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No Guarantees: NYLA Lobby Day 2005

By Mary Fellows, YSS Liaison to NYLA's Legislative Committee

As a kid, I received a small allowance. Sometimes. If I asked for it. If I justified why I needed it. Getting a raise in my allowance meant multiple negotiations with my dad about why I needed more spending money. While I wasn't always successful, I learned to be an advocate for my own financial needs.

As employees, many of us have grown unused to having to ask for more money. Maybe there are automatic paycheck increases put in place by union agreements, or through common practices that our bosses follow each year. Regardless, if we do and say nothing about our pay, the worst that will happen is that our pay will stay the same. Only in extreme, highly decried situations will we get a pay cut.

When we don't need to put energy into improving our personal financial situations, it's harder for us to remember that the same rules do not apply to library funding. Yet when we forget, libraries suffer. There are no union agreements with the legislature that guarantee us automatic funding, let alone increases. There may be common library funding practices, but these are jettisoned by the Governor with little compunction.

This is why we need to advocate for libraries. There are no handouts, no automatic increases, no guarantees of even the same amount in our funding checks. Only by solid facts, persuasive discussion and old-fashioned badgering can we negotiate the funding we need, never mind want.

We need you at Lobby Day this year. We need you to stand with your colleagues and fellow Friends and trustees and make the case for libraries. We need your voice joining ours to say that the cuts we experienced last year are unacceptable, and that we need a raise in order to provide library service to all New Yorkers.

In library funding, as in my long-ago allowance, there are no guarantees. Join us on Tuesday, March 15, for the New York Library Association Lobby Day.

(For the UHLS Lobby Day schedule, see page 4. To sign up to attend, please email Mary Fellows at mary@uhls.lib.ny.us and indicate which part of the day you'll be attending.)

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Award / Grant Opportunities

NYLA Awards

THE L. MARION MOSHIER/ASA WYNKOOP AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED LIBRARIANSHIP

This award for Distinguished Librarianship honors a library director who has given outstanding service to a community of 7500 or less. A professional degree is not a requirement.

Nominees are judged on personal and professional growth, quality of services provided, and initiative taken to reach underserved parts of the community. The award is named in honor to two New York State library pioneers who nurtured the growth of small libraries, and is given bi-annually.

Nominations may be made by a library board member or by a library staff member. Each nomination must be accompanied by three letters of support from the community. The letter of nomination should be limited to two pages and must include:

- information about the library "before," including specific information about circulation, collection size, programs, condition of building, hours open and budget;
- current information about the library "after," related to changes to the areas previously described;
- description of how the nominee initiated the changes;
- outline of the nominee's agenda for professional growth.

The award is \$1000, a plaque for the library, and a plaque to be placed in the NYLA office. Attendance at the NYLA conference is a requirement of acceptance.

PLS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING

One award will be made for a new or remodeled public library building in New York State. Emphasis will be placed upon those projects that demonstrate cost-effective solutions to space challenges as well as innovative usage of space and layout in the new library. The project must have been completed between Jan. 1, 2004 - Dec. 31, 2004.

PLS will award \$1000 plus a plaque to the winning library, and may also name honorable mentions. All entries may have their submissions displayed at the PLS booth at the annual NYLA conference. Previous winners are ineligible.



Submission requirements include:

- information about the community: population served; annual budget; name and location of the library; date of space and layout reorganization;
- before and after photographs;
- before and after floor plans;
- goals and objectives;
- budget;
- narrative explaining need; planning involved; community benefits; public response; press coverage, etc.

The decision of the judges is final. The award will be presented to the winner at the annual awards ceremony at the 2005 NYLA conference. Please note that this award goes to the library, not the architect.

CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP

This annual scholarship is offered to encourage public librarians, or students in library school, to participate in conference activities. (Applicants need not be members of NYLA or PLS.)

Applications should be in letter form, containing the following information:

- why you wish to attend the conference;
- how you plan to integrate the experience into your work;
- how you plan to share your experience with your fellow professionals;
- how the award will influence your professional goals.

Award includes full registration, up to \$500 towards expenses and NYLA membership, if required. The winner is expected to attend the full conference, including the awards ceremony.

