



# check it out at the Philmont Public Library

**Hours**  
 Monday and Wednesday  
 1-5, 6-8  
 Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday  
 10-1:30  
 Friday  
 1-5

### Library Volunteers

- Kelsey Hannamman
- Dee Dannis
- Max Dannis
- Ed Broomfield
- Bret Maloney
- Anthony Krein
- Zachary Marshall
- Jeri Burns
- Rick Tracey
- Jason Shook
- Megan Brousseau
- Barbara Sagal
- Michael Jacobsen
- Ruth Bailey
- Carol DeBell
- Bea Canetto
- Chloe Whittaker
- Tim Teaney
- Sherry Ritchie
- Jeffrey Montague
- Fern Bradley
- Irene Holzhauser
- Matthew Kenny

- Lagonias
- Local 111
- Post Office
- Village Office
- Scoops
- Main St. Publik House
- Brian Johnson, Builder
- Ed Herrington, Inc.
- Friends of the Library

### *Parents of the Pirates*

*We can't run the library without the help of many. If any names are missing, please accept our apologies.*

## Reading Program— huge success

It all started when a ship was marooned on the front lawn of the library; then the small pirates started showing up every week wanting books to read. The children were



divided into two groups according to their ages, participating in various activities such as the Village Treasure Hunt, researching pirates on the Internet, making treasure chests, listening to storytellers, and all the time, reading, reading, reading. One young pirate read 160 books over the 6-week period. The top reader in the older group read over 6,000 pages. The wrap-up party included a peg-leg race, put the X on the treasure map, cannonball pop and panning for gold. A list of volunteers and contributors is included in the volunteer section. Captain Vonda Teaney (head of the summer reading program) and First Mate Karen Garafalo (Interim Director) are glad that everyone had such a good time reading all summer.



## Good Luck, Tom and Fern

Tom Cole joined the Board of Trustees about a year ago and jumped in with both feet. Tom and his wife Fern took advantage of the many opportunities that our library offers. Not only checking out books from Philmont and the entire Mid-Hudson System (earning them a named area on the “pick-up” shelf) but Tom was our “fix-it” man, using the skills that he had used over the years as a carpenter and handy man. Tom was an instrumental member of the Building Committee, planning the for our new addition, a Cultural Center. Fern was the sale room organizer, sorting and boxing donations for the next book sale. Together they supported all the activities that happen at the library, attending the movies and concerts and chaperoning many events.

Tom and Fern will be living in Cambridge, NY, a 30-minute ride from Tom’s new teaching job in Dorset, Vermont. We will miss both Tom and Fern but wish them well in their new endeavors. Hope their new library is as friendly as Philmont’s.

## Welcome, Matthew Perry

Matt was born and raised in the area before marrying a local girl, Diane Olson, and moving about the USA. Their last home was in Dublin, CA, where Matt worked as a computer consultant for World Savings Bank. Matt and Diane have two young children, Marleah and Owen. When the children were still young, they decided to move back home, closer to friends and especially family. Diane was the first to land a job in New York City and commutes daily. Matt was able to complete the project he was working on for World Bank and take care of the house and kids. Within days of returning home, Matt came to the library and offered his knowledge of computers and libraries in general. He started a Yahoo Group, InPhilmont, to give the community information about events and happenings in and around Philmont. Matt is especially interested in programming for all ages and was responsible for encouraging the board to purchase a video projector that has been used showing movies at the library. It will also be used for various activities in the new Cultural Center. Matt started his term as Library Trustee in May.

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## Cultural Center

After many months of working with local architect Lee Armstrong, the Library Board of Trustees is close to publicly presenting plans for a 20 x 40 addition on the back of the library. It will be used year round for programs involving authors, music, films, etc. It will have an area with furniture for studying and research, meetings, and whatever other needs our patrons may have. This room will have access to restrooms.

