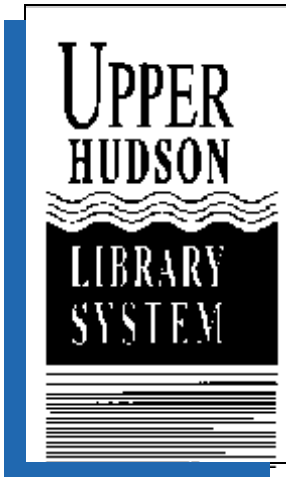


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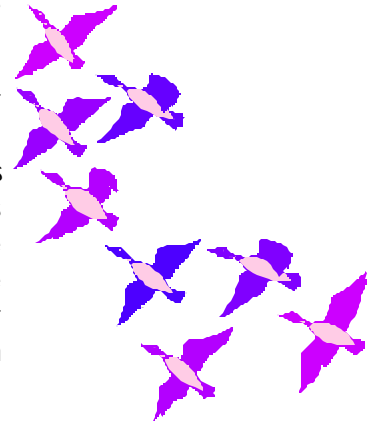
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BIRDS DO IT – LET’S MIGRATE!

By Karen A. Nuckolls, UHLS Automation Services Manager

Even before the actual signing of our contract with epixtech last November, the UHLS Implementation Team was formulating steps in our migration process from DRA Classic to the Horizon Sunrise integrated library system. Throughout the months, the team has worked with our Horizon Migration Team on Collection Codes, IStats, ITypes, custom programming, test dataload, and training.

The notes from these meetings, once monthly, now weekly, are included on the UHLS Intranet. Many of you have attended group workshops to assist you with the migration of your current codes over to Horizon codes. There will be another workshop on I-Stats, scheduled for Wednesday, October 9th at 9:00 AM at UHLS.



At this point in time, our migration team is in the midst of working with the test load of our bibliographic database. We are filling out the parameters, similar to DRA circ policy file, in Horizon, and working with the librarian on the migration team. Rawdon is continuing to work with our Horizon data consultant. Soon this will all move into high gear, because the Horizon training for member library staff and UHLS staff will start next month. UHLS has also hired a Training Specialist, Rob Carle, to continue the training begun by the Horizon staff. We know that we can count on our member libraries to work through this exciting project with us as we move from the 20th to the 21st century of library systems!

The Horizon Sunrise Training Schedule is now available on the UHLS Intranet, at the top of the first screen. Each library can sign up for each of the three classes, with the permission of the supervisor. There are enough classes for at least one representative from each library to attend. Please remember that UHLS will provide continuing training after these classes have ended, so the rest of member library staff will have an opportunity to receive it. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Karen at ext. 230. After this training, there will be ongoing training with Rob Carle at UHLS and at your library.

UHLS AWARDED GRANTS

Upper Hudson Library System has been awarded three of the four LSTA grants for which we applied this year. They are as follows:

Imagination River Storytelling Camp: UHLS Youth Services Manager Mary Fellows will administer this grant. The goal of the project is to provide a pilot literacy learning experience for middle schoolers that encourages cultural literacy, information literacy, and library usage by a typically underserved group. Four libraries (two in each county) will each partner with a public middle school language arts teacher and school librarian to develop a storytelling unit for a 7th or 8th grade class to begin in October 2002. Each month through January the students will participate in one storytelling activity. During the February 2003 break, a three-day storytelling camp will be held for selected students from the target group. In this intensive session, students will learn research and information literacy skills, expand their storytelling skills, and begin work on developing a story for performance.

The storytelling campers will meet at least once in March. At the Riverway Storytelling Festival in April, the campers will attend a master class on storytelling by a nationally known performer. They will also perform during one of the segments of the Festival. Following the Festival, the campers will continue to meet monthly. During the summer, the campers will offer a minimum of one library storytelling program.

New Planning for Results: UHLS Outreach Services Manager Sara Dallas will administer this project. The goal of is to develop a statewide training team to assist/facilitate all NY State public libraries in the planning process. The planning model will be the Public Library Association's New Planning For Results. Sandra Nelson, author of the New Planning for Results, and national consultant will come to New York State in February 2003. Her weeklong training program will be two-fold. First she will familiarize system staff on the New Planning for Results model. Then she will teach the system staff the skills necessary to facilitate and assist public libraries in the process. As a result of this workshop, New York State will have a team of consultants able to assist any public library in New York to develop and adopt a planning model.

