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LIBRARY SYSTEM

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## 2008 Annual Report

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - LouAnne Lundgren

In spite of an unusual number of changes in the make-up of the Board, and there were times when we held our breath as to whether we would have a quorum for a meeting, we still managed to get quite a lot accomplished in 2008. During the year, we welcomed Ronald Ginsburg, Yolanda Caldwell, and Brian Hartson. We also said “goodbye and thanks” to Cris Blanchard, Nikki Caruso, Hawley Zwahlen, Pat Spohr, Paula Read, Michael Borges, and Richard Young.

One of the major projects that involved review by almost all of the Board Committees, was the decision to look for a new company to provide a courier/delivery service. Each Committee examined those parts of the proposals that dealt with their areas of concern: the Administration Committee considered how the change would affect the UHLS staff workload; the Finance Committee looked at the financial implications with the understanding that a new company would almost surely mean an increase in cost; and the Services Committee considered the value of the service to the member libraries. These Committees were unanimous in their approval to seek a new delivery company and in mid-summer were unanimous in their approval to contract with the ALDS company.

**Administration Committee** - James Reilly, Chair

Cris Blanchard, Yolanda Caldwell, Charles Diamond, Paula Read, Barbara Nichols Randall, Timothy Burke

The Committee was involved in several long-term projects: the development of the Executive Director's Goals and Objectives and the concomitant Evaluation process; a complete review of the UHLS By-Laws which resulted in several changes and amendments; and oversight on the major installation of a new generator for the UHLS building. The project that occupied much of the year was the discussion and creation of the Executive Director's Goals and Objectives and the vehicle through which these would be annually evaluated. Every member of the Committee investigated evaluation processes and procedures and everyone participated fully in the creation of the final Goals and Objectives which were based on the UHLS Long Range Plan. The complete process will begin in 2009. The By-Laws were reviewed over the course of several meetings and some major amendments were proposed to the Board that brought the By-Laws more in line with current practices.

**Finance Committee** - MaryAlice Molgard, Chair

Nikki Caruso, Ronald Ginsburg, Nancy Pieri, Pat Spohr, Richard Young, Hawley Zwahlen

The work of this Committee has become harder over the last couple of years due to the shrinking of State funds. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the creation of the annual budget, the budget amendments, and reviewing the year-end financial statistics and it has definitely been a case of trying to “do more with less.” The Committee works closely with the UHLS staff in the budget process. In addition, Committee members review the monthly Purchase Journal, which details all expenditures, and the monthly Treasurer’s Report and then approve it for transmittal to the full Board. Every activity in which UHLS engages, if there is a price tag attached to it, eventually comes before this Committee for review.

**Services Committee** - Erin Apostol, Chair

Michael Borges, Brian Hartson, Mary Muller, Lois Prenovost, Robert Jaquay, Richard Naylor

One of the most difficult tasks faced by this Committee is the review of the various Construction Grant applications. The Committee must review the recommendations from the Executive Director for funding allocations and then make the final recommendations to the Board of Trustees. In order to make the Construction grant review process easier and more understandable for both Committee members and those libraries who submit applications, the Committee undertook the task of creating Guidelines that would be followed by everyone involved in the process. This was a lengthy and complex task but the end result will make the grant review process more objective and will help the libraries to understand what they can expect when they submit an application.

**Automated Services Committee** - Philip Ritter, Chair

Representatives from the member libraries

One of the major projects overseen by this Committee in 2008 was the final installation of the AquaBrowser and WebFeat programs. These had been under consideration for almost one year before the decision, hotly debated, was made to purchase the software. The AquaBrowser program provides an interface to the online catalog that gives searchers an expanded level of offerings when they search for a book, topic or author. The second long-term project started with the creation of a subcommittee to begin looking into alternatives to our current automation system with the understanding that at some point in the near future, the migration to a new system will have to take place.

It is interesting to see how, as our Board members become better educated in System procedures, the complexity of our decisions increases. I am proud of what we accomplished in the past year and proud of the time and dedication that our Board members give to their service to the Upper Hudson Library System.

## 2008 STAFF

Executive Director:	Philip Ritter	
Manager, Adult & Outreach Services:	Jo-Ann Benedetti	
Manager, Automation Services:	Joseph Thornton	
Manager, Youth & Family Services:	Mary Fellows	
	Robert Carle	Lynn Orme
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### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Philip W. Ritter

The Upper Hudson Library System (UHLS) diligently worked to improve existing services and to introduce new services for its member libraries in 2008. After contracting with a new delivery service in mid-year and moving the sorting of materials back to the UHLS shipping room, this service improved dramatically and continues to provide daily delivery of materials to our member libraries. We also introduced our newly-designed website, made a major effort to enhance the quality of the bibliographic database and improve its usefulness, and were pleased that our very popular *Riverway Storytelling Festival* continued with increased attendance at its many programs. Following is a summary of the major accomplishments in our primary areas of service.

#### Information and Outreach Services

The year began with a review of member library applications for the Coordinated Outreach Minigrants. The purpose of these grants is to provide library services to targeted populations who are in need of special services. The applications once again showed creative ways to serve these groups. UHLS was able to award a total of \$35,934 to seventeen member libraries, enabling them to provide services to at-risk teens, seniors, new Americans who have English as a second language, and the unemployed.

UHLS was once again a recipient of a \$20,000 **Big Read** grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to promote literary reading community-wide. UHLS partnered with WMHT, the local PBS affiliate, and the New York State Writer's Institute to read Edith Wharton's classic *The Age of Innocence*. Member libraries hosted over 100 programs celebrating Edith Wharton. WMHT produced an hour-long special, and the Writer's Institute hosted Wharton biographer Nancy Lewis.

Later in the year, UHLS was one of only seventeen organizations nationwide to receive a \$25,000 grant from Libraries for the Future and Met Life Foundation. This **Fit for Life** grant promoted physical and brain health and wellness among people of all ages, with a focus on urban populations with limited access to reliable health information. For this, UHLS once again partnered with WMHT and supported their cooking show, *From Farm to Table*, which teaches people how to prepare healthy meals from locally grown produce. The grant continues through 2009 with programs in fourteen

member libraries and throughout the community.

UHLS was fortunate to be able to sponsor quality training for our members. From January through June, there were five workshops on customer service, including nationally recognized speakers such as Michael Sullivan (*Breaking the Rules*) and Karen Hyman (*The 12-Step Method for Reinventing Your Library*). These were made possible by an LSTA **Customer Service** grant from New York State. Later in the year, UHLS staff presented workshops on grant writing basics and consumer health reference.

The biggest challenge was efficiently moving materials among our member libraries. Our libraries exchange approximately 7,500 to 8,000 items per day, and it is imperative that we have an efficient courier service. Velocity Express, our contracted delivery service, was unable to fulfill our needs, so UHLS searched for another company who could deliver and sort these materials efficiently and guarantee daily delivery. On August 1, 2008, we contracted with a local company, A. L. Delivery Service. Since this change, our delivery service has worked well, libraries are getting their materials on the next business day, and we have had no lost items. We are looking forward to a long relationship with this company.

### **Youth and Family Services**

The 2008 Summer Reading Program was very successful with numbers indicating a 19% overall increase. Total registration and program attendance reached 37,035. Member library staff prepared for their busy summer at the UHLS/MVLS Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop with 63 attendees participating in this day-long training. It was one of seven workshops offered on topics such as teen behavior, tween and teen programming, grant writing, and family literacy. A new event was the UHLS/MVLS Storytime Skills Workshop in November. Attendance at all seven workshops totaled 212.

In addition to the training sessions, seven Youth Services Advisory Council (YSAC) meetings were held during the year, offering discussion and additional training in serving children, teens, and families. Book reviews were held every other meeting with alternating hours for small library concerns and large library concerns discussion groups. A teen services discussion group was also offered for an hour every other month.

The sixth annual *Riverway Storytelling Festival*, held in April, reached 2,232 people, up 62% over last year. This was our largest Festival with 31 events over seven days. New this year were performances in schools, sponsored by five UHLS libraries as outreach programs. We also added a third library performance on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. As in other years, member library staff was given free admission to Friday workshops. The testimonials we gathered following each major performance continued to attest to the popularity and need in our communities for this unique program. Total cash and in-kind support for Riverway, not counting UHLS support, was \$37,677, raised from 27 sources. We raised \$615 in ad revenue and had nearly \$1800

in ticket sales and other income. All of this went to cover Riverway expenses.

The two-year LSTA grant **Explore Your Shore: Discovering Community History @ Your Library** began in April. We partnered with the Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau in various ways, including a life-size soft-sculpture Henry Hudson doll that traveled to local historic sites and libraries to be photographed by kids. The grant continues through March 2010 with training, programming money, and resources offered to participating libraries.

