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Digital Audiobooks: An overview

One of the more recent trends in libraries is the downloadable electronic book (eBook) and the downloadable audio book. The biggest players right now are *Audible.com*, *Netlibrary / Recorded Books*, and *OverDrive*. This medium is great for those patrons who currently take out audio books in CD or cassette format. Below is a brief overview of three popular services.

Audible.com is a personal downloadable audiobook subscription service for the public. It is not designed for institutions, although the company will, of course, sell to libraries.

Audible.com uses a proprietary format, an encrypted version of MP3. Files can be downloaded to a device (including the ubiquitous iPOD) or burned to a CD. The major drawback, however, is administering the collection. Since Audible is designed for individual users, it offers no OPAC integration. Books cannot be downloaded remotely, and it is up to the individual library to come up with a way to manage the downloads.

In contrast to this, *Netlibrary* and *Recorded Books* integrate seamlessly into the existing collection and give you a single access point for your electronic content. These two companies joined forces this year to offer their entire inventory for an annual fee based on anticipated circulation.

There are two options for download: "radio quality" and "CD quality". The former is designed for those with dialup connections, the latter for broadband. Books can be downloaded onto a PC or portable listening device (typically, those that can support Windows Media Player, Musicmatch Jukebox, or Nullsoft Winamp), but they cannot be burned onto a CD. After download, the audiobook automatically becomes disabled after a 3-week "circulation." There is unlimited access to each audiobook.

Currently three of our libraries offer *Netlibrary/Recorded Books*: Albany Public Library, Bethlehem Public Library, and Guilderland Public Library.

OverDrive is currently the biggest player in the audiobook /eBook market. OverDrive offers both formats, and boasts having scores of publishers on board. Their software integrates with a library's existing Integrated Library System. Patrons can browse and borrow digital audio books from a library's website.

Patrons can download to their PCs, a portable device, or burn to CD. Because their books can be downloaded in "segments", the download times are not onerous. Digital audio books automatically "check themselves back into the collection" after a specified amount of time (which is determined by the library).

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Around the Nation

Patriot Act Update

The American Library Association (ALA) praised improved reader privacy protections included in S. 1389 (the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005). The Senate bill, which was passed by unanimous consent in the Senate on July 29, adds many of the safeguards for privacy of reading records that have been sought by the groups since the passage of the law in 2001, including tougher requirements for searching library and bookstore records under Section 215.

ALA welcomed passage of S. 1389, a bill they say is much stronger than the House version, H. R. 3199, which passed on July 21. The House legislation, which like the Senate bill reauthorizes expiring sections of the PATRIOT Act, allows the FBI to search the bookstore and library records of anyone, including people who are not suspected of a crime, whenever they are "relevant" to a counter-terrorism or counter-espionage investigation. The Senate bill limits searches to the records that pertain to people who are suspected terrorists or spies and people who are in contact with them, reducing the danger that the FBI will engage in fishing expeditions in bookstore and library records.

The Senate bill extends the section affecting bookstore and library records, Section 215, for only four years, while the House bill extends it 10 years. A shorter ending date ensures more oversight by Congress.

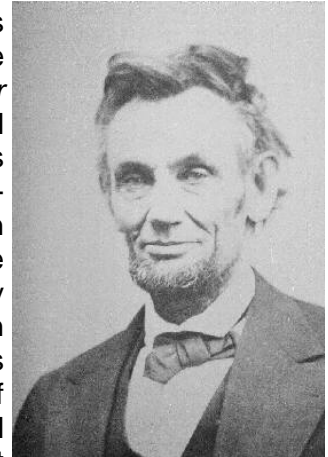
S. 1389 further strengthens key reader protections by allowing a bookseller, librarian, or anyone else who receives a search order under Section 215 to consult an attorney and to challenge the order in court. It requires an FBI agent to obtain written approval from the FBI Director or Deputy Director before applying for a Section 215 order for library or bookstore records. The legislation requires records sought to be described with "sufficient particularity" to allow them to be identified. The Justice Department would also have to report annually the number of bookstore and library searches it has conducted under Section 215.

"We are pleased that the Senate has unanimously consented to restore so many key reader privacy protections," said Michael Gorman, President of the American Library Association. "We hope that the restorations of civil liberties made by the Senate will be preserved in the Conference Committee." (from ALA)

Programming

Lincoln Travelling Exhibit Available

ALA's Public Programs Office announces the availability of *Forever Free*, a traveling panel exhibit that reexamines President Lincoln's efforts toward the abolition of slavery during the Civil War. Organized by The Huntington's John Rhodehamel, Norris Foundation Curator of American Historical Manuscripts, the exhibit



consists of reproductions of rare historical documents from The Huntington's collections and those of the Gilder Lehrman Institute, and draws on the latest scholarship in the field.

