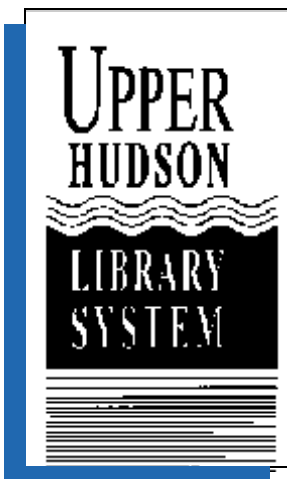


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OUTREACH UPDATE

By Sara Dallas, UHLS Outreach Services Consultant

The Upper Hudson Library System has been receiving categorical aid since 1981 to provide Coordinated Outreach Services directly and through the member libraries to New Yorkers who are most in need and who often are not regular library users. These target populations include: the blind and physically handicapped, aged, institutionalized, members of ethnic or minority groups, educationally disadvantaged, unemployed or underemployed, and geographically isolated. The way libraries and UHLS provide library services to their communities has changed in twenty-one years due to the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), changing demographics, and new technologies.

The ADA requires library buildings to be accessible. Now more libraries and branches have ramps, accessible bathrooms or provide alternative services to people who cannot get into the library. American Sign Language interpreters have been used for library programs. Staff in libraries learned American Sign Language to communicate with their customers. When UHLS migrates to Horizon, OPAC workstations will have Zoomtext, an adaptive software package that will increase the size of the print. Numerous libraries have closed circuit TV's (CCTV) that enlarge the written page. This equipment was purchased either with Outreach Minigrant funds or through a Capital District Community Foundation grant.

Collections in libraries have changed as well. There are books in many formats: audiocassettes, CD's, and large type. Videocassettes and DVD have closed captions. Books in foreign languages are available throughout the member libraries. These collections have been purchased with Outreach Minigrant funds, Central Library Development funds, and individual library funds. In addition, electronic databases and UHLAN make libraries accessible from home 24/7.

Family literacy, English as a Second Language, and Basic literacy programs, collections and partnerships are found in almost every library. Career counseling and job information are also available in many libraries. Every library now has services and programs geared to the recreational and informational needs of older adults, ranging from computer courses to homebound delivery. All of these services have been provided by local, Outreach Minigrant, Adult Literacy Grant, Library Services and Technology Grant (LSTA), Parent and Child funds.

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Outreach continued:

There are now more libraries in Albany and Rensselaer Counties. Some of them are in the process of expanding their chartered-to-serve areas. As a consequence, the number of geographically isolated people has decreased.

What made this all possible? Libraries are now working and partnering with community groups and agencies. Library managers are using their community demographics to develop and provide library services that are needed in their service areas. To develop a complete demographic picture of your community, please look at www.uhls.lib.ny.us/uhls/communityanalysis/ and www.cdrpc.org/Census2000/DemoProfiles.html.

LEARNATEST ADDED TO ONLINE DATABASE PROGRAM

LearnATest has been added to the UHLS online database program www.uhls.org/uhls/Databases/ as of September 1, 2002. This database has a wide variety of self-paced online practice tests that are true previews of the official exams. The service provides instant scoring and individual analysis to help improve test scores, explanations of both right and wrong answers to promote understanding and retention, and is available for in-library use and at home or office. Tests include U.S. citizenship, real estate broker, police and corrections officer, civil service, ESL, adult basic skills, and multiple academic exams such as ACT, SAT, Advanced Placement, and GRE.

Splish Splash Read!

UHLS libraries have completed a successful summer of reading programs. Statistics will come next month! Programs as diverse as marionettes and a local rock band attracted kids and teens to the library in waves. UHLS libraries made a summer splash for the kids of their communities despite construction, no-show performers, and extreme heat. Here's to amazing youth services staff!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE August 7, 2002 UHLS BOARD MEETING

- Velocity Express proposal to continue UHLS delivery services was unanimously accepted.
- The Administration Committee presented its revisions of the UHLS By-Laws. The Board will review the draft for discussion at the September Board meeting.
- The Singer Group presented the results of the Classification and Pay Study. Board members will review the Study for discussion at the September Board meeting.

