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## LATEST EDITION

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## Summer Reading Program: Another Successful Year!

Once again, the kids and teens in your library's community are going back to school with their reading skills as good as or better than when they left school last spring – or at least this is true for the kids you saw often at the library, participating in your library's Summer Reading Program.

Significant learning losses occur over the summer if kids don't read. UHLS libraries attracted thousands of kids to reading and their libraries during the past three months. "New York is Read, White & Blue!" provided our theme for celebrating New York State and its colorful places and products. The kids and teens in the Capital Region had opportunity to attend hundreds of programs at our libraries.

Youth services staff worked hard to provide engaging opportunities for kids of all ages. Libraries face stiff competition in our bid for kids' time, especially during the summer. Vacation, camp, swimming lessons, sports, summer jobs and other community programs all fill schedules.

UHLS member library youth services librarians did a terrific job of communicating and collaborating with their community organizations. The result was a whole summer full of diverse activities for kids and teens. Some of the creative offerings at UHLS member libraries included a Medieval Faire, Farmer Minor and Daisy (a pot-bellied pig), art in the garden, and programs on beavers, maple syrup, pop-up books, yo-yos, and ventriloquism.

Many libraries partnered with other agencies who provided funding or other support for programs. As a sample, Cohoes Public Library partnered with the local barber shop, bakery, bank, pharmacy, mayor, leg-

islator, Rotary Club, Elks Club, Dunkin Donuts, Knights of Columbus club, and Stewarts Shops.

The program planning, partnership development, and handling the logistics and rushes of Summer Reading Program take tremendous energy. If you see your library's youth services staff looking a little worn out, take the time to commend them on their job. While you're at it, thank the circulation folks who checked out hundreds of children's books (sometimes all in one hour after a popular program!) maintenance folks who set up and cleaned up, the tech services folks who got the hottest new children's books ready for the shelves before the summer began, the reference staff who kept their collective cool in the midst of flurry, the administrators who freed up money for staff and programming and sometimes joined in the fun, and anyone else not mentioned. The Summer Reading Program is a library-wide effort. Congratulations to the 28 UHLS libraries who held Summer Reading Program on a job well done!

### *Latest Edition* has changed

There are some changes to the *Latest Edition* this month. Not only does it have a new, fresh look with updated colors and graphics, but it will now be published bi-monthly. Jo-Ann Benedetti has assumed the role of Editor, and Heidi Fuge will continue as Managing Editor.

## Around the State

### Library Opens Direct Borrowing to New York State Residents

State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries Janet M. Welch announced that the New York State Library has launched a six-month pilot project that extends onsite borrowing privileges from its circulating collection to all New York State residents at least 18 years old. "We expect that the project will demonstrate improved service for New Yorkers while reducing the burden of interlibrary loan paperwork for local libraries," says Mary Redmond, Interim Director of the New York State Library's Research Library.

Until now, direct borrowing privileges had been limited to state government officials and employees, resident members of the New York State Bar, New York State-licensed physicians, officially appointed local historians, and individuals granted special permission for a specific time. Others seeking to borrow materials not available at their local libraries have been directed to request an interlibrary loan through the local library. Borrowers will assume responsibility for returning the materials to the State Library.

New York State resident borrowers will also be able to use their State Library cards to obtain access to NOVEL (New York Online Virtual Electronic Library) databases through the State Library's website. However, we will encourage New York resident borrowers to continue to use their local libraries' websites as well, to take advantage of the wealth of other local, regional, and unique electronic resources that libraries offer to their registered borrowers. (from NYLINE)

### Roy Tennant Workshops

Roy Tennant will be speaking this September in four locations around New York State. Come hear about the latest trends from one of the national "gurus" in the field of library technology/automation.

Roy will be at CDLC Headquarters on September 23, 2004 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm and will cover "Life After MARC - Plus What's Hot/What's Not" and "Digital Library Collections and Services"



For registration information contact CDLC at 518-438-2500 or email: [cwalker@cdlc.org](mailto:cwalker@cdlc.org).