Each copy consists of six sections of panels running 75 feet in length. Each panel contains reproductions of rare historical documents, period photographs, and illustrative material, such as engravings, lithographs, cartoons, and political ephemera. The sections of the exhibition focus on young Lincoln's America, the House dividing, war for the Union, the Emancipation Proclamation, the role of black soldiers in the Civil War, and the final months of the Civil War and Lincoln's life. Two copies of the exhibit are traveling to 40 libraries around the country between September 2003 and February 2006.

Thanks to funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, two additional copies of the exhibit will travel to a total of 60 libraries from September 2006 through May 2010. Applications for this tour are available now. **Deadline is October 3, 2005.**

Libraries selected for the tour will host the exhibition for a six-week period. Participating libraries are expected to present at least one program for library patrons and community members that features a lecture/discussion by a scholar on exhibition themes. All showings of the exhibition will be free and open to the public. Additionally, one staff member from each library hosting Tour Two will attend an orientation seminar at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California.

Grants

Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature

The ALA Public Programs Office and Nextbook would like to invite libraries to apply for the grant initiative *Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature—Identity & Imagination*. Building on ALA's renowned *Let's Talk About It* reading and discussion series model, *Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature* explores Jewish literature and culture through theme-based, scholar-led discussions at public and academic libraries across the country.

Participating libraries will receive a \$1500 grant, program materials, training and other resources to help them successfully host a *Let's Talk About It* program in their library. Since the launch of this three-year project, ALA has awarded 100 *Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature* grants. The final round of applications is due on **September 30, 2005**.

For grant application and guidelines, please contact Jo-Ann Benedetti at 518-437-9880 ext 225 or go to www.ala.org/publicprograms to download a copy.

Change Your World @ Your Library

All types of libraries across the United States are invited to apply for the 2006 Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week Grant, which will be awarded to a single library for the best public awareness campaign incorporating the official campaign theme, "Change Your World @ your Library" during National Library Week (April 2-8, 2006).

The grant is sponsored by Scholastic Library Publishing and is administered by the Public

Awareness Committee of the American Library Association (ALA). This year's application deadline is **October 17, 2005**.

All proposals must use the "Change Your World @ your library" theme, which incorporates The Campaign for America's Libraries' @ your library brand, on any and all promotional and publicity material supporting National Library Week activities. Guidelines for using the brand are available on the campaign Web site at www.ala.org/@yourlibrary under the "download logos" section.

A grant application form and guidelines are available on The Campaign for America's Libraries Web site at www.ala.org/@yourlibrary/nlwgrant. Information is also available from the ALA Public Information Office. Telephone: 800-545-2433, ext. 4020. E-mail: mhumphrey@ala.org.

The winner will be notified and announced at the 2006 ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio. Information on last year's winner, the Haverford Township Free Library, Haverford, Pa., and the winning application can be viewed at www.ala.org/@yourlibrary/nlwgrant.

For more information about The Campaign for America's Libraries, visit the campaign's Web site at www.ala.org/@yourlibrary.

Hasbro Children Foundation

The Foundation awards grants to support the development and/or expansion of programs for children. To be eligible, programs must provide direct services to children under age 13 and serve economically-disadvantaged children and families. Grants range from \$500 to \$35,000 and are given year-round. For more information, visit www.hasbro.org.

Grants

Lois Lenski Covey Foundation

The Foundation annually awards grants to rural and urban public libraries serving at-risk children. The grants range from \$500 to \$5,000. Successful applicants have proposed purchases to update their collections generally or to expand their holdings in special areas. The Foundation welcomes applications from libraries with real need and limited book budgets. Deadline is **September 30, 2005**. An application form is available from: Lois Lenski Foundation, Attn.: Arthur F. Abelman, Moses & Singer, 1301 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019-6076.

Staples Foundation for Learning

This Foundation provides funding for programs that support or provide job skills and/or education for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. Grants range between \$5,000 and \$25,000. Application deadline for the next round of funding is **September 27, 2005**. Go to www.staplesfoundation.org for more information.

Around the State

NYLA Conference and Trade Show

This year, the New York Library Association's Annual Conference will be held from October 26 – 29, 2005 at the Adam's Mark Buffalo-Niagara Hotel in Buffalo. There will be several continuing education programs, sessions on diverse topics, exciting tours, dinners, speakers and authors as well as many vendors, demonstrations, and giveaways. The most important aspect of NYLA though, is getting revitalized and excited about the profession. Please consider attending NYLA this year. Registration information can be found at <http://www.nyla.org/>.

NOVEL Access Enhanced

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. In addition to using their library card or student ID numbers, New Yorkers will be able to log in to NOVEL databases with a valid New York driver license number or a valid DMV non-driver photo ID number through a website at <http://novelnewyork.org>.

The website will encourage those who choose this remote access option to select access through their local libraries. Ideally, we want them to learn about and use the services and additional resources offered by local libraries.

