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Cablevision Channel 17 Now on the Air

After months of planning and training, the Colonie governmental station became a reality in mid-October. Residents are able to tune into Time Warner Cablevision channel 17 for information about Colonie's issues and events as well as educational programs from the Library.

Speaking about the new station Town of Colonie Supervisor Mary Brizzell said, "On behalf of the Town Board, I am pleased to announce that the Town of Colonie is now able to more proudly provide information on town programs, services and issues and events relating to our great town. The new channel will really be beneficial to the community as it will allow residents to see what is happening within their local government. The more information residents have the better off we all are."

The new studio is based at the Town Library, where staff has been trained to run the studio and manage the station. While still in the early stages of development, a number of programs have already been taped: the noon book review programs at the library; a weekly "Getting to Know You" interview show hosted by Library Director Robert Jaquay; a business/finance show with Assistant Director Richard Naylor; and, a local author/literature series with Gillian Leonard and Joe Nash.

Immediate programming will also include information on the Town of Colonie's solid waste and environmental management programs, shows on Colonie's EMS, the police department, and senior citizens, as well as children's story times at the library.

In addition to programming, a bulletin board of Town events, public announcements, and meetings will be run on the station, which will be available to all residents with Time Warner cable service on channel 17. The bulletin board will also include a programming schedule.

Funds for the establishment of the studio production equipment, renovations to the library and cabling to the Time Warner system have been provided pursuant to a contract between the Town of Colonie and Time Warner and funded by Cable Vision fees. The Town of Colonie is in the final stages of negotiating a renewal of the 10 year cable franchise with Time Warner.



Around the State

Small Business Energy Audit Program

Did you know that you may be eligible for a free energy audit for your facility? Audits help identify economically viable improvements that yield substantial annual energy savings.

Libraries complete a form requesting an energy audit for those libraries whose utility costs are UNDER \$75,000 per year. About ten days after the form is submitted, an energy engineer will call to set up an appointment. There is a charge for the audit from \$100-\$400 based on utility bills. However, the fee will be refunded as long as just ONE of the energy saving recommendations are undertaken.

In addition, this program promotes individual customer energy efficiency, provide technical justification to help customers obtain reduced interest rates through New York Energy Smart Loans and helps with the application process for NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority) programs.

For additional information, go to <http://www.nyserda.org/programs/energyaudit.asp>



Grantsmanship Training

The Grantsmanship Center's signature Grantsmanship Training Program is coming to Troy, New York, November 6-10, 2006. The program will be hosted by the Commission on Economic Opportunity for the Greater Capitol Region.

The Grantsmanship Training Program covers all aspects of researching grants, writing grant proposals and negotiating with funding sources. More than 100,000 nonprofit and government personnel have attended this comprehensive 5-day workshop, which now includes a full year of valuable membership services.

During the workshop, participants learn The Grantsmanship Center's proposal writing format, the most widely used in the world. In addition to practicing the most advanced techniques for pursuing government, foundation, and corporate grants, they develop real grant proposals for their own agencies.

Upon completion of the training, participants receive free follow-up, including professional proposal review, access to The Grantsmanship Center's exclusive online funding databases, and an array of other benefits.

Tuition for the Grantsmanship Training Program is \$825 (\$775 for each additional registrant from the same organization).

To ensure personalized attention, class size is limited to 30 participants. To register online, to learn about scholarship opportunities for qualifying organizations, or for more information, visit <http://www.tgci.com/training/tprogram.asp> or call The Grantsmanship Center's Registrar at (800) 421-9512.





METHODS NOT MADNESS: Evaluating Collections

Sponsored by Capital District Library Council
Coordinated Collection Development Committee

Wednesday, November 29, 2006 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Don't let collection management drive you mad. Join us for a workshop (lunch included!) on evaluating collections -- large and small, print and electronic -- in the Stedman Room at the Colonie (William K. Sanford) Town Library in Loudonville, NY. Topics covered will include:

- collection evaluation projects
- utilizing circulation and interlibrary loan statistics
- assessing library collections for deaccessioning
- using data to evaluate electronic collections

Speakers

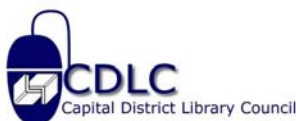
Elaine Baker, Assistant Director, Southern Adirondack Library System

Gregg R.J. Kiehl, Circulation/ILL Librarian, Van Wagenen Library, SUNY Cobleskill

Ethel LaPier, Head of Branch Services, Albany Public Library

Andrew White, Associate Director, Health Sciences Library, Stony Brook University

Cost: \$15.00 per person includes lunch and coffee break
For directions, visit <http://www.colonie.org/library/welcome.html>



METHODS NOT MADNESS PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

To register, complete this form and send it to the address below, along with your check for \$15.00 per person, made out to "Capital District Library Council."