## Call for Proposals

We need your ideas! LSTA grant proposals are due in November and UHLS is looking for your input.

There are important changes to the LSTA competitive Grant Program taking effect with this new cycle. First of all, these are no longer called grants, but rather "contracts." The verbiage has been changed to meet requirements from the Office of the State Comptroller. The awards will have new start and end dates -- April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2007 -- a two-year contract.

Library systems, central and co-central libraries that are not also systems, and Yonkers Public Library are eligible to apply for LSTA contracts. Deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, **November 5, 2004**.

The grant/contract categories will be the same: Technology; Special Services; and Service Improvement. If you have ideas for which you think Upper Hudson should submit a proposal, please contact Jo-Ann Benedetti, [jo-ann@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:jo-ann@uhls.lib.ny.us) or Mary Fellows, [mary@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:mary@uhls.lib.ny.us).

## NYT Librarian of the Year!

The 2004 New York Times Librarian Awards Committee is accepting nominations through **September 17th**. Any librarian or library director, with an MLS degree, who is currently working in a public library is eligible. The 27 awards that *The Times* will present in December 2004 will go to librarians who have demonstrated outstanding public service.

Nomination forms are available at [www.nytimes-community.com](http://www.nytimes-community.com). Nominations can be emailed to [libraryawards@nytimes.com](mailto:libraryawards@nytimes.com) or mailed to: The 2004 New York Times Librarian Awards / 229 W. 43rd Street, 2nd floor / New York, New York 10036.

## There's Music in the Air

A settlement in a 43-state antitrust case related to the pricing of music CDs will result in a free distribution of 230,755 CDs to New York's public library systems and schools. UHLS has been allocated 5,906 of these CDs and should receive them in September 2004. A decision about how these will be distributed to the member libraries will be made in consultation with the UHLS Director's Association.

## Did You Know? Love Your Library License Plate!

Introduced by Senator Farley: A bill to create the "Love your library" distinctive plate program and the "love your library fund". This bill authorizes the commissioner of motor vehicles to design love your library plates to be offered for a \$25 fee. Proceeds to go to the summer reading programs. The bill went to the governor on July 22, 2004, and is awaiting his signature.

## Around the Nation

### Supreme Court Overturns COPA – Not CIPA

The Supreme Court upheld a lower court's order barring enforcement of the Children's Online Protection Act (COPA). This action may have caused some confusion in the e-rate community because of a similar law, the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), with which applicants must comply to receive e-rate funding for Internet Access and Internal Connections services. CIPA was upheld by the Supreme Court just over a year ago. The two decisions are actually consistent.

The key thrust of COPA was to ban the availability of sexually explicit material on commercial web sites that could be seen by minors. The law required the operators of such web sites to install age-verification systems that would screen out access by minors. CIPA, by way of comparison, required schools and libraries to install Internet filters to block such access. Writing for the majority, Justice Anthony Kennedy said, "Blocking and filtering software is an alternative that is less restrictive...and, in addition, likely more effective..." In effect, therefore, the Supreme Court's rejection of COPA is an endorsement of CIPA. The Supreme Court's decision in no way invalidates the CIPA requirements for e-rate or other federal funding purposes. (from e-Rate Central)

### Website of Note:

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) has created a new web-based service called "Compare Public Libraries". This service allows one to compare the "library of interest," with a group of similar libraries, "the comparison group." For example, a user may wish to compare one library's total circulation with the total circulation of a group of libraries with similar total expenditures. This tool has a new look and it has been updated with 2002 data. To use this application, please visit: <http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/publicpeer/> (from NYLINE).

## We The People Bookshelf Grants — Round 2!

The American Library Association (ALA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) are accepting applications for the We The People Bookshelf on "freedom" grants. Part of the NEH's We the People initiative, the annual grant project will award sets of 15 classic books for young readers to 1,000 libraries across the country. Libraries interested in receiving the collection are required to develop and host a program to introduce the collection and its theme of "freedom" to students and/or patrons.

