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## New Courier and Delivery Services to Start January 1st

The Upper Hudson Library System (UHLS) has been working for some time to improve the courier and delivery services provided to our member libraries. In conjunction with the Southern Adirondack Library System (SALS), the Mohawk Valley Library System (MVLS), and the Capital District Library Council (CDLC), UHLS set a goal of providing next day delivery among all of the public, college, university, and special libraries within the ten-county area served by these Systems. After much discussion and review, we agreed to contract with C D & L, Inc. to provide this delivery service. SALS and MVLS began the new delivery service in November, and CDLC and UHLS will join on January 1, 2005, at which time we will have fully integrated regional deliveries.

C D & L has agreed to provide routes that will integrate the existing delivery systems of CDLC, MVLS, SALS, and UHLS. They will pick up from and deliver to approximately 150 member library buildings on a daily basis. Each library will receive next day delivery from any other member library on the route system. In addition, each member library will receive same day delivery from any other library on the same daily route. There will be ten separate routes, each beginning and ending at the company's facility at One Interstate Avenue in Colonie. A team of four will work at the C D & L headquarters, sorting the delivery materials on a daily basis. The ten drivers will all be sub-contractors, and there will be backup drivers when needed.

This represents a major advance in our courier and delivery services to all of the libraries in our ten-county area, and it is the first time that these four Library Systems have cooperated in such a major endeavor. There is no doubt that this effort will result in the more efficient and faster transfer of books and materials among the participating libraries, and the benefit to our customers should be immediately evident.

Launched in 1995, C D & L was created by the merger of eleven companies, all with long and successful histories of courier, distribution, and logistics experience. Today, with headquarters in South Hackensack, NJ, C D & L provides an extensive nationwide network of delivery to a variety of customers and industries. They provide courier services to over 11,000 customers in 67 facilities in 21 states with 3,500 employees and private contractors. They currently provide library courier services to all of the public libraries in New Jersey and to all of the participants in SUNY NYLINK in New York.

## Library Facts!

*State Aid to NY State's Public Libraries:  
\$66.8 Million*

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*Estimated value of services provided by NY State's  
Public Library Systems: \$838 Million*

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*For every \$1 of state aid put into NY State's public li-  
brary systems, approximately \$12.50 in services is  
provided for New York State public library users.*

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*More than one out of every two people in New York  
State is a registered public library user.*

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*Over ten times more people visit New York State's  
public libraries each year than attend New York  
State's professional baseball, basketball, football and  
hockey games **combined!***

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*New York State's libraries hold over 210 million vol-  
umes statewide—that's about 11 items for each per-  
son living in New York State.*

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*There are 12,900 librarians statewide who deliver 27  
million hours of service annually.*

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*NY State libraries spend \$1.6 billion on goods and  
services annually!*

*(compiled from New York State Libraries: How They Stack Up. [http://  
www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/stackup.htm](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/stackup.htm))*

## AROUND THE REGION

### Nylink Workshops

Want to attend information technology work-  
shops without ever leaving your library or of-  
fice? Plan on attending an online workshop  
that is part of the *Nylink Institute of Information  
Technology Fluency*, a project that was funded  
originally by an IMLS grant.

Online workshops, lead by experienced Nylink  
trainers, eliminate the need for you to travel  
and spend time out of the library. You can take  
them at your own pace within the period each  
is offered, which is 4 - 5 weeks.

These workshops are geared towards partici-  
pants who want a workshop that focuses on  
providing introductory knowledge, skills and  
concepts. Each workshop includes weekly  
readings, exercises and assignments, and op-  
portunity for discussion with the instructor and  
other participants.

Upcoming online workshops offered by Nylink  
are available as follows:

November 15, 2004 - December 17, 2004

- Information Technology & Society
- Introduction to Networking for Librarians
- Web Design for Librarians
- User Interface Evaluation and Usability

Register for any of these courses by visiting  
[http://nylink.suny.edu/forms/formimls\\_reg.htm](http://nylink.suny.edu/forms/formimls_reg.htm)

While at the web site, be sure to see the sched-  
ule of upcoming webinars. (from NYLINE)

## To All Library Staff Using the NOVEL Databases:

CDLC, SALS, MVLA and UHLS are working collaboratively to provide NOVEL database training to everyone in the 10 county area who wants it. Even if you cannot get out to attend training, the training will come to you!