ALL THUMBS NO MONEY REPAIR OF AUDIOS, VIDEOS AND CDS



Go beyond book repair in this hands-on workshop of simple things you can do to prolong the circulation life of your library's audiocassette, video-cassette, CD and DVD collections. The program will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2002 from 9:00 AM—Noon at UHLS. Tom Quaglieri of What's Happenin' Productions will demonstrate repairs of video and audio cassette tapes. CD and DVD cleaning and resurfacing will also

be covered. Bring your own audios, videos, CDs or DVDs to work on. For more information, or to register, contact Rachel Baum at 437-9880 x. 225; rachel@uhls.lib.ny.us.

FALL YOUTH SERVICES WORKSHOP

Puzzled about serving home schools, public schools and private schools? Plan to attend *Jigsaw Jockey: How Schools and Homeschools Fit into the Public Library Puzzle* on September 25, 2002 from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM at Guilderland Public Library. More parents are making the choice to home school their children. How do we serve kids not reachable through our usual school avenues? What do home school families want? Dr. Rebecca Rupp will share her insights as a home school specialist, parent, and author of many books and articles on home schooling and natural history. Ending the day, a panel of librarians versed in school and public library collaboration will share their best tips for collaboration. Registration information will be sent out in delivery.

COLLECTING ALL IAUP'S

Even though the filtering condition of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) was found unconstitutional, public libraries

are still required to have an Internet Acceptable Use Policy (IAUP) that meets the criteria described in the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act (NCIPA). For more information about the six NCIPA mandates, visit <http://www.ala.org/cipa/>. UHLS is collecting every member library's IAUP for its web site. If you have a new policy, or recently revised an existing one, please email a copy to rachel@uhls.lib.ny.us or send it to Rachel Baum in the courier bag. UHLS member library policies can be viewed at <http://www.uhls.org/uhls/about/policies.cfm>.

HORIZON UPDATE



Horizon training will be held during the weeks of October 28 and November 4. Please note these dates on your calendar. More details will be sent as classes are planned. Attendees will be limited to eight per class, so we may bring two *epixtech* trainers in to teach simultaneously, here at UHLS, and at another library, perhaps in Rensselaer County. In the meantime, the Implementation Team is reviewing migration details, including new item statuses, and additional codes sent to the team by member libraries. Database cleanup is proceeding, resulting in fewer CAPS records and duplicates. NEWCAT records are also being more fully cataloged.

EMAIL ON IMAIL

On September 18, 2002, UHLS will move its email server to a new server: Imail. This change will impact all UHLS email users. After

September 18, VAX mail will not be supported, and all UHLAN email will be handled by the Imail server. If you are a VAX mail user, you will have to move to a client-based email program, such as Outlook, Outlook Express, Netscape Messenger, or Eudora. If you are already using a client-based email program, you will need to make some changes to your email configuration. There are two steps you should do before September 18:

1. Set up mail forwarding on VAX to forward all your mail to the new server;
2. Change the configuration on your email client program to point to the new server.

Detailed instructions can be found on the UHLS Intranet. If you have any questions about the email service, please contact Jonathan Koppel at 437-9880 x229; jonathan@uhls.lib.ny.us.

Regional News

DONATE OR RECYCLE YOUR OLD COMPUTER

Clean out your storage areas and help save a little piece of the world at the same time. Be sure to contact these organizations first before turning your old computers over to them. Parents, Educators, Publishers (PEP) recommends donating used equipment to: Non-Profit Computing, Inc., 125 East 63rd Street, New York, NY 10021-7310; 212-759-2368; german63@hotmail.com and also Operation Crossroads Africa, Inc., 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115-0050; 212-

870-2106. The Environmental Health Center, a division of the National Safety Council, lists two local companies as certified recyclers: Mercury Refining Company, 1218 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205; 459-0846; dbcohen@aol.com and Waste Management, P.O. Box 526, Amsterdam, NY 12010; 841-4248; Peter_Bennison@WMX.com.