Guidelines and applications for Round One are available online at [www.ala.org/wethepeople](http://www.ala.org/wethepeople) until October 20, 2004. Applications for Round Two will be accepted from December 16, 2004 to February 16, 2005.

## \$5,000 National Library Week Grant

U.S. libraries of all types are invited to apply for the 2005 Scholastic Library/Grolier National Library Week grant. The grant will award \$5,000 to a single library for the best public awareness campaign during National Library Week (April 10-16, 2005) that uses the National Library Week 2005 theme of "Something for everyone @ your library@."

The grant is sponsored by Scholastic Library Publishing and its publishing imprint Grolier and is administered by the Public Awareness Committee of the American Library Association (ALA). This year's application deadline is **October 18, 2004**.

All proposals must use the "Something for everyone @ your library@" theme, which incorporates The Campaign for America's Libraries' @ your library@ brand, on any and all promotional and publicity material supporting the National Library Week activities. A grant application form and guidelines are available on the Campaign for America's Libraries web site at [www.ala.org/@yourlibrary/nlwggrant](http://www.ala.org/@yourlibrary/nlwggrant). Information also is available from the ALA Public Information Office. Telephone: 800-545-2433, ext. 4020. E-mail: [mhumphrey@ala.org](mailto:mhumphrey@ala.org).

## Register to Vote @ Your Library

ALA is encouraging all public libraries to promote this voter registration initiative sponsored by ALA and Working Assets. Please visit [www.ala.org/requestmaterials](http://www.ala.org/requestmaterials) to opt-in to the program and request bookmarks, buttons and a tipsheet for promoting the program locally. By urging library users to get registered to vote at [www.yourvotematters.org/ala](http://www.yourvotematters.org/ala), you will qualify for one of six grants and help raise funds for library advocacy. The participating library in the zip code with the largest number of registrants will be awarded a \$1,000 grant. In addition, the first five participating libraries in zip codes with at least 500 registrants will each be awarded \$500. Awards will be made in late fall 2004, at the completion of the program.

During the first two months of the program, 400 libraries have already participated! To access full information about Register to Vote @ your library, including an FAQ form, visit [www.ala.org/register tovot e](http://www.ala.org/register tovot e).

**VOTE**

## UHLS News

### From the Board of Trustees

The UHLS Board of Trustees elected new officers at their meeting on Wednesday, August 11. The newly-elected are:

PRESIDENT - Charles Diamond (Watervliet)  
 VICE-PRESIDENT - LouAnn Lundgren (Poestenkill)  
 TREASURER - Mary Alice Molgard (Berne)  
 SECRETARY - Jeffrey Cannell (UHLS Directors Association)

Committee chairs were also appointed. They are:

Administration Committee: Charles Diamond  
 Services Committee: Erin Apostel  
 Finance Committee: Mary Alice Molgard  
 Automated Services Committee: Philip Ritter

The Board approved the amended 2004 budget and the Finance Committee will begin reviewing the 2005 budget. A public hearing will be held in October on the proposed budget. Details will be posted on the UHLS website: [www.uhls.org/uhls](http://www.uhls.org/uhls).

The Board of Trustees unanimously passed the following resolution recognizing retiring board president Philip Erlich:

"Whereas, Philip Erlich has served the Upper Hudson Library System Board of Trustees for over sixteen years in various capacities, and

Whereas, he has served as Board President, as Vice-President, and as a hardworking member of several Board committees, and

Whereas, he has successfully guided the Upper Hudson Library System through many major projects and changes.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Trustees of the Upper Hudson Library System wish to express their appreciation for his long service, and

In recognition of his exceptional commitment and leadership, hereby appoint him to the honorary position of Trustee Emeritus."

