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Board Rejects Labeling Books

Trustees of the Guilderland Public Library rejected (by a vote of 7 to 1) a proposal to label teen books with sexually explicit content. The original proposal would have required librarians to read the 7,400 teen books in the library's collection and label them with a green sticker if they were deemed "clean" and an orange sticker if they contained sexual content. The proposal was subsequently revised and would have required librarians to read and label each of the 1,700 new teen books purchased each year.

Approximately 100 people attended the board meeting on June 9, 2005. Thirty people spoke against the proposal, claiming that this was a form of censorship and that this was infringing on the teens' intellectual freedom. Five people spoke out in favor of the plan, claiming that parents cannot possibly read everything their teen reads.

Before the proposal came to a vote, each trustee had the opportunity to express his/her own stance on the subject. The following are the comments made by Robert Ganz, President of the Board of Trustees at the Guilderland Public Library:

At the outset I want to state that in my opinion the process by which a Board member has brought forth an important issue touching on the core values of the Library has been open and fair to all. As President, I have endeavored not to let my personal opinion affect the way in which the matter has moved through committee and brought before the Board. It is now time for me to set forth my personal views on the issues of labeling books in the young adult collection which have sexually explicit content.

I have been an avid reader since a very young age and no restrictions on what I was permitted to read were imposed upon me by my family. In fact, like one of the public comment speakers, I too found a piece of adult fiction that I was reading in school which had some racy content and I passed it around to my friends in the classroom. Unfortunately, unlike our previous speaker, I was caught and brought before the assistant principal. My father came to school and defended my right to read what I chose.

I believe that reading cannot be harmful no matter what the content. Many factors in our society affect the way young people develop. Just as many of our teenagers who have spoken tonight have commented, I don't believe that there is a definitive link between reading about sex and engaging in harmful sexual activity. At the end of the day I value so highly becoming a widely read person that I would rather a person, even if they developed some less than socially acceptable traits, be widely read than to discourage reading in any form.

One new consideration that I have gained from the public comments made at this meeting is

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Around the Nation

Patriot Act Update

On Thursday, June 16, 2005, the House of Representatives voted to curtail the FBI's ability to seize library and bookstore records for terrorism investigations.

One provision of the Patriot Act makes it possible for the FBI to obtain a wide variety of personal records about a suspected terrorist -- including library transactions -- without a search warrant.

Under the House change, officials would have to get search warrants from a judge or subpoenas from a grand jury to seize records about a suspect's reading habits.

Some libraries have said they are disposing of patrons' records more quickly because of the provision, which opponents view as a license for fishing expeditions. *(from the Washington Post)*

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.
-Ben Franklin

Sirsi/Dynix Merger Announced

Dynix and Sirsi, two long-time library technology leaders, are merging to create a single company focused on developing and delivering information technology for libraries and consortia. On June 20, an agreement was signed merging worldwide operations. Next comes the integration of the two companies — a process already begun and the major portion of which should be completed before the end of 2005.

SirsiDynix will continue to develop and support both the Horizon 8.x/Corinthian and Unicorn platforms. Customers will not be forced to migrate from one platform to another.

Around the State

NOVEL Renews Contract with EBSCO

The New York State Library has renewed its contract with the EBSCO Company regarding their four databases that are part of the NOVEL electronic collection. They are: General Science Collection, MasterFILE Select, Primary Search (including the Searchasaurus interface) and Topic Search. The contract date runs from September 1, 2005 thru August 31, 2006. These databases have been available to NOVEL users since 2001.

The EBSCO addresses for individual library accounts will not change.

In renewing the EBSCO contract, New York State Librarian Janet M. Welch accepted the recommendation of NECAT (NOVEL Electronic Collections Advisory Team). NECAT is the working group appointed by the NOVEL Steering Committee and charged with recommending NOVEL-supported electronic collections. The State Library also continues to consult with other organizations involved with the selection and group licensing of electronic collections.

If you have questions on the resources described above, please send them to nysl-novel@mail.nysed.gov. The NOVEL Help Desk is available from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday at 877-277-0250. *(from the Division of Library Development)*

NOVEL Offers Added Access Option

The New York State Library is pleased to announce that libraries throughout New York State will soon have a new way of promoting services to their customers. NOVEL databases will be accessible 24/7 through any Internet connection. Any New Yorker will be able to log in with a valid New York driver's license number or a valid New York non-driver photo ID identification number.