However, we believe that by providing access with a driver license, we can reach out to people who do not use libraries or who think their library has nothing of interest for them. Use of similar access methods in other states has proven successful.

Note that this new way of accessing the NOVEL databases supplements the current and ongoing method of remote log-on through public, academic, school, and special library home pages that require a library card number or a student ID.

We need your help. The State Library plans to announce this new service to the media in the fall. Please be sure that your staff members are aware of it, because they may receive inquiries from your customers. Also, we invite you to take this opportunity to check out <http://novelnewyork.org> and send us comments before the official announcement. We welcome your suggestions on wording for the website, as well as ideas for promotion and outreach. We also encourage you to share this information with, and ask for feedback from, your customers. More information on NOVEL access by driver license number is available at <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/library/novel/database/dmv-id.htm>. (*from NYLINE*)

UHLS News

KUDOS

Mary Fellows, Manager of Youth and Family Services, has been elected as a member of the 2007 Caldecott Committee of the Association for Library Services to Children, a Division of the American Library Association. This Committee considers the hundreds of books for children published during the calendar year 2006 and selects the winner of the Caldecott medal, which goes to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for Children. Mary has also been elected as Vice President/President-Elect of the Youth Services Section of the New York Library Association. She will take office in October 2005 and serve as Vice-President, President and Past President over the course of the next three years.

BEST FREE VIDEOS OF 2005!

In the July 21, 2005 edition of *Metroland* (the Capital Region's Alternative Newsweekly), the Upper Hudson Library System was listed as the winner for "Best Free Videos" in their annual publication of the *Best of the Capital Region '05*. Their readers were told that, "You can just sign on to <http://www.uhls.org/uhls/catalog.cfm> and request the titles that never seem to find their way to your local library's shelves."

BOARD OFFICERS

Erin Apostol, Chair of the Nominating Committee, has reported that all of the current officers have agreed to serve again. The slate of officers is: President—Charles Diamond, Vice-President—LouAnne Lundgren; Treasurer, Mary Alice Molgard; and Secretary—Jeffrey Cannell.

UHLS Director's Association Annual Conference

This annual workshop is for Directors and Assistant Directors and those who act in that capacity in their libraries.

When: October 7th, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 pm



Mark the Date!!!!

Where: Appel Inn, Altamont, NY (www.appelinn.com)

Cost: \$40 includes all sessions and lunch

Tentative program:

Morning session: Dealing with the media in a time of crisis

- What to say When (public relations hints)
- What reporters want (by Anne Miller, Times Union)
- What is FOIL & what information must be released by law

Afternoon session: Local resources for programs on Colonial and Early American history

For more information: Barbara Nichols Randall at Guilderland Public Library, 518-246-2400.

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

New Additions to the Professional Collection

The following titles have been added to the professional collection at UHLS:

Caplan, Pricilla. *Metadata Fundamentals for all Librarians*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2002.

Coffman, Steve. *Going Live: Starting and Running a Virtual Reference Service*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2003

Cohen, Steven M. *Keeping Current: Advanced Internet Strategies to Meet Librarian and Patron Needs*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2003.

Davidson, Susanna and Yankee, Everyl. *Web Site Design with the Patron in Mind: A Step-by-Step Guide for Librarians*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2003.

Durrance, Joan C. and Fisher, Karen E. with Hinton, Marion Bouch. *How Libraries and Librarians Help: A Guide to Identifying User-Centered Outcomes*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2004.

Durrance, Joan C. And Pettigrew, Karen E. *Online Community Information: Creating a Nexus at Your Library*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2002.

Frey, Yvonne Amar. *One-Person Puppetry Streamlined and Simplified: With 38 Folk-Tale Scripts*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2004.

Giesecke, Joan and McNeil, Beth. *Fundamentals of Library Supervision*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2005.

Hillman, Diane I. and Westbrook, Elaine. *Metadata in Practice*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2004.

Hirko, Buff and Ross, Mary Bucher. *Virtual Reference Training: The Complete Guide to Providing Anytime, Anywhere Answers*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2004.

Jurewicz, Lynn and Cutler, Todd. *High Tech, High Touch: Library Customer Service Through Technology*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2003.

McElmeel, Sharron I. and McElmeel, Deborah L. *Authors in the kitchen: Recipes, Stories and More*. Westport, Connecticut: Libraries Unlimited, 2005.

Maxwell, Robert L. *Maxwell's Guide to Authority Work*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2002.

Moore, Mary Y. *The Successful Library Trustee Handbook*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2004.

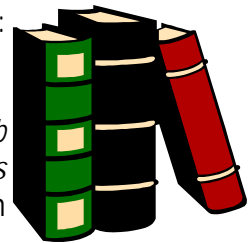
Ratzan, Lee. *Understanding Information Systems: What They Do and Why We Need Them*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2004.