### From the Directors Association

The UHLS Directors' Association Annual Conference will be held on Friday, October 1, 2004 at the Albany Quality Inn on Everett Road. All Directors are invited to attend. This all-day event will offer sessions on customer service, stress reduction, meeting room policies and organization skills. The \$45 fee includes lunch. Please send your check and reservations to Heidi Fuge at UHLS.

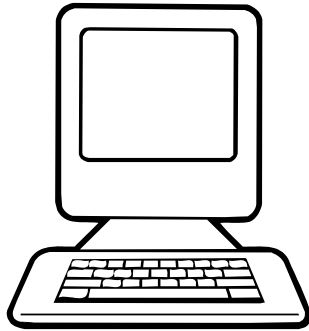
### Having an Election this Year?

Anyone with new trustees or officer changes should send the information (name, address, office held) to Heidi Fuge ([heidi@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:heidi@uhls.lib.ny.us)). This will enable us to keep our records up-to-date.

## Automation Services

(Joseph Thornton, Manager - ext 230)

- ☞ A great deal of discussion has taken place regarding the methods of notifying patrons about their horizon transactions. Patrons will be given a choice of receiving notices by email, automated telephone (TeleCirc), or mail.
- ☞ The catalogers in our member libraries are enthusiastically and successfully using OCLC's CatExpress cataloging tool, and the UHLS staff is now able to concentrate on cleaning up the database.
- ☞ We are still working with Dynix to complete several custom programming requests.
- ☞ UHLS is planning to purchase a new router that will replace three routers that are five years old.
- ☞ The Acquisitions and Serials modules are being tested and will soon be implemented at two libraries.



## Information and Outreach Services

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

### Database Trials

The Adult Services Advisory Committee will meet on September 20th for an all-day database review. All librarians are invited to attend.

The committee will look at the trial databases that have been set up and decide which databases to recommend to the Central Library Advisory Council.

The databases can be found on the UHLS Intranet (<http://www.uhls.org/intranet/databases/trials.cfm>).

### Database Stats

Getting database statistics for your library has just become easier! Peter Kowalski has worked hard on getting individual library statistics using Remote Patron Authentication (RPA). To access your library's statistics, go to <http://www.uhls.org/intranet/databases/rpastats.cfm>, type in your library's 4-letter code and the month for which you would like to see statistics. Every database is listed with your library's usage report. The first month for which statistics exist is July, 2004. Try it out!

## Interlibrary Loan Services

A special *ad hoc* committee was appointed to evaluate the interlibrary loan system within UHLS and its member libraries. This committee recommended that the recently vacated position of Resource Sharing Coordinator should not be filled and that UHLS do the following:

1. Encourage member libraries to use the CDLC point-to-point system;
2. Provide funding assistance to any member library that wishes to have an account with OCLC for Group Access Capability (GAC);
3. Contract with CDLC to act as the borrower for any member library that does not have GAC access; and
4. Continue to act as the lender for UHLS member libraries, handle the processing of materials that are being lent and borrowed, and perform these duties with existing UHLS personnel.

CDLC Librarians Marie Noonan and Carol Legasse conducted training on August 12 to bring member libraries up to date with current ILL procedures. If you were unable to attend this session, please contact Jo-Ann Benedetti at 437-9880 x 225 to schedule one-on-one training.

## Professional Collection Update

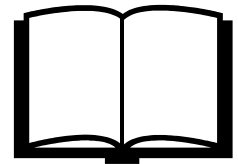
*Weaving a Library Web: A Guide to Developing*

*Children's Websites* by Helen

Blowers and Robin Bryan.

ALA, 2004.

