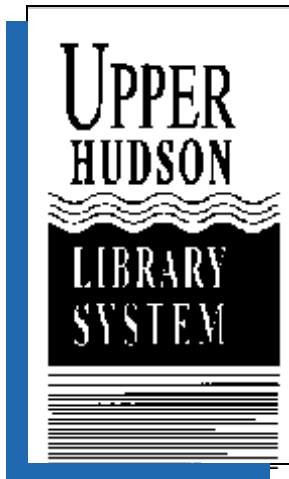


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UNIQUE LOCAL WEB SITE LAUNCHED FOR TECH COMMUNITY

By Rachel Baum, Manager, Adult & Information Services

Google? is not the only way to find information on the Internet. A new resource with local origins and global reach is up and ready for the Tech Valley community to use.

UHLS has announced the debut of a new web site as part of the Tech Valley Tech Libraries initiative at <http://www.uhls.org/techvalley>. The site provides a wide array of resources to the Tech Valley community, especially researchers, entrepreneurs, families transferring to the area, and the general public.

Find out what's happening at the Center for Advanced Thin Film Technology, get the latest school report card, analyze your Internet connection to determine how fast it is, or find the latest guidelines from the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Search the online catalog of all 29 public libraries in the 2-county area, and find articles in periodical databases from your home or office.

The site features access to project partners including the Science Library at the University at Albany, the Folsom Library at RPI, the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Latham Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce. Links to hundreds of technology, business, and regional resources range from Agriculture to Licensing Boards to Robotics to Venture Capital.

Tech Valley Tech Libraries is the area's first endeavor to make the natural connection between the educational resources of local libraries, and the employees of Tech Valley businesses. Four public libraries - Albany Public Library, William K. Sanford Town Library, East Greenbush Community Library, and Troy Public Library - and the Upper Hudson Library System have received a Federal Library Services and Technology Act grant from the New York State Library through the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services to coordinate the project. The Tech Valley Tech Libraries project will help clients who are connected with the Tech Valley initiative in Albany and Rensselaer Counties to find what they are looking for - both in the library and online from home or office.

RIVERWAY ROCKS

By Mary Fellows, Manager, Youth Services

The Riverway Storytelling Festival, sponsored by UHLS, Albany Public Library, Times Union, Stewart's Shops, Hudson River Bank & Trust, Urbach Kahn & Werlin Advisors Inc., and WAMC Northeast Public Radio, took place throughout the UHLS service area during April 3-5. Despite a spring ice storm that began on April 3 and continued all through the Festival, attendance at all events was over 500. Cancellations of school performances and the Friday evening WAMC concert reduced attendance, but participants at other Festival events expressed satisfaction with this new event. Of particular note were the Thursday evening concerts in eight UHLS libraries, which brought professional storytelling to rural audiences with great success. Planning will begin shortly for Riverway Storytelling Festival 2004!

CONSUMER HEALTH SERIES

UHLS has partnered with the Crandall Public Library in Glens Falls on a consumer health training series. Jo-Ann Benedetti, Health Information Services Librarian at Crandall, will present the series, which contains four sessions:

1. Prescription for Success: Consumer Health Information on the Internet. This 3-hour course serves as an introduction to consumer health. Students learn the information-seeking behaviors of consumers and the basics of searching MEDLINEplus, DIRLINE, ClinicalTrials.gov and other reliable web pages such as those from professional medical associations and advocacy groups.

East Greenbush: May 22, 2003 from 9 AM - 12 NOON

Albany Public Library Main: June 19, 2003 from 9 AM - 12 NOON

2. From Snake Oil to Penicillin: Evaluating Consumer Health Information on the Internet. This course will describe why it is important to evaluate websites. Students will be given criteria for how to evaluate health information on the Internet.

East Greenbush: May 29, 2003 from 9 AM - 12 NOON

Albany Public Library Main: June 26, 2003 from 9 AM - 12 NOON

3. Looking in All the Wrong Places: PubMed for Public Libraries. Students will learn what PubMed is, how to do basic and field searching, and how to limit their searches to obtain the best results. Discussion will focus on ways to obtain full-text articles.

East Greenbush: June 5, 2003 from 9 AM - 12 NOON

Albany Public Library Main: July 3, 2003 from 9 AM - 12 NOON

4. From the Trenches: Reference Rx. Review the sources covered in the prior classes. Learn how to handle difficult questions, emotional patrons, and the appropriate limits to set with patrons. Discuss partnering with a local health care facility and other medical librarians, and the importance of networking.