Please give us your feedback on training by filling out the attached survey.

As a reminder, the databases you receive through NOVEL are:

### GALE:

- Business and Company Resource Center
- Custom Newspapers
- New York State Newspapers
- National Newspaper Index
- Informe
- Twayne's Authors Series
- Health Reference Center Academic
- InfoTrac Junior Edition

### EBSCO:

- Masterfile Select (UHLS upgrades to Premier)
- Primary Search
- Searchasaurus



**1: Your Name:**

**2: Your Library:**

**3: Your email:**

**4: What kind of training would your library be most interested in?**

\_\_\_\_ Training for Library Staff

\_\_\_\_ Training for the public

\_\_\_\_ Some of each

**5: Would any members of your library staff need one-on-one tutoring sessions on the use of the database? (This would be most helpful for a staff member with very little computer and/or database searching experience.)**

\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_ No

**6. If yes, how many staff members would need one-on-one tutoring? \_\_\_\_**

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**SHARING ONLINE RESOURCES: The Good, the Bad, and the Reality**  
Coordinated Collection Development Committee

Friday, November 19, 2004  
NOON – 4:00 p.m.

Join us for lunch in the Stedman Room, William K. Sanford Town Library, Loudonville, NY followed by a workshop on Sharing Online Resources. Topics covered will include:

- the impact/implications for collection development
- issues in technology trends and innovations
- the State Library's role in sharing online resources
- the researcher/educator's point of view

**Speakers:**

- Mary Casserly, Assistant Director for Collections, University at Albany
- Carey Hatch, Assistant Provost for Library and Information Services, State University of New York, System Administration
- Mary Redmond, Interim Director, New York State Research Library
- Dr. Katherine Voegtle, Associate Professor of Educational Psychology, The College of Saint Rose

For directions, visit <http://www.colonie.org/library/welcome.html>

Cost: \$14.00 per person includes lunch and coffee break



**7. Would your library staff benefit from some basic training in the use of the Gale and Ebsco database interfaces? (e.g.: features of each company's interface, search strategies, overview of each database, etc.). These sessions could be held with a neighboring library.**

Yes     No

**8. Would your library staff benefit from topic-oriented training, combining the NOVEL databases with other related online resources. For example a training session on consumer health information drawing on Health Reference Center Academic from NOVEL and other online sources like Medline Plus and Cancer.gov?**

Yes     No

**9. Would the type of topic oriented training described above be useful to the patrons of your library? Public training sessions would be lecture/demo sessions, not hands on.**

Yes     No

Please mail completed questionnaire to Jo-Ann Benedetti, UHLS, 28 Essex Street, Albany, NY 12206

## Invitation

You are invited to attend The Hudson-Mohawk Library Association Fall Program on November 5th, at 6:30 pm at the Century House in Latham New York.

JOHNNY REB AND BILLY YANK LIVE AND BREATHE IN 2004: WHY THE CIVIL WAR STILL FASCINATES AMERICANS 139 YEARS AFTER APPOMATTOX

While one would be hard pressed to find anyone who can speak with authority on Colonial America, the Revolution, the framing of the Constitution, the age of Jackson, and the early national period, Civil War enthusiasts can be found the instant anyone utters the name Stonewall Jackson or Robert E. Lee. Films such as COLD MOUNTAIN and GETTYSBURG play to huge audiences and bookshelves at Borders and Barnes & Noble groan under the weight of endless descriptions of the military, social, and political aspects of 1861-1865. John Vallely, a librarian at Siena College who also teaches American military history, will present an explanation why this singular event in American history continues to captivate so many of us.

Knowledge of the Civil War is not a requirement for attendance.

A reservation form is available at: <http://www.uhls.org/hmla/events.html>

### Quote:

Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation. Broadcaster Walter Cronkite

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

**Libraries for the Future**, with support from MetLife Foundation, is sponsoring Get Real, Get Fit!, a program of library-based activities and discussions focused on physical fitness and healthy eating for teens and their families.