This new way of receiving access to NOVEL databases supplements the current method of remote log-on to NOVEL databases through public, academic, school, and special library home pages that require a library card number or a stu-

dent ID. Members of the public who choose this option are first encouraged to use their local libraries.

We invite you to check out, try, and comment on the new website. We also encourage you to share this information and ask for feedback from your customers. Go to:

<http://novelnewyork.org>

Further information concerning this new service is available at <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/library/novel/database/dmv-id.htm>. (from the Division of Library Development)

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a deeper understanding of what a difficult position we would put our staff in if such a labeling process were to be utilized. It would erode our young adult librarians' relationship with young readers and ask our librarians to violate their code of ethics in reading and labeling books. I think we would have an extremely hard time in finding qualified staff who would be willing to accept jobs at this library under such circumstances.

I believe that young people have rights too. Often we do not give their maturity enough credit. We have seen such maturity in the many perceptive comments made by the teenagers here tonight. For example, when I first read the excerpts from Judy Bloom's *Forever* that Mr. Daly pointed out, I asked my grown daughters whether or not they had encountered such material when they read Judy Bloom during their adolescence. One of them indicated to me that when she came across sexually explicit passages in that book or similar books that she really wasn't ready to deal with, she just flipped the pages until the story again engaged her. From that I understood that kids deal with issues when they are emotionally ready, and pass on



subjects which they are not equipped to absorb. When they are ready to deal with such matters, even if it is new, awkward and embarrassing, they are engaging in a process that each of us has gone through – adjusting to uncomfortable and difficult situations.

This is a rite of passage - part of growing up. I do not want to see us take away from our young adults, the opportunity to encounter literature and life, even if it is awkward, new or embarrassing, as it comes at them and as they are ready to deal with it, by imposing an artificial labeling process. Context is important. A book which has a sticker on it, and a parent takes away from a child because it is a quick and easy method of parental supervision, may have a positive life lesson - - just like the fact that Judy Bloom's *Forever* shows that a summer love which a young girl thinks will last forever does not. That is an important life lesson which should not be eliminated simply because it is the opinion of some that the items of sexually explicit content in the story would be "inappropriate."

The most important thing I want to say with respect to this matter is that categorizing sexually explicit material as the only subject matter upon which books are labeled is inappropriately putting the focus on one of many subjects of concern in our society and demonstrates the potential quagmire into which we step if we accept this suggestion as a proper way to help resolve a societal problem. I am personally much more concerned about violence in literature; more concerned about positive images of drug culture; more concerned about anti-Semitism and racism, etc. Are we going to label the *Merchant of Venice*, *Huck Finn*, *The Last of the Mohicans*? I hope not. Each group of people who hold such issues to be of paramount importance would have the right to say to us "Analytically if you label books for sexually explicit content, you must label for violence, drugs, racial and ethnic stereotypes!" And they would be right.

Let all of our residents encounter society through literature without the personal judgments of librarians or library trustees. ~Robert E. Ganz

UHLS News

Automation Services

(Joseph Thornton, Manager—ext. 230)

KIDSEARCH IS NOW AVAILABLE!

The children's catalog module KidSearch is now up and running with full functionality!

This graphical, kid-friendly catalog is a counterpart to the regular catalog that libraries have on their public screens. KidSearch accesses the same database of materials from all UHLS libraries, but narrows the search so that only children and YA materials are shown. Librarians, parents, teachers and kids all like its ease of use. It's the perfect, child-friendly way to introduce kids to the library catalog.

To view KidSearch, go to <http://ipac.uhls.org/ipac20/ipac.jsp?profile=all-kids>

If your library doesn't have KidSearch on its computers in the children's area, now's the time to add it! Contact Automation Services (support@uhls.lib.ny.us) if you need help.



Recommended tools you can use to help keep your computer running smoothly and error-free:

Windows Updates

These include product and security updates to patch Windows vulnerabilities. Here's how to download and install at least the critical updates.

Start | Control Panel | Automatic Updates (XP)

Start | Settings | Control Panel | Automatic Updates (2000, ME, 9x)

You can set your computer to download and notify you when they are ready to be installed, or download and install on a set schedule. Be aware Windows will restart if required.

Hard Drive Maintenance

Hard drive maintenance can help keep your system running smoothly and quickly. Here's how to run the tools below to remove unneeded files and keep your hard drive in order.

