



# check it out at the Philmont Public Library

## *Library Hours*

*Monday 12-5, 6-8  
Tuesday Closed  
Wednesday, 12-5, 6-8  
Thursday, 10-2  
Friday 12-5  
Saturday 10-2*

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## Cultural Center is Complete!!!

It took a village and five years of fundraising but the results are worth it. The library and the community have a space that has impressed all who have seen it thus far. There are many people and organizations that have helped with this project, from individuals to foundations, and we can't thank them enough.

We received our certificate of occupancy and have already started using the space. We held a four-day book sale that raised almost \$1,300. Even though we have our CO, we are still fundraising as we need to finish a few things (some painting, work on the acoustics, furniture purchases, landscaping and work on the back entrance). Grants have gone out and we will be having some benefits to finish and furnish the lobby and cultural center.

The new space will be officially opened on Saturday, April 24, at 3 p.m. with a ribbon cutting and a grand opening ceremony. We will have the usual speeches as well as several local authors talking about their publications (Barbara Lehman, Michael Pewtherer and Stephen Benson have confirmed so far). We will also have several paintings and illustrations on loan from Thomas Locker in our gallery space.

Our food policy has changed for the Cultural Center only. Food and drink will be allowed. As a matter of fact, the library now has a coffee and tea machine. A donation of \$1 is suggested for each cup.

## Where is the news about the library?

There are several online places where you can find up-to-date information on activities at the library. Philmont.org has an event calendar as well as articles of local interest. Facebook—become a fan of the Philmont Public Library and receive notices of upcoming activities. If you want more than just activities (book and movie purchases, meeting announcements) join the Yahoo message group by submitting your e-mail address at the library.

## Summer Concerts

Our summer concerts will begin with the Taconic Hills Jazz Band on Saturday, June 12, at the Claverack Town Park. Again this year, we are planning to sell picnic suppers for \$5. If you can make a side dish (salad, beans, or anything that goes with a hot dog or a veggie burger), please let Karen know.

The second concert will be the popular local Blue Ribbon Boys. They will be playing on Thursday, July 1, at the Claverack Town Park at 6:30. After three years of rain when they played for us, we are hoping for a beautiful evening. We are planning a dessert buffet.

The dates for additional concerts will be announced at a later time.

## Marinette Show

Local puppeteers will be performing Oedipus the King at the Cultural Center on Friday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. This show is a fundraiser for the Agawamick Project. Suggested donation--\$10. Age recommendation—12 to adult.

## Yard Sale 2010

The Philmont Library is organizing the second annual community-wide yard sale on Saturday, May 1, 2010, from 9am until 2pm. You can hold a sale at your house or you can donate items to the library for their sale. Items donated to the library must weigh 10 pounds or less (in other words—no couches, large old TVs or similar items). Items can be brought to the library the week before the sale and proceeds will benefit the library.

The library will be handing out maps on the morning of the Yard Sale and will be selling egg sandwiches and coffee & tea from 8am - 10am, and hot dogs from 11:00am- 1pm

This is a good opportunity to clean out the attic, garage and basement. The village dumpster day is scheduled for May 15, in case there are leftovers.

Last year's yard sale day brought hundreds of shoppers to Philmont to meander through the village visiting the 60 registered yard sales. If you decide you would like to participate, let Karen at the library know by April 26 so a map of the village can be printed for visitors.

The rain date is scheduled for May 8, 2010.

## Summer Reading Program— Splash into reading.

Jessica "Bagel" Schedler Tomlin will be heading up the summer reading program with lots of help from other Taconic Hills teachers and even a teacher from ICC. We have several exciting programs planned as well as reading (of course) and crafts. This year our goal is to fill the Philmont Reservoir a/k/a Summit Lake. According to Mr. Cropper, the lake holds 108,304,920 gallons. For each page that patrons from the Philmont Public Library read, 10 gallons will be poured into our "Lake on the Lawn." Everyone needs to help. We will start counting on June 14; adults and kids are eligible to contribute toward the filling of the lake. That means we have to read over 1million pages. We can do it!

## Placing Holds

The Mid-Hudson Library System (and most organizations that depend on state funding) has recently found itself in a financial bind. In order to balance their budget without cutting a lot of services, a new fee schedule will begin in 2010. Each of the 66 member libraries will be charged a flat fee of \$500 and \$.26 for each item that is being borrowed from another member library. The average annual requests from the years from 2006 to 2008 were used to calculate the amount that each library will pay for delivery fees. This figure will be used for 2010 and 2011. For Philmont, this means an annual fee of \$1,338. Although the Philmont Public Library does not intend to pass this charge on to our patrons, we have some suggestions that might help us to reduce this charge if the Mid-Hudson Library System continues with this fee schedule beyond 2011.

### Browse at the library

When searching online, search the Philmont collection first (limit your search to Philmont only)

If you know the item is on our shelf, call or e-mail the library and we will set that copy on your hold shelf. The circulation program that we use allows other libraries in certain circumstances to fill our requests even if we have it on our shelf; for example, on our closed days of Sunday and Tuesday, the request may be passed on to another library.

If you are doing research, consider narrowing your selections by viewing the summaries provided with the OPAC (online public catalog) or order fewer items in the first round of holds.

Avoid ordering the same item from several different records (large print and regular print, widescreen and full screen)

To add to the "hold" dilemma, all libraries now have to clear the hold shelf more frequently. If your request has been on the shelf for 8 business days, it has to be put back in circulation; however, we still have to pay the fee for ordering the book or movie. If you are planning a vacation, call the library and ask that your hold be put "on hold" until the date you will return. As soon as you realize you no longer need a book, cancel the request.