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2007 Annual Report

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I took over as Board President in September of 2007, following in the footsteps of Charlie Diamond who led our Board for three years. I thank Charlie for his work and good humor during his term as President and am honored to be given this opportunity to lead such a great organization.

That said, what have we accomplished in the past year? The Board met ten times during the year and each Trustee gave their full attention to all of the matters brought before us. In addition to their Board duties, each member serves on one of our Standing Committees and it is here, in the trenches, that the bulk of the work is accomplished. Since our Board membership remained fairly stable, with only two changes, the Committee members were able to bring a great deal of experience and expertise to their duties.

Each of our standing Committees met almost monthly to deal with issues that are their particular responsibilities.

Administration Committee

Jim Reilly, Cris Blanchard, Charles Diamond, Paula Read, and Barbara Nichols Randall (representing the UHLS Directors Association)

Chaired by Jim Reilly, this Committee worked on several issues including the following:

- **Building renovations:** beginning in 2006 and lasting through the Fall of 2007, the Committee oversaw extensive renovations to the UHLS building to accommodate two new tenants: the New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NYSCASA) and the Asian Arts Group. NYSCASA moved in at the beginning of the year, and the Asian Arts, an organization teaching Tai Chi, health, and wellness moved in at the end of the summer. The renovation costs are projected to be recovered in rental income in five years.
- **Generator:** Committee members reviewed a proposal to install a generator in the building - primarily to support the automation system in case of a power failure. They recommended that the Board approve the project and it will begin in January 2008.
- **Performance evaluation:** in mid-2007, the Committee began a long-term project to develop a comprehensive and satisfactory method of

evaluating the goals and achievements of the organization via the Executive Director position.

- Annual awards: in conjunction with the Services Committee, new criteria were developed for the annual Awards. The Administration Committee is now responsible for the Advocate and Trustee Awards.

Services Committee

Erin Apostol, Brian Hartson (Michael Borges), Mary Muller, Lois Prenovost, and Robert Jaquay (representing the UHLS Directors Association)

Chaired by Erin Apostol, this Committee must review any grant applications being submitted by UHLS. This is an ongoing process throughout the year as grant opportunities become available. In addition, other actions included:

- Annual awards: in a joint meeting with the Administration Committee, new criteria were developed. The Services Committee is now responsible for the Volunteer and Library Program Awards.
- Outreach mini-grants: the Services Committee reviewed the recommendations from the Coordinated Outreach Advisory Council and then made a recommendation to the Board for approval of the mini-grants.
- Courier contract: this Committee has the initial responsibility of reviewing and approving the contract for the Courier services. A new contract with Velocity Express was approved at the end of the year, however dissatisfaction with the service led to the creation of an RFP seeking better service which will be disseminated early in 2008.

Finance Committee

MaryAlice Molgard, Pat Spohr, Richard Young, Hawley Zwahlen, and Nancy Pieri (Jeffrey Cannell) (representing the UHLS Directors Association)

Chaired by MaryAlice Molgard, the Finance Committee reviews the monthly Purchase Journal and Treasurer's Reports and then keeps the Board members apprised of the financial health of the organization. The Committee is also responsible for overseeing the development of the annual Budget and reviewing the monthly income and expenditures as they relate to that budget. It is this Committee that keeps UHLS on a financial "even keel" and makes sure that we are well prepared for any financial contingencies including any changes in State funding.

All of the UHLS Trustees are involved in some aspect of the local libraries in Albany and Rensselaer Counties - either as a Library Director or on a Board of Trustees. They bring unique view points and extensive experience to their work on the UHLS Board. It is this combination of skills and expertise, along with a willingness to accommodate the diverse needs of our member libraries and the communities that they serve, that makes our Board very successful and responsive.

2007 STAFF

Executive Director:	Philip Ritter	
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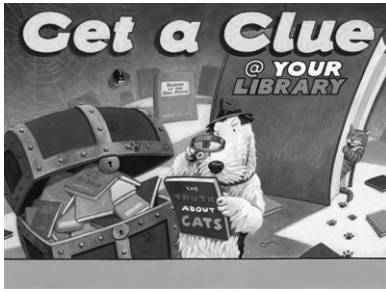
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Upper Hudson Library System continued to improve existing services as well as introducing new services to its member libraries in 2007. The UHLS staff made a major effort to improve the quality of the database and to improve its usefulness to our customers. We introduced a new program called *The Big Read* by applying for and receiving a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). This national program helped us to encourage literary reading throughout our service area. Our very popular *Riverway Storytelling Festival* was continued with an increased attendance at its many programs. Through the use of a federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant we were able to present a series of programs to provide customer service training to member library staff. Following is a summary of the major accomplishments in our primary areas of service.

Youth and Family Services

The LSTA grant, "Kids Cookin' by the Book," came to a successful conclusion in the spring with the completion of the Kids Cookbook and the airing of the seven-show, six and-a-half hour series. Each show is still available on cable on demand, where anyone with cable can download it. In addition, the grant money allowed us to fund a three to five minute promo for each of the seven libraries involved in the grant. These libraries used their promos to support funding campaigns and inform elected officials. We also made a deal with Time Warner Cable to film additional library promos at a modest cost, but no libraries have accepted the offer to date.

The fifth annual *Riverway Storytelling Festival* in April had the largest audience ever. Nearly 1,400 people attended the 23 events sponsored by twelve of our member libraries. The testimonials we gathered following each major performance attest to the popularity and need in our communities for this unique program. Performances in senior centers were new this year and were sponsored by UHLS member libraries as outreach programs. These performances were well received by seniors and sponsoring librarians alike, and they will be continued next year. Total cash and in-kind support for Riverway, not counting UHLS cash (\$5,000) or support, was \$33,205, raised from 21 sources.



Get a Clue @ Your Library was the theme of the 2007 Statewide Summer Reading Program.

The sixth annual UHLS/MVLS/SALS Summer Reading Program (SRP) Planning Workshop was held in March at the William K. Sanford Town Library. Seventy-three people attended the workshop, centered on the statewide theme: *Get @ Clue at Your Library* (children) and *YNK (You Never Know) @ Your Library* (teens). Librarians used what they learned at the workshop to plan strong summer programs. Within UHLS, total participants numbered 30,519, up slightly from 2006. Due to the fact that we exceeded the 30,000 mark, our SRP mini-grant from the State will increase from \$6,000 in 2007 to \$12,000 in 2008. We used the 2007 grant to purchase hundreds of paperback books for our libraries to use as desirable prizes. These books ranged from picture books to teen fiction.

The Arts grant *Sounds True* involved kids of “tween” age, sound artist Brian Mellick, and storyteller Marni Gillard. Kids learned about Foley artists (sounds effects experts), made their own sound effects instruments out of basic objects, learned a story, and put it all together in a performance for younger children and families.

At the request of our member libraries, we purchased two new gaming systems and several games: a Nintendo Wii, the accompanying game *Guitar Hero*, and a karaoke machine. These new gaming systems provided our libraries with excellent resources with which to implement popular teen programs.

Information and Outreach Services

The UHLS Coordinated Outreach Services Advisory Council reviewed all of the 2007 Outreach Mini-grant applications in January and made recommendations regarding their funding. Our members continued to come up with creative and innovative programming to serve various outreach populations. Funds in 2007 were awarded to help provide services to Spanish speaking customers, the developmentally disabled, the elderly, the unemployed, and at-risk children.

UHLS received a \$15,000 LSTA grant to provide customer service training to member library staff. The training was very well received by the 200 librarians attending the training sessions: *Library 2.0*; *Connecting Boys with Books*; *Reinventing the Customer-Centered Library*; *Close Encounters with THOSE People*; and *Creating Communities*.

UHLS was awarded a \$20,000 grant from the NEA to participate in *The Big Read*, a national initiative to encourage literary reading community-wide. UHLS partnered with the New York State Writer’s Institute to read the Harlem Renaissance classic, *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. In support of *The Big Read*, there were over 100 programs throughout our member libraries during the month of May. At the end of the year, UHLS received a second NEA grant to create programming in 2008 pertaining to another classic novel, *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton.

Delivery has been a challenge. Although Velocity Express, our contracted courier service, provided acceptable service in the past, during the last few months of 2007, the service deteriorated significantly. We ended the year

knowing that our concerns over delivery service would have to be addressed in the coming year.

Automation Services

During 2007, the automation system processed more than 4,000,000 loans, and we added 41,521 new bibliographic records and 153,736 items. We sent out 353,692 notices: 53,406 by print, 172,409 by Telecirc, and 127,877 by email. We sent out our entire bibliographic database for authority control processing, which resulted in 23,883 updated records.

In 2007, over 95% of all email was spam. We spent a lot of time, and had some success, in controlling the amount of spam that gets through our filters. However, tighter control leads to an increase in false positives, so it's still a fairly big job for us to monitor email.

We promoted the use of wikis and blogs for the collaborative work of our department and of the advisory councils in which we participate (Resource Sharing, Database Maintenance, and Technology Advisory.) We purchased and installed a new Terminal Services server that is being used by twenty libraries, and all report improved response time and very few problems.

We had a few unusual automation system problems during 2007, such as a shortage of disk space allotted to Sybase, which we were able to resolve quickly. Unfortunately, we continued to have the all-too-usual problem of prolonged system slowness and poor response time. We spent a great deal of time on this problem: we worked with SirsiDynix, upgraded several systems (e.g. Sybase), bought new hardware, worked with libraries to identify and fix problems at their sites (e.g. viruses) that were contributing to general system slowness, and tried anything else that seemed hopeful, but still have not found a permanent solution to this serious problem.

DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION

Paul Hicok, Chair

The Director's Association provides a forum for individual library directors to exchange ideas and to network with fellow administrators. The Association also acts as a sounding board and advisory council for UHLS with a voting representative on the UHLS Board of Trustees.

Meetings are held monthly. The format of most meetings includes a report from the UHLS Executive Director, reports from Association representatives to UHLS Board Committees, and reports from individual directors concerning issues and events at their libraries.

The March meeting of the Director's Association was a strategic planning session with UHLS consultants. The purpose of the discussion was to review activities planned for the year based on the 2007 Plan of Service. Directors sent in their goals prior to the meeting in an effort to coordinate individual library activities with UHLS plans.

Nancy Pieri of Bethlehem was appointed the Director's Association representative to the UHLS Board following the resignation of Jeffrey Cannell. Barbara Nichols Randall was appointed to represent the Association on the UHLS Administration Committee and Robert Jaquay was the representative on the UHLS Services Committee.

Michael Borges, Director of the New York Library Association, attended our April meeting, and thanked the Association for its efforts on Lobby Day which resulted in significant increases in library support from the legislature.

The Director's Association participated actively in the discussion of how to allocate the additional \$139,000 in State aid to the System. Suggestions were made in the May meeting and further debated at the July meeting.

Other hotly debated topics included an initiative from CW Post to conduct Library Administration workshops, whether the System needs a full time cataloger, 24-Hour reference service, and what to do with movie download funds recommended by the Central Library Advisory Council.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

Timothy Burke, Interim Director

The Central Library Advisory Council was formed by the Albany Public Library and the UHLS Services Committee, and comprises representatives from small, medium, and large libraries from Albany and Rensselaer Counties. Members in 2007 were: Paul Hicok, chair (Troy), Barbara Nichols Randall (Guilford), Deborah Canzano (Cohoes), Lenny Zapala (Menands), Jane Minotti (Sand Lake), Pat Sahr (Nassau), Philip Ritter (UHLS), and Tim Burke (Albany). During 2007, Jane Minotti resigned as Director of the Sand Lake Town Library and was replaced on the Central Library Committee by Julie Zelman (Brunswick). The Committee worked diligently to help the Central Library meet the needs of member libraries while working within the constraints of New York State's bureaucratic requirements.

The Central Library lent over 90,000 items to member libraries in 2007. The Central Library spent \$88,512 for onsite and remote access online database licenses, which enabled member libraries to offer a service that few could afford individually. Databases offered included *Literary Reference Center*, *Home Improvement Reference Center*, *Legal Forms Online*, and *Reference USA*, a directory of residential and business phone numbers. \$5,608 was spent on additional content for *Overdrive*, an electronic book and digital audio file resource that is available to the users at all UHLS member libraries. Reference and database support were also partially funded by Central Library Grant funds. A total of \$71,500 in Central Book Aid funds was spent on circulating non-fiction titles and reference material.

MEMBER LIBRARIES

Albany	North Greenbush
Altamont	Petersburgh
Berlin	Poestenkill
Berne	RCS
Bethlehem	Rensselaer
Brunswick	Rensselaerville
Castleton	Sand Lake
Cohoes	(Schaghticoke) Arvilla E. Diver
(Colonie) William K. Sanford	Stephentown
East Greenbush	Troy
Grafton	Valley Falls
Guilderland	Voorheesville
(Hoosick Falls) Cheney	Watervliet
Menands	Westerlo
Nassau	

ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mary Ellen O'Connor, Board President
Timothy Burke, Interim Library Director

Albany Public Library continued its commitment to provide customer-centered service to people of the City of Albany. In 2007 the Library circulated a total of 1,106,028 items, recorded more than 1,850,000 customer visits, had 305,000 public computer uses, and 175,309 reference transactions. These impressive statistics demonstrate the important role that the Library plays in both the City of Albany and in the UHLS service area.

In February a public referendum was held on the \$29.1 million Branch Improvement Plan. The plan will shape Albany's libraries for the 21st century and includes two new branch libraries in the Arbor Hill/West Hill and New Scotland neighborhoods, extensive renovations to the current Pine Hills and John A. Howe Branch Libraries, and renovation of a former funeral home to become the new Delaware Avenue Branch Library. Upon passage of the referendum the Library contracted with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York to serve as project manager. The architecture firm of CS Arch was selected for the three renovation projects and the firm of Hom + Goldman was selected to design the new buildings. The \$29.1 million bond was issued in June and work began on the design phase of all projects during the summer. All of the projects are scheduled to begin in mid-2008.

In March of 2007 Jeff Cannell resigned from his position as Library Director to become the Deputy Commissioner for Cultural Education for New York State. Assistant Director Timothy Burke was appointed to the position of Interim Library Director and Outreach Coordinator Patrice Hollman was appointed Interim Assistant Director.

APL continued its tradition of innovative library programming in 2007. The "Big Purple Bus," the APL bookmobile, was awarded the 2006 Joseph F. Shubert Award for Library Excellence early in 2007. A host of outstanding programs were offered at APL locations and a few of the most notable were the **Harry Potter Midnight Release Party** at the Pine Hills Branch for the final book in the series, a **Silent Film Series** featuring musical accompaniment composed by local musicians, and **Garage Bands in the Garage** which showcased local contemporary musical groups in the Main Library's garage.

The dedication and hard work of the staff, the leadership of the Board of Trustees, and the support of the community combined to make 2007 another dynamic and exciting year for Albany Public Library.

ALTAMONT FREE LIBRARY

Anthony Kossmann, Board President
Judith Wines, Director

2007 was a year of planning and progress for the Altamont Free Library. A Capital Campaign Committee was formed to raise funds for the renovation of the train station. Funds from a state construction grant paid for connection of the train station to the village sewer pipe. The Board authorized architect Janet Null to draw up construction documents for the train station.

The Library saw its circulation grow and hosted numerous programs for the community. The library expanded its programming by forming partnerships with organizations and individuals in the community to offer dozens of special lectures, workshops, etc. The Library expanded its operating hours by opening an hour earlier in the morning.

BERLIN FREE TOWN LIBRARY

Martha von Schilgen, Board President

Sharon Vogel, Director

It's very hard to believe that our construction/renovation was completed in 2002 and that we've lived in our beautifully improved facility for five years! During 2007, an important marker year for our Library, special focus was placed on fundraising and programming.

Among our fundraising ventures: a *Pie à la mode Café* on the library grounds during the Town's 4th of July Parade; our first *Crafts Fair* held during the holiday season; and our annual *August Book and Bake Sale*. All of these events were very successful. Another promising fundraiser began with a watercolor project for children that led to a rotating exhibit of their paintings in our children's room. The project then expanded. Reproductions of the artwork were made into greeting cards and sold. The success of the cards led to two additional watercolor workshops, including a special session that produced an array of holiday cards.

The highlights of our adult programming included two sessions from our *Meet the Author* series. Musician/composer/writer Allen Shawn introduced us to his newly published work, *Wish I Could Be There: Notes From a Phobic Life*, and Berkshire writer Jim Ciullo read from his newest suspense novel, *Orinoco*. Another well-attended event was a lecture/demonstration on the songs of poet Robert Burns, presented by visiting scholar/musician Freddy Freeman from Scotland. Due to popular demand, the Library hosted another evening of *Open Mike*, as well as three performances by local musical groups during our *Summer Music Series*.

Our younger patrons were inspired by the New York State Summer Reading Program themes (*Get a Clue* and *Metamorphosis*) and spent hours reading and participating in our programs. Most of our events had full participation and included art projects and two sessions of *Mystery Busters* where participants were given a list of clues imbedded in a story and then set out to solve the mystery. The Berkshire Museum presented two programs—*Forensics*, for older children, and *Touch the Sea*, very popular with our youngest patrons. Four *Story Hour* sessions were held for children ages two through five during the summer months.

The successes with fundraising and programming we experienced in 2007 would not have been possible without the unified efforts, cooperation and dedication of Trustees, Friends of the Library, staff and community volunteers. We look forward to a fruitful 2008.

BERNE PUBLIC LIBRARY

James O'Shea, Board President
Jodi Ebel, Director

The Town of Berne Public Library has had another busy and productive year. Total attendance, circulation, and program attendance continue to increase, and our public access computers are in constant use.

Our most popular events continue to be story time, book clubs and movie nights. This past summer, many young neighborhood detectives read diligently as they participated in the New York State Summer Reading Program *Get a Clue @ Your Library*. Some participated for the sheer joy of reading, some so they wouldn't let their reading skills slide during the summer months, and perhaps one or two for some pretty fabulous prizes. After all clues were revealed it was evident that this year's Summer Reading Program was a huge success. Not to be outdone by the kids, about 20 adults from the Berne-Knox area participated in our Adult Summer Reading Program. Participants read books selected by library staff members to increase exposure to and appreciation of the mystery genre. We were pleased to end the adult program with a visit from local author M. E. Kemp and, of course, raffles for prizes, including eight invitations to participate in our first ever Murder Mystery Dinner entitled *How to Host a Murder – Roman Ruins*.

Outreach programs continue to be a major focus for our small library and the surrounding community with book deliveries, Headstart and Nursery School visits, tours for boy scout groups and nursery school classes, BKW Classroom visits and quarterly visits to the BKW Connections program.

Although we continue to grapple with space issues, we also are constantly looking towards the future and a larger building remains a real possibility for us. We look forward to providing a full range of services; education, information, culture and recreation to our community of children, adults and senior citizens.