Start | All Programs | Accessories | System Tools | Disk Cleanup (XP)

Start | Programs | Accessories | System Tools | Disk Defragmenter (2000, ME, 9x)

Running clean up and defrag before your scans will speed things up by getting rid of files you don't need as well as making your files contiguous on the drive for more rapid access.

Anti-virus

Any computer tied to a network is vulnerable to attack. Be sure to have anti-virus software installed and up-to-date to help stay virus free. Configure your software for automatic updates and scheduled scans. Feel free to call UHLS Automation Services at 437-9880 if you need assistance in configuring your software.

Spyware/Adware

These malicious applications can do anything from tracking your Internet usage to sending everything you type keystroke by keystroke back to the writer of the program. The tools below, both free, can be found on the Upper Hudson Library System ftp server at:

<ftp://uhls.org/etc/Spywaretools/>

Spybot Search and Destroy (spybotsd13.exe)

Lavasoft Software Ad-Aware SE Personal (aawsepersonal.exe)

Update to the latest definitions before running your scans, which should be run at least once a week.

As always, please discuss any computer maintenance work with your technical staff if you have it, or call Jonathan Koppel at 437-9880 ext. 229 with any questions.

Information and Outreach Services (Jo-Ann Benedetti, Manager—ext. 225)

DEMONSTRATE TALKING BOOKS IN YOUR LIBRARY!



The New York State Talking Book and Braille Library (TBBL) has generously offered to loan, on a long-term basis, special tape machines, headphones, and tapes to all Upper Hudson Libraries that want them. The purpose of this partnership is to demonstrate talking books to library patrons who may not know about the service.

These tape machines differ from normal tape machines so that they can play the recorded books. The books are recorded at a speed which is slower than commercial recordings and, in the case of cassette books, on four tracks instead of the conventional two. This is both for economy and to preserve copyright.

TBBL will also provide applications and other information about the program to each library.

TBBL lends Braille and recorded books and magazines, and the necessary equipment, to residents of the 55 upstate counties of New York State who are unable to read standard printed materials because of a physical disability. TBBL is the Regional Library for the upstate region in the nationwide program coordinated by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, a division of the Library of Congress, in Washington DC.

Please contact Jo-Ann Benedetti at 518-437-9880 ext. 225 if you are interested in receiving these materials for your library.

Youth and Family Services Mary Fellows, Manager— ext 228

2005 SUMMER READING PROGRAM: *TUNE IN @ YOUR LIBRARY*

UHLS libraries have kicked off the New York State Library's 2005 Summer Reading Program, *TUNE IN @ YOUR LIBRARY*. Libraries have a myriad of activities planned to encourage students to come to the library, make friends, have fun – and read.

Libraries play a critical role in maintaining reading levels over the summer, which research shows is as important as the structured reading curriculum during the academic year. According to educational research, if children select their own reading materials, this positive experience leads to more time spent reading and improved reading ability. Children who participate in library Summer Reading Programs return to school in the fall ready to learn at grade level. In 2004, UHLS libraries served over 7,000 children of all ages who signed-up at their local neighborhood libraries, a 17% increase over the past year.

TUNE IN @ YOUR LIBRARY focuses on kids' love of music. Summer programs, created especially for kids by UHLS youth services librarians, include "Books On Stage" programs for the elementary group to "Battle of the Bands" for the tweens and teens.



As a supplement to the onsite library programs, a summer reading website at www.summerreadingnys.org provides additional activities, age-appropriate booklists and tips for parents to encourage summer reading.

Member Library News

Albany Public Library—Main

DOG SERVES AS READING PAL AT APL

Children visiting Albany Public Library's main location can read aloud to Tess, a trained and licensed service dog. Tess is a yellow Labrador retriever who listens patiently to kids of any reading ability. The dog never corrects the children's reading mistakes nor criticizes their choice of reading material.

A *School Library Journal* (June 2003) article describes benefits of partnering low-achieving students and reading dogs. In the study, most participating students advanced at least two grade levels in reading skills during the school year in which they read aloud to dogs. These are encouraging results. Our read-to-dog program is not a formal study, however. Our main goals are to encourage children to develop a permanent love for reading, to help kids gain confidence as readers and to provide positive reading experiences in a supportive environment.