SPEAKING VOLUMES



Jonathan Sabin of the Manatee County Public Library System in Bradenton, Florida, gives these tips for librarians who write a column for their local newspapers:

- Refer to [Chase's Calendar of Events](#) for subject matter.
- Possible topics: child safety, the Kennedy's, plumbing, barbeques, unexplained phenomena, teen paperbacks - your imagination is the limit.
- A staff committee can help brainstorm article ideas, and take turns writing the column.
- Library Friends and volunteers might be willing to write an occasional article.
- For book reviews, consider focusing on good books that might otherwise be overlooked.
- Have someone check each article for grammar and spelling.

Adapted from *The Shy Librarian*, Summer 2002, pg. 12

National News

CIPA UPDATE: GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN?

The U.S. Justice Department has notified the Supreme Court that it plans to appeal the ruling by a 3-judge panel that imposed a permanent injunction against enforcement of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Arguments in the case will go before the Supreme Court early next year, assuming the Court does not dismiss the appeal. Meanwhile, the FCC has ordered that enforcement of CIPA's filtering requirements in libraries be suspended. Libraries are still required to have an Internet safety policy.

NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL

The second annual National Book Festival will be held on October 12, 2002. Hosted by First Lady Laura Bush and sponsored by the Library of Congress, the event will feature author readings, book discussions, book sales and performances. The festival is free. Libraries are encouraged to hold similar celebrations locally. For more information visit www.loc.gov/bookfest/.

POETRY INSTITUTE

The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office will offer the first Poetry in The Branches National Institute, a weekend-long intensive training program that will help participants develop new audiences for poetry and increase poetry circulation. The model can be adapted to fit

any size location, system or budget. The Institute will be held in New York City, October 4-6, 2002. For more information, visit www.poetshouse.org and click on "Poets House in the Public Libraries," or contact Jen Abrams at jen@poetshouse.org; 212-431-7920 x13.

PATRIOT ACT AND THE ALA

American Library Association (ALA) President Maurice J. Freedman states the following as the position of ALA regarding the U.S. Patriot Act:

"America's libraries support our nation's efforts to preserve and protect the many hard-fought freedoms we enjoy as Americans. Librarians also have a responsibility to protect the privacy of our patrons while responding to legitimate national security concerns. In 49 of fifty states, most librarians are obligated by law to protect the confidentiality of patrons' library records and to require that a law enforcement agent provide a court order before releasing patrons' library records.

"The American Library Association is concerned about the provisions of the U.S.A. Patriot Act that allow the FBI to seek information on Americans' reading habits, as if it were possible to determine what someone might do based upon what he or she has read. This wide-ranging federal surveillance of library records

is a troubling development that will have a chilling effect on the public's use of library resources.

"When someone checks out a book or looks at the Internet, it does not mean they agree with the information they find or that they intend to act on that information. Librarians will continue to fight for their patrons' First Amendment right to read and receive information without government interference.

HOMELAND SECURITY RESOURCES

The Center For Democracy And Technology (CDT) has created a web page www.cdt.org/security/usapatriot/hearings.shtml that gathers material about the Homeland Security Department and its implications for privacy, Internet security and the responsibility of government for its actions and policies.

ONLINE LIBRARY COURSES OFFERED

The University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Library & Information Studies is offering three continuing education courses via the Internet this fall: Fundamentals of Cataloging, from October 7 - December 15; Introduction to Metadata, from October 14 - November 25; and Virtual Collection Development, from October 21- November 30. You can participate at any time of day. You will receive a password to access the online courseware, which provides the means to post

assignments, do readings, and discuss the topics with the instructor and other students. Visit www.slis.wisc.edu/academic/ces/index.html for course descriptions and registration information.

