



check it out at the Philmont Public Library

Library Hours

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

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Construction Begins at the Library

In the next year or two, the Philmont Public Library plans to add a large, multi-purpose room to the back of the building and a new rear entrance to the library connecting the new addition to the present library. This will serve as a community meeting area, a cultural events location, a space for library programs and other events. Construction will be completed in several phases.

Phase I is underway. Stairs to the second floor have been installed. The second floor, which was inaccessible, will now be used for mainly for storage and workspace for special projects for the library staff. The current community room will gradually be emptied to the second floor. By adding the stairs, we were able to increase the size of the Young Adult room, making the space more open and friendly to our young patrons. The YA room will have a chalkboard wall, we have added two new bookcases and we are moving the television to make the room more inviting.

Phase II will include the demolition of the present community room and the pouring of the slab for the new space. This phase has an anticipated start date of August 2007.

Phase III will be the construction of the large room and the entryway. The start date will depend on funding.

The library has been very active in fundraising. We have had two restaurant crawls, an estate sale, soup sales, and are currently collecting pennies to help with the construction. In addition, the library has been named a recipient of memorial donations for three local residents upon their passing.

In the coming months, the Friends of the Philmont Library will be sending a capital campaign letter asking area residents for "one-time" donations. Be on the lookout for your letter. We ask everyone to give as much as they can. If you do not receive one in the mail, stop by the library for a donation form, so you can be a part of this important addition to the community.

Writing Workshops

The Philmont Public Library, in conjunction with the Twin Counties Council on the Arts, presents: Different Strokes, a 10-week creative Writing Workshop from the series "Literary Tongues." Workshops will be lead by Neil J. Smith, Poet, Novelist, Editor and Vice President of the prestigious poetry review, The New York Quarterly. Workshops will be held on Tuesdays, starting March 20 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$50. For more information call the library at 672-5010 or contact Neil Smith at macthek-nife5@verizon.net.

Hot Spot

Did you know the Philmont Public Library has a wireless connection that is available for patrons who bring their own laptop to the library? Wireless has been available at the library for over two years, yet we are asked almost daily if this service is available. Come to the library during any open hours and take advantage of our cable connection. If you don't have a laptop, we have six patron computers available for public use.

Community Day 2007

The Philmont Community Day 2007 is scheduled for July 21. In prior years, most of the events took place on Maple Avenue. This year, Main Street will also serve as a venue for some activities. At the library, tentative plans include a book sale, a table-top yard sale and a farm stand on that date. When you are doing your spring cleaning, set aside small items for the library to include in their table-top yard sale. The library does not have room to store your donations but will accept them the week prior to the sale.

The Library Property Got Bigger

Through the help of the Village Board, a survey of the library property was conducted and the Village owns most of the open space behind the library. This is exciting news for the library because the space has potential for so many uses for the library and the Village. The Village DPW will be working on cleaning up the back area in the coming months.

Materials Donations

The Philmont Library has been the recent recipient of several items which have been added to the collection. Children's videos have been donated by several different patrons. Although we frequently have some of the titles, our copies might be in worn condition and would be replaced by the donation. In addition to the videos, we have recently received some children's music CDs, a couple of DVDs and several books on CD. Do you have DVDs, CDs and books at home collecting dust? They won't get dusty at the library because donated items are enjoyed by countless people in your community. Look through your personal collections to see if there are some movies, non-fiction books, music CDs or books on CD that could be added to our collection and appreciated by many patrons. Donations to the library are 100% tax-deductible. If the library does not catalog the items, they will be added to our sale in the spring to raise money.

Summer at the Library

A busy summer is being planned for the library including:

Reading Safari: A Summer Reading Program. This program will focus on people, music, and animals of the jungle. More news on this program will be found in the Summer newsletter and on the library website at Philmont.org.

Music in the Lot will continue. This summer we will be featuring some larger music events at the Town Park, but most of the events will be in the lot. The first date will include the Taconic Hills Jazz Band and is scheduled for Saturday, June 16. Mark your calendars. Other acts slated to perform this summer are the Blue Ribbon Boys, Two Gun Man, Paul Slusar, Les Davala and Valinda Brandow. Music in the Lot events are made possible in part with public funds from the Decentralization Program of the NYS Council on the Arts, administered in Columbia County by the Columbia County Council on the Arts through the Twin Counties Cultural Fund.

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Movies will be back. The Library will be featuring family films during the spring and summer. Movies will begin on Saturdays, but will probably switch to a weekday after school ends. Our last movie for the season was in January!!!!

Farm Stand. The library is very excited to host a Farm Stand on Saturdays beginning in June. This is a great opportunity to provide farm-fresh items to people in the Village and raise money for a good cause. Local farmers will drop off fresh produce to be sold by library staff and volunteers. Two local farms and several local businesses have already committed: Threshold Farms and The Farm at Miller's Crossing will be providing produce, the Main Street Public House will be donating seasonal produce, and Local 111 will be providing coffee and fresh baked goods for sale. In addition, we are planning on selling flowers and some canned or bottled items. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the library cultural center. We hope area residents and visitors will make this a weekly pit-stop. Grab a bite to eat, get some fresh local products, pick up some library books and a movie and take a stroll through downtown Philmont.

Read a Ton. The library is challenging the entire Village of Philmont to read a 2000 lbs of books. All the books that are read from the library will be weighed upon their return. The total will be calculated and displayed. This challenge will go from Memorial Day until Labor Day. Get ready to read.



The library receives a copy of the Register Star each day. Copies are kept for patron use for about a week before they are recycled.

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