During the annual Summer Reading Program we concentrate on recreational aspects of reading. This summer will be the children's first to read to Tess. We are curious if the number of books read this summer will increase due to this new children's room canine attraction. Tess knows kids who read to her will at least have fun.

For more information and to schedule your child for a reading session with Tess, please call 427-4310.

MAKING ENDS MEET: MONEY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Terri Fishman, Cornell Cooperative Extension Educator will hold two workshops on Money Management. Come learn about:

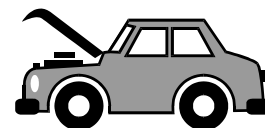
- Setting Financial Goals
- Getting the Most for Your Money
- Developing a Spending Plan
- Ways to Reduce Your Utility Bills

All attendees will receive an assortment of money management tools. There will be door prizes and gifts for everyone! Workshops are free. Advance registration is required.

Call 765-3557 to register for either Tuesday, July 12, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM or Wednesday, July 20, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Both sessions will be held at the Main Library, 161 Washington Avenue.

WILL'S GARAGE

Keep your wheels turning this summer with information on preventive maintenance for your vehicle. Learn more about the services offered by repair shops, as well as how to know if they need to be performed. A hands-on demonstration of a do-it-yourself oil change will also take place. A question and answer session will follow immediately after the program. Saturday, July 9 at 11:00 AM in the garage at the Main Library, 161 Washington Avenue.



SUMMER GARAGE SALE

Albany Public Library will hold a Garage Sale in the garage at the rear of the Main Library, 161 Washington Avenue. There will be books for sale (\$1.00 per bag), as well as furniture, computers, and miscellaneous items. Friday, July 29, and Saturday, July 30 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

APL WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER

The Albany Public Library Board of Trustees is pleased to welcome new trustee Deborah Williams-Muhammad at the June 13 Board meeting. She is a long time Arbor Hill resident and activist.

Albany Public Library—Howe

KIDS' COMPUTER CAMP AT HOWE LIBRARY

The John A. Howe Branch, located at Schuyler and Broad Streets in Albany's South End, has hosted this annual computer camp since 1999. The program is designed to provide an educational and entertaining experience for children in the neighborhood. The program's intention is to help children learn about computers and develop an understanding of how the digital world impacts their lives.

Computer Camp is designed for children ages 7-14. In the morning, children learn how to build their own websites and the basics of computer programming. A lunch is provided as part of the program. In the afternoon, there are a variety of activities including art classes, organized games, and presentations by community members sharing their life experiences and information about their professions.

Computers, games, fun and food starts Tuesday, July 5 and runs every weekday through Friday, July 15 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. To register or for more information call 472-9485.

Albany Public Library—Pine Hills

MIDNIGHT RELEASE PARTY:

HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE

Come celebrate the latest installment to the Harry Potter Book Series. Borrow a copy of the book at Midnight! Festivities are Friday July 15 from 10:30 PM to 12:30 AM at the Pine Hills Branch on 517 Western Avenue.



Pick up and return a permission slip at any Albany Public Library location by Monday July 11. There will be plenty of magical snacks and crafts and wizarding games. Costumes are encouraged but not required. School-aged children only please. Call 482-7911 for more informa-

Altamont Free Library

NEW DIRECTOR

The Altamont Free Library Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of **Judith Wines** to the position of Director of the Library. Judith is a December 2004 graduate of the University at Albany program in M.I.S. Information Science and Policy. Her B.A. is from Williams College with a double major in Classical Languages and English Literature.

Her experiences include internships in the NYS Public Defenders Association in Albany where she did research and library-related work; the Intergovernmental Solutions Program, SUNY Albany, where she was a case coordinator for the Public Administration/Policy research group, working with governmental groups, analyzing data and maintaining archives and bibliographic verification; NYS Library Division of Library Development where she aided in the evaluation and administration of Outreach Service and Family Literacy Grants and assisted school and library districts; and was a library clerk at River-

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head Free Library during a number of summers. In addition she spent more than two years as a Peace Corp volunteer in Jordan teaching English, introducing music, developing and providing curriculum materials and creating a library for the students.

We welcome Judith to the System!

Bethlehem Public Library

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM: EVENINGS ON THE GREEN

Come to the Library each Wednesday in July to enjoy an evening of music.