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Paula Read, Board president (until July 1, 2008)
Nancy L. Pieri, Director

This was a year of firsts: first Big Read, first online Summer Reading registration, first survey-supported series, first Technology Fair.



Detective Ike LaRue checks his online reading log for the "Get a Clue" Summer Reading Program at Bethlehem.

Big Read activities for Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God* were many and various. High points included the display of Estelle Yarinsky's art quilt "Zora" (part of a collection of Yarinsky quilts subsequently exhibited at the Albany Institute), an art show by Bethlehem's young art students inspired by the Harlem Renaissance, and a performance by the high school's select jazz group. This school-library connection resulted in plans to display the K-12 district art show at the library in 2008.

Our IT staff devised a user-friendly online registration procedure for summer reading registration; it worked like a charm and eased SRP logistics. We also opened up summer reading activities to preschoolers and invited high school

students to participate in our second annual Basking in Books adult summer reading program.

We launched “Earth Ltd.,” an ongoing series of programs on the environment with related survey-and-comments opportunities. Patrons could respond online, at the library, or at the local coffee shop.

One of our best firsts was our Technology Fair. Area community groups and businesses gathered at the library to share the latest high-tech products and services through hands on demonstrations, exhibits and mini-workshops. Over 700 enthusiastic fairgoers of all ages and tech levels enjoyed the afternoon. Patrons and presenters are looking forward to next year’s fair.

Firsts soon become tried and true. Former firsts at Bethlehem Public Library—BookBeat at Good Samaritan, our annual blood drive, delivery service to the homebound, outreach to schools and community, databases and downloadable audiobooks, author talks and the Teddy Bears’ Picnic—have become staples of our community service. We continue to try new things and watch them take hold.

BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Pat Carlson, Board President

Julie Zelman, Director

- We circulated 37,880 items, including books, magazines, audio books, movies on video and DVD, music CDs, and large print books.
- Story Times for ages 0-5 with songs, stories and simple crafts, and Lap-Sit Story Times for ages 0-2 were enjoyed by 151 attendees.
- The theme of the 2007 Summer Reading Program was “Get a Clue @Your Library.” Activities included a visit from a police dog, Maskmaking with the Tang Museum, Animal Tales with the Junior Museum, a storytelling workshop, a visit from Rowdy the River Rat, and a party with ventriloquist/magician Steve Charney.
- 213 free Take Home Craft kits were distributed. Each month patrons pick up a craft kit, with instructions and materials. Instructions and templates for past projects can be downloaded from our website.
- The Tuesday Book Group gathered 12 times to for spirited and friendly book discussions.
- The Book and Movie group met twice each month to view and discuss a book and its film adaptation. Titles included Emma, A Prayer for Owen Meany, and Their Eyes Were Watching God.
- We are an Acceptance facility for U.S. Passports, and processed 173 applications. Our convenient hours and child-friendly atmosphere have made this an especially popular service. See our website for more information, and links to online application forms.
- The Board of Trustees of the Library ran several successful fundraising events, including: a Garden Day Celebration held on Mothers’ Day weekend in May, featuring plants, baked goods, and books for sale; a Defensive Driving class; a Barbecued Chicken/Rib dinner from Old Daley’s; a wreath sale; and a Basement book sale.
- We continue to struggle with the problems of lack of space. As in previous years we did not meet the state standards for collection size, shelving, and seating.

CASTLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sue Goold Miller, Board President

Darlene Miller, Director



The Castleton Library's children's room became more functional for families reading.

The Castleton Public Library began 2007 with some long-overdue improvements. Due to a cleaning mishap, our carpet had to be replaced. Then, with the efforts of dedicated volunteers, we cleaned out, reorganized, and reconfigured the entire library. We added new signs directing patrons to our materials, made our children's room more functional for students studying and families reading, and added another checkout terminal.

Another of our changes was the addition of two public access computers, plus wireless Internet service, and as a result computer usage at our library increased by nearly 500%. We made it a priority to provide basic computer instruction for seniors with weekly classes provided at their residence. Our library is committed to providing our patrons with computer access, especially since many of them do not have home computers.

We continued to focus on programming for children and young people. Responding to community needs following the closure of a local Boys and Girls Club, we received a grant from the Schodack Castleton Community Partnership, supported by grants from Stewart's Make a Wish and WGY's Christmas Wish, to reinstate Teen Game Nights at the library. We held monthly game nights for both middle and high school students, featuring popular games, crafts, food, and a safe place to hang out with their peers.

Highlights of adult programming included presentations for parents of autism spectrum children, a Book Discussion Group that met in area restaurants, and cooking demonstrations facilitated by the Honest Weight Food Co-op.

In November, we were privileged to be nominated by Mary Fellows at UHLS and Pat Sahr at the Nassau Library for the "Best Small Library in America" award, sponsored by *Library Journal* and the Gates Foundation. This was one of several grant opportunities that we pursued in an effort to supplement our limited budget. We are always looking for new and improved ways to meet the challenges of serving both the village of Castleton and the Town of Schodack within 1,200 square feet of space!

COHOES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Barbara LaMarche, Board President

Deborah Canzano, Director

2007 was another good year for the Cohoes Public Library. Thanks to the Friends of the Library we added three public access computers to replace the last of the old Gates Foundation grant computers. We now have a total of seven new PA computers which are averaging over 1,000 half-hour sessions a month. Since the library went wireless, we are laptop friendly as well. We added a total of 2,520 new items to the collection, including 185 new audios, 290 new DVDs, 698 new adult fiction book titles, 452 adult non-fiction book titles, and 170 young adult titles. We also added over 700 new titles for children, including picture books, board books, read-along books and CD sets, as well as juvenile fiction and non-fiction. Our patrons also have access to 80 magazines, 6 daily papers and 4 Sunday editions. For the

second year in a row we circulated over 50,000 items.

Summer, as usual, was our busy time. We had 132 children and teens register for our summer reading program and they read a total of 1,084 books! We also had 22 programs including knitting classes, story time craft hours, magicians, ventriloquists, puppets, and musicians with a combined attendance of 600 children and adults. For the adults, we had a summer reading drawing every week to win a \$10.00 gift certificate.

In December, we hosted PoppyTown Puppets and Music for a beautiful winter show.

As always, we are thankful for the generous support we receive from Mayor McDonald and the City of Cohoes and from the Friends of the Cohoes Public Library and from the wonderful businesses and local associations of Cohoes that support the Library.

WILLIAM K. SANFORD TOWN LIBRARY, COLONIE

Nikki A. Caruso, Board President

Robert L. Jaquay, Director

With another year of breaking our previous year's circulation record, the Library is once again proud of our distinction of being not only the number one children's library in the Capital Region (*Times Union* poll) but also the best overall library!

The library celebrated the first anniversary of the Town of Colonie government television station, Channel 17. By the end of 2007 we had recorded and shown 219 programs. It is such a great way to increase awareness about the library and our town.

Our Noon Book Review series once again proved to be a huge success. One of the highlights was our "Real Jane Austen Book Club" series. Our participation in the "Big Read" gave us more opportunities to expand our programming - it was a triumph. We also benefitted from an American Library Association grant program which was called "Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature." It was so successful that we applied for a second year, and have been awarded the opportunity to continue it. Our *Opera Over Easy* series, which received an Honorable Mention in the UHLS 2002 Program of the Year Awards, continues to be very popular and fun for all those who participate.

We had a major publishing event here at the library last year. Assistant Director Richard Naylor, along with Peter and Jean Platt, co-authored a significant contribution to the local history of Colonie. *Wolf Road: A Century of Development* has become a run-away best seller in Colonie, and we are justifiably proud.

We said good bye to several Trustees in 2007. Lester Warren, recipient of the UHLS Trustee of the Year Award, and Hawley Zwahlen, who was our representative on the UHLS Board of Trustees, ended their terms in December. When a valued member leaves, it saddens us, but their legacy continues.

EAST GREENBUSH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Michael Poost, Board President
Deborah Shoup, Director

A sunny Saturday in September, kids and their parents or grandparents were sitting on the lawn of the library, cider donuts and apple juice in hand, looking at the books they just bought at the East Greenbush Community Library's First Annual Children's Festival and Book Sale, put on by our Friends of the Library and the Youth Services staff of the library. Another day, ten adults were discussing the issues around *Their Eyes were Watching God* in the Conference Room for last year's Big Read. Patrons were eagerly waiting to find out what Museum passes were available that day. 241,029 visitors (a 25% increase from 2006) walked through our doors in 2007 and took out 389,171 items, 9.67% increase in circulation. Our 508 programs brought in 13,701 attendees. Our meeting rooms were used 597 times by local groups. 34,205 persons used our computers. 2007 was a very busy year!

Other firsts were completed in 2007- our first full financial audit, the installation of our first server-based network, our first performance appraisals, our first grant with Family Place Libraries, our first significant bequest, our first visit from the forty students at Tech Valley High, our first day of circulation over 1,500 and our first month over 38,000.

Malcolm Bell, former UHLS Advocate of the Year, became a Board member in September. He and his wife, Nancy were named Community Leaders by the Town of East Greenbush in December. The Friends, the Board, the volunteers and our staff have kept the East Greenbush Community Library a center of our community.

GRAFTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Sandra von Schilgen, President
Carolyn Durnin, Director

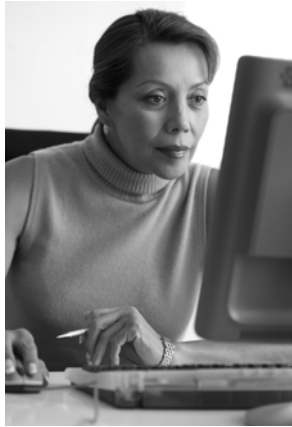
The Grafton Community Library experienced an especially busy summer, and a rewarding year overall. Improvements to the building were a major highlight of the year. The library was able to complete two critical projects with a NYS Construction Grant. The worn out roof was replaced, and energy efficient windows were installed. Patrons commented on how much brighter the library seemed, and everyone appreciated the absence of drafts. We also completed repairs to the crumbling chimney.

The Town of Grafton celebrated its Bicentennial with many events, and the library was represented at most of them. We sponsored a Town-wide Tag Sale in June, held a book sale in July, and conducted a raffle at the Blueberry Festival in August. The Binding Friends Quilt Group's contribution of proceeds from the sale of an array of quilted creations at the Festival brought us closer to achieving our goal of replacing the old mailbox currently used as a book return.

The Art\$Grant-funded Summer Arts Program presented a free evening concert for families by "The Uncle Brothers," as well as photography workshops for "tweens." The library also sponsored presentations at the Grafton Town Youth

Program from the Tang Museum and the Children's Museum of Science and Technology.

Seventy-five children signed up for the Summer Reading Program, with sixty readers completing all six weeks. The program concluded with awards at our traditional "make-your-own ice cream sundae" party, with parents sharing the fun.



Computer training sessions for seniors were conducted at the Grafton Library.

In August we held our primary fund raising event of the year, The Run for the Roses Race, at the scenic Grafton Lakes State Park. All participants received a rose, a t-shirt, and a free book.

The free pass to the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute in nearby Williamstown, MA. was popular with our patrons. As part of our outreach to the local senior center, computer training sessions were conducted at the library for seniors, as a result of the Rubin Community Fellows Grant. Preschool Story Time, Songs and Rhymes, the Book Discussion Group, and the Binding Friends Quilt Group continued as regular programming.

Finally, an aging, sluggish, increasingly quirky staff computer was replaced at year's end.

GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Brian Hartson, Board President
Barbara Nichols Randall, Director

In 2007, we celebrated our 50th Anniversary with the theme "Growing for Generations." The library formed a community-based Strategic Planning working group. After the work was done, we began to have fun! Our kickoff event was the sold-out "Meet the Beaver" reception and talk by 1950s icon, Jerry Mathers. We held a film/lecture about family life and gender roles in the 50s; a DooWop concert by the GTOs; Romper Room with Miss Leslie; a Cat in the Hat 50th anniversary party; and our parking lot became "Gil's Drive-In" for a nostalgic evening of cartoons and the movie, "Old Yeller."

"Books: A Treasure" and "If Rock and Roll Were a Machine" were the themes of our summer reading clubs, which had a seven percent increase in participation.

We listened to our Teen Advisory committees and began purchasing videogames. From the initial order of 106 titles on display the first day, 101 were borrowed by the close of business the next day. In the first full month videogames circulated 410 times (3 times each title) and teen book borrowing increased by eleven percent.

We dedicated a new area of the library for Tweens (ages 9-12) through generous donations from Al and Marianne D'Amato (in memory of Rose D'Amato), former Board member Bruce Sherwin, and the Guilderland Library Foundation.

On a beautiful June afternoon, Foundation and Board members, and friends and family came to the dedication of the Barbara Rachel Leonard McEneny Amphitheater in our Literary Garden.

The Library received: A Community Art\$Grant for “Jazz Vocal Traditions;” a mini-grant from UHLS for programs on autism; funds from Wal-Mart to support ESOL services; and a CDLC grant to digitize local history materials.

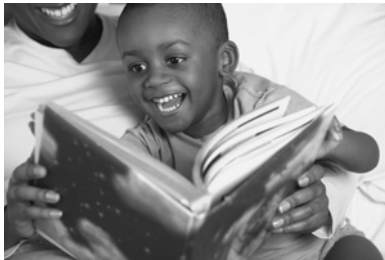
We won the UHLS Program of the Year for *WWII: Documentaries and Discussion*, and Adult Services Librarian Maria Buhl was chosen as one of 21 national winners of the *New York Times* Librarian Awards, for her work on the Library’s ESOL and Consumer Health services.

CHENEY LIBRARY (Hoosick Falls)

Richard Young, Board President
Carol Gaillard, Director

In 2007, Cheney Library had some improvements. Our one-of-a-kind terra cotta tile roof was repaired to prevent future leaks and repair existing ones. At the same time the bricks were repointed. Both jobs added to the soundness of the building, but weren’t really visible. Two walkways were installed, one from the back parking lot and the other from a side street. Both walkways have been an asset to the use of the library; it is now much easier to get into the building.

Rawdon Cheng, from the UHLS Automation Department, installed a wireless Internet connection for us, which has been wonderful for those library users who have laptops. The connection has been used a lot by both patrons and people traveling through Hoosick Falls. Jonathan Koppel, also from UHLS, helped us by installing Deep Freeze on all the public computers after we had a Playboy fiasco.



Cheney Library had a successful season of preschool storytimes and other reading programs.

The library had a successful season of preschool story times, Book Clubs, and attendance at the New York State Summer Reading programs. Mary Fellows, UHLS Manager of Youth and Family Services, brought us some storytellers as a part of the Riverway Storytelling Festival. And thanks to the *Kids Cookin By the Book* grant, Cheney Library got some very good publicity with a televised interview of some of our patrons, which now runs on TV.

NASSAU FREE LIBRARY

Matt Guinane, Board President
Patricia Sahr, Director

At the Nassau Free Library, 2007 began with the 3rd Annual Winter Concert Series, funded in part by an ART\$GRANT. It was made up of a folk concert featuring seven local musicians, a performance by Heart and Soul Quartet, and an afternoon of chamber music presented by the Albany Classical Trio. Other events for the year included a Riverway Storytelling program held at the Nassau Senior Apartments, a series of workshops funded by Stewart’s Shoppes that encouraged children to “Create Art from Recyclables,” and thirty Summer Reading programs that provided weekly enrichment for 100 children.

With its increased revenue from the successful 414 initiative of 2006, the Nassau Library was able to add to its hours of operation, thus greatly improving service to customers. In addition, Kristine Moxon was hired as an assistant in the area of youth services; as a result, outreach to this population increased dramatically. Finally, thanks to the additional funding, it was

possible to repair and repave the library driveway and parking lot.



In March, the whole lower level of the Nassau library was flooded.

However the highlight of the year had nothing to do with programs and circulation statistics. It occurred in March just as heavy rains were falling on ground still partially frozen in the grip of winter. The water that couldn't soak into the soil flowed toward the building instead of toward the street. Consequently the whole lower level of the library was flooded. Out of nowhere volunteers with shop vacs appeared to stem the tide, and Boy Scouts arrived to move books and furniture. A dedicated crew of trustees worked for days to clean up the mess. The experience was a gratifying demonstration of the community's appreciation for this institution, the Nassau Free Library.

NORTH GREENBUSH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Kenneth Bogdan, Board President

Daryl McCarthy, Director

The mission of the North Greenbush Public Library is to provide the highest level of library service in the most efficient and cost effective manner possible to all residents. 2007 was a very busy year for the library. We circulated 86,329 items including: 29,794 adult books, 21,794 children's books, and 34,741 audiovisual items. The library provided 8,666 items from our collection to other libraries, and our patrons requested 10,464 items from other libraries in the Upper Hudson Library System. The library currently has over 49,000 items available for use by our patrons. We have two computers for the public to use for word processing and Internet access, and we expanded our collections as the community requested more items.

Some of our most important patrons are children. In 2007, the library held fifty-two story time programs, and our Summer Reading Program "Get A Clue" had over 100 children participating. Our children's room was a popular meeting place for many children and adults. Our new teen area provided a unique space for teens to relax and find a book. The library continued to improve its' interior space to meet the growing needs of the community.

The Friends of the Library continued their ongoing book sale and remained an active support group for the library. 2007 was a year of growth and expansion and we look forward to even more growth in 2008.

PETERSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dan McCumber, Board President
Sharon Hodges, Director

In 2007 the saga of renovations at the Petersburg Public Library continued. It was necessary to hire a new architect, David Sadowsky, since the previous one had changed jobs. With new regulations in place to make it possible to more easily retrofit buildings, an emergency exit staircase, which we had been previously been working on, was no longer necessary. Plans then turned to the ventilation system and an accessible bathroom in our lower level. This work should be completed in 2008 and the public will be able to access the library materials which are located in the lower level. Active fundraising and grant writing has continued to make these projects possible. Concerts, plant, book and bake sales were held as well as a town wide mailing requesting donations.

In other areas programs continued as usual with the Summer Reading Program being a highlight of the year for children. The Book Discussion Group and Story Hour programs were supported by the public. A visit by author, William Webster who grew up in Petersburg was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

POESTENKILL LIBRARY

LouAnne Lundgren, Board President
Margie Morris, Director

In the spring of 2007, a community survey regarding the library was created and mailed to all residents of the Town of Poestenkill. The response rate was twenty percent and the comments received were very helpful to the Board of Trustees. The patrons shared their satisfaction with the helpfulness and friendliness of the staff and volunteers, the quality of the collection, interlibrary loans services, and were also very pleased with the maintenance of the buildings and grounds. The biggest concern expressed by the community, and shared by the Board, is the lack of accessibility to the second floor of the library for those who struggle with or are unable to use stairs. In response to this concern, the Trustees will begin the process of planning for a future addition to the library to include an elevator and community room.