East Greenbush: June 12, 2003 from 9 AM - 12 NOON

Albany Public Library Main: July 10, 2003 from 9 AM - 12 NOON

For more information on these programs, or to register, contact Sara Dallas at 437-9880 x. 227; sara@uhls.lib.ny.us.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE April 9, 2003 UHLS BOARD MEETING

- The annual financial review was completed in one day.
- The Board approved personnel policy changes regarding floating holidays and the use of leave time.
- Winners were announced for the Trustee of the Year Award, the Library Program of the Year Award and the William Meredith Advocate of the Year Award. The Awards will be presented at the UHLS Annual Meeting at the Albany Country Club on June 11th.
- The Board requested that the UHLS attorney review the Dynix situation and confirm with Dynix that the system has not been properly installed, that the 90-day trial period has not yet started, and that UHLS will expect some financial consideration for the problems that it has encountered so far.

reference databases such as Consumer Reports, ERIC, MEDLINE, New England Journal of Medicine, WIPO/PCT Patent full text and others.

Twayne's Author Series by Gale will also be included in the NOVEL Program. This data-base features nearly 600 books in three print series: United States Authors, English Authors and World Authors. This series, geared toward high school through college and above, contains literary critical interpretation and discussion.

All NOVEL database subscribers who have registered for any of the Gale databases and Dialog@CARL offered through the NOVEL Database program, will be automatically registered for these two new Gale databases. If your library is not already signed up for the NOVEL databases, go to www.nysl.nysed.gov/library/novel to register or call 486-6012. Visit the UHLS online database page at <http://www.uhls.org/uhls/Databases/> to access these and other resources.

TECH SERVICES GROUP TO MEET

The Capital Area Technical Services Librarians (CATS) will meet on Thursday, May 1, 2003 at 9:00 AM at 28 Essex Street in Albany. The theme for the meeting is "Cataloging Horror Stories." Bring your tales of terror to share with the group. There will be gifts for all and a door prize. RSVP to Sue Rahn at 438-2500; sue@cdlc.org.

LONG ISLAND LIBRARY CONFERENCE

The 2003 Long Island Library Conference will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2003 in Woodbury, NY. This annual full day conference includes educational programs, noted speakers, and exhibits of commercial vendor products and services. Librarians, library directors, clerical workers, library aides, teachers, friends of libraries and others are welcome. Registration and exhibits open at 7:30 AM. Program topics include "I Love My Boss But..."; "Dealing Effectively with Your Supervisor/Employer"; "Distance Learning at Your Library"; "Multilingual Collection Development"; "Impact of the Patriot Act on Freedom to Read"; "Government Information on the Internet for Kids"; "Poetry in the Branches"; "OCLC Metadata Migration"; and "Why Should a Hard Copy be Retained?" To register, go to www.suffolk.lib.ny.us/lilc/index.htm.

Regional News

DIALOG REPLACED

The Dialog@CARL database, offered through the New York State Library's NOVEL Program, has been replaced by the Gale Group's ReferenceLink. Updated daily, ReferenceLink contains over 40 newspapers, and news databases from the Gale Newsroom Library Edition, including the *New York Times* and *Newsday*. Also included are more than 40



SECRET
AGENT
LIBRARIAN

The Hudson Mohawk Library Association will hold its Spring 2003 Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 8, 2003 at 5:30 PM at Mallozzi's Restaurant in Schenectady. Diane Berry of the Mid-York Library System will speak on *Secret Agent Librarian: Confidentiality and Privacy to Serve and Protect*. The U.S. Patriot Act poses the greatest challenge to privacy and

confidentiality in the library, according to the American Library Association. Ms. Berry will give a brief description of the Act, and discuss its ethical implications, its impact on intellectual freedom, and the ultimate relationship between privacy and democracy. The cost for dinner is \$21 per person. To



register, contact Mary Trev Thomas at 794-7005. Registration deadline is Monday, May 5, 2003.

QUESTIONPOINT DEMO

Nylink will present a live demonstration of QuestionPoint on May 21, 2003 from 2:30 - 4:30 PM at the UAlbany Library. QuestionPoint is a virtual reference desk collaborative service launched by OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc. and the Library of Congress in June 2002. The service allows libraries to respond to, track and manage reference questions from patrons via the Web, with the service hosted at OCLC. The presentation will take place in the Cobb Room, LI-43, located in the University Library on the uptown campus. Directions can be found at www.albany.edu/about_the_university/visit_us/directions_car.html. To register, or for more information, send an email to Carol L. Anderson at canderson@uamail.albany.edu.