NAME: _____
LIBRARY: _____
PHONE/EMAIL: _____

Registration deadline is **November 17, 2006**.

Return this form to: Sue Rahn, CDLC, 28 Essex Street, Albany, NY 12206

2007 Budget Priorities

NYLA is proposing a \$25 million increase in state aid formulas (Chapter 917) as the best way to ensure that all types of communities, libraries and library systems in New York State receive adequate funding to meet increased demands on their services. A \$25 million increase will provide:

- **20% increase for public library systems and reference and resources councils and a 50% increase in funding for school library systems.**

New York's network of library systems enables academic, public, school and special libraries to work together, sharing books, staff, programs & services – reducing costs for all.

School library systems need a larger percentage increase as they are in crisis – unable to provide mandated services to the more than 4,500 schools that they serve.

- **67% increase in funding for public libraries across New York**

This increase would raise per capita aid from 31 cents to 52 cents and raise the minimum amount a library receives to \$2,500.

Over nine million New Yorkers are registered library users; 106 million people a year visit their public library.

Public libraries answer 27 million reference questions per year.

Public libraries serve immigrants and entrepreneurs, professionals and the unemployed, home schoolers and grad students, babies and centenarians – and all in between.

- **100% increase in coordinated collection development aid for academic libraries**

Academic libraries don't just serve their students and faculty – they help their communities.

Each year, these libraries loan tens of thousands of books to New Yorkers. But as the cost of materials has increased, academic libraries have fewer materials to share.

In addition, we are seeking the following:

- **\$5 million annually to expand NOVEL (New York Online Virtual Electronic Library)**

NOVEL gives all New Yorkers full access to thousands of national and international newspapers and magazines, basic research databases and valuable business and investment information at no cost through more than 4,000 participating libraries. This successful program needs to be expanded to include all libraries and more databases.

- **\$14 million in continued funding for public library construction**

State funding is still needed to help libraries meet the need for ADA compliant facilities, energy efficient improvements, technology upgrades and demand for more space to accommodate patron needs ranging from meeting space, to cultural performance venues and tutoring rooms.

- **Increase in Library Materials Aid from \$6 to \$15 per pupil for school libraries**

Library Materials Aid has not been increased since 1998, while the average cost of a library book has risen 30% to \$21.60. The Campaign For Fiscal Equity court decision urged funding for up-to-date school libraries as one important means of achieving equitable access to a basic education for students in low-income communities.



Grants

Travel Grants for ALA Annual Conference

Want to attend ALA's Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. in June 2007, but need some help getting there? John Chrastka, Manager for Membership Development at the American Library Association has aggregated all the ALA grants and awards for travel to the 2007 Annual Conference at http://blogs.ala.org/memberblog.php?title=travel_awards_for_annual_2007.

Thousands of dollars in travel awards are available to ALA members (and interested professionals) through the generosity of vendors and other benefactors. Generally, the deadline for applying for these awards is **December 1, 2006**. While it seems early, acting now can mean a free ticket, registration and even a per-diem.

NEH Implementation Grants for Special Projects

Special Project grants support a variety of public humanities program formats, including public discussion forums, hands-on learning experiences, discussion series based on reading or film-viewing, multi-faceted conferences, or symposia. Small exhibitions or interpretive publications might serve as common texts for such programs. Living history or historical impersonations might also be appropriate if they are deeply grounded in scholarship. Applicants for an implementation grant should have already identified their project's key humanities themes, relevant scholarship, and program formats. Most of the planning and consultation with scholars and programming advisors should already have taken place.

For more information visit the NEH site at <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/implement-special.html>. Deadline for these grants is **January 23, 2007**.



Myhometownhelper.com Grants

General Mills Sales, Inc. and Hamburger Helper are offering grants of up to \$15,000 each month from September 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007. All requests for funding must be sponsored by a municipal or civic organization such as a public library or school.