Poestenkill was able to purchase new laptops, computers and other equipment with a legislative grant.

In November, the citizens of Poestenkill approved an increase to our budget for the third time. This increase, along with the generosity of many community members, has been gratifying to the staff and trustees. Our 7th annual Holiday Lights appeal raised a record amount and Poestenkill Library was named a beneficiary in the will of a local couple.

The trustees and staff look forward to 2008 and the plan for updating library technology. With \$15,000 in legislative grants, the Poestenkill Library will be able to purchase three new public computers, wireless service, laptops for use in the library, new checkout scanner wands, and a new copier.

The dedication of the trustees, staff, volunteers, and the Friends of Poestenkill Library and the support of great patrons continues to help make the library a vital part of the Poestenkill community.

RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Julie Dessloch, Board President
Judith Felsten, Director

The Library made another few steps toward technological maturity. We upgraded several workstations, adopted a cell phone use policy, and installed a wireless network. We successfully applied for a DLD Construction Grant to make our entry doors electronically accessible.

Public programs reached a wider variety of people. The Fun Fair for the Very Young drew many families to Kindergarten registration in January. A Riverway Storytelling Festival event at Senior Projects of Ravenna was well received. RCS High School's participation invigorated local interest in Upper Hudson's first Big Read, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. The author's niece, Lucy Hurston, was an old friend of the High School Principal, Hakim Jones, and spent a lively morning with students before the official UHLS opening event.



RCS began a program that paired young readers with therapy dogs.

Two Young Adult events, a Harry Potter publication party and a Halloween Fright Fest, drew many more participants than anticipated. The weekly early childhood programs gained attendance, and the summer programs remained vigorous. The Library began a new monthly program that pairs young readers with therapy dogs for relaxing read-aloud practice. The Library also participated in Coeymans Elementary School's new first Day celebration and other fall school events.

We had interesting discussions with the Middle School Principals about truant students using the Library and with a young patron who, much to his own surprise, inspired us to revise the movie circulation policy. Special collection-building efforts focused on audio books, DVDs, and CDs. Circulation and service levels continued their steady upward climb.

RENSSELAER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tobi Freebern, Board President
Jane Chirgwin, Director

The Rensselaer Library is in the process of many changes. Director Jane Chirgwin is cataloging the collection from a paper system into the computer. The City of Rensselaer has purchased a building on East Street with help from funds from a Department of Library Development construction grant. We plan to renovate the building and hopefully move in by the winter of 2009. We will be receiving funds from the Gates Foundation for new computers in 2008.

The most popular of our adult programs was computers for the absolute beginner. As part of an UHLS outreach mini grant, the library also held job-searching skills classes and improved the job books collection. We held at least one adult program a month.

2007 was our first annual Summer Reading Program, Get a Clue @ the Library. As a first time program, it was successful, but there is definitely room for improvement next year. We started a new outreach program with Rensselaer Head Start, visiting twice a month for story-time. We held at least

one children's program a month, and developed a partnership with the Rensselaer Middle School, hosting library events and school visits.

After a bit of negotiation, the City Council allowed the Library to hire a second clerk, Maureen Vigliante, in the Fall. She helps with outreach, children's services and reference.

Both staff and patrons are looking forward to a new space. We are anticipating a circulation boom once we have settled in, with an attractive and functional lay-out and new computers.

RENSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

David Weiss, Board President

Candy Wilson, Library Director

The year 2007 was a year of tragedy and rebirth for the Rensselaerville Library. At the end of April a large theft of funds spanning many years was uncovered. This theft not only affected the library but several other non-profit organizations in the community. Through hard work, overwhelming community support, and new leadership the Rensselaerville Library is bouncing back from the financial disaster.

The Library owes a great many thanks. We would like to mention a few special ones. We are grateful to the old and new Board for all of the successful fundraisers. A special thanks is also owed to all of the volunteers, who helped with fundraisers and special services. We are also indebted to the many local residents who made contributions to help keep the library running and moving forward. Of course, we are also grateful for the Upper Hudson Library System, and the library community for the support and help given to us in our time of need. Furthermore we owe special thanks to Rensselaerville citizen Barbara Dudley for an endowment that will be used for building repairs. Another special Rensselaerville citizen is Barbara Heath whose support for the library has been essential and consistent. To the "friend" of the library who wishes to stay anonymous, we are also extremely grateful for his very sizeable contributions to the library.

A pivotal point during the year was our annual Halloween party. With a team of volunteers the Library was transformed into a three-themed haunted spot. We had a "graveyard" for spooky stories, a "mad scientist's lab" complete with monster, and a "fortuneteller's room." The party spilled over into the street with over 75 people attending, once again demonstrating that the library is still the central social spot in the community. We are working with other community organizations and businesses for a possible town wide Halloween party next year.

SAND LAKE TOWN LIBRARY

Terrence Dingman, Board President
Jane Minotti, Director
Melinda Fowler, Interim Director

The year 2007 was a busy one for Sand Lake Town Library. In August the library celebrated 20 years of serving the Town of Sand Lake with cake and refreshments and plenty of good memories. Then in October we bid a sad farewell to our long-time Director, Jane Minotti. Youth Services Librarian Melinda Fowler was named Interim Director while the Board undertook a search for a new Director. Our year culminated with a festive and well-attended reception to dedicate our newly-renovated program room to local author William Kennedy. The renovations included new carpet and painting, energy-efficient lighting and a new hanging system including special lighting for art displays. The work was supported by State Education Department grants. More renovations are planned as the Board looks to continue to meet the community's needs in the coming years.

We offered a wide variety of programming from beading and edible wild plants to on-going classes in computer basics for seniors. In May we offered movies, a lecture and a tea all related to Zora Neale Hurston and the area's participation in the "Big Read." Our third annual "Summer Reading Fair" on June 23rd kicked off the Summer Reading Program for kids and adults. The day-long event featured a used book sale, the popular Bouncy Bounce, local American Revolutionary period re-enactors, and a "Fun with Energy" program.

With the continuing dedication and hard work of staff, volunteers, Friends, and trustees, we look forward to even greater success as a community resource.

ARVILLA E. DIVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY (Schaghticoke)

Elsie Kowalchuk, Board President
Laurence Rogers, Director

Thanks in large part to the devotion and commitment of outgoing director Verna Bink, 2007 was a remarkable year for the Diver Library. We hosted a record of over forty special programs at the library, with a total attendance of 891. Our vibrant programming attracted adults, teens, children, and preschoolers to the library. Highlights included hosting renowned actor Paul Stillman, who presented "An Evening with Ben Franklin." Also local author Gloria Waldron Huckle autographed her books and presented a talk on the Waldrons of Schaghticoke. Furthermore, in collaboration with the Schaghticoke Presbyterian Church the library hosted an October Clam and Corn Chowder Dinner, featuring library founders Alexander and Arvilla Diver as servers. (Our founders were played by local actors Eric Rose and RebecaTorres.)

We were also proud to provide a Summer Reading Program featuring thirteen separate special events that kept kids reading and entertained throughout the summer. We used creative, exciting, interactive events such as our Pirate Scavenger Hunt to make our library collection more accessible to younger patrons. Then our Strawberry Social in June and our Ice Cream Social in August were both extremely well attended and have become a regular feature

of Schaghticoke life in the summer months. Lastly, we started a Book Discussion Club for adults which met monthly with great success.

In terms of statistics, 2007 was an impressive year. The Library added 134 new patrons and checked out over 10,000 items to patrons here and throughout the Upper Hudson System. We added 446 items to our collection, including books, audio books, and movies on both DVD and videocassette. We were also the recipients of two sizable grants in 2007; a \$25,000 Bruno Grant for a consultant and a \$10,000 Casale grant for renovations.

The year ended in transition for us, as our beloved Verna Bink retired and we welcomed a new director, Laurence Rogers. Larry has extensive teaching experience and is a certified New York State librarian with several advanced degrees and a thorough background in both the classics and popular fiction. With new leadership and a committed community behind us we are looking forward to further growth.

STEPHENTOWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

John Huffaker, President

Mary Jo Daly, Director

A year of shifts, 2007 brought exciting changes to almost every aspect of the Library: from shelving to Board leadership. But by far the most significant event of 2007 was the culmination of over three years of planning and work: the completion of the Library's expansion.



The new addition to the Stephentown Library was made possible through fundraising, grant writing, and volunteer assistance.

The new addition to the Library was made possible through a combination of fundraising, grant writing and volunteer time. With the idea that every person in the community should have a way to contribute, Board members solicited not only monetary contributions, but gifts-in-kind. Volunteers installed new hardwood flooring, hung all the new shelving, and tiled the foyer and bathroom floors. The family of John DeFreest led an Eagle Scout project that provided oversight for much of the volunteer labor, as well as contributing the services of three licensed electricians to install lights and ceiling fans. The range in ages of volunteers reflected the impact the new addition will have on the entire community: Stephentown children, Libby Cass, Josh Whalen, Dustin Fiske and Sam LaPell, volunteered to install new shelves and shift books, while experienced volunteers like Lisa Wheeler and Meredith Rhinedress shifted the entire juvenile section. Special thanks also to Paul Marcus, Pam Kueppers, Maureen Maxin and Zirel Handler, whose responses to our numerous calls for help were met with enthusiasm and energy. The contributions of both time and talent by Board Trustee Anthony Beverly are too many to list – perhaps it is easiest to state that without his presence, the new addition would quite simply not exist.