National News



BETTER PAY FOR LIBRARY STAFF

Now there's help for underpaid librarians and library support staff who want to learn how to overcome stereotypes and advocate for a living salary. The American Library Association has produced the Advocating for Better Salaries and Pay Equity Toolkit, which can be found at www.ala-apa.org/toolkit.pdf. The toolkit includes a wealth of information, such as talking points and communication strategy for approaching employers, salary statistics, job classifications, comparisons with other occupations, success stories, and state action planning. The toolkit also has resources that include policies, sample newspaper opinion pieces, job evaluations, sample letters, and documentation for unionizing, demonstrating value, and negotiating your salary.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, men with master's degrees earn \$18,003 more than women with master's degrees—a median of \$65,052 per year versus \$47,049. Men with bachelor's degrees earned a median of \$53,505.

TRENDS WITH A LASTING IMPACT ON SOCIETY (AND LIBRARIES)

Adapted from "Consumers Today" by Peter Francese in *American Demographics*, April 2003.

- ? The growing power of women: Among adults, Census 2000 found 107 women for every 100 men.
- ? Our increasingly diverse marketplace: The African-American and Hispanic populations are now roughly the same size, about 13% of the population.
- ? The entrepreneurial explosion: There are over 5 million women-owned businesses today.
- ? Health care, aging and alternative medicine: 35 million Americans are age 65 or older; about 60 percent of adults are above their ideal weight; alternative therapy users are most likely to be affluent and well-educated.
- ? The rising demand for adult education: Better educated people are more willing to sign up for more schooling.
- ? The surging demand for luxury goods: Non-essential items and services that provide convenience and luxury are popular.

LIBRARY/PATRIOT BILL INTRODUCED

The Freedom to Read Protection Act (HR 1157) has been introduced into the House of Representatives. This legislation would exempt libraries from the provisions of the U.S. Patriot Act. Representative Bernie Sanders of Vermont, who drafted the bill, said

"The threat of terrorism must not be used as an excuse by the government to intrude on our basic constitutional rights."

Grants & Funding

PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) offers these \$5,000 grants to nonprofits that care for and own humanities collections, employ at least one professional staff member (paid or volunteer), and are open at least 120 days per year. Grantees may use funds for preservation assessments; consultations with preservation professionals; attendance at preservation training workshops; and the purchase of basic preservation supplies, equipment, and storage furniture. The deadline for applications is May 15, 2003. For more information, contact 202-606-8570; preservation@neh.gov or visit www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pag.html.

STARBUCKS FOUNDATION

Tax-exempt nonprofits that deliver services to youth between the ages of 6-18 and have non-discriminatory policies are invited to apply for grants of \$5K-\$20K to support local community programs that promote youth leadership through literacy and respect for diversity. The next deadline for applications is October 1, 2003. For more information, visit www.starbucks.com/aboutus/foundation.asp or call 206-318-7022.

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2003 PAY INCREASES EXPECTED

Adapted from [Business and Legal Reports 2003](#)

Wage and salary increases will average between 3.6% and 4.5% in the coming year, according to employers responding to Business & Legal Report's (BLR) annual survey. Employers in the Far Western states may be giving larger merit increases than the rest of the nation. Employers in the Northeast and Middle Atlantic regions, including New York, will receive slightly larger general increases than the rest of the nation.

Worth Noting

The Bethlehem Public Library has acquired Proquest's New York Times Historical database, a complete backfile of the *New York Times* from 1851 to 1999. This digital archive is a searchable tool that allows users to browse through issues page by page, and display and print the full-page image of any page from any issue. The Library recently launched a new website after a year of planning and preparation. Designed in-house, the site contains revamped and expanded "old favorites" and several new features, like "Ask A Librarian," a Teens page, and "Read, Listen and View." Tour the site at <http://www.uhls.org/bethlehem/>.

The next phase of the William K. Sanford Town Library Renovation project (Phase 7) involves the Youth Services Library area. Youth Services collections and staff have been temporarily relocated into the Stedman

Room. Patrons once again have access to the entire adult nonfiction collection. There is new lighting, new ceiling tiles, new carpeting, and the roof deck has been fire-proofed.

People

We mourn the too-early death last month of Yasuo Shoji, known to many in the Upper Hudson Library System as "Ski." His keen intelligence, expertise, and unflappable good humor will be sorely missed by those who knew him. To honor his life and career, his family has established a scholarship in his name at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, Ski's alma mater. Contributions can be mailed to: Lynn Hopwood, Associate Director, Stewardship Program, Hedley Building, 5th Floor, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 110 Eighth Street, Troy, NY 12180-3590.