Trustee News

PUBLICATIONS FOR TRUSTEES

In addition to several publications available for a fee, the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates (ALTA) will send copies of these helpful forms and information free of charge. Send an email to Mike Edmonds at medmonds@ala.org or call him at 800-545-2433, x. 2161.

- ALA Trustee Citation Nomination Form
- ALTA Major Benefactors Honor Award Nomination Form
- ALTA Literacy Award Nomination Form
- ALTA/Gale Outstanding Trustee Conference Grant Application Form
- ALTA Trustee Membership Brochure
- ALTA Advocate Membership Brochure
- ALTA Ethics Statement for Public Library Trustees
- Getting Involved in ALTA
- Five Ways ALTA Can Help Your Library
- How to Participate in the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates
- How Your Regional-Vice President Can Help You
- Trusteeship and the Library School Curriculum: A Survey

For more information, visit the ALTA web site at www.ala.org/alta/.

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FINDING A TRAINER

Adapted from an article by Bryan Caplovits in *BLR HR eAlert Bulletin*. June 26, 2002.

Employee training is essential, but you may not be able to locate the proper trainer, speaker, or workshop leader. Maybe you're too busy or you have no idea where to look. Here are seven tips to ensure that you find the perfect speaker:

1. Book your speakers far in advance. Speakers are more readily available and are more willing to negotiate a better price if you can guarantee a date well in advance.
2. Pinpoint the ideal location, one that will allow employees to focus completely on the day's event.
3. Identify your training goals. A good trainer will help you target what you need to accomplish.
4. Set employee expectations for the training. Unrealistic expectations going into the training lead to disappointment, criticism of the trainer, and thinking that training is a waste of time. Ask your trainer for a one-page flyer that tells employees what topics will be covered and what new skills they will learn.
5. Evaluate several speakers before making a final decision. Have a couple of employees help with the evaluation.
6. Consider using a speaker locator service to ensure results. The service is free to you; the speaker pays a commission.
7. Put all agreements in writing to prevent problems. Specify deadlines, financial issues, and what to do in the case of schedule changes.

Setting up a training session is a wise but very expensive investment when you consider the cost of total hours employees are not "at their desks." Guarantee your return on this investment by making sure you have a backup plan ready, such as a video training seminar.

Grants & Funding

FAMILY LITERACY

The goal of the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy National Grant Program is to develop and expand family literacy efforts nationwide, and to support

the development of literacy programs that build families of readers. Grants of up to \$65,000 will be awarded. The deadline for applications is September 6, 2002. For more information, visit www.barbarabushfoundation.com/nga.html.

NEH PUBLIC PROGRAM GRANTS

The National Endowment for the Humanities offers public program grants for libraries to provide the public with opportunities to explore the humanities through activities such as exhibitions, reading and film discussion series, catalogs, lectures, symposia, and websites. The deadline for applications is September 16, 2002. For guidelines and forms, go to www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pubprograms.html.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANT

The PG&E National Energy Group is now accepting applications for their Environmental Education Grant Program, which supports innovative projects that encourage and support environmental education for young people. Elementary, middle, and high schools and nonprofit organizations are eligible for these grants ranging from \$5K-\$10K. The deadline for applications is September 30, 2002. For additional information, visit www.neg.pge.com.

COMMUNITY ARTS CONNECTION

The Albany/Schenectady League of Arts offers Community Arts Connection Project Grants for arts and cultural programs occurring in those counties. The maximum grant is \$5,000. The deadline for applications is **October 7, 2002**. The League will hold free mandatory application seminars this fall: Tuesday, September 3, 2002 at

6:30 PM at the William K. Sanford Town Library; Tuesday, September 17, 2002 at Noon at the Hamilton Hill Arts Center; Thursday, September 26, 2002 at 6:00 PM at the Guilderland Public Library; and Monday, September 30, 2002 at 6:00 PM at the Glenville Public Library. Please call 449-5380 to pre-register. For more information, go to <http://www.artsleague.org/Projectguidelinesapp.html>.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK GRANT