When evaluating requests, the review committee will favor organizations that meet the following criteria:

- ⇒ Demonstrate a need in a community;
- ⇒ Illustrate a helpful, creative or innovative concept that meets this need;
- ⇒ Clearly identify change/s that can be made as a result of receiving the award.

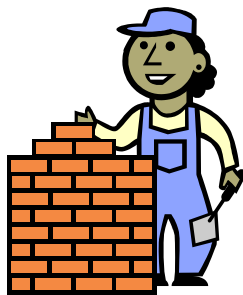
The online application consists of a 250 word description of the grant project. Applicants can request a one time award for a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$15,000 during any single month. One example grant project on their website is for computers for a library or school. To apply, visit <http://myhometownhelper.com>. Application deadline is the last day of each month, through May 31, 2007.

Target Store Grants

Applications for Target Store Grants are available either at your local Target store or online. The grants, of up to \$3,000, focus on arts, family violence prevention and reading. Reading grants are awarded to schools, libraries and nonprofit organizations, supporting programs such as weekend book clubs, after-school reading programs and events encouraging family reading time. Applications will be accepted March 1- May 31, 2007

Construction Grants—Reminder

Applications for the Public Library Construction Grant Program are due at the System by **November 15, 2006**. This gives UHLS time to review the grants and have them approved by the Board of Trustees at their December meeting. For additional information about eligibility and application instructions, please go to <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/construction/grnt800k.htm> or contact Phil Ritter, UHLS Executive Director, at 518-437-9880 ext. 222.



Rummage "Sale"

Come join us for a "Get Ready for the New Year" Rummage "Sale" of office supplies, equipment and books for your library. The "Sale" will be held from Tuesday, December 5th through Friday, December 8th anytime between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM at UHLS.

You can cart away FREE items such as easels, whiteboards, desk pads, letter trays, rolodex boxes, binders, and a variety of desk and file organizers. We will also have large print, adult fiction and juvenile books available.

To make your "shopping" experience more enjoyable, on kickoff day, December 5th, UHLS will offer cider and doughnuts to the "shoppers."

If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Fuge at 518-437-9880 ext 221.



Adult Services

Jo-Ann Benedetti, Manager— ext 225

Outreach Mini-Grants 2007

It's that time of year again! The Outreach Mini-Grants application for 2007 will be put on the UHLS Intranet and sent to library directors on December 1, 2006.

The UHLS Coordinated Outreach Services Advisory Council makes Coordinated Outreach Grant funds available to help member libraries provide services to one or more of the targeted outreach populations in Albany and Rensselaer Counties.

Outreach target populations are defined by Education Law Section 273 (1)(h), as persons who are educationally disadvantaged; members of ethnic or minority groups in need of special library services; unemployed and in need of job placement assistance; living in areas underserved by a library, blind, physically handicapped, aged, or confined in institutions. Institutions are defined as correctional facilities, hospitals, youth facilities, nursing homes, developmental centers, psychiatric centers, and extended care centers.

The total amount of funds available is \$10,500. Grants will be funded up to \$1,250 per grant application. UHLS will accept only one grant per library. **Application deadline is January 5, 2007.**

For additional information about the mini-grant application process, please contact Jo-Ann Benedetti at 518-437-9880 ext. 225.

2006 Mini-Grant final Reports due!

Final reports for the 2006 mini-grants are due **December 15, 2006**. This year, final reports must be submitted electronically, so that they can be sent to the Coordinated Outreach Advisory Council in a timely manner.

The 2006 final report form will be posted on the UHLS Intranet on November 15. Please contact Jo-Ann Benedetti at 518-437-9880 ext. 225 for additional information.

Youth Services

Mary Fellows, Manager— ext 228

Summer Reading Results

Summer Reading Program statistics are in from the libraries. Overall, registrations went up slightly this year, while program attendance went down. There were slightly fewer programs offered for kids and teens this summer – perhaps a reflection of a few staff vacancies during key weeks – that likely reflects the small attendance drop.

This was the last year of the New York-only Summer Reading Program. Our state has joined the Collaborative Summer Library Program, a cooperative of 30+ states that have joined together to develop a common theme and materials. There will be many positive results of this decision for our libraries. One impact will be many more incentive prizes available to libraries at competitive prices. Another positive impact will be receiving the materials earlier to get promotion underway. We're looking forward to our first year of being part of the CSLP.