Bethlehem Public Library Assistant Director Jeanne Biggins and Computer Services Technology Specialist John Love presented a session at the Capital District Library Council's spring workshop in March. Called *Wireless: It's All Around Us*, their talk described the implementation of the library's mobile computer training lab and the installation of wireless in the difficult-to-wire mezzanine area. Forty-five people from academic and public libraries attended the presentation.

The Guilderland Public Library has added a number of people to the staff: Diane Bruins, part-time Circulation Clerk; Jennifer Draisey and Sean Brady, part-time Pages; and Michael Sweeney, Computer Specialist.

Library Programs

ALBANY MAIN:

CELEBRATE THE NEW GRAPHIC NOVEL COLLECTION - Tuesday, May 6 at 3:00 PM: Draw This! Create your own graphic world. Bring your drawing supplies and learn to draw your own comics. Wednesday, May 7 from 1:00 - 5:00 PM: Comic Swap. Bring comics to trade. Meet other collectors. Thursday, May 8 at 4:30 PM: How the Graphic Novel Comes to Life. Meet Bill Anderson, an artist/inker for such comics as BATMAN and JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, and Todd Dezago, a writer/artist of SPIDER-MAN and TELLOS fame, and others. Ask them about the art and industry of the comics world.

BIG PUN: STILL NOT A PLAYER - The director of this film, Marcus Miranda, will be present to answer questions after the screening, part of the Albany Independent Film Forum. The late Christopher "Big Punisher" Rios was the first Latin solo rapper to go platinum. Thursday, May 8, 2003 at 6:30 PM.

FRIENDS OF ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING - With author Peter Krass. He will discuss his latest book Carnegie, the biography of Andrew Carnegie, Gilded Age philanthropist, who donated more than \$41 million to build over 2,500 libraries all over the world. Sunday, May, 18, 2003 at 2:00 PM.

BETHLEHEM:

DECISION MAKING DAY - Margaret Z. Reed, a local attorney and elder law specialist, will provide information about power of attorney, health care proxy, wills, organ donation, and document retention. Call 439-9314 to register. Thursday, May 8, 2003 at 10:00 AM.

AOL MEETS GUTENBERG: MEDIA CONCENTRATION, THE INTERNET, AND BOOK PUBLISHING - Canadian author and culture commentator Douglas Glover will be the featured guest at the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library annual meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at 7:30 PM. Glover's prolific output includes short stories, critical and autobiographical essays, interviews, and culture criticism. A reception follows the talk, which is free and open to the public.

THE VIEW FROM SATURDAY - By E.L. Konigsburg is the topic of Bethlehem Public Library's Mother-Daughter Book Group meeting on Monday, May 5, 2003 at 7:00 PM. The program is designed for girls in grade 4 and up, with their mothers or caregivers. Copies of the book are available at the Youth Services desk. New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Call 439-9314 to register.

BRUNSWICK:

BOOK AND MOVIE DISCUSSION SERIES - With refreshments provided by the Friends of the Brunswick Community Library, are held each month at 12:30 PM at the Brunswick Historical Society. May 16, 2003 - A book discussion with refreshments of A Beautiful Mind by Sylvia Nasar; May 23, 2003 - A discussion of the film starring Russell Crowe. Refreshments will be served.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION CELEBRATION - An afternoon of appreciation and culture featuring Linda DeBrita, harpist. Family and friends are invited to share in the festivities! Sunday, May 18, 2003 from 4:30 - 6:00 PM at the Brunswick Community Center. RSVP by calling 279-4023.

EAST GREENBUSH:

BOOK & BAKE SALE! - Come find great bargains at the Friends of the Library's Spring Book Sale. Proceeds support Friends activities. Donations of used books, records, audios and videos are being accepted at the library. We cannot accept textbooks. Baked goods are welcome. Please

contact Book chairpersons Kevin & Karen McCann (477-4791) or Bake chairperson Bonnie Flynn (477-9161) to offer assistance. Friday, May 2, 2003 from 9:00 AM - 8:30 PM and Saturday, May 3, 2003 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

TWEEN BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - Our monthly book group for grades 4-6 will meet again. Please note that our May meeting is on the second Friday of the month, instead of the first. The Tweens will be reading The Two Princesses of Bamarre by Gail Carson Levine. May 9, 2003 at 6:00 P.M.

FUN WITH COOKING AND CRAFTS - Girl Scout Troop #655 will share stories and play games with children, then help them whip up quick recipes and make simple crafts. Ages 7 to 9 are welcome. Class size is limited. Sunday, May 18, 2003 at 2:00 PM.