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## 30 Ways to Make Your Library More Accessible

Did you know that one out of five people has a disability? Ten million Americans are legally blind, and 54 million are disabled. Is your library accessible? Even with little money, there are ways to facilitate access to your library:

1. Rearrange tables, chairs, display racks and other furniture to enhance access.
2. Provide sensitivity training for all library staff.
3. If you cannot replace an inaccessible water fountain, install a paper cup dispenser that can be reached from a wheelchair.
4. Install accessible coat hooks. Don't forget the hooks in accessible bathroom stalls. Sit in a chair to check the height.
5. If there is a long pathway between two areas, provide seating along the way.
6. Make flyers and newsletters available in an alternative format, such as large print.
7. Use wood blocks to increase the height of a table.
8. Place large Print key covers on computer keyboards.
9. If you cannot replace an inaccessible toilet, install a raised toilet seat.
10. Use Microsoft accessibility features such as Sticky Keys to enhance keyboard accessibility.
11. Do not block aisles with footstools, book carts, wastebaskets, or other items.
12. Keep a hand-held magnifier at the reference desk.
13. Install a full-length bathroom mirror.
14. Remember that you can change the display settings in Microsoft Windows to enlarge print and provide better contrast on the screen.
15. Keep a pad and paper handy for communicating with people who have hearing or speech impairments.
16. Access aisles in the parking lot should be wide enough to accommodate wheelchair lifts.
17. When making library services more accessible, don't forget the Children's and Young Adult rooms.
18. Use high color contrast to improve the readability of flyers.
19. Flash lights when making an announcement on the public address system.
20. When arranging meeting rooms, leave room for wheelchairs throughout the room, not just in the back.
21. Make large print signs for large-print books.
22. Install wing-type lever handles on sinks.
23. Provide railings wherever there are stairs.
24. Reposition the paper towel dispense in the bathroom.
25. Replace doorknobs with lever handles.
26. Replace thresholds that exceed 1/2" in height.
27. Provide baskets to carry books in the library.
28. Use off-set hinges to make doorways a little wider.
29. Offer a personal tour to patrons with visual disabilities.
30. Make sure your library's web page is accessible to people with disabilities; follow the Web Accessibility Initiative guidelines ([www.w3.org/WAI](http://www.w3.org/WAI))

- from the Long Island Talking Book Library

## Youth and Family Services

Mary Fellows , Manager— ext 228

### SKY Camp!

The LSTA Sky Camp grant concludes this month. Four UHLS libraries - Castleton, Guilderland, Troy Lansingburgh, and Voorheesville – and three MVLS libraries held three-day camps for young aviation enthusiasts. Every camp included catalog training and information literacy training done by UHLS Trainer Rob Carle, and an online author chat with Jeannine Atkins, author of Wings and Rockets: The Story of Women in Air and Space. Each camper received a copy of the book to read in advance of the chat.

In addition, each camp had lots of time for extra programs. Presenters included Air National Guard Antarctica Mission representatives, the National Weather Service, powered parachute maker Blue Heron, the Federal Aviation Administration, storyteller Nancy Payne characterizing female aviator Pancho Barnes, and the Albany International Airport.

Each site also developed its own special activities. Darlene Miller in Castleton found an amphibious aircraft pilot willing to land his plane on the Hudson River to the excitement of a group of campers, parents, reporters and adult hangers-on. Joyce Laiosa at Voorheesville engaged campers in an art project in which kids painted a large sheet of paper in any way they wanted, then found a poem about wind, and created a collage by cutting out both poem and shapes from their painting.

At Lansingburgh, Kim McMann found a local RPI student who taught the kids about space and then helped them make cool comet nuclei using dry ice. Cherry Neil and Trevor Oakley in Guilderland hired a presenter whose space suit, donned by Trevor, put the realities of space travel in a whole new light.



Rick Hoss from the Air National Guard shows a young camper the features of an aircraft.

As the *Latest Edition* goes to press, willing campers are scheduled to take airplane rides at the Schenectady County Airport. The flights are coordinated by the Empire State Aerosciences Museum and provided through the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles Program.

## Schoolhouse Rock Live!

Sixteen UHLS libraries participated in this year's arts grant involving performance of Schoolhouse Rock live!, a musical based on the PBS television breaks some of us remember from when we were kids. Ten performances in Albany and Rensselaer County libraries attracted large audiences of all ages, in which more parents sang along than kids! The Players of Clifton Park performed the musical.