HOW TO APPLY FOR ALL AWARDS

Deadline: **July 15, 2005**

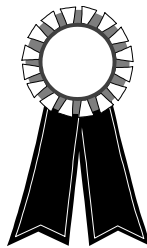
Send submissions to:

Mary Grace Flaherty, Director
Sidney Memorial Public Library
8 River St.
Sidney, NY 13838
607-563-1200
email: si.mg@4cls.org

From the Regents Council

JOSEPH F. SHUBERT LIBRARY EXCELLENCE AWARD

Dr. Louis A. Ciota, Chair of the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries, has announced that applications are now available for the Joseph F. Shubert Library Excellence Award, which recognizes the achievements of small, medium and large libraries and library consortia of New York State.



The Award was first established as part of the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries 1994-95 centennial observance, and it is named after former New York State Librarian Joseph F. Shubert.

The Award will recognize a library or library consortium that has taken significant steps to improve the quality of library service to its users. This year, the award is co-sponsored by EBSCO Information Services, and funded by that organization in the amount of \$1,000.

For a copy of the application form and information on the Joseph F. Shubert Library Excellence Award, please go to <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/advscns/rac/index.html>. Projects nominated for the Award should document measurable progress in identifying user needs, taking steps to meet those needs and evaluating the results. Previous applicants are encouraged to re-apply, and previous winners of the Award may re-apply after 3 years. The deadline for submission is **May 2, 2005**.

For more information, please contact:

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Regents Advisory Council on Libraries
Joseph F. Shubert Library Excellence Award
New York State Library
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Dollar General Literacy Foundation

FUNDS FOR ADULT AND FAMILY LITERACY

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation strives to increase the functional literacy of adults by providing grants to nonprofit organizations dedicated to the advancement of literacy within Dollar General's market area. The Foundation provides funding for adult basic education, GED preparation, English for speakers of other languages, and family literacy. Nonprofit organizations in the company's 30-state market area are eligible to apply. For a market area map, visit <http://www.dollargeneral.com/ourstores/map.aspx>. The application deadline is **April 8, 2005**. Visit the above website for more information and application guidelines.

Around the Region

NYLA Lobby Day Upper Hudson Library System March 15, 2005

General information:

Lobby Day is an interesting learning experience. You attend Lobby Day to be a presence, to add a brief story, statement or comment when you can and if you choose. We choose in advance a spokesperson for our group, so there is no expectation that you make a speech or answer a difficult question. Sometimes the only thing some of us say in these meetings is our name and where we're from.

Nevertheless, stories from local libraries are persuasive. Having one or two to share about how last year's cut affected your library or the ways in which your services are important to your citizens can be handy.

It's important that we know who is coming. To register to attend, please contact Mary Fellows at mary@uhls.lib.ny.us or 437-9880 X228. Please let Mary know which part (or all) of the day you'll attend.

For the details of the day, find directions and logistical information, including expectations for security measures, here: http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=150

For parking, we suggest you consider the Sage College of Albany parking option. That is what the UHLS staff will use. If you would like to car-pool from UHLS to that lot, please let us know.

Lobby Day Briefings, beginning at 9:00 am, will be held in the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in meeting room 6, located on the Concourse level. This is located below the Egg in downtown Albany.

NYLA Lobby Day: Schedule of Events

The following is a list of Lobby Day events scheduled for UHLS:

- 9:15 Convene**
Empire State Plaza Convention Center,
Meeting Room 6
- 9:30 Briefing by NYLA**
Empire State Plaza Convention Center
Meeting Room 6
- 10:00 Meeting with Senator Neil Breslin**
Capitol 414
- 10:30 Meeting with Assemblymember
Robert Reilly with SALS**
Legislative Office Building 523
- 11:00 Meeting with Shawn MacKinnon
(Associate Analyst, Finance Commit-
tee Staff / Majority - Budget Studies)
and
Mike Fox (of Senator Bruno's office)**
Agency Building 4, 18th floor

Lunch on our own – food vendors in the Plaza

- 1:00 Meeting with Assemblymember
Pat Casale**
Legislative Office Building 320
- 1:30 Meeting with Assemblymember
Jack McEneny**
Legislative Office Building 648
- 2:00 Meeting with Assemblymember Ron
Canestrari**
Legislative Office Building 717

For questions or to register to attend, please contact Mary Fellows at mary@uhls.lib.ny.us or 437-9880 X228. Please let Mary know which part (or all) of the day you'll attend.