Another grant we coordinated was a LSTA Summer Reading Program mini-grant, **The PR/Marketing Challenge**. Following some training at the May YSAC meeting, library staff began implementing new marketing activities to promote their summer program and earn money from the grant. A tiered approach made this challenge possible for all libraries. Fifteen libraries chose to participate, and all expanded their marketing horizons.

### **Automation Services**

In 2008, our automation system processed more than 4,000,000 loans, and added 42,859 new bibliographic records and 156,221 items. We sent out 399,118 hold and overdue notices: 52,152 by print, 182,408 by Telecirc, and 164,558 by email. We also sent 25,534 email notices to warn patrons that their holds were about to expire. We sent our bibliographic database to LTI for authority control processing, which resulted in 28,685 updated records.

A long-awaited event was the unveiling of our newly designed website which is a combination of the old web site and the UHLS intranet. This gave a more useful site for our libraries, and it was complemented by the purchase and installation of *AquaBrowser*, with the *WebFeat*, *Focused Web Crawler*, and *Kids AquaBrowser* add-ons. These give patrons a modern, simple, and intuitive alternative to our standard public catalog interface.

The blocking of email spam was also a high priority and we succeeded in greatly reducing the number of unwanted emails that get past our server.

The staff continued to promote the use of *WordPress* as a simple website platform for our libraries. We host the websites on our server, train the libraries in the use of *WordPress*, and troubleshoot their sites when asked. So far thirteen of our libraries have gone live with *WordPress*-based web sites.

In June our new natural gas-powered emergency generator went online, allowing us to provide uninterrupted service during prolonged power outages.

In an effort to assist our member libraries with computer training for their staff, we purchased eight Windows Vista laptops with Microsoft Office, a wireless access point, and security cables to be made available for borrowing by the member libraries.

## **DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION**

Deborah Canzano, President

In 2008, the Directors Association met nine times and dealt with a variety of professional issues. During the course of each meeting, attendees heard a report from Philip Ritter, UHLS Executive Director, and reports from the Directors' representatives to the UHLS Board Committees: Finance, Administration and Services.

One of the major topics of concern during the year was the courier/delivery service. Everyone agreed that the service provided at the beginning of the year was unacceptable. The Association members urged the UHLS Executive Director and Board of Trustees to investigate alternative approaches to the service: either by contracting with a different outside company or by taking the service in-house. The problem was resolved when a new company was selected and began service in July. Since that time, the accolades have been rolling in!

One other project was the result of discussions and recommendations from the Association. This was a service-related improvement that the Directors asked the UHLS Services Committee to implement: the development of Guidelines for the evaluation of the Construction Grant applications. The Construction Grant applications are reviewed by the Services Committee which then makes recommendations to the Board regarding funding. Due to the limited amount of funds available, libraries were often disappointed in the funding allocations. In addition, there was no obvious framework for the way in which the decisions were made. A survey of the library directors provided the background for the creation of the Guidelines which will be implemented in the 2009 grant year.

Another improvement came as a suggestion from several member library directors requesting that all Upper Hudson meetings, including the Director's Association and the Adult and Youth Services meetings be held on Fridays so that the smaller libraries could schedule staff for coverage.

The Directors Association continues its active cooperation with the System and also provides a forum for "Nuts and Bolts" networking and the exchange of professional ideas and opinions among the member library Directors.

### **UHLS Member Libraries:**

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

## **CENTRAL LIBRARY**

Timothy Burke, Interim Director

Every Public Library System in New York State is required to have a Central Library, and the State Education Department sets aside a prescribed amount of funds that are annually granted to the Central Libraries to help them provide the mandated services. Using these funds, the Central Library cooperates with the System in offering additional services to the member libraries and their patrons. These include access to the collections of the Central Library via interlibrary loan; access to selected reference tools, including online databases; and access to adult non-fiction materials purchased with the Central Book Aid.

The Albany Public Library has served in a dual role for UHLS from the beginning; as both the public library for Albany residents and as the Central Library for the entire System. During the year, a Central Library Advisory Committee composed of Directors from a cross section of the member libraries (including the Central Library Director), and staff from UHLS, meet to discuss how the Central Library Aid will be spent. These funds are then used to acquire electronic resources including, but not limited to, e-books, audio books, online databases and other electronic and online content. In 2008, the Central Library purchased 3,472 adult non-fiction titles with the Central Book Aid and subscribed to seven online databases - all of which were made available to the staff and patrons of the member libraries. In addition, a portion of the funds were used to pay for staff time to support these services.

Albany Public Library recognizes its responsibilities as the Central Library and willingly takes on the additional duties required by its status. The large collection of adult non-fiction materials are used to support the collections of the member libraries, the online databases are available through member library network connections and also to patrons at home, and the Library is open approximately 3,400 hours per year in order to maximize access to the materials.

## **ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Dennis Gaffney, 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 2008 the Library circulated a total of 1,053,629 items, recorded more than 813,000 customer visits, had 138,470 public computer uses, and 74,777 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 addition to providing outstanding library service to our customers, the other primary focus of the Library was to continue to move forward on the \$29.1 million Branch Improvement Plan. The plan will shape Albany's libraries for the 21<sup>st</sup> 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. The design development phase was completed on all five projects and construction began on the three renovation projects late in 2008. The Library Board of Trustees made a major community statement when it established very ambitious goals for both Minority/ Women owned contractor participation and for equal opportunity employment participation in the project. These goals will help ensure that the community realizes the maximum benefit from the Branch Improvement Plan.

Albany Public Library continued its tradition of innovative library programming in 2008. Offering our users connections to economic and financial expertise and assistance was one of the major themes of our programming for the year. A few of the most notable programs in this area were the “Affordable Housing Fair,” a “Social Security Benefits Workshop”, a “Tenants Legal Rights” seminar, and a series of “Employability Workshops.” On the entertainment side, our programming featured the return of the award- winning “Garage Bands in the Garage” concert series, film festivals focusing on everything from Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender films to Martial Arts films to Silent films with live musical accompaniment.

The dedication and hard work of the staff, the leadership of the Board of Trustees, and the support of the community combined to make 2008 another dynamic and exciting year for Albany Public Library.

#### **ALTAMONT FREE LIBRARY**

Daniel Capuano, Board President  
Judith Wines, Director

The year 2008 was a year of progress for the Altamont Free Library. The Library added six hours to its schedule and is now open Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The Library introduced new programs including an adult book discussion group, an evening storytime for children, and a young adult book club. It also acquired a public performance movie license and began using Wordpress to create an easy-to-update website.

The young adult section was expanded and a “New” section was created for children’s books. A new roof was put on the train station and the capital campaign council held numerous successful events. The Library continued to strengthen its ties with the community. It provided space for the local farmer’s market at the train station, made visits to area preschools, collaborated on programming with local scout troops, visited the elementary school, provided programming for Altamont seniors, worked with the Center for Disability Services on programs, and participated in Altamont’s Victorian Holidays.

## **BERLIN FREE TOWN LIBRARY**

Martha VonSchilgen, Board President

Sharon Vogel, Director

2008 was a very fruitful year for the Berlin Free Town Library. Along with other libraries in the UHLS system, we were the recipients of a grant from the **Gates Foundation** that enabled us to upgrade our patron computers as well as add an additional patron station and other hardware. This year also marked our first year of providing wireless internet access, and several patrons have taken advantage of this service.

Our Friends of the Berlin Library have continued to be very active during the year in coordination with our Board of Trustees. Along with organizing several fundraising projects, they also presented a variety of programs for patrons of all ages and the community at large. They have several new projects and programming ideas for 2009.

The 2008 Summer Reading Program was one of our very best yet, and the Capital District Arts Grant secured its success. We were especially proud of our Closing Ceremony in August when participants presented two music performances for their parents and other guests. These two pieces, choreographed, designed and arranged by presenter Josh Greenberg, were well rehearsed throughout the six week program and very well received and appreciated by the audience.

We look forward to serving our patrons and community during 2009.

## **BERNE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Dr. Mary Kinnaid, Board President

Jodi Ebel, Manager

The Berne Public Library has had another busy and eventful year. Total attendance, circulation, and program attendance continued to increase, and young and not-so-young alike continued to vie for computer time on our public access computers.

Kather's Story Time has gained the reputation of the place to be on Tuesday mornings - our small group of 5 or 6 has grown to upwards of 20 babies, toddlers and preschool-aged children with their parents and grandparents tagging along. Stories and craft time prove to be ample entertainment for this crew and on some weeks it appears to be crawling room only!