## Member Library News

### Altamont

**Pre School Story Hours** at the Altamont Free Library are held on Monday and Thursday mornings at 10:00 am. Preschoolers of all ages and their adults are invited for stories, songs, fingerplays and a simple art activity. For information call: 861-7239.

### Albany Public Library—Main

#### Independent Film News

Albany Independent Film Forum and Time and Space Limited present **Love and Diane** directed by Jennifer Dworkin on Saturday, September 18, at 1:00 p.m. This documentary takes us inside the relationship between a mother, Diane Hazzard, and her daughter, Love, over several years. In the director's own words, "It also explores, from their point of view, the extraordinary challenge of retaining autonomy in the face of a social 'system' that has almost limitless, often arbitrary power over the circumstances of their lives." Jennifer Dworkin and Diane Hazzard will be present to answer questions after the screening.

### Masque Ball

The Albany Center Galleries will hold its Masque Ball on Saturday, October 9, at the Fort Orange Club in Albany. The Honorary Chairman for this event is Jeffrey Cannell, Director of the Albany Public Library. For tickets and more information call the gallery at 462-4775 or e-mail through the web site [www.albanycentergalleries.org](http://www.albanycentergalleries.org)

## Albany Public Library—Pine Hills

### Numismatists

Discuss coin collecting  
Wednesday, September 8 6:45 p.m.

### Butterfly Garden Dedication

Learn about the garden created by master gardeners . Wednesday, September 15 10:00 a.m.

### Connecting With America

Discussion Group for recent immigrants. Discuss life in America and further your understanding of American Culture. Fridays, September 17 & 24 4:30 p.m.

## Brunswick Community Library

### Position Announcement

Brunswick Community Library is seeking a well-organized, financially responsible person with strong interpersonal and technology skills. Responsible for supervision of all employees & volunteers, public relations, assisting with fund raising, liaison with governmental & community groups, developing an annual budget, coordinating bookkeeping activities, overseeing collection development, programming goals and facilities management.

Qualifications: MLS, NY Public Library Certificate and supervisory and administrative experience.

Salary Range: \$30,000—\$40,000.

Submit letter of interest and resume to: Kathy Jabour, Brunswick Community Library, 605 Brunswick Road, Troy, NY 12180 Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

#### Quote:

You see, I don't believe that libraries should be drab places where people sit in silence, and that's been the main reason for our policy of employing wild animals as librarians. — *Monty Python* skit

## Guilderland Public Library

### "Wicked" Author Gregory Maguire to be Honored

The Guilderland Library Foundation is proud to announce that Gregory Maguire will be the next author to appear as part of the Carol J. Hamblin Notable Author Speakers Series. Maguire will give a reading on October 15 at 7:30 pm in the Helderberg room and afterward will sign copies of his books.

Maguire, who has written a dozen novels for children, is also the author of the book, ***Wicked: the Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West***, which is currently a Broadway musical starring Kristen Chenoweth, Idina Menzel and Joel Grey. Another Maguire book, ***Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister***, aired in March 2002 as a 2-hr. television movie on ABC-TV's Wonderful World of Disney, and starred Stockard Channing and Jonathan Price.

### Learn More about Adult AD/HD

If you thought Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder was only a children's disorder, or that kids outgrew the condition, think again. AD/HD is a neurobiological lifespan disorder that affects individuals at all ages.

A person with ADHD may struggle in important areas of life, such as peer and family relationships, and school or work performance. To learn more about this topic, join **Frank Doberman, PhD** of Karner Psychological Associates (KPA) for two presentations, one geared toward parents of children with AD/HD on September 23, and another for adults with the disorder on September 30.

Dr. Doberman is the clinical director of KPA and a leader in the fields of child psychology and special education. He has taught behavioral pediatrics at Albany Medical College and wrote ***Build a Happy Family***, a simple parenting guide. These programs are on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.; call Adult Reference to register at 456-2400 ext. 7.

