/advocate.html](http://www.nyla.org/office/awards/advocate.html).

### OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO LIBRARIES AWARD

The New York Library Association sponsors this award to recognize and honor an individual or group who has made a significant contribution to the development, promulgation, growth or extension of library and information services to the people of New York State or residents within a designated service area within the State. Deadline for nominations is May 15, 2002. More information and a nomination form are available at [www.nyla.org/office/awards/service.html](http://www.nyla.org/office/awards/service.html).

### MARSHALL CAVENDISH ESSAY CONTEST

The New Members Round Table (NMRT) of the American Library Association (ALA) Exhibitor and Contact Relations Committee is sponsoring an essay contest for

one NMRT member to attend the banquet held to honor this year's winners of the Newberry, Caldecott, and Wilder awards. Any librarian who is a current member of NMRT is eligible. Essays are due by May 15, 2002. To enter the contest or for more information, contact Lisa Weber at [lweber@utep.edu](mailto:lweber@utep.edu).

#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FUNDING

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is encouraging U.S. institutions of higher learning, including museums and libraries, to establish high performance Internet connections to facilitate cutting edge science and engineering. NSF is accepting proposals for funding through its High Performance Network Connections (HPNC) Science and Engineering Research Program. The deadline for proposals is May 22, 2002. For more information, go to the HPNC web site at [www.interact.nsf.gov/cise/description.nsf/pd/hpnc?openDocument](http://www.interact.nsf.gov/cise/description.nsf/pd/hpnc?openDocument).

#### JOHN COTTON DANA AWARD

The H.W. Wilson Foundation is offering a \$2,500 development grant for winners of the 2003 John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award. Presented annually since 1946, the award honors outstanding library public relations programs that support a specific project, goal or activity, or a sustained, ongoing program. Examples might be the promotion of a summer reading program, a yearlong centennial celebration, an awareness campaign or

innovative partnership in the community. The deadline for entries is December 27, 2002. Additional information and entry forms are available at [www.ala.org/lama/awards/jcd](http://www.ala.org/lama/awards/jcd), or contact Arawa McClendon at 312-280-5035; [amclendon@ala.org](mailto:amclendon@ala.org).

## Worth Noting

*The Great Experiment: George Washington and the American Republic* Exhibition will continue to be on view at the Helderberg Room of the Guilderland Public Library during the month of May. This national exhibit will be touring 20 libraries throughout the United States.

The RCS Community Library is adding a second circulation desk computer to keep up with increasing circulation - another 18% in the last year, and over 40% increase in ILL transactions. The Library is also adding shelving, negotiating a new lease, and other fun stuff. Two off-site story times were established this year, one at the temporary quarters of the school district's pre-kindergarten classes, and one at the Ravena Grange.

## People

The Voorheesville "library ladies" gave Gene Sickles back to his wife when he retired from his second career as the library maintenance expert in April. Gene was feted with lunch, gifts and a scrapbook depicting his 14 years of service to VPL. Herb LaRock has taken over the building maintenance duties, but

Mr. Sickles is still expected to walk over and make the morning coffee.

## Professional Collection

Instant Web Forms and Surveys for Public Libraries by Gail Junion-Metz and Derrek L. Metz. Neal-Schuman, 2001. A book and CD combination, with 24 ready-to-use online forms and surveys in HTML format, including graphics, tutorials, and instructions. Examples of forms are "Ask a Reference Question," "Reading Interests Survey," "ILL Request," and "Library Card Application." PROF 027.4 JUN

Looking for Leaders in the Information Age: A Recruitment Video. Ohio Library Council, 2001. 8-minute videotape. PROF VHS 020.23 LOO

## Library Programs

**BETHLEHEM:**  
ILLUSTRATING CHILDREN'S BOOKS - Award-winning illustrator Kyra Teis offers adults some suggestions for developing and distributing a professional portfolio. Teis's artwork earned the Society of Children's Writers and Illustrators Magazine Merit Award in 1997. She teaches at the Art Center for the Capital Region in Troy. To register, call 439-9314 and press "4" for youth services. Wednesday, May 22, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

**DISCOVER THE IROQUOIS** - Presenter Colette Lemmon illustrates the ingenuity of this ancient Native American culture with games, skill demonstrations, clothing, musical instruments and artifacts, for children in grades 4-8. This is part of the *I Spy My Hometown* project, supported by LSTA funds granted to UHLS by the NYS Library. Call 439-9314 to register. Saturday, May 18, 2002 at 2:00 PM.