The new addition was given a final financial boost from two sources. Senator Joseph Bruno, approached by Board Treasurer William O'Connor, secured a Special Legislative Grant for the Library for \$30,000. The Cherry Foundation, approached by Board Trustee Anthony Beverly, contributed a final sum of almost \$24,000 – the exact amount we needed to open the doors. We are grateful for such generosity. The shifts of 2007 have just begun to impact the Library and its users. Increased borrower registration and circulation have gone hand-in-hand with the construction of our addition: watch us grow!

TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mary Muller, Board President

Paul Hicok, Director

The Library Board has been moving ahead with re-chartering plans. In late 2006, the Board elected to pursue re-chartering the Troy Public Library, which is currently a free association library, as a special legislative district library. Several planning sessions were held throughout the year and we hope to have the issue on the November 2008 ballot.

The library received two roof grants this year from the \$14 million state construction grant program. One was to complete the roof at the Main Library and one was to re-roof the main part of the Lansingburgh building.

The architectural firm of Lacey Convertino completed an elevator feasibility study for the main library building. The study was made possible with Community Development Block Grant funds. The project is moving ahead and the library has applied for a 2008 construction grant.

We had a fast and furious summer of activity. Every week we had programs at the main library and the Lansingburgh branch. We strived to offer a range of activities in music, dance, sculpture, storytelling and nature. Participation was high. The Tang Museum, the Harry Potter Party, and *Sylvia and the Magic Trunk*, drew nearly 80 participants. The Friends of the Library supported many of our summer programs.

The recent Anime programs for teens provided by our own Maria De Sapio have also been well received. We hope to make this a continuing series.

The Summer Reading Program reached a record number of children. We actually ran out of reading folders at one point. The amount of reference questions more than doubled as kids sought books for summer reading requirements. Indeed, the books seemed to fly off the shelves.

The third annual Adult Summer Reading Program was a great success. The gem of the summer, though, was clearly *Shorts Out Loud*, which took place every Thursday evening in the courtyard. *Shorts Out Loud* is ten minutes of acoustic music followed by a short story read out loud. The number of participants increases every year.

VALLEY FALLS FREE LIBRARY

Janet Weber, Board President
Sandra Goodwin, Director

We continued to rearrange at the library to make the best use of our space. The weeding process was completed and we are looking at doing it yearly.

We again received donations from Key Bank, Shema/Boeing, and Wentorf Foundation which were so helpful with the increase in costs. We also received the "We the People Book Shelf" grant again with a total of nineteen books, four of which were in Spanish, and one CD, which were a nice addition to our collection. We displayed them for all to read and did one program.



Valley Falls' patrons donated many books, videos and audios to the library.

We had patrons donate many books, videos, and audios to the library. We sorted them and added newer items to our collections and the rest went into our basement book sale. This year we did a \$1.00-a-Bag Book Sale and the patrons loved it. Metal shelves were donated for the basement and books were shelved on them, making browsing much easier for the on-going Book Sale. Also, we continued to sell tote bags with our logo on them.

Story Time with Nancy Backstrom and Donna Barnhart was again a success. They read stories and do a craft with the children at each session. We had nineteen sessions and a total of 277 in attendance for the year.

In April, the Riverway Storytelling Festival came to Valley Falls. The two performers were great and they had everyone in the audience participating.

The Valley Falls/Pittstown Summer Youth Program went well with eight visits and 123 children. The counselors brought the children to the library and read to them. Then, the children spent time looking at books and seeing what the library had to offer. The Summer Reading Program had 52 children participating with a total of 610 books read. We had two SRP programs: J. Ernie McHale's Magical Clues Reading Show, and Beautiful Butterflies by the Scotia-Glenville Children's Traveling Museum. Both programs were enjoyed by all.

Thanks to our volunteers who come in to help throughout the year. They help to keep the library functioning.

VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Richard Ramsey, Board President
Gail Sacco, Director

Meetings continued throughout the year with the building committee and community regarding development of the land adjoining our property. The voters approved an appropriation to begin work with an architect and hire a consultant. The consultant designed an online survey regarding library usage which was introduced to the public in the fall.

The library counted almost 71,000 patron visits from our service population of 7,100. 4,575 people are registered resident borrowers and more than 400 additional non-resident borrowers. We circulated approximately 115,000 items and handled more than 6,800 reference transactions. We provided

24,000 items for interlibrary loan.

We hosted 378 library programs for all ages, with program attendance of 8,310, and served as a community space for over 150 meetings. We collaborated with the historical association, local schools, the town and the village, with special emphasis on the Town of New Scotland's Senior Services.

Yearly, we present 6 popular musical events. An extra concert this year featured the educational and entertaining Gospel Train during Black History Month. The Nimblefingers group, which provides quilts for our Friends' raffles, held their annual festival of needlework, with a reception, and began a Junior Nimblefingers for young people. Our Every Other Thursday Night Poets hosted a Potluck Poetry Brunch during National Poetry Month. We were visited by local author Elizabeth Brundage, who conducted a writing workshop.

The VPL website handled 30,000 hits, and our public computers were accessed in-library by over 6,000 people! We introduced two new interactive online features, a community events calendar and The Reading Café for staff and patron book and movie recommendations. We feature a web article in every issue of our newsletter, *The Bookworm*. We are striving to be in the forefront of online technology - and in the thoughts of our residents.

WATERVLIET PUBLIC LIBRARY

Pamela Lamb, Board President
Ginger Hewitt, Director

2007 was a busy year for the library. In February, the library hosted the first *I Love My Library* city-wide fundraiser. Thanks to our Albany County Legislator Robert Beston who secured all the donated items as well as getting a guest chef, the event was a great success with over 250 dinners served and the library well promoted.

Thanks to legislative funding from Majority Leader Ron Canestrari and Senator Neil Breslin new shelving and a children's computer were added to the library as well as a current audio books collection on CDs. Our Summer Reading Program was very successful with an increase of almost 200% in program participation after teaming with the Civic Center to open SRP to all participants in the recreation program.

At our Evening of International Wines event in September, the Dr. Edward C. Diamond Children's room was dedicated. Funded with memorial donations in Dr. Diamond's name, the children's room was completely redone and is now a warm and inviting area.

The newly invigorated Friends of the Library presented several Cerri Historical Slide Shows. As a result, the Watervliet Historical Society formed and became an offshoot of the Friends organization.

Overall the library saw an increase of 49% in library visits as well as a 10% increase in circulation.

WESTERLO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Lili Starna, Board President
Elaine Albrecht, Director

Our small library continues to be a very active place. We added Friday hours to our schedule to accommodate our patrons' requests for expanded hours. Our DVD collection has grown considerably and so has our audio, periodical and large print collections. We set up a bright corner for our teens. A new Dell computer was purchased for patron internet access.

Our informal Friends of the Library group held their annual Mother's Day Bake Sale and participated in our Town Wide Garage Sale in June. Fifty bags of books and movies found a new home. The funds were used to purchase a beautiful new two-sided outdoor sign with our hours clearly posted.



Seventy two children signed up for the Westerlo Summer Reading Program - our highest number ever.

Seventy two children between the ages of 3 and 12 signed up for our Summer Reading Club – our highest number ever. Volunteers spent many hours preparing their programs. Bonnie Duchow captivated the attention of our littlest children with many fun stories and Claire Marshall presented various theme-related activities and experiments to the 7 to 12 years olds. A few of our young teens participated in a four week writing program led by Lee Sawyer. Our finale is always an ice-cream sundae social which the kids look forward to each year.

Our children have also enjoyed reading to Hunter who is a very gentle Wirehaired Pointing Griffon and therapy dog. Thank you to Corrina Bright, her trainer, for volunteering this important service to encourage reading among our children.

We distributed many copies of *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston as part of the Big Read Program. A dynamic discussion followed at our monthly Book Discussion meeting.

Another highlight was a very interesting presentation by librarian Tammy Kelly. It included an informative account of her time and travels in China with a beautiful slide show and souvenir display. Tammy has made several extended visits to China and is very knowledgeable about many different regions, cultures and customs of that country.

As always we are very thankful to the Town of Westerlo, our dedicated volunteers, our committed trustees and our great patrons and community for their continued support and encouragement.