Tech Valley/Tech Libraries: The goal of this project, administered by UHLS Adult & Information Services Manager Rachel Baum, is to help libraries meet the unique needs of the 50,000 patrons who are involved in the 1,000 technology-based businesses in Albany and Rensselaer Counties. Tech Valley/Tech Libraries will develop an information and research online product that will assist residents with access to resources in electronics, engineering, computer sciences, physics research, biotechnology, software development, and employment in high tech fields. Four libraries (two in each county) will partner with local chambers of commerce and Tech Valley

businesses to offer programs and services to patrons on effective use of technology, incubator assistance, networking, high-tech employment search, renewable energy trusts, green buildings, and other current topics. Programs will be held in libraries, with additional lunch programs in venues easily accessible to working people. Library staff will be trained to assist patrons with customized research. An in-service workshop, open to all Capital Region public libraries, will be held on how to provide technology-based reference services. A web site will be developed, with links to a special-ized collection of online resources in engineering, computer sciences, environmental studies, federal regulations, connecting people with individuals in businesses, key government agencies, trade associations and relevant firms. This information will be available for local, regional, statewide, and global access through the Internet.

DROPPED ITEM SLIP REMINDER

Those green routing slips! Use them when a patron drops a book or cassette off at your library, but it belongs to another library in the System. Mark the slip with the four-character code of the library to which the item belongs. There is no need to put UHLS on the slip!!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE September 11, 2002 UHLS BOARD MEETING

- The Singer Group proposal for reclassification of the UHLS staff was approved.
- The revised UHLS By-Laws were accepted. The text of the document can be found on the UHLS Intranet.

MAKING YOUR SURVEY RESPONSES COUNT

By Mary Fellows, Manager, Youth Services

Surveys aim to gather your opinions and practices to assist with planning. Filling out surveys takes time. In order to make sure your responses count, do the following:

- Fill in the categories as they are listed. Choose the one closest to how you feel. No survey will perfectly reflect all the possible choices. When you write in a category or mark two when only one response is requested, your response is outside the range of the survey and is often thrown out.
- Complete the entire survey. Partial responses do not allow the survey designers to accurately gauge trends, which is the point of surveys. Partial responses may also be thrown out.
- Send the survey back by the deadline.

Regional News

STATE HUMANITIES MONTH

The New York Council for the Humanities celebrates State Humanities Month every October. Council-funded programs in libraries, museums, historical societies and other institutions are listed in a print and online calendar of events. Visit www.nyhumanities.org for more information.

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

A grant application workshop will be conducted by the New York State Education Department, New York State Library, Division of Library Development, Conservation/ Preservation Discretionary Grant Program to assist prospective applicants in planning their 2003/2004 applications. The Program encourages proper care and accessibility of research materials, promotes the use and development of guidelines and standards for conservation/ preservation practices, and supports the growth of local and cooperative preservation programs. The free workshop will be held on Friday, October 4, 2002 at the Southeastern New York Library Resources Council in Highland, NY from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. It will include a review of the general guidelines and instructions for preparing the application. Examples of successful and unsuccessful applications from previous years will be discussed. To register, contact Julia G. Chiplock at 474-6971; jchiploc@mail.nysed.gov, or register

online at www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cp/regform.htm.

PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

The New York State Library Division of Library Development's Conservation/Preservation Program is sponsoring a workshop to help libraries, archives, and other repositories preserve their historical and manuscript collections. *Taming the Giant Spore: Mold in Library and Archival Collections* will be presented by the Northeast Document Conservation Center at the Northern Onondaga Public Library on October 7, 2002 from 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM. For directions to the workshop, go to www.nopl.org/nsyracuse.htm. The cost is \$10 per person. The fee includes lunch. Checks should be made payable to The University of the State of New York. Participation is limited to 35, and advance registration and payment is required. For more information, visit www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cp/ or contact Julia Chiplock at 474-6971; jchiploc@mail.nysed.gov.