Many young people from Berne and neighboring communities enjoyed the New York State Summer Reading program sponsored by the Upper Hudson Library System. Children read all summer and enjoyed various buggy programs; while our young adults had fun creating movies for the YouTube competition and challenged their friends in a local production of Fear Factor. Have you ever eaten seaweed, gagged on aloe drink with chunks of aloe, or slurped down a sun-dried guppy? The young people of Berne have!



Other programs sponsored by the library included monthly movies nights (including outdoor movies), two book clubs, a saving energy workshop conducted by Cornell Cooperative Extension, several Wii game nights, a multitude of outreach activities, and several Pajama Story Times, featuring local politicians reading to children.

2008 was a busy year at the Berne Public Library, we look forward with great anticipation to working with our Town Board and local Senior Citizens with the eventual goal of a more spacious, inviting and comfortable library building.

### **BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Aaron Baldwin, Board President  
Nancy L. Pieri, Director

In early 2008, our first annual Writers and Friends author series welcomed Carol Goodman, Susan Cheever and Donald Westlake. The series continued with a visit by mystery writer Jeffery Deaver in October.

Other program highlights included our first annual Teen Film Fest, another delightful season of A Little Sunday Music and Evenings on the Green, the finale for the week-long regional Riverway Storytelling Festival, and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Teddy Bears' Picnic. We also participated in the **Big Read**, sharing discussions about *The Age of Innocence* with other readers in the region.

Our 2008 summer reading program was extended to preschoolers, offering reading-readiness activities and a weekly storytime presented by teen volunteers. We launched online registration and reporting software designed by our IT staff, who won the **2008 NYLA Best Practices award** for this work. The software enabled our summer readers to log on and report their reading from home or on vacation.

We continued reaching out to the community through our visits to Bethlehem schools and assisted living facilities, our Books to People delivery service for the homebound, and our annual blood drive. We also launched What's NOW @ your library; an email bulletin that offers library news highlights and links to related sites and services.

We ventured into the world of ESL with a series of get-togethers for international adults and students. Basic informational brochures were developed and translated into Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Spanish and French. The students got homework help, the adults got English language coaching with help from Literacy Volunteers, and everyone made new friends.

On the national level, we learned that our library ranked in the top 50 public libraries nationwide for circulation—tangible evidence of our ongoing service to the community.

**NYLA Best Practices Award and in the top 50 public libraries nationwide.**

## BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Pat Carlson, Board President

Julie Zelman, Director

In 2008:

- We circulated 37,237 books, magazines, audio books, movies, 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 attendees over the summer.
- Other activities included a visit from a police dog, Web-Making with the Tang Museum, Leapin' Lizards with the Junior Museum, storytellers for seniors, Rowdy the River Rat, an ice cream social, an apple recipe contest, Babysitter Training, and an Olympics celebration.
- 282 free Take Home Craft kits were distributed.
- The Tuesday Book Group gathered 12 times.
- The Book and Movie group met twice each month to view and discuss a book and its film adaptation.
- We are an Acceptance facility for U.S. Passports, and processed 102 applications this year.
- The Library's Board of Trustees ran several 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; and two Basement Book Sales.
- 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. The Division of Library Development granted our variance request, but put us on notice that this would be the last year they would do so. In February of 2008, the Board of Trustees purchased a building at 4118 Route 2 in Brunswick.

## CASTLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Terri Jackson, Board President

Darlene Miller, Director

**Runner-up to  
*Library  
Journal's*  
"Best Small  
Library in  
America"**

The Castleton Public Library began 2008 on a high note - we were thrilled to be named runner-up "Best Small Library in America" by *Library Journal* and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation! To be honored among libraries that are far larger with greater resources was truly an achievement for our small institution.

Our strong community partnerships allowed us to develop some new programs which have now become a mainstay of our monthly calendar. Preschoolers enjoy literacy and nature as part of "Preschool in the Park," presented in conjunction with Schodack Island State Park. "Reading Rat Clubs" which feature rodent-themed books, movies, activities and "hands on" experiences with pet rats are popular with our elementary students. Avid readers share ideas, recipes and conversation during our "Book Discussion for Adults" held at Castle Hill Senior Apartments.

In April, we shared a big grant event with other UHLS libraries - **“The Big Read”** featuring The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton. The Victorian theme fit perfectly with our small historic community. Area seniors and teens from the Maple Hill High School shared a book/movie discussion brunch. People of all ages participated in a variety of tea parties, movies and potluck events throughout the month. The local Peters family shared their extensive collection of historical local scenes in a slide show presentation entitled “A Look at Victorian Castleton.”

“Catch the Reading Bug,” the NYS Summer Reading program, featured programming and events for the whole family. We presented forums on educational topics such as “The Trouble with Ticks” to “The Ugly Bug Ball.” Overall, almost 300 children & teens participated, reading a total of over 2800 hours!

We believe the most exhilarating day in the 100-year history of the library must have been August 12<sup>th</sup> when we were visited by both Mary Linda Todd, Library Development Specialist II, New York State Library, and Robin Cabot, Senior Program Officer, Office of Library Services, Institute of Museum and Library Services, Washington, DC.

#### **COHOES PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Barbara LaMarche, Board President

Deborah Canzano, Director

In 2008 the library added three more computers for a total of 10 computers available to the public and they all continue to be in high demand. We are averaging over 1,200 computer sessions a month. We are also wireless and host a regular group of laptop users in the library.

In 2008 we added over 2,400 items to our collection including over 800 adult fiction titles in regular and large print; over 400 juvenile titles in regular, picture book and board book formats; and over 100 young adult titles. We also added over 300 videos including many independent films and non-fiction DVDs. Our patrons had access to over 75 magazines and newspapers. We also offered our patrons their choice of 8 different passes to local art museums and other places of interest including the Norman Rockwell Museum, The Massachusetts Museum of Modern Art, the Hancock Shaker Village and the Iroquois Indian Museum.

For the third year in a row we circulated over 50,000 items.

In 2008 we had fifteen adult programs and two family programs appropriate for all ages. We also had 52 children’s programs including two puppet workshops and “Reading with Duncan” where children came in to practice their reading skills by reading to Duncan, a wonderful King Charles Spaniel and his owner Elizabeth.

For the Summer Reading Program we had 79 children register and those who

completed read a total of 919 books. The 27 programs we offered during the summer included musicians, magicians, ventriloquists and animal educators.

As always, we are thankful for the generous support we receive from 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)**

Alicia Osur, Board President

Richard J. Naylor, Director

There was a major changing of the guard at the Colonie library in 2008. First we welcomed new Board Members, Cindy Dott, Matthew Sissman, and Janet Judge. And, then in June, Richard Naylor was promoted to Library Director.

Program-wise it was a rich year featuring a five month long celebration of Edith Wharton, with a high point in April with the System-wide reading of the *Age of Innocence*. In addition there were monthly Library Book Reviews with notable reviewers, including Matthew Sissman's packed house review of *Manhunt: The 12 Day hunt for Lincoln's Killer*. Several grant funded book discussion groups also were featured including: Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature; and the Youth Services staff highly creative and successful Festival of Lights program in December.



**Programming included a five month long celebration of Edith Wharton.**

We added two new shows to our Governmental-Education TV Channel: Head of Senior Services Christine Cary's "Senior Citizens Show" and Town of Colonie Supervisor Paula Mahan's "Colonie Connect".

The year also included the formation of a Friends of the William K. Sanford Town Library organization. Thanks to the dozens of volunteers who worked through the paperwork and organizational details to make the Friends a reality!

As usual, Youth Services and The Teen Center were very busy, with YS taking the Times Union's "Best Children's Library" for the seventh straight time and the Teen Center sponsoring the hugely successful Battle of the Bands, Coffee House, Manga Club, and art exhibits. In addition by weeding hard copy periodical back issues, we were able to double the size of the Teen Center.

To top off the year we were most pleased to, for the first time, exceed the 700,000 circulation mark with a big increase in books leading us to declare, "Colonie Reads!"

## **EAST GREENBUSH COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

Michael Poost, Board President

Evelyn Butrico, Director

Overall the East Greenbush Community Library saw a 9% increase in usage with 230,859 visitors. 18,014 people attended programs, 42,620 people used the public internet and 420,849 items were circulated. Per capita, we had 8.22 visits, 14.98 items circulated, 1.52 public internet computers used and .64 attendances at programs.

On November 5, the Youth Department received official recognition on becoming a Family Place Library. Based on a model of comprehensive family-centered services, a Family Place Library is a center for early childhood information, parent education, early literacy, socialization and family support. A key feature of a Family Place Library is the Parent/Child Workshop which the Library offers at least once a year.