UHLS concluded its partnership with Liberty Ridge Farm Maze and Capital News 9 by jointly developing a PSA about the program. The PSA will air periodically this fall on channel 9, highlighting the summer reading kids did via their UHLS library's summer programs. Kids who completed the SRP in their library received a free pass to the farm maze. We're very pleased to have had this partnership, especially since Capital News 9 asked us to be the beneficiaries of their connection with Liberty Ridge. Partnerships pay off!

Kids Cooking Show and Cookbook

The Time Warner Cable experts are busy editing our seven shows in the midst of election debate responsibilities. The shows will begin airing in January, with promotional spots during holiday vacation week in December. We are all eager to see the finished products! To see pictures, check out the UHLS website at www.uhls.org and click on the Kids Cookin' link.

Twenty UHLS libraries will participate in the cookbook, soon to be published, that is divided not by breads and soups but according to library. Each library will have its own section, complete with photo and unusual facts about the library. The result will be a browseable, mouth-watering snapshot of UHLS.

(Hip) Hop on Pop: A Teen Services Workshop

New Jersey teen services expert Kimberly Paone joins us for a three-system workshop in Saratoga Springs on December 6 from 9:00 – 4:00. Teen culture, programming, materials, and marketing are the topics for the day. The workshop is free, and lunch is on your own. Come get in the groove of services to teens! For more information or to register, contact Mary Fellows at mary@uhls.lib.ny.us.



A Year on the Caldecott Committee: Months 9 & 10

(Number four in a series describing the experience of serving on the award committee for the Caldecott Medal, the highest honor possible for picture book illustrators)



In mid-October, I am coming home every night to new books. The mail carrier left a whole bin full of books packages by my door last week. Someone had written an incredulous note on the stack of packages: "All for 252 Woodscape!"

Last week we sent our first set of nominations to our committee chair. Each committee member had to nominate three different books. While we have been sending in suggestions monthly, nominations require justification. This is when the 4 x 6 cards, one for each notable book and full of jottings, come in handy.

Several of my committee compatriots are a: highly skilled book reviewers, and b: retired. They set the standard for excellence in their nominations. I work long and hard to be thorough and articulate in my analysis. I also submit mine early on the deadline day so that I'm not intimidated by anyone else's nomination of the same books! An email from a kindred spirit on the committee reassures me that others also have "nomination anxiety."

As I read through all the nominations this weekend, I will be looking with new eyes at books I had perhaps passed over. Second, third and fourth readings often present new details and delights. Sometimes, another reading brings to light problems previously unremarked. All will be jotted down on the ubiquitous cards, to be considered in the final analysis at the committee meetings in January.

For your enjoyment and evaluation, here are more of my personal favorites from the past months:

The Boy Who Cried Wolf. Hennessy; B.G.; ill. by Kulikov

The Boy Who Loved Words, Schotter, Roni; ill. by Giselle Potter.

Crossing Bok Chitto. Tingle, Tim; ill. by Jeanne Rorex Bridges.

Curious Demise of a Contrary Cat. Berry, Lynne.

Flotsam. Wiesner, David.

Mr. and Mrs. God in the Creation Kitchen. Wood, Nancy; ill. by Timothy Basil Ering.

The Secret-Keeper. Coombs, Kate.

Selvakumar Knew Better. Virginia Kroll; ill. by Xiaojun Li.

Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building. Hopkinson, Deborah; ill. By James E. Ransome.

The Terrible Hodag and the Animal Catchers. Arnold, Catherine

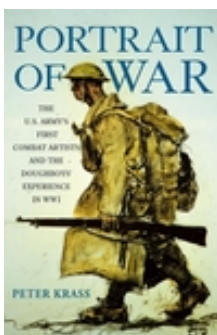
Tiger of the Snows. Burleigh, Robert; ill. By Ed Young

Yellow Elephant: A Bright Bestiary. Poems by Julie Larios; ill. by Julie Paschkis.

Happy reading!


Member Library News
Albany Public Library—Main
The Friends of APL Honor Author Peter Krass

Join the Friends of Albany Public Library as they honor Peter Krass as Author of the Year, 2006. His new book, *PORTRAIT OF WAR: The U.S. Army's First Combat Artists and the Doughboys' Experience in WW I*, tells the gripping story of eight U.S. soldiers who witnessed more of the American fighting experience during World War I than any other U.S. participant, military or civilian. They were the first combat artists recruited by the army, with the purpose of making a historical record of war. Relying on their letters, diaries, interviews, and, of course, their artwork, Krass gives the reader a richly textured recounting of the soldier's experience. What emerges is a fresh and unique perspective on World War I.