ENY/ACRL CONFERENCE

The Eastern New York Chapter of the Association of College & Research Libraries (ENY/ACRL) will hold its 2002 Fall Conference on Friday, October 18, 2002 at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center in Syracuse. The theme is "New York Realities - New York Relationships." For more information, visit the web site at <http://www.enyacrl.org/>.

XML AND LIBRARIES WORKSHOP

Nylink is offering a workshop from the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) on November 15, 2002 in Albany. It will cover the structure and use of Extensible Markup Language (XML) for libraries. Ron Gilmour of SUNYA will present the role XML plays in web design and content management. The workshop is geared toward library webmasters and systems librarians. For more information and to register, visit <http://nylink.suny.edu/litaxml.htm>.

RESEARCHING NEW YORK WORKSHOP

Researching New York: Perspectives on Empire State History will be held at the University at Albany on November 21-22, 2002. Historians, librarians, researchers, teachers, and museum curators are invited to attend. For more information, call 442-4488 or <http://nystatehistory.org/research/hny>.

Collaboration

"Collaboration doesn't just happen. You don't 'find' collaboration as some folks 'find' Jesus. It takes work, time, planning, knowledge. I liken the process to climbing a long, never-ending series of steps. Those who recognize that the stairs are leading to something wonderful are building library programs for the next century. Those who think the steps are too steep or are waiting for collaboration to come bounding down those stairs are setting themselves up for disappointment."
Mary Lankford, award-winning Texas children's librarian and author

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HANDS-OFF JOB APPLICATION TOPICS

According to *Library Personnel News* (Summer 2002), there are ten areas of discussion that should not be on your library's job application form or asked in an applicant interview:

1. Age
2. Birthplace
3. Child care plans
4. Emergency contacts
5. Garnishment records
6. Marital status or maiden name
7. Military discharge status
8. Number of children
9. Pregnancy intentions
10. Transportation plans

STATEWIDE DELIVERY IMPLEMENTED

LAND (Libraries and Nylink Deliver), a statewide delivery service for interlibrary loan materials, begins this month. LAND is a closed system, which means that items can only be shipped to other participating libraries. LAND partners receive service once a day Monday-Friday at the same time each day. There is no limit to the number of packages that can be shipped. The delivery area is divided into two regions - north of Newburgh and south of Newburgh. All deliveries within each region will be overnight and delivery between the regions will be two-day. The cost to participate is \$4,250 per stop per year, plus a one-time start-up fee. The goal is to lower costs over time. The core of LAND is the majority of the SUNY campus libraries. LAND is

designed to complement the regional delivery services already in place. For more information, <http://nylink.suny.edu/land.htm>.

ASIST CONFERENCE

The American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIST) will hold its annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA from November 18-21, 2002. The theme of the conference is *Information, Connections and Community*. Program topics include information delivery, retrieval and access, digital divide, intranets, content management, wireless computing, and user studies. For more information or to register, visit www.asis.org or send an email to meetings@asis.org.

NEW ADA HANDBOOK ONLINE

From *BLR HR eLert* September 5, 2002

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has issued a handbook to help employers comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). [The Americans with Disabilities Act: A Primer for Small Business](#) is designed to be a user-friendly guide for small employers to the basic requirements of the ADA. The ADA applies to all employers with 15 or more employees. The handbook covers ADA basics, hiring do's and don'ts, obtaining medical information from your employees, confidentiality, reasonable accommodation, safety concerns, and drug and alcohol use. It is available on www.eeoc.gov. For alternative formats (braille, large print, audio tape or computer disk file), call 202-663-4900 (voice) or 202-663-4494 (TTY).

PROBLEM PATRON STRATEGIES

Address perennial problem patrons by name. You know their name. When you address a person by name, he or she is less likely to be rude to you.

A positive way to set a boundary on the information that can be given over the phone: "We really want to help you with that. Come into the library and we'll show you how to find that information."

Trustee News

THE RENEGADE TRUSTEE

How does a library board deal with a "renegade" trustee? This can be a very awkward situation. An individual trustee has no authority apart from the board as a whole. However, this rarely prevents a "single agenda" trustee from recognizing that his or her issue does not have board support. When such individuals disrupt the collective work of the board, it is the job of the board chair to intercede. The chair must speak with the individual, and either get the trustee to desist or resign. In addition, it is advisable to have a code of conduct for trustees. Here is one idea for how a trustee code of conduct or code of ethics might look. Use it as a starting point for discussion in developing a code for your library's board.