From infants to seniors, throughout 2008, the Library worked with a group of partners to bring programming to the community regarding Alzheimer's and related disease. Called *Keeping our Memories Alive*, the Library hosted informational lectures, purchased materials and took programming into the Alzheimer's section of Hawthorn Ridge Retirement Community.

During the year, The Friends of the Library support many programs and collections. In 2008 they provided funding to update the DVDs in the "How To Collection." Many DVDs were added on variety of subjects, including many hobbies, exercise, as well as various computer programs and skills.

In September of 2008 the East Greenbush Library said goodbye to Deborah Shoup, Director since 2005. Deborah served the library for a total of eleven years in various capacities-as a reference librarian, the head of adult services and then as director. Deborah was very community-minded. In December the Library welcomed Evelyn Butrico as the new Director. Evelyn comes to the position with a broad range of experience. She served for seven years as Director of the Mechanicville District Public Library and is coming to the library from her most recent position as the Program Development Librarian at Nylink.

## **GRAFTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

Sandra von Schilgen, President

Carolyn Durnin, Library Director

Use of the library continues to grow, with increases in circulation and participation in the summer reading program. In response, bookshelves and display racks were rearranged in the children's area, resulting in much more space to accommodate multiple families.

The library was the beneficiary of a project by a candidate for Eagle Scout, a custom built bookcase for the circulation area and a children's book drive. Our director also took advantage of the liquidation sale at Borders to add



**East Greenbush became  
an officially recognized  
Family Place Library.**

display racks and furnish the basement with sturdy bookcases.

The library received a maximum grant award of \$7500 from the Lower Hudson Conference of Historical Agencies & Museums (now known as Greater Hudson Heritage Network) for the preservation and conservation of its Anti-Rent War banner. This unique artifact represents the period in New York State history known as the Anti-Rent Wars (1830's-1860s). Upon completion of the conservation work, the banner will be re-hung in the Grafton Town Hall for public display.

This year's annual Run for the Roses 5K Race at the beautiful Grafton Lakes State Park was the most successful fundraising event in the nine years of collaboration with the park. The perfect weather, great teamwork, the support of participants, and the generosity of our sponsors all contributed to an enjoyable and rewarding experience. As a result of the race's outstanding success, the library was able to replace a rusty, rapidly deteriorating media drop with a new stainless steel model that offers improved energy efficiency and better protection of library materials.

We wished volunteer Pat Decker a happy retirement in October after twenty-five years of service to the library. Pat was the library assistant on Thursday evenings, and she is also a former member and officer of the Board of Trustees. Pat is sorely missed but we are assured she is enjoying her newly acquired free time.

In the future, we look forward to revamping our web site and completing the necessary steps to implement wireless internet access for patrons.

#### **GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Brian Hartson, Board President

Barbara Nichols Randall, Director

During the 2008 budget year, the Library brought a wealth of programming and services to our community. Some highlights for the year:

- Summer Reading Club participation jumped by 51%
- Circulation increased by 6%
- NYS Construction money was used to expand the auxiliary parking lot
- And, for the first time, the library stayed open for a full day on summer Saturdays, increasing our open hours to 3,400 annually.



Our program focus for the year was themed "Explore New York's Roots & Rhythms." The first programs in the series included *Great Graves of New York*, and notable author/artist, Will Moses.

For the first time the Library, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce and Small Business Institute, held a series of four small business workshops for local residents hoping to begin new enterprises.

The Library won a grant from PBS via the American Library Association for programs featuring FrontLine World programs dealing with Social

Entrepreneurship – meaning people helping others pull themselves out of poverty.

Another program highlight was receiving an ALA grant funding for **“Modern Marvels, Jewish Adventures in the Graphic Novel”** with author/scholar Edward Schwarzschild and a series of discussions of the graphic novel in Jewish literature. The grant also supported a klezmer concert.

We continued our successful ESOL partnerships and programs, Indian films series, college prep programs, book discussions and nine storytimes per week

### **CHENEY LIBRARY (Hoosick Falls)**

Richard Young, Board President

Carol Gaillard, Director

Cheney Library, located in Hoosick Falls, NY, participated in several grants in 2008. We received a **UHLS Mini-grant** to bring a speaker on the Autism Spectrum and to build up our collection of material on autism and Asperger Syndrome. Dr. Gina Cosgrove spoke to a group of people on working with the child who is on the Autism Spectrum. We purchased many books, non-fiction and fiction, plus some DVDs to round out our collection.

**“Explore Your Shore”** is another grant in which the Cheney Library participated. We purchased books about Henry Hudson and the Hudson River. We also hosted Carol Parenzan Smalley for a workshop *Navigating with Explorer Henry Hudson*. She worked with 25 children at Hoosick Falls Central School bringing out their knowledge of Henry Hudson and helping the students to create salt maps of different parts of the Hudson River. Carol authored a book on Henry Hudson that she donated to Cheney Library as a part of the workshop.

The grant **“Fit for Life”** brought knowledge of using Internet sites to help patrons with discovering illnesses, possible solutions to those illnesses, where to locate doctors, and knowing all about the prescriptions that a doctor has given. We will be hosting some informative workshops in 2009 as a part of this grant.

Upper Hudson Library System has really helped Cheney Library enrich the lives of the people of Hoosick Falls by making available workshops and materials that we could not afford on our own.

### **NORTH GREENBUSH PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Kenneth Bogdan, Board President

Daryl McCarthy, Director

The North Greenbush Public Library continues to grow both in collection size and yearly circulation. In 2008, our collection grew to over 51,000 items with our Books on CD, DVD, and music collections increasing in popularity. Our circulation increased by over 15% from 2007 and we circulated over 101,000 items. The North Greenbush community continues its strong support of the

library and our growth in circulation is continued proof that we are successfully meeting the informational and recreational needs of our patrons. Based on patron requests we have expanded the DVD collection and the Books on CD collection. Both collections continue to grow more and more popular. Also, due to popular use we have added a second public Internet computer.

Our children's room continues to be a very popular meeting place for children of all ages. We had several school groups tour the library this year to receive their first library cards. The library participated in the Summer Reading Program with over 125 children signed up and participating at various levels. Our Teen Summer Reading Program had a small but dedicated group of readers who wrote reviews of books to encourage other teens to read.

Space is becoming an issue for the library. We have no meeting room space, and we have filled every available space in our current location with books and materials. Space to put our ever-growing collections has become an issue for the future, and the board has begun to assess our current building size and future expansion needs.

Our Friends group remains active in keeping our on-going book sale in order. The Friends provide the library with additional funds to purchase items as needed. In 2008, the Friends purchased a new cabinet to hold the CD music collection and our second public Internet computer. Without the help of the Friends the library would not be able to consistently meet the needs of the community. The library looks forward to more growth and continued community support in 2009.

#### **PETERSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Dan McCumber, Board President

Sharon Hodges, Director

**After 12 years of fundraising, there was finally enough money to complete renovations to the library.**

For the Petersburg Public Library, 2008 was truly an auspicious year. After 12 years of fundraising, grant-writing, appeals for donations and any other means we could think of to raise money we finally had enough money to complete renovations to the library. Renovations were done in installments as funds permitted beginning in 1998 with phase 2 in 2001. In 2006 a mini-addition to build a staircase for legal access to the lower level was constructed along with other concrete structural work to make the lower level functional. In 2008 a lift was installed to make the lower level accessible to everybody. A restroom, kitchenette and closets were also constructed in the lower level. Carpeting was installed and furniture purchased to complete the renovations. January 21, 2009 was the date of the celebration of the work being completed and opening the lower level to be used by the public. We look forward to 2009 when we will be able to fully utilize our new space.

While much time and energy was put into the renovation project other activities at the library continued as usual. With weekly Story Hours and Summer Reading Program activities the children enjoyed time spent at the library. With funds received from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation three

new computers replaced older ones. The public took full advantage of having new computers. We also added wireless internet access so anyone with a laptop with wireless capability can connect to the internet while in our Library or they can connect in our parking lot when the Library is closed.

### **POESTENKILL LIBRARY**

LouAnne Lundgren, Board President  
Margie Morris, Director

Technology was the focus for 2008. We applied for and were fortunate to receive **Legislative Grants** from Assemblyman Tim Gordon and former Senator Joe Bruno. The grants totaled \$30,000. Offering wireless access to the Poestenkill community was one of the main reasons for the request for funds. Due to the rural nature of some parts of Poestenkill, many residents only have access to dial-up Internet services. Until broadband is more readily available in the area, we wanted to offer it to as many residents as possible. We also needed to upgrade our three, almost eight year old, patron access computers and two staff computers. With the grants we received we were able to replace the old patron and staff computers and purchase five laptops, two for staff use and three for patron use. In addition, a wireless network was installed.



