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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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Summer Concerts

The Philmont Public Library has again received funds from the New York State Council on the Arts for a summer concert series. All of the concerts are free of charge. The ones that are held at the library require lawn chairs.

The first concert will be on Saturday, June 7 at the Claverack Town Park featuring the Taconic Hills Jazz Ensemble, back by popular demand for the third year. The concert will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Mellenville Fire Company has again offered to prepare a chicken barbeque for the benefit of the library. The barbeque begins at 4:30. Take-outs are available or the dinners can be eaten at the one of many picnic tables provided by the Town of Claverack. Tickets are on sale for \$10 each at the library or from any member of the Friends of the Library.

Valinda Brandow will entertain again this year at the Philmont Public Library parking lot on Friday, June 27, at 6:30. This is an outdoor concert. In case of rain, the concert will be held at the Pine Haven pavilion.

These events are made possible in part with public funds from the Decentralization 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 Wambach Family (Louie and his two sons) will be playing some knee-slapping, old-time music at the library parking lot on Sunday, July 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. You will hear old standards of fiddle-playing, such as "She'll be

Coming Round the Mountain." Again the Pine Haven pavilion will be used for a rain location.

The Varriales will be playing on Thursday, July 17, at the library, beginning at 6:30. The group consists of four sisters who have been singing together for the last 10 years. They play guitar and keyboard. If it is raining on Thursday night, the concert will be held on Friday.

The end of the season concert will be the Blue Ribbon Boys. Despite a downpour last year that continue for almost the length of the concert, a huge crowd came out to support this popular group. We will have the dessert buffet again, beginning at 5:30. Partakers will be able to choose 3 desserts for \$5. The concert will begin at 6:30. We can't have rain again this year, can we?

Book Sale

Did you think you missed the Philmont Book Sale? Usually held in May, this year it will be on Community Day (July 19). The sale will begin at 9 and continue until 1. From 1 to 2, there will be a traditional bag sale where a bag full can be taken away for \$2.

Go West, Young Reader

Our summer reading program this year will take our young readers on the covered wagon trail to the West. Readers will be given mileage for each point that is earned by reading books. A map of the United States will be displayed on the front lawn. Residents can keep track of the progress of the SRP by following the covered wagons to Oregon, along the Oregon Trail.

During the summer, some of the kids will be learning about cowboy life from a real cowboy, making their own moccasins out of chammy-type cloth, learning some western dances and songs, visiting a local horse barn, and camping out in the Library back yard. Sign-up packets are available at the library.

On Thursday, July 13, readers from 9 to 12 will have their first western experience. The first day for the Summer Reading Program for 5 to 8 year olds is Tuesday, July 8.

Village Challenge

Last summer, I challenged the Village of Philmont to Read a Ton. In just 6 weeks, the 2,000 pound goal was met. This summer, I'm challenging the residents of the Village of Philmont to walk or run across the United States (the equivalent miles, of course) Since our summer program is going to read across the USA, let's see if we can walk/run right along with the Wagon Train on our way to Oregon. Keep track of your miles and when you come to the library, let the librarian on duty know how far you walked or ran. Those miles will be tallied by a pair of boots walking along with the wagon on the map of the United States. You can start dropping off your summer mileage on July 1.

Good Luck,
Karen the Interim Librarian

Friends of the Library

The Friends are alive and well. The monthly meetings are the third Monday of each month at the library.

The officers are Diane Perry, President; Jennifer Hubbard, Vice President; and Daryl King, Treasurer. The first fund-raising project is the Restaurant Raffle. Gift certificate donations are being sought from local eateries. Raffle tickets will be sold at various locations and events including all the summer concerts coordinated by the Philmont Public Library.

If you are interested in more information on the Friends of the Philmont Public Library, contact Diane Perry at olsond70@yahoo.com The cost of membership is \$5 and is open to everyone 18 years of age and older. One does not have to live within the limits of Philmont to be a member.

Rosetta Stone

Are you taking a trip this summer to a country where another language is spoken? Have you always wanted to learn another language? You are in luck. Until the middle of October 2008, the highly acclaimed language program Rosetta Stone is available free of charge to all who have a library card from the Mid-Hudson System. This program offers courses in French, Spanish, Italian, Greek, German and Russian.

Click on Philmont.org, then the Philmont Library, at the bottom of this screen, click on Rosetta Stone. The first time you use the online language program, you must register with a Username, your name, your library card number, a password and an e-mail address.

The language program isn't the only database available to library card holders. Other popular databases are Tumblebooks (a program where children's books are read), Chilton's (complete car manuals from 1985 to the present), Price-It (information on the value of antiques and collectibles) and the popular newspaper and magazine databases (including 365 days of The New York Times in full text)

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Wii Bowling

The Philmont Public Library has purchased a Wii gaming system. Combining the Wii with the video projector and our new outdoor screen will give patrons a chance to bowl in our twilight bowling tournaments. Keep your eye on our outdoor sign for dates and times.

New "Streetscape"

Thanks to a PBInc grant and the Philmont DPW, the library has some benches on our front lawn along with a bike rack. A path to the bike rack will soon be constructed.

Where are the movies?

We will be showing movies this summer. When is the question.

We have a new screen (materials were donated by Williams Lumber) and we have lots of people asking about the movies. So what is the problem? The SUN!! Sunset is so late during May, June and July that the movies don't end until 10 or 10:30. If we were on the other side of the building, we could start the show earlier. As it is, you will just have to be patient. We will be showing movies in August.

Donations

The Philmont Public Library depends on public support. Donations can be made at any time during the year. Money donations can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one, to add to our Building Fund, or just to help keep the library operating. Donations of books in good condition will be accepted beginning June 15 for the book sale. We do not accept encyclopedias, condensed books or textbooks.

Remember to check Philmont.org regularly for library news and events.

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