Trustee Code of Conduct

As a library board member, it is my responsibility to:

- Devote time, thought, and study to the duties and responsibilities of a library board member;
- Work with my fellow board members in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion;
- Base my recommendations and decisions on all available facts in each situation;
- Abide by and uphold the final majority decision to the board;
- Remember at all times that as an individual, I have no legal authority outside the meetings

of the board;

- Resist every temptation and outside pressure to use my position as a library board member to benefit myself or my family or friends;
- Remember that the primary function of the board is to establish library policies;
- Welcome and encourage active cooperation by citizens, organizations, and the media when establishing policy and proposing future library development;
- Support the state and national library trustee associations;
- Maintain a spirit of teamwork and devotion to the library as one of the greatest instruments for the preservation and the perpetuation of our representative democracy.

BOARDS BUILDING COMMUNITY

The National Center for Nonprofit Boards will hold a National Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. on November 17-18, 2002. Attendees will learn how to raise funds, recruit action-oriented board members, manage organizational change, and work closely with the community. For more information or to register, visit www.boardsource.org, call 800-883-6262 or send an email to forum@boardsource.org.

PLA CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Public Library Association (PLA) offers several awards recognizing excellence in a variety of public library services. Following is a brief description of each award. The deadline for most awards is December 1, 2002. Application and nomination forms can be found at www.pla.org or call 1-800-545-2433, ext. 5PLA.

- *Allie Beth Martin Award* recognizes a public librarian for demonstrating a range and depth of knowledge about books and other library materials and the ability to share that knowledge. The award consists of \$3,000 donated by sponsor Baker & Taylor.
- *Baker & Taylor Entertainment Audio Music/Video Product Award Grant* offers the selected library \$2,500 in audio music and video products for its circulating collections ordered through Baker & Taylor.
- *Charlie Robinson Award* recognizes a public library director for implementation of innovative change. The award consists of \$1,000 and a gift to the librarian from sponsor Baker & Taylor.
- *Demco Creative Merchandising Grant* provides \$1,000 cash and \$2,000 in supplies to a public library proposing a project for the creative display and merchandising of materials either in the library or in the community.
- *EBSCO Excellence in Small and/or Rural Public Library Service Award* honors a public library serving a population of 10,000 or less that demonstrates excellence in service to its community as exemplified by an overall service program or a special program of significant accomplishment. The \$1,000 award is donated by EBSCO Subscription Services.
- *Highsmith Library Innovation Award* recognizes a public library's innovative achievement in planning and implementing a program or service that is a benefit to the overall community. Highsmith, Inc., the award's sponsor, provides a plaque and a \$2,000 honorarium.
- *New Leaders Travel Grant* is donated by GEAC Inc. to support the professional development and improve the expertise of public librarians new to the field by making possible their attendance at major professional development activities.

Grants & Funding

LEADER IN TECHNOLOGY GRANT

The American Library Association awards the Leader in Library Technology Grant to a library that has demonstrated creative or groundbreaking use of technology. SIRSI Corporation provides the funding for the \$10K grant. Applications are due December 1, 2002. For more information, visit www.ala.org/work/awards/appls/sirsi.html.

SUMMER READING GRANT

The Association for Library Services Division of ALA and Book Wholesalers, Inc. sponsor the ALSC/BWI Summer Reading Grant to encourage outstanding Summer Reading Programs. Applicants must plan and present an outline for a theme-based

Summer Reading Program in a public library. The program must be open to all children up to 14 years old. Proposals involving children with physical or mental disabilities are encouraged. The deadline for the \$3,000 grant is December 3, 2002. Applications are available at www.ala.org/alsc/bwi03.pdf or call Meredith Parets at 800-545-2433, x2166.