July 6—The Swing Docs (*big band swing*)

July 13—Rhett Tyler (*blues guitar*)

July 20—The Lustre Kings (*rockabilly*)

July 27—Dyer Switch (*bluegrass*)

Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Concerts will be held indoors in the event of rain. Wednesdays in July at 7:30 PM.

AUTHOR TALK: HOLLIS SEAMON

Hollis Seamon will read from her new novel, *Flesh: a Suzanne LaFleshe Mystery*, and talk about the traditional conventions of the mystery novel and how the genre has changed over time.

Seamon's stories have appeared in many distinguished literary journals and several anthologies. Her work has been noted in *Best American Essays*, and she has received a number of Pushcart Prize nominations. A 30-year resident of the Hudson Valley, she teaches writing and literature at The College of Saint Rose. Tuesday August 16 at 7:30 PM. Call 439-9314 to register.



HOMESPUN COMMUNITY DANCING

Paul Rosenberg, Peter Davis and George Wilson teach the steps, origins, sounds and uses of traditional folk dances brought to America from Europe and Africa in the 18th and 19th centuries. Thursday July 14 at 7:00 PM. For families with children age 4 and up. Call 439-9314 to register.

A STITCH IN TIME



Members of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Capital District Chapter will teach youngsters a variety of stitches in this four-day workshop.

Classes will be held Monday-Thursday, August 1-4 at 9:30 AM. For ages 9-12; call 439-9314 to register.

Cohoes Public Library

SUMMER READING PROGRAM EVENTS

Come join us for some exciting events to celebrate our Summer Reading Program! All events start at 1:30 PM on Thursdays starting July 7th, and they will continue through the end of August. All events are free to the public and open to all.

- July 7 Poppytown Puppets and Music
- July 14 Cohoes Fire Dept and k-9 Officer Spike
- July 21 Magician Jim Snack
- July 28 Musician Skip West
- Aug 4 Steve Charney and Harry
- Aug 11 Magic with Pete
- Aug 18 Dean Davis and His Amazing Animals
- Aug 25 11:00 AM - Awards Ceremony

STORYTIME/CRAFT WEDNESDAYS

We will have a storytime with craft activity. Special guest for the July 6th event will be Rowdy the River Rat! Every Wednesday afternoon through July and August.

KNITTING CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Learn to knit this summer with one of our local knitters. Classes will be held every Wednesday morning from July 6 through August 17 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Call the library at 235-2570 for additional information.

BOOK DISCUSSION FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

This year, Cohoes Public Library will be hosting two Teen book discussions: *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman, Wednesday July 13, 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, and the *House of Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer on Wednesday, August 17, 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

We will also be holding two adult book discussion groups - Wednesday, July 20 at 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM we will discuss *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel. On August 24th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM we will discuss *Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Neffenegger. Come join us!

East Greenbush Community Library

NEW DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors at East Greenbush Community Library is pleased to announce that Debbie Shoup has accepted the position of Library Director.

Debbie graduated from Case Western Reserve University School of Information Science in 1974. She became Children's Librarian at Lewiston Public Library in Maine, her home state. She then took a job with Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Public Library System at the Maple Heights Regional Library. Two years later, she became branch manager and children's librarian at Coventry Village Library in Cleveland Heights where she was active on two ALA committees. Following her husband's job across the country kept Debbie part-time in both children's and reference work for many years. When East Greenbush Community Library moved into the new building, Deb became full-time head of Reference.

Best wishes in your new job, Debbie!

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Head of Adult Services (Librarian II)

The East Greenbush Community Library is accepting applications for a full-time Head of the Adult Services Department. Contact Debbie Shoup at 518-477-7476 for details.

SUMMER MUSIC SERIES



Tuesday, July 5, 7:30 PM: ***Thanks for the Memory - Reflections of America through Popular Music, 1920-1950***

Through slides and musical recordings, glimpse the United States during the "classic" period of the American popular song. Jack Hotchkiss, of the Scotia-Glenville Museum, provides commentary.

Tuesday July 12, 7:30 PM: ***Loon***

Come listen to some old time fiddle and banjo music. Frank Orsini, one of the Northeast's acknowledged fiddle masters, will also be playing mandolin, guitar and singing. A crowd pleaser from Troy Music Hall to Caffe Lena, Frank's playing has been in demand for years. Dan Hubbs, plays old time style banjo and guitar. Dan is also a songwriter whose been featured on Hudson River Sampler. *Loon* will be performing fiddle & banjo pieces, Adirondack songs, and American folk music.