**Legislative grants funded the installation of a wireless network.**

In July, we had a visit from Professor Run-a-Muck, juggler extraordinaire. The lawn at the library was filled with families enjoying a beautiful summer evening of entertainment.

The Friends of Poestenkill Library continued to raise much needed funds for library expenses. The community support for Market Day held in May and September is strong and everyone enjoys the great bargains they can bring home. Online book sales also bring in much needed funds to add to the book budget. 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

Facility improvements had a big impact this past year. With a **State Library Construction Grant**, the front entrance ramp was widened and front doorways were rebuilt with electronic door openers. Toddlers love the door opener buttons.

The Library rented a separate room in this building for programs and meetings. All of our on-site early childhood activities, including a new Library Babies program, use it. Off-site programs continued. The annual Fun Fair for the Very Young at Kindergarten registration drew its largest attendance ever.

Summer reading program participation by all ages was up 28% over past years. School-age participation increased 37.5%! The Young Writers

Workshop, in its fifteenth summer, completed 23 books. We successfully launched a Teen Writing group.

With a **UHLS Outreach mini-grant**, the Library began recording conversations among older residents about their memories of the community in earlier times. Storyteller Marni Gillard facilitated the first meetings. We hope the project will continue indefinitely, and we're planning a 2009 publication using transcriptions and photos collected from participants.

Other noteworthy events were Trustee participation in the Coeymans Friendship Festival in the guise of Pooh and Tigger, the addition of weekly consultant support for our automated systems, substantial additions to the Large Print Book collection through gifts in memory of Ruth Slingerland, and Neil Breslin's constituent night here in August. The Library's after-school student population doubled, at the very least.

By December, circulation had increased over 15%, services such as interlibrary loan and computer use had increased over 20%, and new registrations were 47% higher than any previous year. After carefully counting library users for two weeks, we were surprised to extrapolate an annual count of 39,400 visits. The Library expects to cross the 50,000 mark for annual circulation in 2009.

#### **RENSELAERVILLE LIBRARY**

David Weiss, Board President

Candy Wilson, Director

The Rensselaerville Library Board of Trustees was directed up by David Weiss, President, with Rose Marie Kuhar, Vice President, Dianne Rizio, Treasurer, and Elizabeth Britton, Secretary. All officers were voted to positions in the September board meeting of 2008. The only change from the 2007 Board was the addition of Dianne Rizio and the retirement of Richard Tollner. In 2008, Candy Wilson was voted in as Director of the library. Thanks to the hard working efforts of the Board and Richard Tollner during the year 2008, the Rensselaerville Library was able to move past the financial disaster of 2007.

In the beginning of 2008 the Library started a new outreach project to bring the library to the senior citizens of the area. Funded by a **UHLS mini-grant**, the program successfully brought a small part of the library collection to a central meeting place for the seniors, giving many seniors the chance to use the library services in a more convenient location. Many of the seniors have taken advantage of these monthly visits by the library. The program has been able to continue through to the current year.

The new community room, funded by the 2007 **NYS Construction Grant** was finished in the spring and used for the many Summer Reading programs and community organizations. New construction was started for a new kitchen and for the creation of more usable library space. These projects were also funded by the 2008 **NYS Construction Grant**.

## RENSELAER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tobi Freebern, Board President

Jane Chirgwin, Director

The Rensselaer Library is growing and changing. In 2008, final plans were made to renovate and move to another building, which should occur by the winter of 2009. Our director, Jane Chirgwin, had a baby boy on January 27, 2009.

We held at least one adult and one childrens program a month. We continue to bring Story Times to Headstart preschool and visit Van Rensselaer Elementary School.

2008 was our second annual Summer Reading Program, *Catch the Reading Bug*. We had 26 programs and increased participation in tracking our summer readers.

## SAND LAKE TOWN LIBRARY

Terrence Dingman, Board President

Melinda Fowler, Director

The Sand Lake Town Library had another busy and productive year in 2008. The newly renovated William Kennedy Program Room hosted a variety of displays by local artists while local craftsmen displayed everything from pottery to turned bowls in the library display case. A variety of programs from pre-school storytime to card making kept patrons of all ages involved, and hosting the Assessment Resource Center for the Town's re-assessment process brought many new faces into the library. Participation in the first National Gaming Day in November was a fun learning experience for staff and participants alike, all of whom are looking forward to next year's event.

Our fourth annual "Summer Reading Fair" provided a great kick off for the Summer Reading Program which continues to grow. Nearly every event had full participation whether it was learning about bugs, watching a movie, or trying charcoal drawing.

With help from the Upper Hudson staff, we were able to launch a new website by the year's end which we hope will increase our visibility on the internet. Planning and fundraising for the renovation of the library space continued. Grants received from Senator Bruno and Assemblyman Gordon, along with State Education Department **Construction funds**, will help fund the renovations.

We are thankful for the continuing dedication and hard work of our staff, volunteers, and trustees, as well as the support of our patrons and our community.

## ARVILLA E. DIVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY (Schaghticoke)

Elsie Kowalchuk, Board President

Laurence Roger, Director



Paul Stillman as Teddy Roosevelt played to a packed house in September.

The past year has witnessed a great many success stories at the Arvilla E. Diver Memorial Library in Schaghticoke. In February our *Dr. Seuss Birthday Party* was a resounding success, with games and activities led by Director Larry Rogers. Our *Meet The Candidates* event in March was well-attended, and throughout the year our Book Club has drawn many new patrons to the library. Our Summer Reading Program drew over forty enrolled children to the joy of reading. Both the *Strawberry Social* in June and the *Ice Cream Social* in August were crowded outdoor events that brought a wide spectrum of community members together. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of our committed and enthusiastic library trustees, special programs have become a library trademark and a central facet of community life. Paul Stillman's performance as Teddy Roosevelt packed the house in September, while in November nationally recognized columnist Terry Marotta came to our library to present a workshop on preserving family memories. The year ended on a festive note as our annual Christmas Open House brought local kindergartners and their families to the library for an evening of cookies and Christmas songs.

Much of the Diver Library's growth in the past year can be traced to the extraordinary enthusiasm and commitment of our director. Larry Rogers has revitalized the library from top to bottom, making an exhaustive effort to clean out old books, many of them decades out of date, and to replace the classics while making room for new and exciting titles to attract new patrons. His encyclopedic knowledge of literary fiction, genre favorites and world history, combined with a lively interest in the latest best sellers, has made him a community favorite. Patient, persistent, and professional, Larry has worked extra long hours on a routine basis, brightened up special events all around the Schaghticoke community, and shown an enormous talent for attracting volunteers and stretching the library's limited financial resources. Larry will be leaving us in May 2009 to pursue a career in the academic world, but his legacy at the library will be a lasting one. Thanks to his efforts, the support of our outstanding trustees and the Schaghticoke community, great things are in store for the Arvilla E. Diver Memorial Library.

## STEPHENTOWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Sue Brissette-Cass, Board President

Laurenne Teachout, Director

This has been a year of growth at the Stephentown Memorial Library. In February 2008, we opened the doors of our newly-expanded building to our community. In spite of foul weather, over 60 people came out to celebrate the new space and show their pride in their library. Our new community room quickly booked up with varied programs including yoga classes, Al-Anon meetings, Girl Scout meetings, book discussion group, and more. We hit the ground running and began planning a variety of programs for all ages in our wonderful new space. Our regular monthly programs include Pajama story

time, SML Unplugged, Tween Night, Teen Night, Sunday Movie Classics, Crafts for Kids, and more. Our programming has been well received and attendance continues to grow.

With the additional space, we added five public access computers as well as wireless service for patrons with their own laptop. On any given day, we see most of the computers in use throughout the day. We have had a rise in young people using the library after school and on weekends.

In July, we had our first annual Auction and raised over \$11,000 for the library. Plans are already underway for another auction in October 2009.

In August, we bid a sad farewell to Mary Jo Daly, our director, as she accepted a new position in the area. A search was conducted and the Board appointed Laurenne Teachout as Library Director in November 2008. Laurenne has been employed by SML since 2001 and is currently enrolled in the Masters of Library Science Program at Clarion University. She will complete her degree in summer 2010.