NATIONAL HOME LIBRARY FOUNDATION LITERACY GRANTS

Libraries and other organizations that encourage reading are eligible to apply for a grant ranging from \$1-25K. The Foundation supports the purchase of books or other reading materials by libraries and community groups with limited resources, programs to combat illiteracy, and programs relating to literary or cultural topics. There

are no application deadlines. To apply, send a brief proposal including organization's legal name, full description, a list of officers and principal staff, concise statement of need, detailed budget, proof of tax-exempt status, and a financial statement for the preceding year. The Foundation requests that contact be made only in writing to Lynda Robb, President, National Home Library Foundation, Suite 600, 1333 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington DC 20036.

PRESERVATION GRANTS

The New York State Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials offers an annual grant opportunity to libraries, archives, and historical societies for preserving materials. The maximum award is \$30K. Applications for the 2003 cycle are due on December 6, 2002. Questions about the

program should be addressed to: Barbara Lilley at 486-4864; billley@mail.nysed.gov, or visit www.nysl.nysed.gov/libev/cp/.

ASCLA AWARDS

The Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) offers seven awards. Information is available from Eileen Hardy, ASCLA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611; 312-280-4397; 1-800-545-2433 ext. 4398; ehardy@ala.org, or visit www.ala.org/ascla/guide_index.html#forms. The deadline for most of the awards is December 15, 2002. Awards are presented at the ALA Annual Conference.

- ASCLA Exceptional Service Award recognizes exceptional service to patients, to the homebound, to medical, nursing, and other professional staff in hospitals, and to inmates, as well as to recognize professional leadership, effective interpretation of programs, pioneering activity, and significant research of experimental projects.
- ASCLA Leadership Achievement Award recognizes leadership and achievement in the following areas of activity: consulting, multi-library cooperation, and state library development.
- ASCLA Professional Achievement Award is presented to one or more ASCLA members for professional achievement within the areas of consulting, networking, statewide service and programs.
- ASCLA Service Award recognizes an ASCLA personal member for outstanding service and leadership to the division.

- ASCLA/National Organization on Disability Award is a \$1,000 award and certificate for a library organization that has provided services for people with disabilities. The award recognizes an innovative and well-organized project which successfully developed or expanded services for people with disabilities.
- Francis Joseph Campbell Award is presented to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of library service for the blind and physically handicapped.

IFLA FELLOWSHIP

This fellowship from the U.S. International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions provides funds for conference registration, travel, accommodations, and per diem expenses to 15 librarians to attend the IFLA Conference in Berlin, Germany, August 1-9, 2003. The fellowship is open to librarians born after 1962, with a minimum of five years working in a library. Applications must be submitted by January 15, 2003. More information can be found at www.ala.org/news/v8n11/fellowships.html.

Worth Noting

Albany Public Library received two Library Services and Technology Act grants.

"Library Facilities and Master Plan" is a grant to hire an innovative, progressive, and experienced consultant to develop a Library Facilities and Programming Master Plan to assess the library's "physical health" and its prospects for the future. The Plan will clarify and document the Library's long-term goals and policies regarding facilities, programming, services, and technology. The consultant will conduct an analysis of community needs.

"First Stop/The Next Step" is a grant to help men and women transition from incarceration to employment. Through a series of job readiness classes, weekly ex-offender support group meetings, and updating and expanding of the Capital District ex-offender resource guide "On Your Own," this project will assist ex-offenders as they reestablish themselves in the community.

The Children's Department of the Albany Public Library will debut a new collection designed for circulation to childcare teachers. Pouches will hold books, music, puppets, etc. on themes such as "Community Life," "Conflict Resolution," "Self-Esteem," and other learning concepts. Daycare center directors can apply for an APL "Agency Card" which allows their staff to borrow the *Story Totes*. In addition, the Children's Department is taking registrations from daycare centers for professional storytime training. Daycare centers can contact 427-

4310 for more information.

The Guilderland Public Library has received \$2,500 from Assemblyman Jack McEneny to upgrade the Helderberg Room sound system, and to purchase a Text Telephone Telecommunication device (TTY). Senator Neil Breslin allocated \$5,000 to the library to improve the Young Adult area. The Library will be a participant in the Hannaford Supermarket Diversity Day on Saturday, October 5, 2002. The event will showcase the entertainment and educational information of the different cultures and community groups present in the town of Guilderland.