### Lemony Snicket at the Library

Join us on Friday, November 19 at 7 pm for a special, very unfortunate series of events in the Helderberg Room. If you are a fan of **Lemony Snicket's Series of Unfortunate Events**, you simply cannot miss this wretched evening. We will have games, crafts, and other activities. Come dressed as your favorite character, but BEWARE - Count Olaf will be there! This party is for school-



aged children and registration begins October 1. Call the Youth Services Department at 456-2400 ext. 9.

### Worth Noting

Reading Connections @ the Guilderland Public Library: Connecting Parents and Teens is Funded for a Second Year

The Guilderland Public Library has received a grant for \$16,043 to fund year two of its parent-teen book discussion sessions. The second year of the program expands to include ninth grade teens and their parents in addition to the eighth grade teen and parent groups that participated during the first year. The program is a collaboration between the Guilderland Public Library and the Guilderland Central School District where librarians from both institutions pool their talents. As part of the year-long program, Young Adult authors **Chris Crutcher** and **David Lubar** will participate in a book discussion with the participants as well as deliver a public talk at the Library.

This program is made possible by a Parent and Child Library Services grant from the New York State Library, New York State Education Department.

### Self-Checkout Speeds the Way

On July 1 the Guilderland Public Library began offering the option of self-checkout for hardcover books, videos (VHS & DVDs) and CDs (music & books). The self-checkout machine allows patrons with a Guilderland or other Upper Hudson Library System library card to check out materials themselves, without having to wait on line at the circulation desk. Staff are available to help any patron in the use of this new service.

## Library Purchases Life-Saving Device

The Guilderland Public Library, like other community organizations and public workplaces, has purchased an important life-saving technology known as an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). An AED is a small, portable device that analyzes the heart's rhythm and prompts the user to deliver a defibrillation shock if the device determines one is needed. Once turned on, the AED guides the user through each step of the defibrillation process by providing voice and/or visual prompts.

## Guilderland People

### TEEN LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER

**Matthew Goland-Van Ryn** is the student representative on the Library's Board of Trustees. This new, non-voting, position was added to the Board beginning with the 2004-2005 fiscal year. Matt is an entering senior at Guilderland High School, where he's involved in the Community Service Club and a member of the tennis and golf teams. He has been the student representative to the Library's Long Range Planning Committee since August 2002.



### TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

**Barbara Z. Haught** and **Lawrence G. Malone** were sworn in to the Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees at the July meeting.

## Menands Public Library

### American Cinema and Politics

On Thursday afternoons at 1 p.m., the Menands Public Library will present a series of films that exam the American political system.

September 9<sup>th</sup> - ABE LINCOLN IN ILLINOIS – The man. The myth.

September 16<sup>th</sup> – THE GREAT MCGINTY – What made America great was corrupt politicians.



September 23<sup>rd</sup> - MR SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON – The political novice.

September 30<sup>th</sup> - STATE OF THE UNION – Innocence corrupted.

October 7<sup>th</sup> - THE LAST HURRAH – The professional politician.

October 14<sup>th</sup> – THE BEST MAN – How party conventions used to be.

October 21<sup>st</sup> - PRIMARY COLORS – How we pick our presidents today. RATED "R"

October 28<sup>th</sup> - THE CANDIDATE – The price of victory.

November 9<sup>th</sup> – ALL THE KINGS MEN – The intoxication of power.

November 11<sup>th</sup> – ADVISE AND CONSENT – How the system works.

November 18<sup>th</sup> – THE CONTENDER – American politics at the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. RATED "R"

## RCS Community Library

### Parent Child Grant Renewed!

The Romp and Read Project through the RCS Community Library has completed its first year with a grant from the NYS Parent and Child Library Services Program.

The first year was very successful and RCS has just been approved to continue the program through a second grant year.

The Program is designed to extend the Library's story/activity programming to families with very young children who do not use library services. The goal is to reach those families that lack exposure to child-rearing practices that encourage emergent literacy behavior for children. The program is becoming a community-builder, as it brings together people from across the decentralized, 140-square-mile district.