**LIFE ON THE ERIE CANAL** - New York's canal days come to life through slides and hands-on artifacts presented by the Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum. Rescheduled from a January weather cancellation, the program is co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Friday, May 31, 2002 at 2:00 PM.

### **BRUNSWICK:**

**GARDEN DAY** - On May 11, 2002, the library will have its annual plant and food sale, with raffles of a hand quilted pillow, garden-theme basket and bird theme basket. Raffle tickets will be sold at the library and at Walmart. Call 279-4023 to sign up to help. Sponsored by Friends of the Brunswick Community Library.

**DISTILLERIES OF OLD ALBANY** - Justin DiVirgilio of Hartgen Associates will talk about the archaeological excavation of an 18<sup>th</sup> century rum distillery in Albany, New York. This program is co-sponsored by the Brunswick Historical Society. Refreshments will be served. Call 279-4023 to register. Thursday, May 16, 2002 at 7:00 PM at the Historical Society.

### **CASTLETON:**

**TEEN NIGHT** - Video and board games, crafts, foosball, air hockey, pizza, snacks, and drinks. Sponsored by Castleton Public Library and Castleton Youth Commission at the Library. Friday, May 3, 2002 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM.

**MOTHER'S DAY STORY HOUR** - With storyteller Darlene Miller. Prepare a special Mother's Day Gift. Saturday, May 4, 2002 from 10:30 - 11:30 AM.

**CASTLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MORNING PROGRAM** - Mrs. Miller from the Library will make her monthly appearance and encourage young students to use and enjoy the Library. Wednesday, May 8, 2002 at 8:00 AM.

### **EAST GREENBUSH:**

**NEW TAX LAWS & YOUR INVESTMENTS** - Jeffrey Gabriels and Dawn Bishop-Kelley, AXA Advisors, will show how investors can use the new 2002 tax laws to their benefit and how to plan for future investments. Thursday, May 8, 2002 at 6:30 PM.

**PAINT EGGS THE EUROPEAN WAY** - Olga Hogrefe will share the art of egg painting she learned in Europe. Bring blown out eggs and a measuring cup to hold them. She'll provide the paint and the technique. For adults & young adults. Friday, May 10, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

**DETOXIFY YOUR HOME AND YOUR LIFE** - As a registered nurse, Frank Berry believes household toxins cause illness,

especially Multiple Chemical Sensitivity syndrome. Lists of toxins and alternatives will be discussed. Thursday, May 30, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

### **GUILDERLAND:**

**GEORGE WASHINGTON EXHIBITION PROGRAMS** - May 2, 2002 at 7:00 PM - A Place of Boundless Wealth and Commerce: Albany at the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, presented by Wes Balla of the Albany Institute of History and Art; May 5, 2002 at 2:00 PM - Much Indisposed, a slide lecture on colonial medicine, presented by local historian Jeffrey Bennett; May 8 at 7:00 PM - George Washington: The Indispensable Man, presented by Siena College history professor Thomas Kelly; May 18 at 1:00 PM - Colonial Gardening, presented by Marie Stella Bynes, historic landscape specialist; May 19 at 1:00 PM - The World of George Washington, presented by author Richard Ketchum; May 29 at 7:00 PM - George Washington and the Capital City on the Hudson, presented by Assemblyman John J. McEnery.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON FOR YOUTH** - May 4, 2002 at 1:00 PM - An American Girl Party with Felicity and friends; May 11 at 1:00 PM - Make Mom flowers from Mount Vernon's garden.

**COLLEGE FINANCIAL PLANNING NIGHT** - Develop a financial plan for college, with Pierce Mahar, Education Funding Specialist. May 6 at 7:00 PM.

**HOOSICK FALLS:**

TOWN OF HOOSICK ARCHITECTURE - Presented by Richard Babcock, with emphasis on the St. Croix area. May 15, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

**BABY ANIMALS AND BOOK SALE**

- Lynne Von Haggin from Flag Acres Zoo will be at the library with some baby animals. The Library will also have a book sale on that day either outside if weather permits or inside. Think about your summer vacation reading wants! May 18, 2002 at 10:00 AM.

**POESTENKILL:**

ANNUAL BOOK, BAKE AND HOUSE PLANT SALE - From 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM on the Library porch. Saturday, May 11, 2002.