Reid, Rob. *Cool Story Programs for the School-Age Crowd*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2004.

Serrano, Nina. *Pass It On: A Guide to Starting Your Own Senior Storytelling in the Schools Program*. Oakland, CA: Stagebride, 1999.

Sima, Judy and Cordi, Kevin. *Raising Voices: Creating Youth Storytelling Groups and Troupes*. Westport, Connecticut: Libraries Unlimited, 2003.

Wilson, A. Paula. *Library Web Sites: Creating Online Collections and Services*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2004.



Albany County Jail Needs Your Videos

Inmate Services at Albany County Jail has requested any old VHS tapes that we may be able to donate to them for their inmates. Tapes must be playable. If you can help the jail out, please contact Jo-Ann Benedetti at 518-437-9880 ext 225.

Youth and Family Services

Mary Fellows, Manager— ext 228

COOKING GRANT



The LSTA grant *Kids Cookin' by the Book: Food, Families, Libraries & Literacy* funded cook clubs for kids in the 4th and 5th grade age group at eight UHLS libraries this summer. The purposes of this grant are to encourage kids to come to the public library and see it

as a welcoming place where they can learn about all kinds of interesting things, to help build their math and science skills through learning activities around food, and to help libraries develop a closer partnership with a local school. Many creative summer activities were planned to work toward these goals.

At the William K. Sanford Town Library (Colonie), kids attended a four-week session, mixing and measuring to make a different dish each night. On the last night of the session, children invited a guest to a dinner made up of all of their culinary efforts. Also part of the special evening out were homemade placemats, table decorations, and dinner music.

Rensselaerville Library hosted an evening devoted entirely to chocolate, with kids learning the origins and history as well as making (and eating!) chocolate creations.

Voorheesville Public Library explored the science of cooking with the help of the Albany County Cornell Cooperative extension. Asian cooking and culture and local apple taste testing were also part of their summer.

Apples were also a topic at Cheney Library (Hoosick Falls), along with popcorn, cake decorating, and dinosaur pasta.

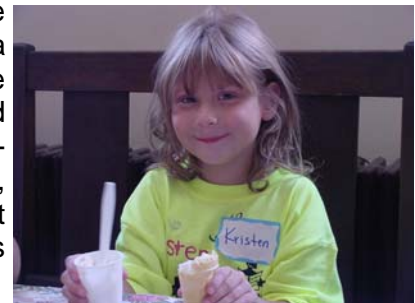
Sand Lake Town Library hosted budding artists as part of their “Marzipan Sculpting” program. Asian food and food science also starred in their summer food lineup.

Sculptors-in-the-making also appeared at the Bethlehem Public Library nicely pungent program on fruit and veggie sculpture. Participants enjoyed the book “How Are You Peeling: Foods with Moods” (Saxton Freymann) and drew on its ideas to make their delightful penguins, whales, old ladies, bugs, and more out of fresh summer fruits and vegetables.



Smoothies, ice cream making and a field trip to the kitchen of a local spa for a cooking demonstration rounded out Castleton Public Library’s summer cooking program, which was done in cooperation with the local day camp.

Troy Public Library hosted a four-day cooking camp that included a beekeeper and his honey, practicing fractions, multiplication, division, addition and subtraction skills with m & m's, waffles and meatballs, an apple comparison, original songs about vegetables, and an ice cream taste test that included their homemade version and two store brands. A local grocery store brand won the taste test by a small margin. The kids also tasted dehydrated astronaut ice cream, and decided that the astronauts could keep it!



With grant-funded materials on the math and science of cooking now in their libraries and their partner school libraries, participating libraries now move into the school year with a series of programs in the schools and in the library. Each library has a partner teacher and class or classes, and will be building the relationship with each through fun and educational activities that all connect back to the public library.

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Member Library News

Albany Public Library—Main

BANNED BOOKS WEEK OBSERVANCE AT APL

Once again, the Albany Public Library and its partner, the New York Civil Liberties Union – Capital Region Chapter are presenting a special program that will bring attention to current attempts in our society to restrict the flow of information to legitimate users.

Banned Books Week is from **September 24 through October 1**. The event will be held at Albany Public Library's Main Location, 161 Washington Avenue on October 1st at 2:00 PM. This event, like previous years, will highlight 3-5 minute readings of excerpts from the American Library Association's list of Banned and Challenged Books. Readers can also read their own works that deal with this issue.

Members of the NYCLU and Albany's many local poets will participate. The theme of this year's event is: *Celebrating the Freedom to Read*. Members of the public are welcome to read relevant pieces. Even if you are not interested in performing a reading, please feel free to attend the event and show your support for your First Amendment rights!

SCREENWRITING FOR POETS WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS IN SEPTEMBER / THURSDAY NIGHT SCREENINGS OF POETIC FILMS

Acclaimed Stage and Film Director/Screenwriter, Omonike Akinyemi, will be sharing her skills at the Screenwriting for Poets workshops at the Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Avenue.