The Cultural Center will include an area for local history. We currently have a small space in the Reading Room, but the many inquiries into Philmont and its history have made us realize that our local section needs to be expanded. We will have access to the storage area on the second floor and increase the size of the Young Adult room. A formal presentation will be made later in the fall when we kick off a capital campaign to raise funds for the building. Two recent memorial funds have given us a start on our capital campaign and the Friends of the Library will be helping with our capital campaign.

## Pumpkin Decorating

Last year's pumpkin decorating event has become a tradition. Pumpkins will be available to decorate and take home on October 21 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Young patrons are encouraged to paint a pumpkin and take it to the Pumpkin Walk on October 28. The library will be looking for donations of pumpkins. If you are able to donate some, please contact the library for details, at 672-5010.

## Grant received from Sen. Saland

In August, Sen. Saland came to the Claverack Library to present grants to the libraries of Columbia County. The amounts varied from \$8,000 to \$12,500. Philmont Public Library was the recipient of just over \$9,000. Technology and capital expenditures are the focus of these grants. Philmont will be adding its portion to the building fund for the Cultural Center. We are applying for additional grants, but we will be looking to our friends and patrons to help with the funding of Philmont's new Cultural Center.

## Programs Being Planned

Plans are being finalized for fall programming. Some ideas that are under consideration are computer classes on Photoshop, jewelry making for young and old alike, holiday crafts, and book clubs. All of these are still in the planning stages. If you are able to help or have additional suggestions, please contact the library at 672-5010.

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are always needed. Currently we need someone to wash the outside windows, be a resident handyman, assist with shelving books on Fridays and Saturdays, and many other tasks that the librarians will be able to explain. If you are able to help on a regular or occasional basis, please give your name to the librarian on duty.

## Parking Lot Changes

The Village DPW will soon be lining the parking lot at the library to make better use of space. Vehicles will no longer be facing the fence, but be perpendicular to the back door. There will be 20 spaces mapped out. This change will take place as soon as the lines are painted, so keep your eyes open for this change.

## Activities in the Lot

This summer the library parking lot was the happening place to be. On Fridays during the first half of the summer, music could be heard all over town as various groups and individuals played and sang for the enjoyment of the residents of Philmont and surrounding areas. Most of the evenings were sponsored in part by funds from the Decentralized Program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered through the Twin Counties Cultural Fund in Columbia County by the Columbia County Council on the Arts.

The library will be applying for a similar grant for next summer, when we hope to expand our programs to include six Friday nights with different performers.

The end of the summer saw large groups watching movies at the library. A newly purchased video projector was tested out several times to the delight of all age groups. These movies will continue sporadically during the fall. The film schedule will be available in the library at least a week before each showing.

## Why join the library?

It's National Library Card Sign-up Month!

In the last year, the monthly average number of new patrons to the library system was approximately 18. These people have realized that the Philmont Library is the hub of this community. We would welcome you!

**At the library:** During regular library hours, you can read the daily paper, borrow books for three weeks, borrow DVDs and VCRs for one week, read or take out one of the 12 different magazines that the library subscribes to, take advantage of the large collection of CD books, audio books and music CDs, use one of the six patron computers that are available, browse the stacks, or check out the display case. We are currently showcasing "Women's Firsts"—display by Girl Scout Troop #008.

**At the library:** At previously announced times, you can join the hundreds of people from Philmont and the surrounding areas have attended one or more of the many programs offered at the Philmont Public Library over the last few months.

**At home:** Your library card allows you to order books online, read newspapers from around the state, read magazines, or download audio books to your computer or MP3 player.

To join the library family, come in with a form of identification and proof of residence, and fill out a simple application. Your library card allows you to use the library facilities at any of the more than 60 libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System.

## Philmont.org

Want to keep track of all that is happening at the library and in the Village of Philmont? Visit [Philmont.org](http://Philmont.org) regularly. New material is added every week.

## Yahoo Group

If you would like to receive e-mails on library programs, new books and DVDs, or library meetings, join our Yahoo Group (Philmont Library) or drop off your e-mail address with the librarian on duty.