Scholastic Library Publishing sponsors this \$4,000 grant recognizing the best library public awareness campaign during National Library Week (April 6-12, 2003) that promotes the role librarians play in the 21st century. The grant supports The Campaign for America's Libraries' goal of promoting librarianship as a profession and also ties into ALA President Mitch Freedman's yearlong initiative, The Campaign for America's Librarians, which focuses on better salaries and pay equity. The application deadline is October 15, 2002. An application form and guidelines are available at <http://www.ala.org/pio/nlw/grolierapp.doc>, or call the ALA Public Information Office at 800-545-2433 x. 4020; mhumphrey@ala.org.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The Community Facilities Grant program is made available through the Rural Housing Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to assist in the development of "essential community facilities" such as

libraries, in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Funds may be used to construct or improve the facility. Grant amounts range from 15-75% of the total project cost. Projects that serve communities with a population of 5,000 or less and a median income of below the poverty line will receive the highest priority. Applications may be submitted at any time. For more information, visit the web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/ProgramBriefs/brief_cp_grant.htm.

BROADBAND TRANSMISSION GRANT

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has introduced a pilot program to provide broadband transmission service to rural America. For fiscal year 2003, \$20 million will be available through a national competition to provide broadband transmission service on a community-oriented basis. Rural, economically challenged communities are targeted for broadband transmission services to schools, libraries, education centers, health care providers, law enforcement agencies, public safety organizations, residents and businesses. It is hoped that bringing technologies to rural areas will encourage economic growth, quality education and health care opportunities, and enhance public safety efforts. Deadline is November 5, 2002. For more information, contact Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, STOP 1590, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-1590; 202-720-9554.

HARRY CHAPIN GRANTS

The Harry Chapin Foundation gives grants of up to \$10,000 for community education, arts in education, agricultural, and environmental programs. All proposals must be in writing and are accepted on an ongoing basis. For more information, contact Leslie Ramme, Harry Chapin Foundation, 196 East Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743; 631-423-7558.



Harry Chapin's
Congressional Medal of
Honor

requirements and an application, visit www.helpushelp.org. Deadline for applications is February 28, 2003.

HANNAFORD GRANTS

The Hannaford Charitable Foundation provides financial support for programs and organizations, including libraries, dedicated to improving the communities in which the supermarket chain operates. Guidelines for applying are listed on www.hannaford.com/community/charitable.htm.

LATEST EDITION LEXICON

ENCRYPTION - The mathematical art of scrambling information that allows for secure transmission, receipt, and storage of data.

WEBQUEST - According to *School Library Journal*, a *WebQuest* is "an inquiry-oriented activity in which some or all of the information that learners interact with comes from resources on the Internet." For examples of WebQuests, training materials, guidelines and tips, go to The WebQuest Page at <http://webquest.sdsu.edu/webquest.html>.

Worth Noting

The Albany Public Library's Children's Room has a new CD collection. The goal of Project 'We Are the World' is to enrich the early literacy experiences of children whose parents' language is other than English. Music is a participatory medium that enriches early literacy experiences,

especially for families where parents and children are learning to speak and read English together. Children's librarians will integrate this collection of world music into the traditional story hour. Age appropriate songs will be combined with books, finger plays and crafts creating a multi-dimensional literacy experience for both parents and children. Many thanks to the Upper Hudson Library System for funding this Outreach Grant.

The Bethlehem Public Library's 18th annual Library Day will be held on September 22, 2002. The name of the event has been officially changed from "Library Day" to "Community Day," to honor the community groups that enrich the Town of Bethlehem.

The Cohoes Public Library has been awarded a \$6,925 New York State Parent and Child Services grant for its "Reading Together" project. The library has partnered with the Watervliet Public Library, EvenStart, and the Housing Authority of Watervliet and Cohoes to implement the project, which will serve ten families with children ages birth - five.