Krass has published nine previous books, including *Carnegie*, a biography of the ruthless tycoon and pioneering philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. *Carnegie* was cited by Barron's as the "definitive" Andrew Carnegie biography. In April of 2003, The Friends of APL brought Krass to APL for a presentation on Carnegie during National Library Week.

Peter Krass is a graduate of Lafayette College (BA Economics) and Seton Hall University (MA English Literature). He lives with his family in Hanover, New Hampshire.

Peter Krass will speak after the Annual Book and Author Luncheon on Saturday, November 4, in the large auditorium of the Main Library, 161 Washington Avenue. There will be a light lunch at 12:00 PM followed by his talk and book signing at 1:00 PM. The lecture is free and open to the public. If you wish to attend the luncheon, send a check for \$15 to: Friends of Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave. Albany NY 12210. For more information call the Friends at 427-4333 or e-mail: friendsofapl@yahoo.com.

Meet the Filmmaker

On Tuesday, November 7, at 12:15 PM in the Main Library, there will be a screening of the film *From Albany to Saigon: Vietnam and the Capital Region*.

Filmmaker Steven Liebo, Ph. D., Professor of International History and Politics, Russell Sage College, will answer questions after the screening.

Medicare Q & A

An informational and question and answer presentation and individual counseling sessions are available this month at the Main Library, sponsored by the Albany County Department for Aging's Health Insurance Counseling (HIICAP) specialists. Learn about your options, how EPIC works with Medicare Part D, extra help in paying for prescription drug costs, and tips for dealing with the coverage gap. Also, hear about new preventive care benefits that will be available through Medicare for 2007.

There will be a general presentation on Wednesday, November 8, from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. No registration is necessary to attend this talk.

One-on-one, thirty-minute counseling sessions are available by appointment on Wednesday, November 8, between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM, or Thursday, November 30, between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM.

To schedule an appointment for individual counseling or for more information, please call the Main Library Reference Department at 427-4303.

African-American Storyteller at APL

On Tuesday, November 7 at 3:00 PM at APL's Main Location, Griot storyteller Vanessa Johnson will give an all-ages performance entitled "Drum Talk", featuring tales from around the world. Vanessa integrates music, African instruments, drums and audience participation in her unique style of storytelling. She will provide drums and other instruments to the audience, and attendees are encouraged to bring their own percussion instruments.



Vanessa Johnson is a seasoned storyteller, oral historian, writer and actress. She uses her talent for telling stories to keep the voices and stories of the past alive in the present. Her repertoire includes oral histories from the African-American communities, traditional tales from Africa and the African Diaspora, and tales from the Underground Railroad. She is the author of the non-fiction book, *When Death Comes a Knockin'*, an informative look inside the grief process. Some of her work can be found on the Timbooktu website, which features African-American stories poetry and essays: <http://www.timbooktu.com/>. Jenny Murphy, Head of Youth Services at the Main Library said, "We're excited to present this unique performer. This event is an example of APL's commitment to serving our community in creative and diverse ways."

To register to attend, or for more information call the Main Library's Children's Room at 427-4310.

By The Book: Genre and Gender A Readers' Advisory Conference

On November 13 and 14, Albany Public Library will be hosting its third annual continuing education opportunity for library professionals, library school students, and library support staff. *By the Book: Genre and Gender - A Readers' Advisory Conference* will include presentations by well-known readers' advisory experts Kaitie Mediatore Stover from the Kansas City Public Library and David Wright from the Seattle Public Library. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in breakout sessions during the conference, choosing from: Bombs, Bullets, and Beyond: What Men Read; After Booktalking: an alternative programming roundtable; See Jane Read: An Overview of Chick Lit; and tours of APL's award-winning Cybermobile. On Monday evening, November 13th, guests will attend an exclusive Book Tasting program, APL's newest, most popular readers' advisory program for adults. They will enjoy an eclectic mix of food and fiction as they sample treats from a local restaurant and chat about David Kamp's *The United States of Arugula*.