Get Real, Get Fit! was developed by Libraries for the Future in response to MetLife Foundation's interest in how libraries could be helpful in educating teens and their families about healthy lifestyles, based on good nutrition and physical fitness. The program is intended to provide a valuable addition to the exemplary work that so many libraries are already doing with families and teens.

Libraries are invited to submit proposals for participation. Forty libraries will be selected for Get Real, Get Fit!. Winners will receive a cash grant of \$1,500 to \$2,500. The deadline for proposals is **December 10, 2004**.

The RFP and application are posted on Libraries for the Future's website at [www.lff.org](http://www.lff.org). You can go directly to the grant information by clicking here: [http://www.lff.org/news/GRGF\\_rfp.html](http://www.lff.org/news/GRGF_rfp.html). If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Ratner at [mratner@lff.org](mailto:mratner@lff.org).

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The Northeastern New York Affiliate of the **Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation** is currently offering grants up to \$20,000 for innovative programs in the areas of breast cancer education, breast cancer and/or breast health that focus on screening, prevention, treatment and/or support. Funding priority will be given to innovative projects that target services to the medically underserved populations in the following counties: Albany, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, Washington, Hamilton, Essex, Clinton and Franklin. Grants are available up to one (1) year.

To request an application or for more information on the grant process, contact the grants Chair at 518-454-0045, or visit the website at [www.albanyraceforthecure.com](http://www.albanyraceforthecure.com).

Deadline for proposals is **November 13, 2004**.

## 2005 Regional Bibliographic Databases Program Grant Applications

The **Capital District Library Council** is again inviting applications for grants to be funded by the Regional Bibliographic Databases Program (RBDB). Funding this year will be awarded in the following categories:

- ⇒ Retrospective conversion projects for records already in MARC format.
- ⇒ Special cataloging conversion projects of any type (examples may include collections such as maps, manuscripts, collections of recorded materials, etc.).
- ⇒ Metadata - projects that enhance existing data (i.e. table of contents, book reviews); projects that describe textual or non-textual objects (i.e. electronic documents or archival materials) that could be used in future digitization projects.

All materials cataloged for the grant must be completed in MARC format or follow other acceptable regional/national standards. The data must also be included in a catalog connected to CaDiLaC Online or be included in CDLC's Partial Union Catalog. Libraries can apply for grants at a maximum of \$2,000 per category. Availability of these funds will depend on funding received from New York State and the number of applications received. If the scope of your project is larger than \$2,000, please let us know for future planning.

A subcommittee of the Regional Automation Advisory Committee will review applications. Projects are for calendar year 2005.

CDLC member libraries are eligible for these grants. Individual public and school libraries are also eligible and should submit their applications through their systems.

Contact **Sue Rahn** (srahn@cdlc.org) or **Carol Lagasse** (clagasse@cdlc.org) at CDLC to receive an application or if you have any questions about the application process.

Deadline for proposals is **November 12, 2004**.

## UHLS NEWS

### Information and Outreach Services

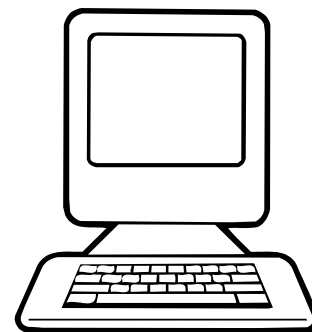
(Jo-Ann Benedetti, Manager - ext. 225)

#### DATABASES FOR 2005

On October 7, 2004 the Central Library Advisory Committee (CLAC) met to discuss database recommendations for next year.

Both the Adult Services and Youth Services Advisory Councils had input into the process, and many attended the meeting on September 20th where the recommendations were formulated. It was noted that we should anticipate less funding in 2005 than we had during 2004, and the selections were made with this in mind.

It was recommended to the CLAC that, because of budget considerations, we should drop our subscriptions to World Book Online and Oxford Reference Online. This will enable us to keep the following databases:



Ebsco Masterfile Premier  
Reference USA  
Books in Print  
Learning Express (Learn-A-Test)  
Children's Literature Comprehensive DB  
Times Union

This motion received unanimous approval.