**TROY:**

TROY'S VISUAL PAST: Archeological Treasures of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Troy - See 19<sup>th</sup> century artifacts from Troy's past, presented by Matt Lesniak of Hartgen Archeological Associates. Monday, May 6, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

**GRAND ARCHITECTURE OF**

TROY - Take a peek at Troy's wonderful architecture, presented by Judy Coyne-Becker of Troy Architectural Program (TAP). Monday, May 13, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

**LIVING OPTIONS FOR THE**

GOLDEN YEARS - Find out your choices to make the best decisions for your later years, presented by Donna Cardish of Diamond Ridge Retirement Residence.

Wednesday, May 22, 2002 at 2:00 PM at the Lansingburgh Branch.

**VOORHEESVILLE:**

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST - For the whole family! Signup is necessary. Call 765-2791 or email voorefq@uhls.lib.ny.us. Saturday, May 11, 2002 at 10:30 AM.

**THE LIFE AND TIMES OF MATT**

CHRISTOPHER - In this family program, a son talks about growing up with his dad, a famous kids sports author. A *Families Read* grant program. Wednesday, May 22, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

**LIBRARY FRIENDS BOOK AND**

BAKE SALE - Friends of the Library members' preview night is Friday from 5:00 - 9:00 PM. Scrumptious baked goods on Saturday only, from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. "Buck-a-Bag" on Sunday from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. Bring your own bag and fill it for only one dollar! Friday - Sunday, May 31 - June 2, 2002.

**WILLIAM K. SANFORD:**

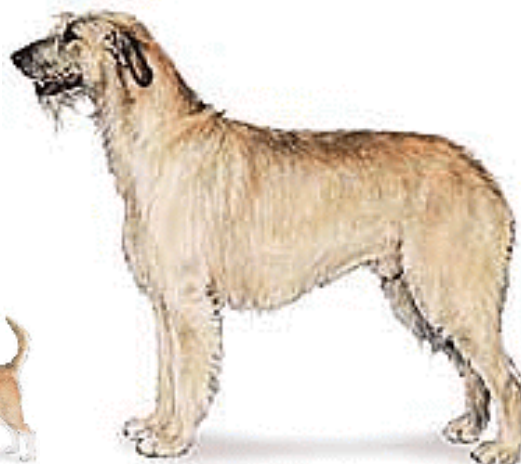
BOOK REVIEW/BOOK TALKS - With Amy Murrell. Join us for a book review/book talk on volumes from the Library of America. Professor Amy Murrell of SUNY Albany's History Department will review Slave Narratives. The ten selections include classics by Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass, and Nate Turner. Wednesday, May 15, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

**INDEPENDENT SHORT FILM**

FESTIVAL - Upstate Independents, a local nonprofit organization, will show a selection of original short films by area filmmakers. One of the highlights is *Reel Jokes*, commercial spoofs that aired on HBO. Each film is 15 minutes or less and will be shown over the course of two hours. UI is dedicated to networking and developing the skills of both amateur and skilled filmmakers. Monday, May 13, at 7:00 PM.



Chihuahua



Irish Wolfhound

# Calendar

## MAY 2002 NATIONAL BOOK MONTH; GET CAUGHT READING MONTH

- 3 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 3-4 NYSALB Trustee Training Institute at Holiday Inn Turf in Albany, NY
- 6 National Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C.
- 6 UHLS Staff Meeting 9:00-12 Noon at UHLS
- 6 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 7 Implementation Team 9:00 AM - 12 Noon 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
- 8 Library Advocacy Advisory Council 7:00 PM at UHLS
- 9 Numbers Tell the Story Part II 9:00 AM at the Quality Inn in Albany
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- 15 Resource Sharing Advisory Council 9:00 AM at SNLK
- 16 Read In! 2002
- 16 Adult Services Advisory Council 9:30 AM at UHLS (Topic: Legal information)
- 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
- 21 Implementation Team 9:00 AM - 12 Noon at UHLS
- 27 Memorial Day - UHLS closed
- 28 Automated Services Committee - MEETING CANCELED

## JUNE

- 4 Implementation Team 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 7 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 10 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 11 UHLS Annual Meeting at the Albany Country Club
- 13-17 ALTA (Association of Library Trustees and Advocates) Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA
- 13-19 ALA (American Library Association) Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA
- 18 Implementation Team 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 25 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 27 Book Group How-To's 9:00 AM at COLN

## JULY

- 2 Implementation Team 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 4 Independence Day - UHLS 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
- 16 Implementation Team 9:00 AM at UHLS

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