The workshops will be held on Wednesdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 6:30 PM.

Omonike was awarded the Princess Grace Foundation honorarium to direct the one-hour drama *Nelly's Bodega*. This film was the winner of the 2004 Best Drama Award at the Women of Color Film Festival. It was also screened in the Forum at the 2000 Cannes Film Festival and aired on PBS. The film has become a part of Albany Public Library's permanent collection.

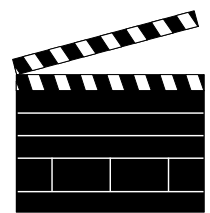
On Thursdays, September 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 6:30 PM, the public is invited to watch films that have been selected to illustrate a poetic style of filmmaking. The Friday film screening workshops are:

September 15 – *Before Sunset* (2004) Directed by Richard Linklater

September 22 – *Raise the Red Lantern* (1991) Directed by Zhang Yimou

September 29 – *Central Station/ Central Do Brazil* (1998) Directed by Walter Salles

This program is made possible in part through Community Arts Connection. The Community Arts Connection program is funded through the state and local partnership program of the New York State Council on the Arts and the Arts Center of the Capital Region.



For further information, or to register for the writing workshop, contact Dennis Mosley, 518-894-4455.

MEET THE AUTHOR: RONALD G. KNAPP

Professor Ronald G. Knapp from SUNY New Paltz will speak about his book, *House, Home, Family: Living and Being Chinese* on Saturday, September 24 at 2:00 PM, in the auditorium at the Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Avenue.

Knapp is a recognized authority on housing in China and has written extensively on the subject.

Light refreshments will be served. A book signing will follow the presentation. The program is free and open to the public.

MAKING ENDS MEET: MONEY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Terri Fishman from the Cornell Cooperative Extension, will hold a workshop on Money management on Thursday, September 29, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Come learn and share ideas on:

- 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! Workshop is free. Advance registration is required. Call 765-3557 to register.

SAVE ENERGY, SAVE DOLLARS: HOW TO REDUCE YOUR ENERGY BILLS

Come and learn how to save money on heating, lighting and other energy expenses. Presented Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM by Terri Fishman and Tom Dolan, Cornell University Cooperative Extension Educators. All attendees will receive a packet of energy saving items. Advanced registration required. Call 765-3557 to reserve your spot.

ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY APPOINTS DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Elissa Kane has been appointed Director of Development for the Albany Public Library. Ms. Kane is a Partner in *Kane & Lekakis*, a non-profit management firm that specializes in strategic planning, special event planning, fundraising, marketing and evaluation for non-profit organizations. Prior to that, she was Executive Director of the New York State Alliance for Arts Education. As Development Director, she will be responsible for creating, implementing and maintaining the first comprehensive development program in the Albany Public Library's history. We look forward to her valuable assistance in moving our institution forward to be a great library for the City of Albany in the twenty-first century.

Albany Public Library—Howe

KIDS COMPUTER CAMP

John A. Howe Branch has just completed its annual computer camp. The program was specifically designed for children of Albany's South End. The program's intention is to help children in the surrounding community learn about computers, and get a better understanding of the Internet.

Computer Camp had 22 participants, with ages ranging from 7 to 13. The Program ran from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for 2 weeks. We provided snacks and a lunch.

Students learned to make their own web sites using Microsoft Front Page. We also had guest speakers and went on career-related tours. This year the library teamed up with Schuyler Mansion to create banners that, weather permitting, will be hung up on the Mansion's gate.

In past years, the camp has received coverage from both print and television media: in 2001 it made the cover of the Times Union; in 2002 it was featured on Channel 13, and in 2005, it made "9 on Education."

The site created by the participants can be viewed at: www.punklibrarian.org/computercamp2005

Albany Public Library—Pine Hills

CONNECTING WITH AMERICA

Please join this discussion group for recent immigrants. Discuss life in America and further your understanding of American culture. Fridays, September 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 4:30 PM. Call 482-7911 for more information.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA: TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Wednesdays, September 14, 21 & 28 at 10:00 AM. To register, or for more information on how to become a volunteer, call 452-3382.

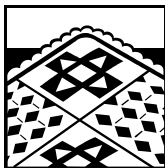
Altamont Free Library

PRESCHOOL STORY HOURS TO RESUME

Please join us for our preschool story hour Monday and Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM starting September 5, 2005. Preschoolers of all ages and their adults are invited to the library for stories, songs, action and art .

LIBRARY FUND RAISER

A quilt raffle is being held to benefit the reconstruction of the Altamont Train Station for library use. Members of Q.U.I.L.T., INC. have generously donated a beautiful red themed tied quilt, on display at the library. Tickets are available at the library. Call 861-7239 for more information.