### **TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

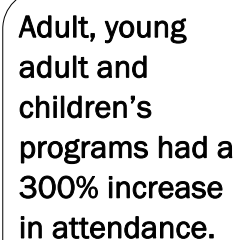
Mary Muller, Board President

Paul Hicok, Director

On November 4, residents in Troy were asked to vote on creating a special public library district in the City of Troy. People voted overwhelmingly to create the district but unfortunately the budget proposition for the new district was defeated. Since both propositions had to pass to establish the district, we do not yet have a Special Public Library District. The vote did, however, clearly demonstrate that our community wants public library service and that a majority agree that the district model is the way to go. Plans are in the works to try again in 2009.

The Library experienced increases in every area from book and material circulation to interlibrary loan. During the first part of the year, circulation was running between 10 and 11 percent ahead of last year. However, in June when the economy worsened and gas prices rose dramatically, our circulation jumped 35 percent over the year before. It remained at an increased level of between 20 and 25 percent for the rest of 2008. The adult programs, young adult and children's programs all saw a dramatic increase in attendance of over 300 percent.

The library was able to expand its outreach program in 2008 with book discussions, a small collection and a number of Wii programs at the Troy Senior Center. Also through the efforts of dedicated staff, we were able to reach out to teens with movie nights, our popular anime programs, a graphic novel workshop and, of course, Wii games, *dance dance revolution* and *guitar hero*. The Teen Graphic Novel workshop gave teens an opportunity to learn storyboarding and cartooning from a comic book author/illustrator. Both teens and parents want to do it again. One of the highlights in children's programming was Books on Stage IV, a collaboration between the library and



**Adult, young adult and children's programs had a 300% increase in attendance.**

the New York State Theatre Institute which allowed younger children to take a character from a favorite book and develop it for a stage performance before family and friends. It included free tickets to see Who is Pippi Longstalking? For some this was the first time their family had ever been able to attend a play together!

### **VALLEY FALLS FREE LIBRARY**

Janet Weber, Board President

Sandra Goodwin, Director

We continued to make improvements in 2008, making the library more energy efficient and attractive: new basement windows were installed and painting done outside. The book weeding was completed, and we are considering doing it yearly.

We received donations from Key Bank, Shema/Boeing, United Way, and the Wentorf Foundation which was so helpful with the increase in costs. We continued to get donations of books, videos, and audios and we added the newer items to our collection with the rest going into our basement sale. During my absence of three months, Bobbi Crowther and Kelly Akin kept the library staffed. Rawdon Cheng, from UHLS, came and updated our computers and they are now all working.

Many patrons used the library, computers, internet, printer and copier regularly with attendance, circulation, and ILL all good again this year.

Story time with Nancy Backstrom was a success with a new group of preschoolers joining us. She read stories and taught a craft at each session. We had 20 sessions and 270 attendees for the year. We all enjoy the reading and crafts.

The Valley Falls/Pittstown Summer Youth Program went well with ten visits and 116 children attending. The counselors brought the children to the library and read to them. They also spent time looking at books and seeing what the library had to offer.

The Summer Reading Program was down from last year's participation. Forty-two children signed up and seventeen returned their reading records showing a total of 302 books read. We had two SRP programs: the first was Lady Slipper, she read fairy tales and the children were able to interact with her; the second was Beatrice Green "The Recycling Queen" who did magic tricks and told stories. They both used the SRP theme in their presentations and both programs were well attended.

## VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Richard Ramsey, Board President

Gail Sacco, Director

In May of 2008 VPL became the recipient of a **Family Place grant** through the NYS Family Literacy Library Services. This resulted in significant changes in our Youth Services Department. We reorganized, adding books and DVDs to the collection, and more sturdy and colorful educational toys. The purchase of a sofa and chair was a popular move which has encouraged kids and parents to share more reading time together. Our YS librarian has hosted two 5-week series of workshops designed for toddlers and parents, with a visiting expert to discuss various topics with the caregivers while the children played.

Also in May YS Librarian Joyce Laiosa was thrilled to be chosen to receive the first Micki Nevett Sparkler Award by the Children's Literature Connection.

The library has expanded our online calendar in an effort to become the definitive source for our community events and announcements. Local quilters, business organizations, and youth organizations are only a few of those who booked our community room for meetings and submitted listings for the calendar.

We also expanded our communications and community support by introducing a Consumer Corner and Boomer Bookshelf to our newsletter columns, and sending regular news bulletins and book lists electronically to our email list. In-house, the staff has found the wiki increasingly useful as a communication tool and its use has made behind-the-scenes library work easier.

Last year the library counted almost 70,000 patron visits from our service population of 7,100 and saw an increase of over 200 in our registered resident borrowers. Our computer usage rose to almost 7,000, an increase of more than 500. We circulated approximately 119,000 items and handled 7,000 reference transactions, and provided 25,000 items for interlibrary loan. We hosted 372 library programs for all ages, with program attendance of 8,752.



### **WATERVLIET PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Pamela Lamb, Board President

Beth Capitula, Board President

Ginger Hewitt, Director

This was a very busy year for our library. In February we hosted our second annual *I Love My Library* fundraiser which was well attended. At that dinner it was announced that we had received a **Legislative grant** from our local legislator Robert Beston. This money was used to purchase new computer desks and new public computers that can accommodate flash drives for storage.

The library was fortunate this year to receive a **mini-grant** from Upper Hudson. This money was used to purchase a Nintendo Wii. We were able to offer Wii gaming for Seniors several times a week which was very popular for our older patrons.

Our local high school hosted their September “Meet the Teacher” night in the library. This was a wonderful opportunity for parents and teachers to see what materials and programs are available for students.

Also in September the Board hosted a reception to introduce the return of Saturday hours. These additional hours were well received in the community and Saturday is proving to be a busy day.

Last but not least, the library sponsored an Oktoberfest, with authentic German food and music by Tom Healey. This proved to be another solid fundraiser for the library.

### **WESTERLO PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Lili Starna, Board President

Elaine Albrecht, Director

Another busy year for our small library! It was a year of looking ahead and goal setting. We began by preparing a survey to determine what our community would like to see at their Town Library. The questionnaire was mailed to every Westerlo resident. Many good recommendations were suggested and we worked to implement several of them. A new Five Year Plan was drafted and ideas and improvements discussed and evaluated.

Our informal Friends Group continued its fundraising efforts with the Mother’s Day Bake Sale and the Town Wide Garage Sale where many bags of donated and withdrawn books, videos and magazines found new homes.

We distributed many copies of the *Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton thanks to our participation in the **Big Read** Program. An interesting discussion followed in our monthly Book Discussion Meeting.

In June our library hosted a “Meet and Greet” with State Senator Neil Breslin. Twenty four people attended and participated in questions and

discussions on various topics that were of interest to them. Our residents appreciated the opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns in an informal setting right in their own community.

The Summer Reading Program was a great success. “Catch the Reading Bug” was a hit with the children, parents, staff and volunteers. We purchased many new children’s books relating to that theme. Bonnie Duchow and Lili Starna read to our inquisitive little ones and Claire Marshall and her daughter, Mary Beth, presented some wonderful interactive, hands-on programs for the tween group. Lee Sawyer developed the “Metamorphosis” theme with the young teens in programs about healthy eating, self esteem, exercise and respect for others. One of the highlights of the program was the butterfly pavilion habitat that we displayed in the library so that the metamorphosis process from caterpillar to butterfly could be observed. On the final evening of our summer program, with many children and parents watching, the Painted Lady butterflies were released outdoors. It was spectacular to see them fly off and then land on our neighbor’s perennial garden!

We feel very fortunate to have trustees, staff and volunteers who are dedicated to the needs of our community and a Town Board that supports that commitment.