Beginning on October 3, 2002 at 1:00 PM, the Menands Public Library will present a film series that explores how Hollywood dealt with the years up to and directly after World War II. Before each showing, there will be a brief lecture concerning the film's importance and how it represented a trend in American popular culture. There will be a discussion after each film. All programs begin at 1:00 PM. October 3: SERGEANT YORK - America prepares itself; October 10: THE MORTAL STORM - The evils of Nazism; October 17: A YANK IN THE RAF - Those who join the fight early; October 24: WAKE ISLAND - The heroic stand to the last man; October 31: SAHARA - The United Nations fight back; November 7: MIRACLE OF MORGAN'S CREEK - The war at home; November 14: THEY WERE EXPENDABLE - The price of victory; November 21: THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES - The boys

come home.

People

Bethlehem Public Library business manager Sue Britton recently received a national award from the American Legion Auxiliary. Britton, who served as 2001-2002 Third District President, received the award for her work as chairman of the Auxiliary's NYS National Security Committee. The award honors "the best overall national security program activities in the eastern division of the U.S." Britton organized a variety of programs ranging from R.O.T.C. promotion to emergency prepa-redness and crime/fire prevention. Her committee also encouraged the purchase of U.S. savings bonds, organized practical support in the form of grocery coupons for military personnel, and gave solace to members of American Legion families who experienced losses on 9/11/01.

Bill McDowell, part-time library assistant in the Bethlehem Public Library youth services department, retired in September after nine years of service. The staff extend their good wishes.

This summer, the Bethlehem Public Library Board of Trustees honored outgoing president Susan Birkhead with a contribution in her name to the Bethlehem Public Library Fund, a designated gift fund managed by the Community Foundation for the Capital Region.

The new Bethlehem Public Library Board is as follows: John

Hathaway, president; John Cody, vice-president; Rena Button, secretary; Garry Pollow, treasurer; Paula Read, assistant treasurer; Melissa Palmer, UHLS representative. The Board welcomed Randy Fisher, who fills the seat vacated by Susan Birkhead.

Amanda Tombari and Erica Bingham joined the Bethlehem Public Library staff as part-time circulation desk personnel.

Karen Starr accepted a part time position on the reference desk at the Voorheesville Public Library. She comes to the library from the reference department of the University Libraries at SUNY Albany.

Reference librarian Mary Trev Thomas left the Troy Public Library to take a position with Bethlehem Public Library. Laura Davis Burns accepted a position of Reference Librarian at the Troy Public Library. She is a recent graduate of SUNY Albany and worked as a reference librarian at SUNY Albany and Schenectady County Community College.

Upper Hudson Library System welcomes Robert Carle as the new Training Specialist. Rob has Master's Degrees in Education Theory and Practice, and in Information Science. He also has A+ and Network+ Certification. He was a Social Studies teacher at the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District and Library Media Specialist with the Mayfield Jr.-Sr. High School.

Professional Collection

An Action Plan for Outcomes Assessment in Your Library by Peter Heron. American Library Association, 2002. A plan that provides data collection tools for measuring and linking outcomes to user satisfaction. Included are policies, guidelines and real-life examples. PROF 025.1 HER

Buying Books by Audrey Eaglen. 2nd edition. Neal-Schuman, 2000. A review of book publishing, the distribution process, pricing, wholesalers, distributors, vendor-library relations, order processing, automated acquisitions, and the future of library book purchasing. PROF 025.2 EAG

Introduction to United States Government Information Sources by Joe Morehead. 6th edition. Libraries Unlimited, 1999. Thorough resource covering government information issues, GPO services, Federal Depository Library Program, finding aids, reference sources, administrative and legal information sources, statistics, intellectual property, departments, agencies, and geographic sources. PROF 015.73 MOR

Library Lapsits: Early Language Development in Idaho by Anne Abrams. Idaho State Library, 2000. A how-to video and guide with goals, checklists, tips, media samples, book lists, handouts for parents, and program materials. PROF 372.6 LIB

The RFP Process: Effective Management of the Acquisition of Library Materials by Frances C. Wilkinson. Libraries Unlimited, 1998. How to plan the process, write the RFP, evaluate and choose the vendor. Includes sample timelines, cover letter, RFP questions, evaluation form and recommendation form. PROF 025.2 WIL