Guilderland Public Library has a new web site address: www.guilderlandpublic.info.

The Guilderland Public Library, in partnership with Literacy Volunteers of America-Mohawk/Hudson, Inc., will continue and expand the *New Connections @ The Guilderland Public Library: Linking ESL Students and Tutors* project. The

ULC/HIGHSMITH AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The Urban Libraries Council/Highsmith Award of Excellence recognizes library programs or initiatives that exemplify the principles of positive youth development. The \$1,000 award application deadline is December 2, 2002. For more information, contact ULC/Highsmith Award of Excellence, Urban Libraries Council, 1603 Orrington Ave, Suite 1080, Evanston, IL 60201, or visit www.urbanlibraries.org/standards/highnom.html.

ORACLE FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Oracle Help Us Help Foundation assists schools and other youth-serving nonprofits in economically challenged communities through grants of computer equipment and software. For details on grant guidelines, infrastructure

Library has been awarded a one-year Adult Literacy Services Grant of \$10,618 from the New York State Library, New York State Education Department, the second year of funding for the initiative. With the grant money, the partners can continue their successful program of recruiting and training tutors to lead literacy classes in English as a Second Language (ESL), as well as referring non-English-speaking students to tutors through Literacy Volunteers. Grant funds will enable the partners to organize student discussion groups, purchase more ESL materials, and provide more post-training professional support of the volunteer tutors.

The Voorheesville Public Library received a donation of \$1,000 from the Hudson River Bank & Trust Company Foundation.

The Voorheesville Public Library-based group Nimble-fingers made and donated a beautiful quilt for the annual Friends of Library quilt raffle. Tickets are on sale now at the library for \$1 each. The drawing is in October.

People

Timothy G. Burke has been appointed Assistant Director of the Albany Public Library. He has worked at the J. Spencer and Patricia Standish Library at Siena College since 1984. John D. Cirrin has been appointed Public Information Officer. John has a background in Educational Communications and is a long-

time employee of the library, having previously served as the library's Media Specialist. New Children's Librarians are: Karen Basher at the New Scotland branch; Julie Basu at the Delaware branch, Scott Jarzombek at the Howe branch, and Christina Stenson-Carey at the Pine Hills branch.

The Bethlehem Public Library welcomes Mary Trev Thomas as the new Head of Adult Services. She previously served as reference and electronic resources librarian at Troy Public Library, and worked at both the East Greenbush and Albany Public Libraries. The Department of Building and Grounds welcomes three part-time custodians: Dan Purcell, Bob MacFawn and Don Wagoner. The Technical Services/Circulation Department welcomes Erin Yerdon and Kelly Vadney as part-time circulation personnel.

Darlene Miller is the new Director of the Castleton Public Library. She served as Children's Librarian both at Castleton and the Sand Lake Town Library.

Brian Hartson and John Daly are new Trustees at the Guilderland Public Library. Linda VanSteele has joined the staff as a Library Clerk in the Circulation Department as well as the Technical Services Department.

Lesla Clark has joined the Voorheesville Public Library staff as a library assistant. Cindy Childs is the new President of the Friends of the Library. Michele Reilly has retired from the reference desk to await the birth

of her second child in October. Reference librarian Julie Stump had her first article published in the *Criminal Justice Review*.

Professional Collection

101 Ways to Make Training Active by Mel Silberman. Jossey-Bass, 1995. This extensive guide gives suggestions on how to organize and conduct training sessions that can be used to teach any subject. PROF 371.3 S

Library Programs

ALBANY:

SENIORS CONNECT @ THE LIBRARY - A series of programs for local residents aged 55 and up. Learn basic computer skills, how to send and receive e-mail, and how to use the Internet and search engines, including important sites of special relevance to seniors. Call 427-4303 and mention *Seniors Connect* to learn more or to register for classes. All classes are on Tuesdays from 9:30 - 11:30 AM. September 10: Introduction to Computers; September 17: Introduction to Internet; September 24: Introduction to E-mail.