# 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
- 2008

## 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
- 2008 WK Sanford Town Library  
Berne Public Library

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

- 2006 Tanner Williamson, Cheney  
Maggie Oldendorf, Guilderland
- 2007 Dan Cornman, Reed Dawley,  
Ed Evans, East Greenbush
- 2008 Stephanie Sampsen, Berne

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY - UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

## BALANCE SHEET

as of 12/31/08 and 12/31/07

	2008	2007
Cash and other current assets	1,806,014	1,918,118
Buildings and equipment, net	959,830	965,817
Other assets	33,316	37,357
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>2,799,160</u></b>	<b><u>2,921,292</u></b>
Current liabilities	105,129	184,020
Long-term debt	659,879	688,019
Net assets	2,034,152	2,049,253
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>2,799,160</u></b>	<b><u>2,921,292</u></b>

## ACTIVITIES

for years ended 12/31/08 and 12/31/07

State, federal, other government aid	1,734,708	1,637,683
Other revenue	<u>402,465</u>	<u>420,667</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,137,173</b>	<b>2,058,350</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>2,152,274</u></b>	<b><u>1,986,953</u></b>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN</b>	<b><u>(15,101)</u></b>	<b><u>71,397</u></b>
<b>UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>		

# 2008 STATISTICAL SUMMARIES - MEMBER LIBRARIES

## LOCAL SUPPORT, MATERIALS and PERSONNEL EXPENSES

Library	Population	2007 Local Support	2008 Local Support	Change in Local Support	Per Capita Support	Per Capita Ranking
Albany	95,716	\$6,211,026	\$6,215,150	0%	\$64.93	6
Altamont	1,737	\$83,000	\$85,000	2%	\$48.93	8
Berlin	1,901	\$10,250	\$10,250	0%	\$5.39	28
Berne	2,846	\$8,300	\$8,800	6%	\$3.09	29
Bethlehem	25,965	\$3,473,122	\$3,572,277	3%	\$137.58	1
Brunswick	11,664	\$121,018	\$137,400	14%	\$11.78	23
Castleton	1,619	\$108,500	\$110,500	2%	\$68.25	5
Cohoes	15,521	\$198,441	\$191,844	-3%	\$12.36	22
East Greenbush	15,560	\$1,427,783	\$1,482,625	4%	\$95.28	3
Grafton	1,987	\$27,000	\$28,750	6%	\$14.47	18
Guilderland	33,475	\$2,453,782	\$2,599,986	6%	\$77.67	4
Hoosick Falls	6,759	\$50,450	\$50,200	0%	\$7.43	27
Menands	3,383	\$103,050	\$111,940	9%	\$33.09	10
Nassau	4,818	\$109,100	\$109,100	0%	\$22.64	14
North Greenbush	10,805	\$216,008	\$237,608	10%	\$21.99	15
Petersburgh	1,563	\$45,976	\$47,880	4%	\$30.63	11
Poestenkill	4,054	\$45,550	\$50,946	12%	\$12.57	21
RCS	14,505	\$271,371	\$277,687	2%	\$19.14	16
Rensselaer	7,761	\$76,691	\$72,237	-6%	\$9.31	26
Rensselaerville	1,915	\$40,000	\$50,000	25%	\$26.11	13
Sand Lake	7,987	\$115,000	\$114,000	-1%	\$14.27	19
Schaghticoke	676	\$25,700	\$29,200	14%	\$43.20	9
Stephentown	2,873	\$35,500	\$39,300	11%	\$13.68	20
Troy	49,170	\$563,600	\$527,100	-6%	\$10.72	24
Valley Falls	491	\$28,080	\$28,080	0%	\$57.19	7
Voorheesville	7,131	\$984,416	\$879,819	-11%	\$123.38	2
Watervliet	10,207	\$90,800	\$95,800	6%	\$9.39	25
Westerlo	3,466	\$53,932	\$58,944	9%	\$17.01	17
William K. Sanford	79,258	\$2,420,636	\$2,317,823	-4%	\$29.24	12
<b>AVERAGES</b>	14,649	\$668,899	\$673,802	1%	\$35.89	

Library	2008 Total Expenses	2007 Collection Expenses	2008 Collection Expenses	Change in Collection Expenses	Percent Collection of Total \$	Percent Staff of Total \$	Per Capita Materials Expenses	Per Capita Ranking
Albany	\$6,496,094	\$718,287	\$672,036	-6%	10%	46%	\$7.02	9
Altamont	\$116,904	\$3,913	\$9,344	139%	8%	53%	\$5.38	11
Berlin	\$49,700	\$3,779	\$3,890	3%	8%	59%	\$2.05	21
Berne	\$9,552	\$4,952	\$2,791	-44%	29%	0%	\$0.98	27
Bethlehem	\$3,573,021	\$309,187	\$325,927	5%	9%	68%	\$12.55	1
Brunswick	\$133,208	\$20,315	\$18,846	-7%	14%	75%	\$1.62	23
Castleton	\$114,802	\$18,371	\$14,481	-21%	13%	74%	\$8.94	6
Cohoes	\$210,564	\$36,705	\$35,550	-3%	17%	79%	\$2.29	18
East Greenbush	\$1,609,673	\$159,398	\$173,187	9%	11%	52%	\$11.13	3
Grafton	\$49,581	\$4,221	\$4,770	13%	10%	49%	\$2.40	17
Guilderland	\$2,670,720	\$329,348	\$324,997	-1%	12%	72%	\$9.71	5
Hoosick Falls	\$94,347	\$6,293	\$8,179	30%	9%	60%	\$1.21	25
Menands	\$110,007	\$25,945	\$26,966	4%	25%	46%	\$7.97	8
Nassau	\$91,776	\$7,432	\$10,527	42%	11%	62%	\$2.18	20
North Greenbush	\$220,767	\$55,190	\$61,197	11%	28%	50%	\$5.66	10
Petersburgh	\$128,132	\$8,586	\$8,411	-2%	7%	26%	\$5.38	11
Poestenkill	\$93,748	\$15,605	\$16,636	7%	18%	35%	\$4.10	12
RCS	\$281,179	\$19,568	\$22,821	17%	8%	70%	\$1.57	24
Rensselaer	\$75,639	\$18,164	\$14,563	-20%	19%	76%	\$1.88	22
Rensselaerville	\$101,374	\$3,900	\$4,285	10%	4%	28%	\$2.24	19
Sand Lake	\$133,643	\$31,391	\$30,555	-3%	23%	66%	\$3.83	13
Schaghticoke	\$41,794	\$5,357	\$5,514	3%	13%	23%	\$8.16	7
Stephentown	\$67,536	\$6,838	\$7,001	2%	10%	53%	\$2.44	15
Troy	\$865,752	\$58,170	\$56,849	-2%	7%	64%	\$1.16	26
Valley Falls	\$42,274	\$4,636	\$5,104	10%	12%	41%	\$10.40	4
Voorheesville	\$933,358	\$78,153	\$88,671	13%	10%	68%	\$12.43	2
Watervliet	\$129,910	\$6,883	\$8,433	23%	6%	30%	\$0.83	28
Westerlo	\$62,089	\$8,188	\$8,422	3%	14%	66%	\$2.43	16
William K. Sanford	\$2,416,194	\$247,445	\$262,335	6%	11%	71%	\$3.31	14
<b>AVERAGES</b>	\$721,494	\$76,421	\$76,975	1%	13%	54%	\$4.87	

## HOLDINGS and CIRCULATION

Library	Population	2007 Holdings	2008 Holdings	Change in Holdings	2008 Per Capita Holdings	2008 Reference Transactions
Albany	95,716	244,678	235,241	-4%	2	74,777
Altamont	1,737	14,387	15,865	10%	9	1,500
Berlin	1,901	12,367	11,234	-9%	6	592
Berne	2,846	14,727	15,136	3%	5	488
Bethlehem	25,965	137,273	134,416	-2%	5	76,113
Brunswick	11,664	12,117	12,788	6%	1	3,223
Castleton	1,619	20,805	22,767	9%	14	8,867
Cohoes	15,521	47,879	48,107	0%	3	3,800
East Greenbush	15,560	84,388	87,289	3%	6	20,388
Grafton	1,987	12,266	11,918	-3%	6	520
Guiderland	33,475	185,132	190,078	3%	6	67,752
Hoosick Falls	6,759	16,550	17,125	3%	3	522
Menands	3,383	13,639	13,824	1%	4	304
Nassau	4,818	26,462	25,550	-3%	5	969
North Greenbush	10,805	49,305	51,495	4%	5	6,500
Petersburgh	1,563	22,703	23,530	4%	15	792
Poestenkill	4,054	15,370	15,119	-2%	4	520
RCS	14,505	24,340	25,026	3%	2	4,322
Rensselaer	7,761	17,899	18,554	4%	2	10,302
Rensselaerville	1,915	17,085	17,630	3%	9	780
Sand Lake	7,987	30,904	31,127	1%	4	6,021
Schaghticoke	676	7,734	7,398	-4%	11	247
Stephentown	2,873	11,542	12,436	8%	4	2,496
Troy	49,170	395,250	384,145	-3%	8	41,632
Valley Falls	491	9,041	9,270	3%	19	394
Voorheesville	7,131	45,992	45,948	0%	6	7,083
Watervliet	10,207	16,471	16,754	2%	2	1,677
Westerlo	3,466	12,830	12,941	1%	4	4,423
William K. Sanford	79,258	209,801	210,591	0%	3	42,308
<b>AVERAGES</b>	14,649	59,619	59,424	0%	6	13,425