U.S. Government on the Web: Getting the Information You Need by Peter Heron. Libraries Unlimited, 1999. This guide organizes nearly 1,000 Web sites, including search engines, departments, agencies, statistics, web-based services, maps and geographic information systems, and sites for children. PROF 025.04 HER

Library Programs

ALBANY:
34th ANNUAL BOOK AND AUTHOR LUNCHEON - to honor Christopher D. Ringwald, author of The Soul of Recovery: Uncovering the Spiritual Dimension in the Treatment of Addictions. Sponsored by the Friends of the Albany Public Library. Saturday, October 26, 2002. 12:00 PM luncheon; 1:30 PM lecture. Call 427-4333 for luncheon reservations. The lecture is open to the public.

ALTAMONT:
STROKE PREVENTION - June Shea, RN, will present a program on Stroke Prevention and Treatment following the senior luncheon at 1:15 PM at St. Lucy's Parish Center, 122 Grand Street in Altamont. All are welcome to attend. Tuesday, October 8,

2002.

TRAIN SAFETY DAY - A Safety Officer from CSX Transportation will be presenting train safety for preschoolers at 10:30 AM. A presentation for school-age children will be offered at 3:00 PM. Tuesday, October 15, 2002.

BERNE:

TEEN READ WEEK - Hang out night is on Friday, October 18, 2002. Teenagers only will be in the library from 8:00 - 10:00 PM.

SCARY STORIES - All ages are invited to hear tales for Halloween from 7:00 - 8:00 PM on October 28, 2002.

BETHLEHEM:

MUSIC TO TEASE YOUR MEMORY - Baritone Drew Mills and pianist Stan Muraski will perform Broadway hits and music of decades past. Cosponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Friday, October 4, 2002 at 2:00 PM. Call 439-9314 to register.

WINSLOW HOMER IN NEW YORK STATE - Syracuse University fine arts professor David Tatham will talk about this well-known artist, who painted many locales in New York State. The program honors State Humanities Month, and is sponsored in part by the NY Council for the Humanities, with funds it has received from the NEH. Call 439-9314 to register. Sunday, October 6, 2002 at 2:00 PM.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BOOK CLUB - For girls in grade 4+ and their moms. Madeleine L'Engle's classic A Wrinkle in Time is the topic. Copies of the book are

available at the youth services desk. New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Call 439-9314 to register. Monday October 7:00 at 7:00 PM.

BRUNSWICK:

FIRE SAFETY DAY - Eagle Mills and Center Brunswick Fire Departments will present information and demonstrations on fire safety. This is a family event. To register, call 279-4023. Saturday October 19, 2002 from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

COMPUTER CLASSES - The library will offer two computer classes in October. Computer Basics and Introduction to Word Processing will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2002 from 10:00 AM - Noon at Tamarac High School and Introduction to the Internet on Saturday, October 26, 2002 from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM at Tamarac High School. Call 279-4023 early to reserve your seat.

EAST GREENBUSH:

HONEYBEE - Keeper of 100 hives in Saratoga County, Rick Green, owner of Ballston Lake Apiaries, and author of the book Apis Mellifera, a.k.a. Honeybee will share his 30 years of experience with bees, some of his bees, his beekeeping equipment, and a slide presentation. Saturday, October 12, 2002 at 2:00 PM.

WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY: MODEL RAILROADING - George O'Hagan knows what the world's greatest hobby is and wants to share his collection of model railroads and a film entitled "The World's Greatest Hobby." Sunday, October 13, 2002 at 2:00 PM.

THE MUSIC OF NORTHERN INDIA - Professor Vendra Chandra grew up in India and is a professor of sitar and Hindi language at Skidmore College. She is a grand-disciple of the legendary sitarist Ravi Shenkar. She perform traditional North Indian Hindustani sitar music. Friday, October 18, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

GUILDERLAND:

HELDERBERG SCREENING ROOM - October 14 and 18 mark the beginning of a year of wonderful film screenings in the Helderberg Room. This new series is made possible through a licensing agreement purchased by the library, which allows public performances of movies from particular production companies. Popcorn will be served for the full theater-going experience!