AWARDS

WILLIAM MEREDITH ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

- 2000 Malcolm Bell
Eva Gemmill
- 2002 Michael Borges
- 2006 Dennis Gaffney

TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR

- 1993 Carolyn Durnin, Grafton
- 1994 M. Joyce Hunt Strand, Bethlehem
MaryLou Youmans, Ravena
- 1995 Pamela Daves, Brunswick
Sally Ten Eyck, Voorheesville
- 1996 Janice Brand, Rensselaerville
Sally Fox, Stephentown
- 1997 Lynne Strnad, Altamont
Frank Della Rocca, WK Sanford
- 1998 Susan Birkhead, Bethlehem
William Meredith, Albany
- 1999 Sue McLaren, Poestenkill
Michael Poost, East Greenbush
- 2000 Jane Spain Ducatt, Troy
Barbara Hahn, Schaghticoke
- 2001 Dorothea Fisher, Poestenkill
Judy Rosen, Albany
- 2002 Patricia Carlson, Brunswick
Lester Warren, WK Sanford
- 2003 Ellen Bach, Albany
Monica Shupe, Berlin
- 2004 Susan Zweig, Nassau
- 2005 No Award presented
- 2006 David Brown, Albany
Francis Hamblin, Nassau
- 2007 Anthony Beverly, Stephentown

PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

- 1993 Sand Lake Town Library
Voorheesville Public Library
- 1994 Guilderland Public Library
Honorable Mention:
Berlin Public Library
East Greenbush Library
- 1995 Berlin Public Library
Watervliet Public Library
- 1996 Rensselaerville Library
Guilderland Public Library
- 1997 Petersburg Public Library
WK Sanford Town Library
- 1998 Rensselaerville Library
Guilderland Public Library
- 1999 Castleton Public Library
WK Sanford Town Library
- 2000 Brunswick Community Library
Bethlehem Public Library
- 2001 Brunswick Community Library
Guilderland Public Library
- 2002 Brunswick Community Library
Albany Public Library
Honorable Mention:
WK Sanford Town Library
- 2003 Petersburg Public Library
Cohoes Public Library and
Watervliet Public Library (joint
award)
- 2004 RCS Community Library
Troy Public Library
- 2005 Albany Public Library
Guilderland Public Library
- 2006 Castleton Public Library
Guilderland Public Library
- 2007 Albany Public Library

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

- 2006 Tanner Williamson, Hoosick Falls
Maggie Oldendorf, Guilderland
- 2007 Dan Cornman, Reed Dawley,
Ed Evans, East Greenbush

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

BALANCE SHEET

as of 12/31/07 and 12/31/06

	2007	2006
Cash and other current assets	1,918,118	1,850,504
Buildings and equipment, net	965,817	921,278
Other assets	37,357	13,693
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,921,292</u>	<u>2,785,475</u>
Current liabilities	184,020	93,184
Long-term debt	688,019	714,435
Net assets	2,049,253	1,977,856
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>2,921,292</u>	<u>2,785,475</u>

ACTIVITIES

for years ended 12/31/07 and 12/31/06

State, federal, other government aid	1,637,683	1,641,811
Other revenue	<u>420,667</u>	<u>366,197</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	2,058,350	2,008,008
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,986,953</u>	<u>1,987,621</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>71,397</u>	<u>20,387</u>

2007 STATISTICAL SUMMARIES - MEMBER LIBRARIES

LOCAL SUPPORT, MATERIALS and PERSONNEL EXPENSES

Library	Population	2006 Local Support	2007 Local Support	Change in Local Support	Per Capita Support	Per Capita Ranking
Albany	95,716	\$4,200,000	\$6,211,026	48%	\$64.89	6
Altamont	1,737	\$88,500	\$83,000	-6%	\$47.78	8
Berlin	1,901	\$10,550	\$10,250	-3%	\$5.39	28
Berne	2,846	\$7,105	\$8,300	17%	\$2.92	29
Bethlehem	25,965	\$3,369,828	\$3,473,122	3%	\$133.76	2
Brunswick	11,664	\$119,468	\$121,018	1%	\$10.38	24
Castleton	1,619	\$94,970	\$108,500	14%	\$67.02	5
Cohoes	15,521	\$205,240	\$198,441	-3%	\$12.79	20
East Greenbush	15,560	\$1,403,156	\$1,427,783	2%	\$91.76	3
Grafton	1,987	\$27,000	\$27,000	0%	\$13.59	19
Guilderland	33,475	\$2,281,508	\$2,453,782	8%	\$73.30	4
Hoosick Falls	6,759	\$50,720	\$50,450	-1%	\$7.46	27
Menands	3,383	\$93,700	\$103,050	10%	\$30.46	11
Nassau	4,818	\$51,660	\$109,100	111%	\$22.64	13
North Greenbush	10,805	\$209,716	\$216,008	3%	\$19.99	15
Petersburgh	1,563	\$42,446	\$45,976	8%	\$29.42	12
Poestenkill	4,054	\$45,629	\$45,550	0%	\$11.24	23
RCS	14,505	\$252,982	\$271,371	7%	\$18.71	16
Rensselaer	7,761	\$50,669	\$76,691	51%	\$9.88	25
Rensselaerville	1,915	\$37,500	\$40,000	7%	\$20.89	14
Sand Lake	7,987	\$109,125	\$115,000	5%	\$14.40	18
Schaghticoke	676	\$26,070	\$25,700	-1%	\$38.02	9
Stephentown	2,873	\$37,100	\$35,500	-4%	\$12.36	21
Troy	49,170	\$492,910	\$563,600	14%	\$11.46	22
Valley Falls	491	\$29,975	\$28,080	-6%	\$57.19	7
Voorheesville	7,131	\$777,851	\$984,416	27%	\$138.05	1
Watervliet	10,207	\$86,800	\$90,800	5%	\$8.90	26
Westerlo	3,466	\$49,436	\$53,932	9%	\$15.56	17
William K. Sanford	79,258	\$2,256,067	\$2,420,636	7%	\$30.54	10
AVERAGES	14,649	\$569,230	\$668,899	18%	\$35.20	

Library	2007 Total Expenses	2006 Collection Expenses	2007 Collection Expenses	Change in Collection Expenses	Percent Collection of Total \$	Percent Staff of Total \$	Per Capita Materials	Per Capita Ranking
Albany	\$6,658,688	\$763,298	\$718,287	-6%	11%	45%	\$7.50	9
Altamont	\$87,951	\$4,080	\$3,913	-4%	4%	68%	\$2.25	18
Berlin	\$49,344	\$4,645	\$3,779	-19%	8%	59%	\$1.99	21
Berne	\$11,298	\$4,022	\$4,952	23%	44%	0%	\$1.74	22
Bethlehem	\$3,554,591	\$278,493	\$309,187	11%	9%	68%	\$11.91	1
Brunswick	\$143,801	\$16,053	\$20,315	27%	14%	70%	\$1.74	22
Castleton	\$114,249	\$11,736	\$18,371	57%	16%	68%	\$11.35	2
Cohoes	\$208,738	\$39,000	\$36,705	-6%	18%	77%	\$2.36	16
East Greenbush	\$1,528,839	\$141,398	\$159,398	13%	10%	50%	\$10.24	4
Grafton	\$44,822	\$4,971	\$4,221	-15%	9%	52%	\$2.12	19
Guilderland	\$2,529,521	\$318,331	\$329,348	3%	13%	70%	\$9.84	5
Hoosick Falls	\$117,370	\$10,626	\$6,293	-41%	5%	47%	\$0.93	26
Menands	\$106,196	\$18,023	\$25,945	44%	24%	52%	\$7.67	8
Nassau	\$103,960	\$7,385	\$7,432	1%	7%	49%	\$1.54	23
North Greenbush	\$201,150	\$52,115	\$55,190	6%	27%	50%	\$5.11	11
Petersburgh	\$52,589	\$9,189	\$8,586	-7%	16%	60%	\$5.49	10
Poestenkill	\$64,745	\$14,813	\$15,605	5%	24%	51%	\$3.85	13
RCS	\$271,128	\$20,304	\$19,568	-4%	7%	73%	\$1.35	24
Rensselaer	\$80,821	\$15,055	\$18,164	21%	22%	60%	\$2.34	17
Rensselaerville	\$85,511	\$8,708	\$3,900	-55%	5%	36%	\$2.04	20
Sand Lake	\$164,821	\$30,903	\$31,391	2%	19%	56%	\$3.93	12
Schaghticoke	\$36,626	\$5,358	\$5,357	0%	15%	23%	\$7.92	7
Stephentown	\$59,648	\$3,409	\$6,838	101%	11%	63%	\$2.38	15
Troy	\$811,071	\$53,497	\$58,170	9%	7%	67%	\$1.18	25
Valley Falls	\$29,249	\$4,192	\$4,636	11%	16%	57%	\$9.44	6
Voorheesville	\$956,512	\$80,456	\$78,153	-3%	8%	60%	\$10.96	3
Watervliet	\$117,909	\$8,793	\$6,883	-22%	6%	32%	\$0.67	27
Westerlo	\$57,611	\$7,743	\$8,188	6%	14%	66%	\$2.36	16
William K. Sanford	\$2,464,732	\$259,492	\$247,445	-5%	10%	70%	\$3.12	14
AVERAGES	\$714,258	\$75,727	\$76,421	1%	14%	55%	\$4.67	

HOLDINGS and CIRCULATION

Library	Population	2006 Holdings	2007 Holdings	Change in Holdings	2007 Per Capita Holdings	2007 Reference Transactions
Albany	95,716	333,865	244,678	-27%	3	91,216
Altamont	1,737	14,115	14,387	2%	8	1,400
Berlin	1,901	12,070	12,367	2%	7	627
Berne	2,846	14,111	14,727	4%	5	457
Bethlehem	25,965	138,177	137,273	-1%	5	71,653
Brunswick	11,664	12,651	12,117	-4%	1	3,114
Castleton	1,619	19,938	20,805	4%	13	7,756
Cohoes	15,521	48,821	47,879	-2%	3	3,756
East Greenbush	15,560	78,022	84,388	8%	5	28,579
Grafton	1,987	12,236	12,266	0%	6	676
Guilderland	33,475	182,284	185,132	2%	6	66,415
Hoosick Falls	6,759	16,492	16,550	0%	2	546
Menands	3,383	12,940	13,639	5%	4	294
Nassau	4,818	26,099	26,462	1%	5	950
North Greenbush	10,805	47,669	49,305	3%	5	6,200
Petersburgh	1,563	21,242	22,703	7%	15	780
Poestenkill	4,054	15,941	15,370	-4%	4	541
RCS	14,505	23,981	24,340	1%	2	3,724
Rensselaer	7,761	17,764	17,899	1%	2	3,621
Rensselaerville	1,915	16,344	17,085	5%	9	63
Sand Lake	7,987	31,545	30,904	-2%	4	4,500
Schaghticoke	676	8,258	7,734	-6%	11	260
Stephentown	2,873	11,146	11,542	4%	4	2,184
Troy	49,170	398,495	395,250	-1%	8	38,987
Valley Falls	491	8,983	9,041	1%	18	325
Voorheesville	7,131	45,265	45,992	2%	6	6,865
Watervliet	10,207	17,823	16,471	-8%	2	860
Westerlo	3,466	13,263	12,830	-3%	4	3,120
William K. Sanford	79,258	201,470	209,801	4%	3	40,372
AVERAGES	14,649	62,104	59,619	-4%	6	13,443