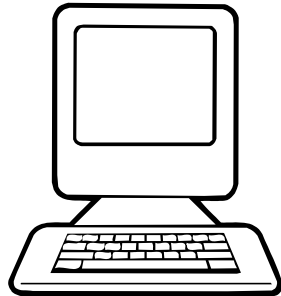
UHLS News

Automation Services

(Joseph Thornton, Manager—ext. 230)

“NEW ITEM” FEATURE NOW AVAILABLE

It is now possible for your patrons to see what new items are available in each of the libraries within the System! Just go into the web-based version of the catalog (called the Horizon Information Portal or HIP), where you will see “Welcome to the Library Catalog”. Under the tab labeled “My Account” there is a link to “New Items”. Your patron can select the library and see recent additions to the catalog!



Information and Outreach Services

(Jo-Ann Benedetti, Manager—ext. 225)

COURIER SERVICE

The first month of operation was rocky, but improvements are being made daily. Some routes have been rearranged, and some drivers have been replaced. The transition is going well, and CD&L has been very responsive to our concerns.



To minimize damage and facilitate handling of materials, Upper Hudson has ordered new plastic shipping containers which are easy to stack, which will nest when empty, and which will keep the materials covered and dry. Look for these within the next couple of weeks.

ADULT SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Adult Services Advisory Council has several visits to local libraries planned over the next few months.

On March 11, we will go to the New York State Library where librarian Shawn Purcell will give us a brief tour and discuss the local history and genealogy resources available at the Library.

Our April 14 meeting will be held at Albany Medical Center Library. After a tour of the library and their services, we will have a brief meeting in Room 503 of the Library.

The New York State Small Business Development Center Research Network will host us on May 26. This is a special library which provides small business research to residents of New York State.

COORDINATED OUTREACH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Upper Hudson would like to welcome 3 new members to the Coordinated Outreach Advisory Council. They are **Barbara Wyman**, Executive Director of Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County; **Deirdre Greco**, Executive Director of the Samaritan-Rensselaer Children’s Center; and **Rose Golden**, GoldenLane Associates. The next meeting of the Advisory Council will be March 9, at which time mini-grant applications will be evaluated and funding awarded.

I think the health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries.

--Carl Sagan

Youth and Family Services

Mary Fellows, Manager— ext 228

RIVERWAY STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

What has 30 storytellers and 23 great storytelling events?

The third annual Riverway Storytelling Festival – seven days of storytelling for all ages!

The festival takes place at locations in Albany and Rensselaer Counties. Twenty-three separate events are planned, including twelve concerts, workshops for librarians, educators and storytelling aficionados, student performances and school performances.

Riverway Storytelling Festival kicks off on Monday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. with four evenings of free family storytelling programs at eight public libraries around Albany and Rensselaer Counties.

One hundred twenty area third-graders will travel to the New York State Museum on Thursday, April 7, to enjoy storytelling throughout the Museum. On Friday, April 8, librarians, educators and other interested adults learn about storytelling in two workshops at Upper Hudson Library System in Albany.



Friday evening festivities, held at Guilderland Public Library, begin at 7:00 p.m. with “Things That Go Bump in the Night: A Ghost Story Concert for Families” with tales told by three storytellers. At 8:30 p.m., the lights are turned down for “Tales to Keep You Up All Night: A Ghost Story Concert.” The stories, told by the four tellers are intended for ages 12 and up.

The festival kicks into high gear on Saturday, with various events during the day and a performance in the evening. The site for Saturday morning and afternoon events is Albany Public Library. Two concurrent workshops are offered in

the morning. Later, student tellers from Maple Hill Middle School in Schodack as well as six regional tellers will perform. In the afternoon, there is a family storytelling concert and two additional concurrent workshops. The afternoon activities end with story swaps, where anyone can tell a story.

“Laughin’ Night: Stories that Make You Giggle and Grin,” a storytelling concert for families, held at St. Joseph’s Hall, College of St. Rose in Albany, begins at 7:00 p.m. and features nationally renowned storytellers Derek Burrows and Susan Klein.

A storytelling concert for adults concludes the festival on Sunday afternoon. The performance, held at the William K. Sanford Town Library in Colonie, begins at 3:30 p.m. and features Susan Klein.

Over thirty storytellers are performing at the festival. Festival sponsors include Upper Hudson Library System, the Times Union, Albany Public Library, Friends of the Albany Public Library, Stewart’s Shops, a grant from Fleet National Bank as Trustee for the Frederick McDonald Trust, a grant from the Slingerland Family Foundation, Honest Weight Food Co-op, Want Ad Digest, Friends of East Greenbush Community Library, and Friends of the Guilderland Library.