TEEN READ WEEK: GET GRAPHIC @ YOUR LIBRARY - The library is marking October 13-19 with a week full of events. These include: the dedication of the newly remodeled library's Teen area; the showing of the exciting film *Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*; and an evening of ceramic fun sponsored by Color Me Mine.

FIRST TUESDAY NEWS GROUP - This newspaper editorial discussion group will meet the first Tuesday of each month. On October 1, the group will jump right in with a topic bound to stir conversation and opinion: Iraq. For more information, call the Adult Reference Dept. at 456-2400 ext. 7.

TROY:

VOICES: MEDITATIONS FOR CAREGIVERS - Come to a book signing and reading by author Eleanor Marshall covering the important topic of caregiving. Monday, October 21, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

A SPOOKY EVENING OF STORIES - Stories for the whole family to enjoy! This program is for adults and children over 5 years of age. Presented by Jeannine Lavery and funded by Tellabration '01. Monday, October 28, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

VOORHEESVILLE:

BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE - Book discussion for grades 4 - 6 and parents (optional). Sign up and receive a copy of the book. Tuesday, October 22, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

HALLOWEEN HOOT - Come in costume for this family evening story time. Tuesday, October 30 at 7:00 PM.

TEEN READ WEEK - *Get Graphic @ Your Library* from October 13 - 19, 2002. Students in grades 6 - 12 are invited to check out the library's new graphic novels and sign up for great prizes.

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OPERA OVER EASY PRESENTS VERY VERDI - During this four week exploration of Verdi's operatic career (1839-1893), Library Director Robert Jaquay will focus on four complete operas: *Ernani*, *La Traviata*, *Otello*, and *Falstaff*. There are two sessions: Friday mornings (October 11, 18, 25, and November 1) or mornings (Sunday, October 13,

1-4 PM, then Saturdays, October 19, 26, and November 2). Each session runs from 9:00 AM-Noon (except for the one Sunday). Registration is required. Please call the Information desk at 458-9274.

CHAINBREAKER'S WAR - Editor Jeanne Winston Adler will read from the authentic narrative Chainbreaker's War: A Seneca Chief Remembers the American Revolution. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. Monday, October 14, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

WOMEN AT RISK - Author Noonie Fortin returns to the library to discuss her latest book that includes the stories of officers and enlisted personnel, as well as volunteers from all branches of the military. More than sixty women who served our country since before World War II to the present day are profiled in Women at Risk. Monday, October 21, 2002 at 7:00 PM.



Calendar

OCTOBER 2002

- 2 Library Advocacy Advisory Council 7:00 PM at UHLS
- 3 UHLS Staff meeting 9:00 - 11:30 AM at UHLS
- 4 Directors Association Fall Institute at HVCC
- 7 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 8 Services Committee 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 9 I-Stats Workshop 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 9 Finance Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 9 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 13-19 TEEN READ WEEK - *Get Graphic @ your library*
- 14 Columbus Day - UHLS closed
- 15 Deadline for the November issue of The Latest Edition
- 16 Public Hearing on UHLS Budget (tentative date) at UHLS
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- 18 Youth Services Advisory Council 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM at BETH
(Small libraries 9-10; YSAC meeting 10-12; Large libraries 12-1)
- 22 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 23-27 NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE
in Buffalo, NY
- 28-31 Horizon Sunrise Training at UHLS

NOVEMBER 2002

- 1 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 4-8 Horizon Sunrise Training at UHLS
- 6 Library Advocacy Advisory Council 7:00 PM at UHLS
- 11 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 12 Services Committee 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 13 Resource Sharing Advisory Council 9:00 AM at POES
- 13 Finance Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 13 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 14 Supervisory Skills Workshop 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 15 Deadline for the December issue of The Latest Edition
- 18 Tech Valley Tech Libraries workshop 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 21 Adult Services Advisory Council 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 26 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday - UHLS closed

DECEMBER 2002

- 9 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 10 Services Committee 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 11 Finance Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 11 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 13 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 16 Deadline for the January issue of The Latest Edition
- 24 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 25 Christmas Day - UHLS closed

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VISION STATEMENT: Upper Hudson Library System (UHLS) 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.