Library	Population	Annual Hours Open	2007 Circulation	2008 Circulation	Change in Circulation	Per Capita Circulation
Albany	95,716	12,513.00	1,013,576	1,053,629	4%	11
Altamont	1,737	2,808.00	21,093	22,577	7%	13
Berlin	1,901	1,120.00	11,053	11,393	3%	6
Berne	2,846	1,300.00	12,021	11,306	-6%	4
Bethlehem	25,965	3,523.00	647,451	691,074	7%	27
Brunswick	11,664	2,668.00	37,407	37,237	0%	3
Castleton	1,619	1,872.00	33,086	36,542	10%	23
Cohoes	15,521	2,428.00	50,101	51,346	2%	3
East Greenbush	15,560	3,660.00	389,171	420,849	8%	27
Grafton	1,987	1,144.00	22,465	24,413	9%	12
Guiderland	33,475	3,400.00	544,014	566,959	4%	17
Hoosick Falls	6,759	1,976.00	22,859	23,024	1%	3
Menands	3,383	1,534.00	41,093	45,995	12%	14
Nassau	4,818	1,820.00	28,847	29,587	3%	6
North Greenbush	10,805	2,440.00	86,329	101,836	18%	9
Petersburgh	1,563	1,144.00	32,339	33,782	4%	22
Poestenkill	4,054	1,456.00	24,781	23,653	-5%	6
RCS	14,505	2,912.00	43,652	45,995	5%	3
Rensselaer	7,761	1,887.00	9,232	12,013	30%	2
Rensselaerville	1,915	1,456.00	10,367	10,737	4%	6
Sand Lake	7,987	2,332.00	60,110	49,818	-17%	6
Schaghticoke	676	1,248.00	11,414	13,100	15%	19
Stephentown	2,873	1,482.00	15,977	18,004	13%	6
Troy	49,170	4,784.00	185,661	217,515	17%	4
Valley Falls	491	1,300.00	10,630	11,208	5%	23
Voorheesville	7,131	3,164.00	121,258	119,900	-1%	17
Watervliet	10,207	2,184.00	19,205	27,084	41%	3
Westerlo	3,466	1,508.00	18,010	15,923	-12%	5
William K. Sanford	79,258	3,550.00	676,152	691,552	2%	9
<b>AVERAGES</b>	14,649	2,573	144,805	152,347	5%	10

## ATTENDANCE, INTERNET USE and PROGRAMS

Library	Population	2008 Resident Borrowers	2008 Non-Resident Borrowers	Internet Use Policy	Internet Filtering	# Public Internet Terminals	# Users of Public Terminals	Total Annual Attendance
Albany	95,716	59,880	1,599	Yes	No	57	138,470	813,129
Altamont	1,737	1,661	151	Yes	No	5	4,575	17,800
Berlin	1,901	948	97	Yes	No	5	2,832	6,344
Berne	2,846	655	199	Yes	No	5	2,082	7,634
Bethlehem	25,965	19,120	18	Yes	No	26	62,558	331,558
Brunswick	11,664	1,863	598	Yes	No	2	1,948	15,224
Castleton	1,619	634	895	Yes	Yes	4	3,906	13,435
Cohoes	15,521	5,791	556	Yes	No	10	14,121	26,000
East Greenbush	15,560	6,535	10,898	Yes	No	35	42,620	230,859
Grafton	1,987	759	92	Yes	No	3	820	6,449
Guilderland	33,475	22,367	6,060	Yes	Yes	22	33,390	327,658
Hoosick Falls	6,759	2,054	150	Yes	No	3	406	7,625
Menands	3,383	938	116	Yes	No	3	2,200	16,100
Nassau	4,818	1,084	597	Yes	No	5	1,769	15,255
North Greenbush	10,805	2,550	1,684	Yes	No	2	750	47,000
Petersburgh	1,563	866	117	Yes	Yes	3	1,016	7,900
Poestenkill	4,054	1,327	164	Yes	No	3	1,092	11,149
RCS	14,505	3,493	437	Yes	No	5	10,626	39,832
Rensselaer	7,761	1,040	77	Yes	No	6	11,775	17,442
Rensselaerville	1,915	774	115	Yes	No	2	1,560	7,383
Sand Lake	7,987	3,758	1,142	Yes	No	4	4,474	23,425
Schaghticoke	676	217	784	Yes	No	3	1,345	5,287
Stephentown	2,873	932	63	Yes	No	8	2,652	9,932
Troy	49,170	17,221	3,435	Yes	No	31	30,313	85,658
Valley Falls	491	460	291	Yes	No	3	1,280	7,322
Voorheesville	7,131	4,781	411	Yes	No	5	6,727	69,886
Watervliet	10,207	3,606	489	Yes	No	6	6,424	21,500
Westerlo	3,466	873	167	Yes	No	2	610	9,028
William K. Sanford	79,258	40,528	6,860	Yes	Yes	23	52,150	376,849
<b>AVERAGES</b>	14,649	7,128	1,319			10	15,327	88,781

Library	Adult		Young Adult		Childrens		Other	
	# Programs	Attendance	# Programs	Attendance	# Programs	Attendance	# Programs	Attendance
Albany	1,058	10,227	84	663	585	8,519	1,057	12,732
Altamont	49	343	20	128	300	2,340	0	0
Berlin	30	341	2	3	46	371	0	0
Berne	25	302	2	16	101	1,521	12	110
Bethlehem	142	4,077	40	804	423	12,116	0	0
Brunswick	25	179	0	0	45	889	0	0
Castleton	123	6,302	24	2,731	76	8,407	96	1,608
Cohoes	13	141	0	0	51	767	0	0
East Greenbush	140	2,250	125	3,279	303	12,485	0	0
Grafton	25	181	0	0	23	345	0	0
Guilderland	360	10,614	97	1,466	362	9,345	4	53
Hoosick Falls	69	225	0	0	25	344	0	0
Menands	34	170	7	60	32	98	0	0
Nassau	9	77	1	18	83	987	23	485
North Greenbush	10	110	0	0	50	1,300	0	0
Petersburgh	10	49	0	0	46	674	0	0
Poestenkill	19	169	0	0	61	967	0	0
RCS	10	68	19	260	317	4,322	3	80
Rensselaer	9	115	4	27	52	1,065	0	0
Rensselaerville	82	866	55	369	29	203	8	64
Sand Lake	63	1,208	4	33	83	1,026	3	68
Schaghticoke	25	465	2	6	26	353	0	0
Stephentown	48	250	6	49	55	647	2	48
Troy	131	823	49	460	195	4,463	0	0
Valley Falls	0	0	0	0	33	461	0	0
Voorheesville	179	2,135	26	321	161	5,528	6	768
Watervliet	104	1,000	4	14	10	137	0	0
Westerlo	13	90	4	20	13	103	0	0
William K. Sanford	346	9,281	134	2,000	438	16,034	0	0
<b>AVERAGES</b>	109	1,795	24	439	139	3,304	42	552

## INTERLIBRARY LOAN, POLICIES and ACCESS

Library	MATERIALS RECEIVED		MATERIALS LOANED	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Albany	87,742	85,147	95,857	82,640
Altamont	7,944	9,277	3,911	5,144
Berlin	3,055	3,423	1,947	2,224
Berne	3,717	3,747	1,933	2,243
Bethlehem	67,273	70,466	57,463	67,685
Brunswick	11,824	12,266	4,715	4,927
Castleton	8,092	10,327	3,698	4,943
Cohoes	6,463	7,094	6,087	6,153
East Greenbush	49,517	51,766	37,975	47,707
Grafton	5,266	5,732	2,910	2,894
Guilderland	53,045	59,824	80,462	91,796
Hoosick Falls	6,756	7,014	2,552	2,844
Menands	7,358	7,333	3,857	4,722
Nassau	11,930	11,891	3,246	3,871
North Greenbush	10,464	13,379	8,666	9,805
Petersburgh	4,306	4,596	7,552	8,278
Poestenkill	4,841	4,864	4,473	4,828
RCS	7,612	9,306	4,227	4,661
Rensselaer	4,697	5,547	1,078	1,635
Rensselaerville	1,972	3,265	0	1,151
Sand Lake	10,387	11,779	10,566	10,469
Schaghticoke	2,741	3,440	965	1,065
Stephentown	4,371	4,474	1,456	1,742
Troy	32,574	37,200	22,127	26,111
Valley Falls	4,162	4,469	1,440	1,587
Voorheesville	13,400	14,608	23,951	25,094
Watervliet	5,743	7,281	2,730	3,615
Westerlo	5,068	4,254	1,829	1,948
William K. Sanford	67,590	69,723	79,929	85,024
<b>AVERAGES</b>	<b>17,583</b>	<b>18,741</b>	<b>16,469</b>	<b>17,821</b>

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	Yes	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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