See <http://www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org> for complete information. Reservations for individual events may be made by calling 518-732-4212. A limited number of tickets for each event are available at the door.

Member Library News

Albany Public Library—Main

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

It is Women's History Month and Albany Public Library has a number of events scheduled for each Tuesday in March:

Tuesday, March 1, 12:15 p.m.

Social Security and Today's Women

Presenter: **Cheryl J. Adamec**, Public Affairs Specialist for the Social Security Administration.

Tuesday, March 8, 12:15 p.m.

The First Strike by Women

Presenter: **Athena V. Lord**, Author

Tuesday, March 15, 12:15 p.m.

Book Review: ***Blink: the Power of Thinking Without Thinking*** by Malcolm Gladwell

Reviewer: **Joann Crupi**, Editor of the Albany Times Union Opinion Pages

Tuesday, March 22, 12:15 p.m.

Catherine Van Rensselaer-Schuyler and Her Daughters

Presenter: **Darlene Rogers**, Education Curator for the Schuyler Mansion

Tuesday, March 29, 12:15 p.m.

The Suffragist Movement In Albany

Speaker: **Virginia Bowers**, City of Albany Historian

APL Co-sponsors Regional Spelling Bee!

The Albany Public Library is joining with the Times Union and Capital Region BOCES to sponsor the 25th Annual Capital Region Spelling Bee. On Monday, March 14, approximately 100 Capital Region students from grades 4 through 8 will come together to test their spelling skills against each other. The Spelling Bee is being held at the Empire Center At the Egg at 6:30 p.m. on March 14. Admission is free. We invite you to come and cheer on these outstanding young people. For more information contact the Capital Region BOCES at 456-9215.

ALBANY INDEPENDENT FILM FORUM

Viva Laldjerie Directed by Nadir Mokneche. A story of three women struggling in modern day Algiers. Thursday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.

Long Night's Journey Into Day Directed by Frances Reid and Deborah Hoffman. The new government of South Africa set up the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to consider amnesty pleas for those who committed crimes under the apartheid regime. There will be a panel discussion on the process of restorative justice in Albany County after the film. Thursday, March 24, 6:30 p.m.

Albany Public Library—Pine Hills

CONNECTING WITH AMERICA: Discussion group for recent immigrants

Discuss life in America and further your understanding of American Culture.

Fridays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25, 4:30 p.m.

PINE HILLS TEEN CORNER: IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME

The Pine Hills Branch Library is pleased to announce the completion of the bigger and better 'Teen Corner' section of the library. Now teens have a place of their own for browsing, reading, studying, and thinking. The section has been enlarged to create room for a table and chairs. The walls have been updated with two attractive slat-walls with face-out books displays, to make browsing easier.

Recently, more teens have been coming into the Pine Hills Branch requesting books, and programming specific to teens. Ninth grader, Nan Shan said of the section, "Now there are lots of new books like graphic novels and other things I like to read." The Teen Corner was created with these teens in mind. A book discussion group for junior and senior high school students will start up in March. Teens interested in joining the group should contact Christina, Youth Services Librarian at Pine Hills, at 482-7911 or stop in to check out the new 'Teen Corner.'

Altamont Free Library

Library Director Opening

Director needed 35 hours/week for a small but dynamic community library. This brings with it the opportunity to participate in the design of a new space. A supportive community of more than 1,700, and active Friends group, five assistants and an involved Board make this an energetic library.

A Master's Degree in Library Science is preferred but not required. Salary in the low 30's. Send a cover letter, resume and three references by **March 25, 2005** to:

Altamont Library Search Committee
P.O. Box 662
Altamont, NY 12209

Berne Free Town Library

I LOVE LEGOS

Build a Lego Project to be displayed in the Library window. This event will be held in the Community Room of the Library, Saturday, March 19, from 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

READINGS FROM THE TIBETAN BOOK OF LIVING AND DYING

Join our neighbors from the *Center for Wisdom and Compassion* as they read passages from this international bestseller. Wednesday, March 23, from 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Public Library

A LITTLE SUNDAY MUSIC

On Sunday March 6, at 2 p.m., harpist **Elizabeth Meriwether Huntley** will demonstrate her instrument's range and versatility with selections ranging from Baroque to Broadway. The concert is sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.