ALTAMONT:

MAXIMIZING HEALTH AT ANY AGE - The Altamont Free Library, in conjunction with the Altamont Seniors, is planning a series of programs on health and wellness for all. This first presentation is on September 17, 2002 at 1:15 PM, following the Senior's lunch

at St. Lucy's Parish Center and is open to the public.

ACTION ADVENTURE BOOKTALK - Presented by Ginny La Juene at St. Lucy's Parish Center. Some stories are stranger than fiction and Ginny will be sharing these titles on September 24, 2002 at 1:30 PM, following the Senior Citizen's luncheon. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A VISIT WITH LAURA INGALLS WILDER - Frieda Saddlemyre will share Laura's world with school-age children on September 25, 2002 at 3:00 PM.



Laura Ingalls Wilder

BETHLEHEM:

NONFICTIONADOS - The nonfiction book discussion group resumes this fall with a discussion of Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America by Barbara Ehrenreich. New members are welcome. Wednesday, September 18, 2002 at 7:00 PM. Call 439-9314 to register.

AUNT HELEN'S CLOSET - A globetrotting great-aunt's closet provides a wealth of tales and artifacts for storyteller and humorist Ellen Mnich to share with senior citizens and others. Cosponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Thursday, September 19, 2002 at 10:00 AM. Call 439-9314 to register.

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING - Activities for the coming year will be discussed over snacks. The Council provides input on youth-related library programs, books and websites.

New members (middleschoolers in grades 6-8) are always welcome. Thursday, September 26, 2002 at 7:00 PM. Call 439-9314 to register.

EAST GREENBUSH:

VICTORIAN FLOWER PAINTING - Nancy McGrath, director of the Lansingburgh Art Studio, will share a history of watercolor painting in the Victorian era and teach adult participants to paint flowers in watercolor. Class size limited. Sunday, September 8, 2002 from 1:30 - 4:30 PM.

INTRODUCTION TO PUBLISHING FOR TEEN POETS AND WRITERS - Young Adult Librarian

Jen McIntosh and Librarian-in-Training Beth Nagel will discuss how and where teens can get work published. Thursday, September 12, 2002 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.

SHOULD THE U.S. REMOVE SADDAM HUSSEIN? - Professor Steven A. Leibo, Ph.D will moderate a discussion of the potential threat Iraq poses to world security. A video of a debate presented at Boston College last spring will provide an introduction. Professor Leibo is the Director of the International Studies Program at the Sage Colleges. Sunday, September 22, 2002 at 2:00 PM. Refreshments will be served.

GUILDERLAND:

FALL BOOK DISCUSSIONS - The Library's four popular book discussion series begin in September, meet at various

times throughout each month, and offer different approaches. The Early Bird Book Discussion meets one Tuesday morning a month; Books Sandwiched In meets during one Wednesday lunchtime a month; Night Owls Book Discussion meets one Monday evening a month; and Evening Adult Book Discussion, meets one Thursday evening a month.

PROGRAMS FOR THE COLLEGE BOUND - This three-program series is geared towards teens and their parents as they begin the college application process. The first is a Princeton Review program that will focus on strategies for taking the college entrance exams (SAT, SAT II, and ACT). The second program, presented by an educational funding specialist, will cover financing a college education. During the third program, teens will take a three-hour PSAT and have it evaluated by the Kaplan Educational Center. All of these programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call Adult Services at 456-2400 ext. 7. September 12, 17, 18 and 21, and October 23.

VOLUNTEER COMPUTER COACHES

The Library Computer Specialist and the Reference Services Department will host the initial meeting of Volunteer Computer Coaches. This group will begin a series of



instructional sessions to learn the basics of computer literacy and Internet use, and the skills necessary to work one-on-one as Computer Tutors in the Library. Thursday, September 19 at 11:00 AM.