Tuesday, July 19, 7:30 PM: ***Gelvis***

Gerry Angelini brings to life the music of Elvis Presley in this tribute show to the "Greatest Entertainer of the Century."

Tuesday, July 26, 7:30 PM: ***Kevin McKrell***

Kevin McKrell, lead singer and songwriter for the McKrells, steps out solo tonight. His "mix of bluegrass and Celtic music" has netted him Singer-Songwriter of the Year, Entertainer of the Year, NECMA Male Vocalist & Songwriter of the Year. With the McKrells, he has toured the U.S., Canada, and Ireland, and shared the stage with Travis Tritt, Lonestar, Allison Krause, and Bela Fleck.

A VISIT WITH THE EAST GREENBUSH PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS

Members of the East Greenbush Fire Department will visit the library and share experiences of a volunteer firefighter and offer safety tips for children. Watch them demonstrate firefighting gear and give a tour of a fire truck on July 13, 11:00 AM. For ages 5 and up.

Police Officers Elaine Rudzinski and Mark Mann will pay a visit to the library. They will describe a day in the life of a police officer and share safety tips for children. The officers will also show the inside of a patrol car and the D. A.R.E. vehicle. Wednesday, July 27, 2:00 PM. For ages 5 and up.

Stephentown Memorial Library

STORY TIME

On Friday mornings at 9:30 AM beginning June 24, there will be a reading program for pre-schoolers. A small craft project and snack will be provided.

VISIT THE NORMAN ROCKWELL MUSEUM... COURTESY OF THE LIBRARY

SML cardholders can borrow a pass from the library that admits four, free of charge, to the world-renowned museum in Stockbridge, MA. In addition, the pass entitles users to a 10% discount in the museum shop during their visits. The pass is at the library and it can be borrowed for two days.

FRIDAY FILM NIGHT

Racing Stripes, a live-action with animation film, will be shown in the Town Hall on June 17th, at 7:00 PM. It tells the story of an orphaned zebra who grows up with horses and longs to win 'the big race.' Munchies and juices will be served. No tickets are needed. The Town Hall is handicapped-accessible.

Valley Falls Free Library

SUMMER FUN AT THE LIBRARY

Rowdy the Clown is helping us celebrate our Summer Reading Program on July 9th at 10:00 AM. Enjoy Rowdy's comedy, puppetry and magic!

Tom Sieling is coming to sing and play his guitar on July 19th at 6:30 PM. For families.

LIBRARY RAFFLE!

Valley Falls Library is having a raffle to raise money for their building fund. We have 5 canvas library totes filled with wonderful items. The drawing will be September 2 at 2:00 PM at the library. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Call Sandi at 753-4230 for additional information.

Watervliet Public Library

JOB OPENING: LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Watervliet Public Library seeks a dynamic, creative professional to direct library operations. Responsibilities include collection development, reference, children's and teen programming as well as library administration, working with the board of directors and the Upper Hudson Library System.

Position is part-time with 20-25 hours per 5-day week and a starting salary in the range of \$20-25K depending on experience. Will consider a job sharing arrangement. MLS required. Candidate must hold or be eligible for the New York State Public Librarian Certification.

Please send resume and three references by July 15, 2005 to Pamela Lamb, Watervliet Public Library, 1501 Broadway, Watervliet, NY 12189.

Calendar of Events

July

- 04 **UHLS Closed for 4th of July**
- 08 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 11 Riverway Planning Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 14 UHLS Web Committee 9:00 AM
- 21 Adult Services Advisory Committee 9:30 at UHLS
- 26 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS

August

- 05 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 08 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 10 Services Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 10 Finance Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 10 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 15 **Deadline for Sept/Oct Latest Edition**
- 18 Adult Services Advisory Committee 9:30 at UHLS
- 23 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS

September

- 02 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 05 **UHLS Closed for Labor Day**
- 06 Riverway Planning Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 09 Youth Services Advisory Council at UHLS; 9:00 – 10:00 Book Review; 10:00 – 12:00 Meeting; 12:00 – 1:00 Book Review
- 12 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 14 Services Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 14 Finance Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 14 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 15 Adult Services Advisory Council 9:30 AM at UHLS
- 27 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS

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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: A truly great library contains something in it to offend everyone. ~Jo Godwin

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