#### E-RATE NEWS

The Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (the folks who bring you e-rate) have made some recent announcements. They are tightening up the rules for e-rate applications and disbursements:

**The SLD has announced that it plans to make**

**1,000 visits to applicant sites over the next year**, beginning as early as next month. Although the visits will not be conducted by auditors per se (and although one stated purpose is to enhance "outreach" to the applicant community), the primary stated purpose of these visits is to provide "Robust after-the-fact physical site review to help curb waste, fraud, and abuse." It is expected that each visit will include the detailed tracking of at least one specific invoice. While the typical visit is expected to last no more than one day, we expect applicants will have to spend a significant amount of time preparing for the visits.

**Letters of Agency:** An applicant using a consultant to help with its e-rate work must now have a Letter of Agency ("LOA") "...in place BEFORE starting to work..." **"A consortium must have signed and dated LOAs from their members on file,"**...no later than the signature date on the Form 471." A sample consortium LOA will be made available on the SLD Web site. LOAs cannot be open-ended; there is a three year maximum duration.

**Valid contracts for e-rate purposes must now be signed and dated by both parties before the Form 471 application is signed.** (*This means between the telephone company and the libraries*). Previously, only the applicant's signature was required. The SLD warns that a quote is not a contract. If a Purchase Order ("PO") is used, the applicant must be prepared to document that such an instrument "...constitutes a contract pursuant to state law."

Form 470 and Form 471 certifications continue to remind applicants **that records must be retained for five years to facilitate audits**. The e-rate recordkeeping requirements were significantly expanded by the FCC this summer to clarify the requirement to retain all documentation related to the pre-bidding process, the bidding process itself, contracts, the application process, the purchase and delivery of services, invoicing, inventories, and forms and rule compliance. Because of another new rule that prohibits (with limited exceptions) the transfer of equipment purchased with e-rate funds within three years of installation, the asset and inventory records retention requirements are particularly important. These new recordkeeping requirements took effect September 10, 2004.

## Youth and Family Services

Mary Fellows, Manager— ext 228

### KIDSEARCH NOW AVAILABLE

The Dynix kids catalog module, which we call KidSearch, is now available to you! You may access it at [http://www.uhls.org/uHls/kids\\_catalog.cfm](http://www.uhls.org/uHls/kids_catalog.cfm). This link takes you to "Choose a Library." Once you have selected a library, you will go into *KidSearch* for that library. You may, of course, also choose "All Libraries."

You may either create a shortcut on your public computer desktop or add a link for KidSearch to your web page - however you choose to allow the public to access it.

Please be aware that we know that all browse searches retrieve adult materials as well as children's and teen materials. It's a problem that we asked Dynix to solve, with custom programming, over six months ago. The Youth Services Advisory Council believes that the benefits of the rest of *KidSearch* merits making it available while we wait for Dynix's long-promised but not scheduled custom programming. The ASC ratified this decision at its September meeting. The ASC also decided that we not have a link to KidSearch in the regular IPAC until this problem is fixed.



Please let me know ([mary@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:mary@uhls.lib.ny.us)) if you encounter any bugs in the system.

Thanks especially to the KidSearch Team, for its hard work. Beth Bomba, Jen McIntosh, Jendy Murphy, and Beverly Provost all put in many hours to fine-tune the out-of-the-box product. I appreciate their hard work and creativity. To their supervisors and coworkers who made the time for them to be involved, thank you.

## Member Library News

### ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY—MAIN

APL Board Member Ellen Bach Appointed to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries

State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries Janet M. Welch announced that the New York State Board of Regents have appointed Ellen Bach of Albany, to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries for a term ending September 30, 2009.

Ms. Bach is an attorney with the office of White-man, Osterman & Hanna, LLP located in Albany. She attended Northeastern University School of Law and Harvard University. Ms. Bach represents public libraries and library systems on a full range of legal issues, including creation of new library districts and development of new funding mechanisms for libraries. She is a member of the Albany Public Library Board of Trustees, serves on the board's Executive Committee and is chair of its Personnel and Re-chartering Committees.

#### City-Wide Project to Sign Up "The Littlest Readers"

In September the Albany Public Library Youth Services librarians started a project to visit every kindergarten classroom in the City of Albany to read a story, to talk about how important it is to read, and to distribute library information packets. The goal of this project is to provide every kindergarten student (in all elementary schools both public and private) and their families, with basic library information. It is hoped this will encourage their parents or legal guardian to bring them to their local library so that they, and their entire family, can sign up for a library card. The packets contain a library card application, basic library information and a themed "Books Are Friends For Life" activity packet.