RENSSELAERVILLE:

LIBRARY LAWN PARTY - This fundraiser supports the daily operation of the Library and will take place at Conkling Hall due to the excavation work on the Library lawn. The Library will be open during the party so stop in to see how the renovation is coming along. Sunday, September 1, 2002 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. Donation: \$10 (includes 1 drink ticket). Children admitted free.

VOORHEESVILLE:

HOORAY FOR JUNIE B. JONES! - Play stations, trivia and a "cake walk" to celebrate this lovable character. Friday, September 20, 2002 at 4:00 PM for grades K-3.

CREATIVE WRITING - New writers are welcome. Bring work to share. September 16, 2002 at 7:00 PM.



Junie B. Jones
is Captain Field Day

FILLING OUT COLLEGE APPLICATIONS - Sally Ten Eyck of College Assistance Plus will be at the library to help high school seniors show their strengths to prospective colleges through applications and essays. This is a working session with time to develop essay ideas and answer questions. September 24, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

WILLIAM K. SANFORD:

READINGS FROM CRYSTAL WINGS: Women's Responses to the Terrorist Attacks of 9/11. On the one-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, five area writers will share their responses. Four of the writers will read pieces that are included in the new book Crystal Wings: Women's Responses to the Terrorist Attacks of 9/11. Wednesday, September 11, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

NEW WORKS BY VEENA CHANDRA - Join us for the debut of seven new Indian classical music pieces on themes in memory of September 11, 2001.

A brief workshop will precede the concert and a reception to meet the artist will follow. This program is made possible in part with public funds from the NYS Council on the

Arts Decentralization Program. Saturday, September 21, 2002 at 2:00 PM.

PROUSTIAN JOURNEY: A Year with Marcel Proust - In the annals of great literature, there exists a work that many consider to be the best novel ever written. In some circles it is referred to as THE Novel. That work is Marcel Proust's Remembrance of Things Past, or as it is now called In Search of Lost Time. Beginning in October and continuing every other month for a year, there will be a discussion of each volume of In Search of Lost Time lead by Library Director Robert Jaquay. The first session, a discussion of volume one Swann's Way, will be held on Tuesday, October 8, at 7:00 PM. "Madeleines" will be served! Call the Information desk at 458-9274 to register. Begins Tuesday, October 8, 2002.



German Shepherd Dog

Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2002 LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

- 2 Labor Day - UHLS closed
- 4 Library Advocacy Advisory Council 7:00 PM at UHLS
- 6 Directors Association 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 9 INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY
- 9 Administration Committee 4:00 PM at UHLS
- 10 Implementation Team 9:00 AM 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
- 12 All Thumbs, No Money Repair of Audios, Videos & CDs workshop 9 AM-Noon at UHLS
- 13 **Deadline for the October issue of The Latest Edition**
- 18 Implementation Team 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 18 Resource Sharing Advisory Council 9:00 AM at COLN
- 19 Adult Services Advisory Council 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 20 Youth Services Advisory Council 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM at UHLS (Book review 9-10; YSAC meeting 10-12; Potluck 12-1; Book review 1-2)
- 21-28 BANNED BOOKS WEEK
- 24 Automated Services Committee 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 24 Implementation Team (following ASC meeting)
- 25 Jigsaw Jockey: How Schools and Homeschools Fit into the Public Library Puzzle workshop 9 AM - 3:30 PM at GUIL

OCTOBER 2002

- 1 Implementation Team 9:00 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 Finance Committee 3:30 PM at UHLS
- 9 Board of Trustees 4:30 PM at UHLS
- 13-19 TEEN READ WEEK
- 14 Columbus Day - UHLS closed
- 15 **Deadline for the November issue of The Latest Edition**
- 15 Implementation Team 9:00 AM at UHLS
- 18 Youth Services Advisory Council 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM at TBA (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
- 29-31 *Horizon* Training sessions All Day at UHLS

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