Amy Maurer McLaughlin, Head of the Readers' Services Department said, "Our annual Readers Advisory Conference is an opportunity for staff to develop and refine professional skills that will benefit our customers. We continually strive to find new ways to connect customers with suggestions that they will enjoy reading, listening to or viewing. Hosting the Conference is opportunity for us to be proactive in our professional development and to share our experience with other library professionals and library school students."

Albany Public Library is pleased to host this annual event, with flexible and affordable registration options that allow librarians, library school students, and paraprofessional staff of all levels to take away valuable real-world advice.

To attend the conference, registration must be received by **Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006**. For more information contact Amy Maurer McLaughlin at mclaughlina@uhls.lib.ny.us or 518-427-4349.

Lecture

Please join us for a lunchtime lecture on *Lessons of the November Elections* presented by Helen Desfosses, Ph.D., Rockefeller School of Public Administration, and Past President of the Albany Common Council. Tuesday, November 14 at 12:15 PM. Free to the public.

Book Reviews

The Shia Revival: How Conflicts Within Islam Will Shape the Future by Vali Nasr will be reviewed by Karl Barbir, Professor of Middle East History, Siena College on Tuesday, November 21 at 12:15 PM.

In Search of Memory: The Emergence of a New Science of Mind by Eric R. Kandel, M.D. and Noble Laureate will be reviewed by Earl Zimmerman M.D., Bender Professor of Neurology and Director of the Alzheimer's Center, Albany Medical College, on Tuesday, November 28 at 12:15 PM.

Altamont Free Library

Library Lights

The Library is continuing its tradition of lighting up Orsini Park with memorial lights. Lights are lit in honor or in memory of loved ones. A donation of \$2.50 per light is requested. Those wishing that an honoree receive a postcard can arrange for one to be sent. The names of those honored are read with the lighting of the lights on December 26th and subsequently published in the Altamont Enterprise.

Victorian Holidays



The Library will participate in the Village of Altamont's Victorian Holidays celebration. Festivities at the Altamont Train Station, future home of the Altamont Free Library, will include a storyteller, a Lionel train set around a Christmas tree and a visit from a cer-

tain staple of Christmas festivities. December 3rd. Call the Library at 518-861-7239 for more information.

Bethlehem Public Library

Winter Concert Series

Bethlehem Public Library announces its annual winter concert series, A Little Sunday Music, sponsored by the Library Friends. All concerts are on Sundays at 2:00 PM.

- ♫ November 5--Eribeth Chamber Players: A Victorian Salon--music for piano trio
- ♫ December 3--Duncan Cumming, pianist: sonatas by Mozart and Brahms
- ♫ February 4--Musicians of Ma'alwyck: music for violin, cello and guitar
- ♫ March 4--David Gibson, cello and composer Mary Jane Leach: Bach cello suites 1 and 6 and a new work by Leach.



American Education Week Lecture

Hudson Valley artist Len Tantillo will present *Passage to the Frontier: painting life on the Hudson River in the 17th century* at Bethlehem Public Library's annual American Education Week lecture on Sunday, November 19 at 2:00 PM. Tantillo's paintings illustrate an extraordinary era in New York State history when the ambitions of Colonial Europeans came up against native people in an unspoiled natural environment.

Tantillo's work has appeared in books, periodicals, and television documentaries in the United States and abroad. His paintings have been exhibited in numerous galleries across the country.

Friends of the Library will host a dessert reception following the talk, which is free and open to the public.

Booktalk Features

Telephone Chat with Author

Bethlehem Public Library's mother-daughter book group will talk about *Our Only May Amelia* by Jennifer Holm on Monday December 4 at 7:00 PM. The author, whose fictional May Amelia was inspired by the diaries of her great-aunt, will chat with the group via telephone.



Youth services librarian Polly Hartman has facilitated this book discussion group for ten years. In that time, mothers and daughters have met every other month to share thoughts and feelings about classic and current literature for young people. For girls in grade 5 and up and their mothers; please call 439-9314 to register.

Job Opportunity

Youth Services Librarian 1 - full time/permanent.

This position is classified by Albany County Department of Civil Service. Candidates must be eligible for permanent appointment from the Albany County Civil Service list for this title. Interested individuals should inquire about Civil Service eligibility as soon as possible. Please go to <http://www.albanycounty.com> to learn about the Civil Service application process.