Funding for this project comes from a 2004 Upper Hudson Library System outreach mini-grant. Should you like to learn more about "The Littlest Readers" project, please contact Patrice Hollman, Outreach Librarian, at 427-4325.

#### Will's Garage: Winterizing Your Car

Winter is on its way, so come learn what "winterizing your car" is all about. In this hands-on installment, we will discuss what steps to take in preparing your vehicle for the Northeast's worst. By learning what to look for regarding your vehicle's condition, potential problems may be avoided during the upcoming cold season. Please bring all of your questions and concerns, as there will be a question and answer session following the presentation. This program will meet on Saturday, November 13, in the Main Library at 10 a.m.



#### Amy Biancolli: Author of the Year 2004

Join the Friends of Albany Public Library as they honor Amy Biancolli as Albany Author of the Year 2004 for her book *House of Holy Fools: A Family Portrait in Six Cracked Parts*, an affectionate candid memoir of Ms. Biancolli's unusual family.

The Annual Book and Author Lecture and book signing will be on Saturday, November 6, in the large auditorium of the APL main library, 161 Washington Avenue. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information call the Friends at 427-4333 or e-mail: friendsofapl@yahoo.com.

### BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### Classical Meets Jazz: Music for Saxophone and Piano

Sunday, November 7, at 2 p.m. saxophonist Paul Evoskevich and pianist Cliff Brucker will perform an eclectic program of music by J.S. Bach, Gabriel Fauré, Ramon Ricker, Duke Ellington and Charlie Parker. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. Call 439-9314 to register.



#### Wenzl Lecture: David Alan Miller

The music director of the Albany Symphony will talk about leading an orchestra from rehearsal to performance on Sunday, November 21, at 2 p.m. Call 439-9314 to register.

### University Singers

On Sunday, December 5, at 2 p.m., the UAlbany Chamber Singers will present seasonal music and folk songs of France, Austria, Cuba and Africa. This accomplished *a cappella* choir performs regularly in the region and abroad. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. Call 439-9314 to register.

### Library Tour

Come for coffee and a tour of our renovated facility on Friday, December 10, at 2 p.m. Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

### Staff News

Bethlehem Public Library welcomed part-time Youth Services librarian **Rebecca Rich-Wulfmeyer** to their staff in September. Becky also holds a full-time position as librarian at the Albany Institute of History and Art. Her previous experience includes two years as children's librarian at Temple Public Library in Texas, and several years as librarian at Austin Public Library. Becky reads children's literature avidly and looks forward to being more involved with the literature and serving the public.

**Joan McCarthy** joined our staff in September as a part-time library assistant in Circulation.

We said "goodbye" to Youth Services librarian **Michele Roberts** in August, and custodian **Bob McFawn** in October.

### Worth Noting

Friends of Bethlehem Public Library have generously donated \$1,800 toward the library's audio-book collection.

## EAST GREENBUSH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

### Book and Bake Sale a Huge Success!

The October Book and Bake sale raised \$9,200, the highest amount to date! Many dedicated people worked to make this a success and the staff, Board and community wish to express their congratulations and deepest gratitude to the Friends and the book sale workers for this effort.

### Staff News

Teen Services Librarian, **Jennifer McIntosh**, gave birth to a son, Lukas Elliott McIntosh, on 17 September, 2004.

## GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

### An Unfortunate Evening

Join us at the Guilderland Public Library on Friday, November 19, at 7 p.m. for a special, very unfortunate series of events. If you are a fan of Lemony Snicket's *Series of Unfortunate Events*, you simply cannot miss this wretched evening. For school-aged children; registration begins October 1. Call Youth Services at 456-2400 ext. 9

### Holiday Concert

Suburban Sounds, a 30-member mixed chorus, will perform a holiday concert and variety show for the whole family on Sunday, December 19, at the Guilderland Public Library. Call Reference Services at 456-2400 ext. 7 for details.



## RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

### Anniversary Celebration

On October 2, RCS Community Library celebrated the 10th anniversary of its charter as a school district public library with cake, cider and a book sale.