GUILDERLAND:

READING WITH ROWDY - Albany River Rats mascot Rowdy will visit the Guilderland Public Library to kick-off a summer reading program. There will be stories and crafts. Children ages 13 and younger can sign up. For further details, visit www.Guilderlandpublic.info or call 456-2400 ext. 9. Saturday, May 3, 2003.

BICENTENNIAL BOOK - Assemblyman Jack McEneny, historian and author, will lead a discussion of the 1942 Newbery winner The Matchlock Gun by Walter D. Edmonds. This book is set in 17th century Guilderland

and has been chosen in honor of the Bicentennial of the Town of Guilderland. Several area "celebrities" will provide a complete reading of this wonderful book. Thursday, May 22, 2003 at 7:00 PM.



Audrey Hepburn
in "Roman
Holiday"

MAY MONDAY MOVIE MATINEES - Guilderland Public Library's year of great films continues in May with films of Audrey Hepburn. Monday, May 5, 2003 at 2:00 PM: Roman Holiday. Monday, May 19, 2003 at 2:00 PM: Breakfast at Tiffany's.

POESTENKILL:

ANNUAL PLANT, BOOK & BAKE SALE - On the Poestenkill Town Green next to the library. Saturday, May 10, 2003 at 9:00 AM.

STEPHENTOWN:

STEPHENTOWN QUILT SHOW - The Library is sponsoring this event, to be held on Saturday, May 31, 2003 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Stephentown Fire Hall on Grange Hall Road off Rte #43 or Rte #22. A display will feature quilts of all sizes, antique quilts and quilted clothing and accessories. Vendors will offer fabrics, books, kits and other quilt related items. Grandma's Attic will sell donated quilt tops, quilt blocks, unfinished projects, fabric and notions. Beverages and snacks will be sold and lunch will be available in the local area. Admission for adults is \$5 and \$2 for children under 12. All proceeds from the show will benefit the library.

TROY:

MEMOIR WRITING WORKSHOPS - At the Main Library: Part I on Saturday, May 3, 2003 at 2:00 PM and Part II on Saturday, May 10 at 2:00 PM. At the Lansingburgh branch: Part I on Saturday, May 17, 2003 at 2:00 PM and Part II on Saturday, May 31, 2003 at 2:00 PM.

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL SERIES - Scotland & Ireland with Debbie Smith at the Main Library on Monday, May 5, 2003 at 6:00 PM,

ELDER LAW DECISION MAKING WORKSHOP - Learn about estates, living wills, and retirement options at this workshop, held in conjunction with the New York State Bar Association's Decision Making Day. Monday, May 12, 2003 at 6:00 PM at the Main Library.

VOORHEESVILLE:

Friends Book and Bake Sale - Friday May 16, 2003, FOL members only! 5:00 PM-9:00 PM. Memberships available at the door. Continues with a Bake Sale on Saturday, 10: AM - 4:00 PM and a "Buck-Bag" from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM on Sunday, May 18, 2003.

DISTANT KINSHIPS - Local author Anthony Bernini reading from his first poetry publication. Monday, May 19, 2003 at 7:00 PM.

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY NIGHT POETS - Writers support group. No signup necessary. Thursday, May 8 and 22, 2003 at 7:00 PM.

Calendar

MAY 2003

- 2 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 8 Reaching Out to Older Adults workshop 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 12 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 13 Services Committee 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 14 Finance Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 14 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 15 Resource Sharing Advisory Council 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 15 Management Team meeting 3:00 - 5:00 PM at UHLS
- 15 Deadline for June issue of The Latest Edition
- 16 Youth Services Advisory Council at UHLS 9:00-10:00 AM: Book review; 10:00-Noon: YSAC meeting; Noon-1:00 PM: Book review
- 21 UHLS Staff meeting 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- 22 Interlibrary Loan Field Day 8:30 AM at WSWHE BOCES in Saratoga Springs
- 26 MEMORIAL DAY - UHLS CLOSED
- 27 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS



Not your typical librarians...

JUNE

- 2 PULISDO 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM at UHLS
- 3 *Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS (Tentative)*
- 5 Book group discussion program
- 6 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 9 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 10 Services Committee 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 11 UHLS ANNUAL MEETING AT THE ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB
- 16 Deadline for the July/August issue of The Latest Edition
- 19-22 American Library Association Annual Conference in Toronto
- 20 Trial Online Database demonstration 9:30 AM at UHLS
- 24 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS

JULY

- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY - UHLS CLOSED
- 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
- 22 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS



Shetland
Sheepdog



Border Collie



Bearded Collie



Collie

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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.