The first year's program had 7 participating sites and 20 hours of service per week. There were 148 individual users with a total attendance of 1023 at 161 workshops.

### New Trustees

RCS Community Library welcomed two new Trustees, **Jodi Civill** and **Andrea Grutza**, at its Annual Meeting in July. At that meeting, **Linda Hammond** became President of the Board of Trustees, and **Deborah Moon** stepped back into the office of Vice President.

### Summer Reading: Explore New Frontiers

The Summer Reading Club theme at RCS Community Library this year was "Explore New Frontiers – Read!" (a commercial theme kit) because we wanted to learn about the Lewis and Clark Expedition and we loved the prairie dog mascots. We set up a trading-beads-for-prizes incentive system that must have been very inspiring – it's the best and biggest Summer Reading Club we've ever had!

The Young Writers Workshop also had a good season. Several of the kids seem to be writing fantasy novellas. Twenty-six kids will finish books this year (or sometime in the foreseeable future).

## Voorheesville Public Library

### College Application Program

Certified Education Planner Sally Ten Eyck can help you get organized to show your strengths to prospective colleges through your essays and your interviews. Signup necessary. September 14 at 7 p.m.

### Plumfest Dog Show

Community celebration features a neighborhood dog show, with agility and obedience demonstrations, at the library. Bring your pet to win prizes! Saturday, September 25 at 10 a.m.

### Yoga

Introductory class with certified Kripalu Yoga teacher Mira Lechowicz, M.A. Free. No signup. For information, call 765-4613. Thursday, September 30 at 7 p.m.

### Celebrate Teen Read Week

"It's Alive @ Your Library!" A frightening, scary gruesome afternoon for grades 8-12. Sunday, October 17 at 2 p.m. Sign up required.

### Ernie Williams presents Acoustic Blues

An intimate Sunday concert with the "Bluesmaster." October 24 at 2 p.m.

### "Paws to Read" Program

The Youth Services Department of the Voorheesville Public Library is excited to launch a special program called "*Paws to Read*." This program, based on others around the country, pairs a child with a certified therapy dog for reading practice during a 15-minute scheduled reading session in order to improve their reading skills. YS assistant Gail Brown and her dog, Sammi, have been certified under guidelines set by Therapy Dogs International to participate in this extraordinary program.

## Calendar of Events

### September 2004

- 6 LABOR DAY UHLS CLOSED**
- 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
- 10 Standards Committee 9:00 a.m. at UHLS
- 17 Youth Services Advisory Committee Book Review 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at UHLS
- 17 Youth Services Advisory Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 17 Youth Services Advisory Committee Book Review and end of SRP Potluck 12:00 p.m. —1:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 20 Adult Services Advisory Council 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 23 Roy Tennant Presentation 8:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. at CDLC
- 24 Directors Association 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 28 Automated Services Committee 9:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m. at UHLS

### October 2004

- 1 Directors Association Annual Conference at the Quality Inn, Watervliet Avenue, Albany, NY
- 11 Administration Committee 4:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 13 Services Committee 3:30 p.m. at UHLS
- 13 Finance Committee 4:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 13 Board of Trustees 4:30 p.m. at UHLS
- 15 Youth Services Advisory Committee Small Library Concerns Discussion at BETH (tentative) 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- 15 Youth Services Advisory Committee Meeting at BETH (tentative) 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
- 15 Youth Services Advisory Committee Young Adult Discussion at BETH (tentative) 12:00—1:00 p.m.
- 15 **Deadline for November/December issue of *Latest Edition***
- 20 - 23 New York Library Association Annual Conference in Rochester, NY
- 26 Automated Services Committee 9:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m. at UHLS

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**QUOTE:** I really didn't realize the librarians were, you know, such a dangerous group. They are subversive. You think they're just sitting there at the desk, all quiet and everything. They're like plotting the revolution, man. I wouldn't mess with them. Filmmaker and author Michael Moore

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