DOUBLEHEADER: TWO PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Sunday April 3, at 2 p.m.

The Poetry of Baseball

Two area poets will read original poems and poems by others devoted to our national pastime. Tim Wiles is director of research at the National Baseball Hall of Fame Library in Cooperstown. Louise Grieco is Bethlehem Public Library's Public Information Specialist.

Sunday April 10, at 2 p.m.

Where Have You Gone, Joe DiMaggio...

Humanities lecturer William Simons will examine and compare three legendary baseball players: the great DeMaggio, Jackie Robinson, and Hank Greenberg as emblems of America's racial and ethnic history. The program is sponsored in part by the New York Council for the Humanities, with funds it has received from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Call 439-9314 to register for these programs.

NURTURING YOUR NEWBORN

Massage therapist **Linda Morrison** will introduce the basics and history of baby massage. *The First Years*, a half-hour video, will also be shown. Join us Thursday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. Pre-registration is requested at 439-9314.

SLAM

A poetry open-mike night for middle- and high school students on Friday April 22, at 7:00 p.m. Perform your own poems or read favorites written by others. Impress your friends or cheer them on. Refreshments will be served in a coffeehouse setting. Call 439-9314 to register.

PERSONNEL

In December Bethlehem Public Library welcomed part-time librarian **Karen Grimwood** to the Youth Services staff. Karen is a Delmar native who substitutes as teacher and librarian in the Bethlehem Central School District's elemen-

tary schools. She has also worked at SUNYA's Department of Special Collections in the Historical Children's Literature Collection. Karen replaces Christine Demetros, who took a full-time job at Syracuse Law Library.

FRIENDS NEWS

Friends of Bethlehem Public Library are sponsoring an **essay contest** for all high school students in the Bethlehem Central School District. The theme is "Intellectual Freedom and the Library." Deadline for entries is **March 31, 2005**. Entry packets are available from high school teachers and also on the Friends page of the library website, <http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org>. For more information, call Friends president David Cooper at 439-4250, or e-mail the Friends at friends_essay_competition@yahoo.com.

Guilderland Public Library

COMMUNITY LITERARY GARDEN

The Guilderland Public Library and the Guilderland Library Foundation are pleased to announce the receipt of a grant from **Assemblyman Jack McEneny** for \$50,000 toward the design and construction of a Community Literary Garden at the Library.

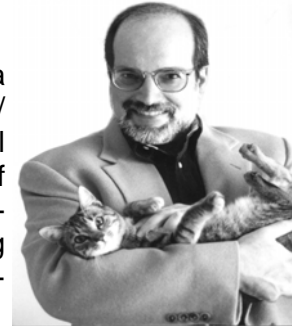
The new Community Literary Garden will be located in the courtyard area at the rear of the existing library and will be accessible for public use through an entrance adjacent to the Children's Storyhour Room. Included in the design is green-space for outdoor reading and an amphitheater for programming. The design also includes the incorporation of all of the mature shade trees currently found in the area.

The Foundation will be soliciting additional contributions from business and individuals in the community to complete the project with the purchase of those items, such as furniture and additional shrubbery, which can not be included in the construction.

MEET THE AUTHOR

Award-winning Young Adult author and video-game designer **David Lubar** will give an author talk and sign copies of his books at the Guilderland Library on March 19, at 2 p.m. This event will be sign language interpreted. For further details visit the library's website at: <http://www.guilderlandpublic.info/teengrant.html#lubar>.

This author talk is part of a Guilderland Public Library/Guilderland Central School collaborative program of teen and parent book discussion sessions, Reading Connections @ the Guilderland Public Library.



HEALTHY INFO ON THE 'NET

Looking for health information on the Internet can be difficult and confusing. How do you know whether the source you found is reliable? Is the information there accurate and up-to-date? Often, just the sheer amount of information you'll find on the Internet can be overwhelming. Come to one of two programs scheduled this spring to learn strategies on searching for health information. The programs will be moderated by **Chris Szczerba**, Head Librarian at Seton Health System Library in Troy, together with Reference Librarians from Guilderland Public Library. Dates are Wednesday, March 23, 6-7:30 p.m.; and Monday, April 25, 6-7:30 p.m. Call Guilderland Public Library Adult Reference at 456-2400 ext. 7 to register.

MORE THAN FISH TALES!