East Greenbush Community Library

WELCOME MICHAEL CATOGGIO

Michael Catoggio has recently been hired to head Adult Services. Michael and his wife, Gail, currently live in Anchorage Alaska, where he has been on the faculty of the University of Alaska for three years. Prior to that he was at the Anchorage Muncipal Libraries as Humanities Librarian. He also worked as a Law Librarian in Alaskan Court Libraries. Michael is from the Albany area, and he worked at the Albany Public Library as a Reference and Local History Librarian. He is very much looking forward to his return to the Albany area.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

East Greenbush Community Library currently has an opening for a part-time Youth Services Librarian (Librarian I). Hours will be Monday and Friday 5 PM– 9PM and Saturday and Sunday of every other weekend.

Responsibilities include general reference service to both children and adults. Assist in collection development for children's and young adult books, serials and audio-visual material. Prepare bibliographies. May include programming responsibilities. May conduct library tours for visiting school classes.

Candidates should have an MLS, and be eligible for a New York State Public Librarian Certification. New graduates are welcome to apply. Salary is \$16.50 per hour. This is not a benefited position.

Please send a resume to Lee Ricci, East Greenbush Community Library, 10 Community Way, East Greenbush, NY, 12061. Closing date is September 9,2005.

Guilderland Public Library

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Michael Borges and Gloria Reimann are the two newly elected members of the Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees.

Mr. Borges has served the Library as President of the Guilderland Library Foundation since its founding in August 2001. Mr. Borges is the Executive Director of the New York Library Association. In 2003, Mr. Borges received the William Meredith Advocate of the Year Award from the Upper Hudson Library System for his work in support of libraries.

Ms. Reimann is a retired reading teacher and a long time resident of Guilderland.

Gabriel (Gabe) Cruz-Allen is the Library's new board representative for teens. Gabe has been a Guilderland resident for more than ten years and is active in school and the community. He is involved in the GHS Concert Choir, National Coalition Building Institute, the GHS *Journal*, and Free the Children.

STORYTIME AT CROSSGATES MALL

The popular storytime begun in spring 2005 as a cooperative effort between Crossgates Mall and area libraries will resume in September. Check on the Guilderland Public Library website (www.guilderlandpublic.info) for times, dates, and location.

COMMUNITY LITERARY GARDEN

Work on the construction of a Community Literary Garden is underway at the Guilderland Public Library. To create this new area for the library, the Guilderland Library Foundation received a grant through the efforts of Assemblyman John J. McEneny. To find out more contact Barbara Nichols Randall, Library Director, at 456-2400 ext. 13. To view images of the construction progress, visit our website at www.guilderlandpublic.info.

ROBERT BURNS – THE MAN, THE MYTH, THE MUSIC

At the Guilderland Public Library on October 2 at 2:00 PM, the musical duo known as Castlebay (Fred Gosbee and Julia Lane) will present a special program of poems, love songs, dance tunes, and anecdotes about Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns, who wrote such masterpieces of poetry and song as *Auld Lang Syne* and *My Love is Like a Red Red Rose*. Musicians Gosbee and Lane sing vocals and play a variety of instruments including Celtic harp, guitar, fiddle, and woodwinds. Castlebay performs throughout the Northeast in addition to annual tours of the British Isles. In collaboration with Scottish musicians they have toured Scotland, performing original and traditional compositions. Join us for this very special performance! *The Arts Grant program is funded through the State and Local Partnership Program of the New York State Council on the Arts and the Arts Center of the Capital Region.*



THE WORLD WAR I YEARS: AMERICA BECOMES A WORLD POWER

Travel back in time at the Guilderland Public Library and explore the American experience in World War I, the first global conflict and crucible of the modern world. The core of the program is a free, six-part series of films, readings, and scholar-led discussions entitled ***The World War I Years: America Becomes a World Power***. Special feature films, exhibits, and additional lectures are scheduled throughout October and November. All programs begin at 7:00 PM. Call Adult Reference at 456-2400 ext. 7 to register and receive program materials.

The Scholar led film discussion series:

Thursday 10/6 - The Road to War

Friday 10/14 - Over There

Thursday 10/20 - Modern War

Thursday 10/27 - The American People in War-time

Thursday 11/3 - Peace Making

Thursday 11/ 10 - After the War – The Turbulent Years

Dan S. White, PhD, a professor of History at the University at Albany, will serve as the presenting scholar and discussion leader for most of the series. Professor White is the author of numerous journal articles as well as the book *Lost Comrades: Socialists of the Front Generation, 1918-1945*. Colonel Lance A. Betros, PhD, and Lt. Colonel James T. Seidule, PhD, both professors at the United States Military Academy at West Point, will lend their expertise to the discussions as well. Colonel Betros will share his knowledge of United States military history as he leads the discussion, "Over There." Lt. Colonel James T. Seidule will discuss modern warfare techniques at the program titled "Modern War."