Interviews begin November 2006; position start date January 2007. Position is for 35 hours/week including one evening (1:00 PM—9:00 PM); weekends in rotation. Salary is \$43,461.

Apply to: Personnel Administrator, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054 or bethpa@uhls.lib.ny.us.

Open until filled. Early applications encouraged.

Complete job description is available at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org

Book A Librarian

One-on-one coaching is available to help patrons identify library resources and design a research strategy for a specific area of interest. Twenty-minute appointments are available at the library; schedule one session per month. Walk-ins are welcome depending on staffing. Call 439-9314 for more information.

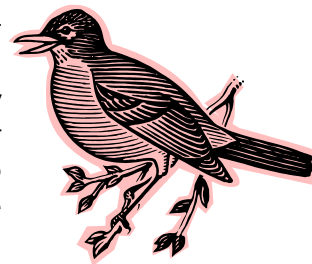
Brunswick Public Library

The Great Pumpkin Recipe Contest.

The Brunswick Community Library presents "The Great Pumpkin Recipe Contest." Kids in grades 4-8 are hereby invited to present their most scrumptious pumpkin dish, be it dessert, soup, main or side dish, baked good, etc., before a panel of distinguished judges who will pick the five most delicious creations. The winners' recipes will be included in a beautiful cookbook and each winner will receive a free copy. This event will be held in the Tamarac Elementary School Cafeteria on Tuesday, November 7 at 6:30 PM.

Birding Workshop

On Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 PM, the Brunswick Community Library presents "Birding by Sight and Sound." Learn to recognize birds of the Northeast by their appearance and vocalizations. You will learn a step by step approach to identifying birds by their relative size, where they are seen, beak size, tail length, etc. You will also get the opportunity to hear the vocalizations of several different types of birds, and make a simple bird feeder. Our presenter will be Fred Realbuto, Director of The Audubon Society of New York State. This program is for ages 8 and up.



Sand Lake Town Library

Library Awarded Grant

The Library was awarded a Rubin Community Fellows Program grant in the amount of \$5,622 for "Click on Seniors." The goal of the Rubin Grant project is to develop training materials which will be used in rural public libraries in Rensselaer County to teach Basic Computing Skills to Senior Citizens. The Library is partnering with Carol McCarthy from the Center of Effective Teaching at Hudson Valley Community College. Libraries participating in the grant include Brunswick Community Library, Grafton Community Library, Nassau Free Library, Petersburg Public Library and Stephentown Memorial Library.

Voorheesville Public Library

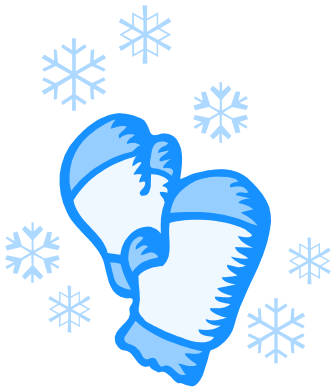
Annual Fall Concert

Join us on Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 PM to enjoy "Fascinatin' Rhythm" with Sonny and Perley. The program is free, and all are welcome.

New York City Trip

The Friends of the Library are hosting their annual holiday trip. Cost is \$30 (members) / \$40 (non-members). Paid reservations will be taken at the circulation desk. For additional information, call 765-2791

Mitten Tree

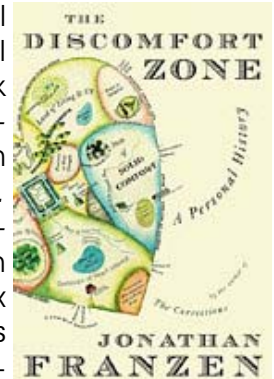


We have partnered this year with St. Catherine's Center for Children to provide scarves, hats and mittens for children who need them. Bring your gift to hang on our Mitten Tree between Nov. 19th and Dec. 13th.