Join **Patrick Sisti**, local author and Adirondack Guide, at the Guilderland Public Library for an evening of readings, stories and visions of the Adirondacks. Two of his short stories were published in ***Chicken Soup for the Fisherman's Soul***. Come listen and start thinking about spring in New York on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Stephentown Memorial Library**PERSONNEL NEWS**

The search continues for a Library Director to replace Barbara Kubli who resigned in December. In the interim, Laurene Teachout has been appointed Acting Director. Also on staff are Library Assistants Erica Bingham and Ruth Caughtry.

Nancy Petersen, Board of Trustees President, heads the Search Committee. Anyone interested in applying for either the Library Director's position or the Library Assistant opening, e-mail Nancy Petersen: npetersen38@aol.com.

Voorheesville Public Library**LIFELINES**

March 7, and April 4, at 7:00 p.m.

Writers' support group meets on the first Monday of each month. All are welcome. Bring a short prose piece to read aloud. No signup necessary. For information, call Cathy Anderson at 861-8067.

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY NIGHT POETS

March 10, and 24, at 7:00 p.m.

Poetry support group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Bring a poem to share. No signup necessary

COLLEGE PLANNING

This program for high school juniors with Sally Ten Eyck will be held on March 15, at 7:00 p.m.

7TH ANNUAL HARBINGER OF SPRING CLASSICAL CONCERT

This year's concert will feature The Tri-City Brass from Baroque to Beatles on Sunday, April 3, at 2:00 p.m. This will be preceded by **The Friends of the Voorheesville Library Annual Meeting and Quilt Raffle at 1:30 p.m.** All are welcome.

POETRY PERFORMANCE DAY

Celebrate National Poetry month with a day devoted to reading favorite, classic and original poems. Bring a favorite poem and share it with the audience, or read a poem that you have written. Bring your friends and family to hear you perform. April 16, noon – 4:00 p.m.

BOSTON BUS TRIP April 23

Join us in Boston! The bus leaves Voorheesville Elementary School at 7:00 a.m.; drop-off at the Boston Aquarium. Shop Quincy Market, walk the Freedom Trail, wander the great art museums. Cost: \$25 for FOL members, others \$30. Paid reservations taken at the VPL circulation desk. Sponsored by the Friends of the Voorheesville Library.

WORTH NOTING

VPL's Youth Services librarian Joyce Laiosa will be studying 19th century ABC books at the University of Florida for the month of March. Laiosa was the recipient of a Louise Seaman Bechtel Fellowship.

Calendar of Events

March

- 1 Outreach Mini-Grant Applications due at UHLS
- 3 Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. at Saratoga Springs Public Library
- 4 Directors Association 9:00 a.m. at UHLS
- 7 Administration Committee 4:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 9 Coordinated Outreach Advisory Council 9:00 a.m. —12:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 9 Finance Committee 4:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 9 Board of Trustees 4:30 p.m. at UHLS
- 10 Adult Services Advisory Council—Trip to NY State Library 9:00 a.m.
- 14 PULISDO 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 15 Library Lobby Day**
- 22 Automated Services Committee 9:00 a.m. at UHLS

April

- 1 Directors Association 9:00 a.m. at UHLS
- 8 Riverway Storytelling Workshops 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
- 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
- 14 Adult Services Advisory Council—Trip to Albany Medical Center Library
- 15 Youth Services Advisory Council at UHLS; 9:00 – 10:00 Book Review; 10:00 – 12:00 Meeting; 12:00 – 1:00 Book Review
- 15 Deadline for May/June Latest Edition**
- 26 Automated Services Committee 9:00 a.m. at UHLS

May

- 6 Directors Association 9:00 a.m. at UHLS
- 9 Administration Committee 4:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 11 Services Committee 3:30 p.m. at UHLS
- 11 Finance Committee 4:00 p.m. at UHLS
- 11 Board of Trustees 4:30 p.m. at UHLS
- 19 Adult Services Advisory Council—Trip to NYS Small Business Development Center
- 20 Youth Services Advisory Council at UHLS; 9:00 – 10:00 Small Library Concerns; 10:00 – 12:00 Meeting; 12:00 – 1:00 Large Library concerns
- 24 Automated Services Committee 9:00 a.m. at UHLS
- 30 UHLS Closed for Memorial Day**

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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: Nothing sickens me more than the closed door of a library. - Barbara Tuchman

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