World War I Feature Film Series:

Leonard Zapala, Director of the Menands Public Library and a noted speaker on American film history, will present a screening and discussion series of feature films from the World War I era. All films start at 7:00 PM.

Tuesday October 11: *The Big Parade* (1925)

Tuesday, October 18: *Hell's Angels* (1930)

Tuesday, October 25: *Paths of Glory* (1957)

Tuesday, November 8: *The Roaring Twenties* (1939)

Rensselaerville Library

The Public Library Section of the New York Library Association (NYLA) recently awarded Rebecca Lubin, Director of Rensselaerville Public Library the Conference Scholarship Award. This is an annual award to encourage public librarians now in the field, or students in library school, to participate in NYLA or PLS activities.

Sand Lake Town Library

HEART HEALTH FOR WOMEN

The Sand Lake Town Library will be offering a 5-week program designed for women 60 and above with the goal of improving their heart health. "Women Take Pride in Managing Heart Disease" will provide encouragement and teach ways to improve nutrition, physical activity and stress management. Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM at the Library beginning August 23. Women interested in attending must complete an enrollment process and should call Senior Services of Albany County at 465-1903. Each participant will receive a T-shirt, workbooks, a pedometer, and other materials for success in reaching your goal. This is a collaborative effort of Senior Services of Albany, Northeast Health, the University at Albany School of Public Health, the Albany County Department for Aging, and Blue Shield of Northeastern New York.



GET THE JOB YOU WANT

"Career Connections @ Your Library" is an UHLS Outreach Grant-funded program for adults entering the job market or considering a career change. Career counselor Michael Barber will lead two workshops which will cover self-assessment, resume writing, interview skills, and other areas critical to a successful job search. The workshops will be held on Saturday, September 17, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM, and September 24, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM. Light refreshments will be served and materials will be provided. To register, please call the Library at 674-5050.

Stephentown Public Library

POETRY SLAM

The library will host a Poetry Slam on Wednesday, September 21, at 7:00 PM at the library. This is the 4th event in our poetry series and promises to be an evening of fun for all ages. All are welcome and encouraged to read a personal poetic offering or a poem by a favorite poet. Come join the fun!

BOOK SALE AND OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, September 10, the Library will hold the first annual Fall Book Sale and Open House. Our new addition is coming along nicely and we invite the public to come to our open house and check out our great new space. Proceeds from the fall book sale will help with the final stages of this exciting project. Book donations are welcome during library hours.

BOOK GROUP

The SML Book Group resumes monthly meetings on Tuesday, September, 13 at 12:30 PM, with a discussion of Joyce Carol Oates novel, *We Were the Mulvaneys*. Set in upstate New York, the book offers a unique look into a family that, at first glance, seems perfect. Their downward spiral begins with a tragic event and it leads to the unraveling of all they hold dear. Copies of the book are now at the library.

MOVIE NIGHT

Family Movie Night will resume in September. We will show "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" on Friday, September 16, at 7:00 PM at the Stephentown Town Hall. Movie nights are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Voorheesville Public Library

WEEKEND WITH AUTHOR ARCHER MAYOR

Archer Mayor is the author of the highly acclaimed, Vermont-based series, which features detective Joe Gunther. The Chicago Tribune describes the series as “the best police procedurals being written in America.” Mayor’s most recent novel is *The Surrogate Thief*. The next in the series, *St. Albans Fire*, will be published this fall.



Archer Mayor

On Friday September 9, at 7:00 PM, Mayor will read from his work. Registration is not necessary.

On Saturday September 10, 9:30 AM–3:30 PM, Mayor will present a special fiction writing workshop. The program is free, but registration is necessary and limited. A catered lunch is available for \$5, and must be preordered. Please call 765-2791 to reserve your spot.

This program is made possible in part through Community Arts Connection. The Community Arts Connection program is funded through the state and local partnership program of the New York State Council on the Arts and The Arts Center of the Capital Region and in part with

NEW LIBRARY TRUSTEE

The library is pleased to welcome new Board of Trustees member Rita Stein. Ms. Stein has been a Voorheesville resident for three years. She does communication work for Albany Academy for Girls, a State Assemblyman, and other clients.

PRESERVING PHOTOGRAPHS

Learn how to protect and preserve that treasured old picture of your grandparents so that your own grandchildren will be able see it. Ensure your digital pictures will last. Maria Holden, Director of Conservation, New York State Archives will speak about the care of photographs to the VPL community on Tuesday, October 18, at 7:00 PM.

EXPLORE THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

On Friday October 14, at 7:00 PM, Suzanne Fisher will lead a book discussion on *The Glorious Cause: A Novel of the American Revolution*, by Jeff Shaara.