William K. Sanford Library

Noon Book Review with Paul Grondahl

The author of the National Book Award winning novel *The Corrections* – the book that became a *cause celebre* on Oprah – has written an autobiography (of sorts). *The Discomfort Zone: A Personal History*, by Jonathan Franzen, is a collection of six autobiographical essays that chart the interconnectedness of Franzen's growing up in the Midwest in the 1960s and 1970s, his love of the comic strip "Peanuts," his writing, his marriage, his mother's death, selling his mother's house after she dies, and his obsessive bird watching. *The Discomfort Zone* will be reviewed by *Times Union* writer Paul Grondahl at our Noon Book Review on Thursday, November 16th. *Publisher's Weekly* said of the book: "While Franzen's family was unmarked by significant tragedy, the common yet painful contradictions of growing up are at the heart of this wonderful book." As Jonathan Franzen writes in the book: "You're miserable and ashamed if you don't believe your adolescent troubles matter, but you're stupid if you do." As always, doors open at 11:45 AM and the review will begin at 12:15 PM. Bring your lunch. Coming on December 14th at the Noon Book Review: Author/Humorist/Therapist Sister Anne Bryan Smollin will review *I Feel Bad About My Neck and Other Thoughts on Being a Woman* by Nora Ephron.



American-Jewish Immigrant Music

We are pleased to host a fourth program this year sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities. On Sunday, December 10, at 2:00 PM, Robert Cohen will bring us "The American Jewish Immigrant Experience in Song."

He writes "In this lecture/presentation, contemporaneous readings as well as musical recordings make up a journey in sound: from ships bound for America to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and into the New World; from patriotic anthems to songs of the sweatshops; from lullabies and laments to rollicking songs of the Yiddish theater. Whether idealistic or disillusioned, bitter or hopeful, this is music as social history, reflecting the words of the first published Yiddish poet in America: 'Here we see Paradise, but we don't enjoy it.'"



Robert Cohen has produced and hosted over 100 radio programs on Jewish culture and identity — including National Public Radio's *One People, Many Voices: American-Jewish Music Comes of Age*, part of the permanent collection of the Museum of Television & Radio in New York. He lectured and taught at the New York Public Library, the New England Conservatory of Music, the American Jewish Historical Society, the Brooklyn Historical Society, the Abigail Adams Smith Museum, the Jewish Theological Seminary, and the New School — where he worked with Pete Seeger, Tom Paxton, Richie Havens, Elizabeth Swados, and other notable musicians. He has been a consultant to musicians and radio hosts; has written on Jewish music and American folk music for *MOMENT* magazine, *NEWSDAY*, and other publications, and produced the compilation CD *Open the Gates! New American-Jewish Music for Prayer*.

Veteran's Day Book Review

Join us on Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 PM for a Veterans' Day Series book review. John Valley of Siena College will review the best seller *Flags of Our Fathers* by James Bradley. The book is about one of the most famous moments in American History — the raising of the American Flag on Iwo Jima's Mount Suribachi during World War II. The author's father, who never spoke to his family about the war, was one of the six men in one of the most famous photographs of the Twentieth Century. *Flags of Our Fathers* chronicles the lives of the six men who raised the flag. John Valley is a Librarian and Adjunct Professor of History at Siena where he teaches U.S. Military History. Although it is not necessary to read the book in order to attend this program, copies of the book are available at the library for those interested. Registration not required.



Calendar of Events

November

1-4	NYLA Annual Conference, Saratoga Springs, NY
06	Riverway Planning Committee 9:30 AM—12:00 PM at UHLS
06	Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
08	Services Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
08	Finance Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
08	Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
10	Adult Services Advisory Council 9:30 at UHLS
14	Database Maintenance 9:30 AM—12:00 PM
15	Horizon Basics Training 9:00—12:00 at UHLS
17	Youth Services Advisory Council: Book Review 9:00 AM—10:00 AM. Meeting 10:00 AM --12:00 PM; Book Review and Teen Discussion 12:00 PM—1:00 PM at UHLS
23	Thanksgiving Day—UHLS closed
28	Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS

December

06	Teen Services Workshop 9:00 AM—4:00 PM at Saratoga Springs Public Library
08	Adult Services Advisory Council 9:30 at UHLS
11	Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
13	Services Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
13	Finance Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
13	Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
15	Youth Services Advisory Council: Small Library Discussion Group 9:00 AM—10:00 AM . Meeting 10:00 AM—12:00 PM; Large Library Concerns Discussion 12:00 PM—1:00 PM at BETH
15	Deadline for Latest Edition
25	UHLS closed

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QUOTE: The library connects us with the insight and knowledge, painfully extracted from Nature, of the greatest minds that ever were, with the best teachers, drawn from the entire planet and from all our history, to instruct us without tiring, and to inspire us to make our own contribution to the collective knowledge of the human species. 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, *Cosmos*

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