Library	Population	Annual Hours Open	2006 Circulation	2007 Circulation	Change in Circulation	Per Capita Circulation
Albany	95,716	12,528	1,111,134	1,013,576	-9%	11
Altamont	1,737	2,288	20,869	21,093	1%	12
Berlin	1,901	1,120	12,455	11,053	-11%	6
Berne	2,846	1,300	12,051	12,021	0%	4
Bethlehem	25,965	3,523	651,864	647,451	-1%	25
Brunswick	11,664	2,668	37,327	37,407	0%	3
Castleton	1,619	1,872	33,082	33,086	0%	20
Cohoes	15,521	2,428	49,970	50,101	0%	3
East Greenbush	15,560	3,518	354,510	389,171	10%	25
Grafton	1,987	1,144	22,167	22,465	1%	11
Guilderland	33,475	3,319	519,426	544,014	5%	16
Hoosick Falls	6,759	1,976	24,883	22,859	-8%	3
Menands	3,383	1,534	36,720	41,093	12%	12
Nassau	4,818	1,456	26,168	28,847	10%	6
North Greenbush	10,805	2,340	85,156	86,329	1%	8
Petersburgh	1,563	1,040	32,406	32,339	0%	21
Poestenkill	4,054	1,456	26,865	24,781	-8%	6
RCS	14,505	2,912	48,220	43,652	-9%	3
Rensselaer	7,761	2,280	438	9,232	2008%	1
Rensselaerville	1,915	1,456	13,140	10,367	-21%	5
Sand Lake	7,987	2,240	58,395	60,110	3%	8
Schaghticoke	676	1,248	10,175	11,414	12%	17
Stephentown	2,873	1,482	15,964	15,977	0%	6
Troy	49,170	4,784	192,837	185,661	-4%	4
Valley Falls	491	1,300	11,769	10,630	-10%	22
Voorheesville	7,131	3,164	115,889	121,258	5%	17
Watervliet	10,207	2,124	17,506	19,205	10%	2
Westerlo	3,466	1,300	17,874	18,010	1%	5
William K. Sanford	79,258	3,550	673,100	676,152	0%	9
AVERAGES	14,649	2,529	145,943	144,805	-1%	10

ATTENDANCE, INTERNET USE and PROGRAMS

Library	Population	2007 Resident Borrowers	2007 Non-Resident Borrowers	Internet Use Policy	Public Use Internet Terminals	Internet Filtering	Total Annual Attendance
Albany	95,716	50,028	492	Yes	68	No	957,052
Altamont	1,737	1,477	142	Yes	4	No	16,500
Berlin	1,901	886	79	Yes	4	No	6,397
Berne	2,846	574	165	Yes	5	No	7,706
Bethlehem	25,965	19,830	29	Yes	23	No	332,155
Brunswick	11,664	1,719	588	Yes	2	No	15,115
Castleton	1,619	592	816	Yes	4	Yes	12,753
Cohoes	15,521	5,365	525	Yes	7	No	26,500
East Greenbush	15,560	6,749	3,027	Yes	37	No	241,029
Grafton	1,987	704	66	Yes	3	No	6,133
Guilderland	33,475	20,397	5,830	Yes	21	Yes	343,144
Hoosick Falls	6,759	1,665	326	Yes	3	No	7,780
Menands	3,383	853	98	Yes	3	No	14,650
Nassau	4,818	1,002	546	Yes	5	No	14,811
North Greenbush	10,805	2,374	1,529	Yes	1	No	45,000
Petersburgh	1,563	826	70	Yes	3	Yes	7,800
Poestenkill	4,054	1,234	151	Yes	3	No	11,769
RCS	14,505	3,289	394	Yes	5	No	22,600
Rensselaer	7,761	823	0	No	6	No	17,850
Rensselaerville	1,915	753	110	Yes	2	No	7,258
Sand Lake	7,987	3,598	1,079	Yes	6	Yes	22,689
Schaghticoke	676	214	689	Yes	3	No	12,138
Stephentown	2,873	870	15	Yes	3	No	6,626
Troy	49,170	15,593	3,138	Yes	23	No	73,212
Valley Falls	491	419	258	Yes	3	No	6,801
Voorheesville	7,131	4,575	403	Yes	5	No	70,824
Watervliet	10,207	3,419	413	Yes	6	No	15,600
Westerlo	3,466	855	113	Yes	1	Yes	8,711
William K. Sanford	79,258	38,121	6,551	Yes	23	Yes	433,175
AVERAGES	14,649	6,510	953		10		95,303

Library	Adult		Young Adult		Childrens		Other	
	# Programs	Attendance	# Programs	Attendance	# Programs	Attendance	# Programs	Attendance
Albany	1,323	11,102	74	915	582	15,910	1,062	14,105
Altamont	14	140	7	80	124	1,464	0	0
Berlin	26	327	5	12	35	346	0	0
Berne	24	349	6	38	71	1,106	12	97
Bethlehem	153	4,345	30	301	418	11,613	0	0
Brunswick	29	144	0	0	60	1,003	0	0
Castleton	185	6,741	30	2,059	138	8,812	0	0
Cohoes	10	97	0	0	31	750	0	0
East Greenbush	155	2,233	98	2,136	255	9,332	0	0
Grafton	35	218	0	0	25	346	0	0
Guilderland	398	12,270	89	1,564	362	11,203	0	0
Hoosick Falls	48	220	0	0	24	242	0	0
Menands	30	180	2	20	44	264	0	0
Nassau	5	215	3	44	48	962	9	285
North Greenbush	10	98	0	0	52	1,450	0	0
Petersburgh	10	84	0	0	46	441	0	0
Poestenkill	23	261	0	0	70	822	3	623
RCS	1	55	14	147	348	3,791	3	233
Rensselaer	8	84	4	53	22	326	0	0
Rensselaerville	4	260	11	132	20	198	0	0
Sand Lake	96	991	18	39	75	1,022	6	555
Schaghticoke	19	517	4	64	14	310	0	0
Stephentown	15	234	1	5	35	605	0	0
Troy	73	493	28	108	54	507	0	0
Valley Falls	0	0	0	0	38	605	0	0
Voorheesville	171	2,389	32	126	168	5,419	7	376
Watervliet	25	354	2	26	16	334	0	0
Westerlo	13	86	4	15	21	174	0	0
William K. Sanford	349	9,528	92	1,600	393	14,371	0	0
AVERAGES	112	1,863	19	327	124	3,232	38	561

INTERLIBRARY LOAN, POLICIES and ACCESS

Library	MATERIALS RECEIVED		MATERIALS LOANED	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
Albany	90,829	87,742	92,525	95,857
Altamont	7,114	7,944	3,389	3,911
Berlin	3,443	3,055	1,737	1,947
Berne	3,551	3,717	1,924	1,933
Bethlehem	65,115	67,273	50,440	57,463
Brunswick	11,193	11,824	4,479	4,715
Castleton	7,562	8,092	2,688	3,698
Cohoes	5,158	6,463	6,450	6,087
East Greenbush	43,870	49,517	33,318	37,975
Grafton	5,382	5,266	2,676	2,910
Guilderland	40,458	53,045	62,817	80,462
Hoosick Falls	6,066	6,756	2,288	2,552
Menands	6,210	7,358	3,148	3,857
Nassau	11,242	11,930	2,822	3,246
North Greenbush	8,745	10,464	7,655	8,666
Petersburgh	4,320	4,306	7,063	7,552
Poestenkill	4,752	4,841	4,342	4,473
RCS	9,598	7,612	4,331	4,227
Rensselaer	150	4,697	228	1,078
Rensselaerville	674	1,972	0	0
Sand Lake	9,880	10,387	10,455	10,566
Schaghticoke	2,329	2,741	1,023	965
Stephentown	4,370	4,371	1,641	1,456
Troy	32,379	32,574	20,563	22,127
Valley Falls	3,741	4,162	1,383	1,440
Voorheesville	11,376	13,400	22,034	23,951
Watervliet	3,854	5,743	2,186	2,730
Westerlo	4,695	5,068	1,895	1,829
William K. Sanford	58,475	67,590	73,250	79,929
AVERAGES	16,087	17,583	14,784	16,469

Library	Provide Services to Homebound	Open Meeting Policy	Disaster Policy	Confidentiality Policy
Albany	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Altamont	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Berlin	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Berne	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bethlehem	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brunswick	No	Yes	No	Yes
Castleton	Yes	Yes	No	No
Cohoes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
East Greenbush	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grafton	No	Yes	No	Yes
Guilderland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hoosick Falls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Menands	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nassau	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
North Greenbush	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Petersburgh	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Poestenkill	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
RCS	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Rensselaer	No	Yes	No	Yes
Rensselaerville	No	Yes	No	Yes
Sand Lake	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Schaghticoke	Yes	No	No	Yes
Stephentown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Troy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Valley Falls	No	Yes	No	No
Voorheesville	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Watervliet	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Westerlo	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
William K. Sanford	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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