On Saturday October 15, 8:30 AM to (approximately) 3:30 PM we will travel to Saratoga National Historical Park for a tour of the historic Saratoga Battlefield. Professor Richard Kendall, who teaches history at the University at Albany will interpret the battle and analyze its significance in the final defeat of the British.

Registration is necessary and limited for this two-part event. You must register in person and pick up an information packet and copy of the novel. Participants must attend BOTH book discussion and field trip.

This program is made possible in part with funds from the New York Council for Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the humanities.

FALL INTO MUSIC CONCERT WITH SONNY & PERLEY

Vocalist Perley Rousseau and keyboardist Sonny Daye will perform a concert of songs from the “Great American Songbook,” with tunes by Gershwin, Porter, Mercer, Berlin, Rodgers, and others on Sunday October 16, at 2:00 PM in the community room.



EVERY-OTHER THURSDAY NIGHT POETS

A poetry support group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. We will meet on September 8, October 13, and 27. Bring a poem to share. No signup necessary. *Note: there will not be a September 22 meeting.*

William K. Sanford Town Library

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

A position as Part Time Reference Librarian is available at the Wm. K. Sanford Town Library in Colonie, New York. The main duties of the position are performed at the Adult Information Desk.

Duties include answering reference questions and providing research assistance both in the library and by phone. The person would also perform reader's guidance.

The schedule is mainly for Sunday hours with potential for other hours to fill in for part time librarians while on vacation, sick time, etc. The starting salary would be \$22.37 per hour. MLS and eligibility for a NYS Certificate required.

To apply, contact Town of Colonie Civil Service at 783-2721. Information is also available on their website at: <http://www.colonie.org/civilservice/>. The library web site is: <http://www.colonie.org/library/>. For additional information, contact Richard Naylor at 518-458-9274.

TEEN NEWS

Tal Rusak, a member of the William K. Sanford Library Teen Advisory Group was recently recognized by WNYT-News Channel 13, and St. Peter's Hospital for his outstanding community involvement. Tal was featured on WNYT's "13 Kids Who Care" which was filmed in the teen room of the library and which also featured footage of one of the library's teen coffeehouse programs. The award allowed Tal to choose a charity to receive a \$500 donation. Tal chose the Colonie teen room. Thank you Tal!

The August cover of *Voice of Youth Advocates* features a photo taken by one of the library's teen advisory members, Stephen Barrett. The photo features other members of the Teen Advisory group.

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OverDrive requires a large setup fee up front, and the individual books must be purchased, so the library has collection development responsibility. One advantage to *OverDrive* is their hard work to make the product accessible to those with print impairments. There are keystroke alternatives for those who cannot manipulate a mouse, and the audio can be slowed down or speeded up.

Upper Hudson Library System is looking at all three models as a potential service to our patrons. Questions should be directed to Jo-Ann Benedetti at 518-437-9880 ext 225.

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2005

In libraries across UHLS, most staff members serving youth are enjoying a well-deserved hiatus from programming. Summer Reading Program is ended, and what a summer it was! Although all the statistics aren't in, many libraries reported record numbers of attendees at their Tune In @ the Library program, a series of summer programs and activities all centered around music.

The Summer Reading Program is a huge effort for most libraries. We take this opportunity to praise each youth services staff member for your skill, creativity, and perseverance in carrying out a successful program. We also appreciatively acknowledge the collaboration, flexibility and patience of other library staff, all of whom are involved in one way or another and approach the hubbub cheerfully. Last, we commend each library administrator and board member for supporting the Summer Reading Program through the staffing, budget, and other decisions you make at every turn. You all deserve credit for a successful summer!

Calendar of Events

September

- 05 **UHLS Closed for Labor Day**
- 06 Riverway Planning Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 12 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 13 Central Library Advisory Council 9:00 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
- 23 Youth Services Advisory Council at UHLS; 9:00 AM– 10:00 AM Book Review; 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Meeting; 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Book Review
- 23 Cooking Grant—planning meeting 11:30 AM at UHLS
- 27 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 28 Database Maintenance Committee 9:30 AM at UHLS

October

- 03 Riverway Planning Committee 9:00 at UHLS
- 07 Directors' Association Annual Conference 9:00 AM—3:30 at Appel Inn, Altamont
- 10 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 12 Services Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 12 Finance Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 12 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 13 **Deadline for Latest Edition (November/December)**
- 21 Youth Services Advisory Council at **COLN**; 9:00 – 10:00 Small Library Concerns Discussion Group; 10:00 – 12:00 Meeting; 12:00 – 1:00 Large Library Concerns Discussion Group
- 26-29 New York Library Association Annual Meeting in Buffalo, NY
- 25 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS

November

- 04 Directors' Association Meeting 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 07 Riverway Planning Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 07 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
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- 09 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
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- 22 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 24 **UHLS Closed for Thanksgiving**

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QUOTE: *Books and ideas are the most effective weapons against intolerance and ignorance.—Lyndon Baines Johnson*

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