Plaques were presented honoring the founding trustees Diane Lindsay Carrk, Anne Caswell, Daniel Frye, Linda Gray, Dorothy Lovelock, Virgil Meliti, Marie Muller, Edward Shea, Melissa Simmons, Mary Lou Youmans, as well as to the original librarians Cynthia La Mora, Rachel Baum, and Mary Beth Farr.

## RENSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

### Greenery Sale

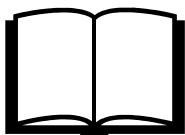
Saturday, December 11th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. is the Fourth Annual Rensselaerville Library Greenery Sale and Market. Come by and enjoy fresh baked goods, local crafts, and of course, handmade wreaths and sprays for sale. Other highlights include, children's crafts, gingerbread cookie decorating and a holiday book sale. For more information call the Library at 797-3949.



## SAND LAKE TOWN LIBRARY

### Target Grant Awarded

The Sand Lake Town Library received a grant from Target Corporation in the amount of \$2000 in support of the Library's "Families Discover Literacy" Program. The program will promote literacy through family togetherness activities, both at home and in the Library. The Library will purchase "Demco Discovery Packs" made up of fiction and non-fiction books, games, manipulative learning toys, puppets or puzzles, and an activity guide. The materials will target pre-school, primary, and elementary-age children.



## WILLIAM K. SANFORD TOWN LIBRARY

### Book Review

On Wednesday, November 10, the Literary Lunch Book Review will feature Dr. Joe Parisi, the Saturday talk show host on radio station WROW. Dr. Parisi will discuss *Running on Empty: How the Democratic and Republican Parties are Bankrupting Our Future and What Americans Can Do About It* by Peter Peterson. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. and the review begins at 12:15 p.m. You are welcome to bring your lunch.

### Library Theatre

On December 15-19, the Library Theatre of Colonie present an adaptation of Charles Dickens' timeless tale, *A Christmas Carol*. This Christmas present for the whole family will open on Wednesday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. Additional performance dates are December 16-18 at 7:00 pm with a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Sunday, December 19.

### People

**Alissa Jones** has joined the William K. Sanford Town Library staff as a part-time reference librarian. Alissa replaces Peter Barvoets who has accepted a faculty position at SUNY Cobleskill.

## Calendar of Events

### November 2004

- 3 Resource Sharing 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 4 AV Workshop 8:30 a.m. —1:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 5 Directors Association 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 8 Youth Services Advisory Committee 8:00—1:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 8 Administration Committee 4:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 9 Reports Subcommittee 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. at UHLS
- 10 Services Committee 3:30 p.m. at UHLS
- 10 Finance Committee 4:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 10 Board of Trustees 4:30 p.m. at UHLS
- 16 Automated Services Committee 9:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 16 Security Subcommittee 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 16 Adult Services Advisory Committee 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 25 UHLS CLOSED—Thanksgiving Day

### December 2004

- 3 Directors Association 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 6 Administration Committee 4:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 8 Services Committee 3:30 p.m. at UHLS
- 8 Finance Committee 4:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 8 Board of Trustees 4:30 p.m. at UHLS
- 14 Automated Services Committee 9:00 a.m. at UHLS
- 15 Deadline for January/February Latest Edition
- 24 UHLS CLOSED—Christmas Day observed
- 31 UHLS CLOSED—New Year's Day observed

### January 2005

- 7 Directors Association 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 10 Administration Committee 4:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 12 Services Committee 3:30 p.m. at UHLS
- 12 Finance Committee 4:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 12 Board of Trustees 4:30 p.m. at UHLS
- 25 Automated Services Committee 9:00 a.m. at UHLS

# Board of Trustees

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Upper Hudson Library System (UHLS) coordinates programs and activities to assist and complement the resources and efforts of its twenty-nine member libraries to improve library and information services in the local communities of Albany and Rensselaer counties.

**VISION STATEMENT:** Upper Hudson Library System 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.

**QUOTE:** Be a little careful about your library. Do you foresee what you will do with it? Very little to be sure. But the real question is, What it will do with you? You will come here and get books that will open your eyes, and your ears, and your curiosity, and turn you inside out or outside in.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

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