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

Volunteers

March

Cody Schoeder
 Scott Kellerhouse
 Anneke Vosburgh
 Matthew Perry
 Bob Bowes
 Fern Bradley
 Norma Rudback
 Irene Holzhauser
 Ruth Bailey
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 Jon LaBelle

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 Matthew Perry
 Bob Bowes
 Norma Rudback
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 Carol DeBell
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 Cari Friedman
 and Ziv
 Mary Potts
 Mark Hart
 Vinnie Faber

May

Fern Bradley
 Fred Potts
 Klaus Beinkampen
 Mark Hart
 Irene Holzhauser
 Mary Potts
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And the many,
 many volunteers
 at the Book/Bake
 Sale.

Thanks to all!!

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 coming soon!

Summer programming is made possible 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.

Summer Reading Program

Ahoy, Matey! It's almost time for our summer reading program "Books: A Treasure, A Pirate's Treasure" July 6 to August 10. Registration for the program will begin at 3:00 on July 6. Captain Teaney will be on deck for inspections at this time. Following registration will be a performance by the Storycrafters, a local duo (Jeri Burns and Barry Marshall) who are nationally famous for their musical renditions of folk tales.

During the six-week program, budding pirates between the ages of 5 and 8 will meet on Tuesdays from 3:00 until 4:30; and 9 to 13 year olds will meet Thursdays from 3:00 until 4:30. Each crew member's goal will be to earn 20 reading points by August 10. Points will be awarded based on the length of the book read and a completed book re-

port form. Each crew member **MUST** read at least one book about a pirate or one with a pirate theme. Jack O'Staves, alias Karen Garafalo, has purchased several new books just for this program.

We have many exciting and interesting activities planned, including a village scavenger hunt and a presentation by the Wayfinders Experience, a group from Kingston who combines theatre, sports, teambuilding, fine arts, play and traditional camp elements: exciting, fun, healthy and positive. The culmination of this curriculum is The Adventure Game - an interactive story where participants create characters and relationships and live out a story pulled from myth and legend. Participants can be pirates searching desperately for a treasure chest, ship captains defending their vessels, or anything their imagination can create. They are scheduled to perform on July 18.

Laurie Portocarrero is another storyteller who resides in Philmont. She will be entertaining the younger readers during an afternoon in late July or August.

There will be a wrap-up party on August 10, where crew members who reach their goal of 10 or more books will be awarded the title "bookaneer!" We hope you will join us this summer as we raise our Jolly Roger, weigh anchor and explore the scallywag in ourselves. ARGH!!! (Parents are invited to accompany their children.)

Music in the Lot

Several musical groups are scheduled to perform at the library during June and July. Bring your lawn chairs as the mini concerts will be held in the library parking lot (except the one on July 14 which will be held at the Village Green). All concerts will begin at 7 p.m. and will last approximately 2 hours.

The Taconic Hills High School Jazz Band will entertain on **June 17**. Under the direction of TJ Russell, the select group of high school students is looking forward to performing for Philmont.

On **July 7** the spotlight will be on Valinda Brandow. She is a local talent, having played at local restaurants, parties and nursing homes.

Amble on Jazz will play at Tanglemont on **July 14** at the Village Green. Bring your own blankets or chairs and refreshments.

On **July 21** it will be Paul Slusar's turn to entertain the community. Paul will be using the piano synthesizer and several other instruments during his performance.

The final concert of the Music in the Lot season will feature the Dented Fenders on **July 28**. This barbershop quartet is well known in the area; the bass singer is Philmont's Bob Bowes.

Inclement weather? Call the library at 672-5010.

Join a Yahoo Group or Two

The library has a group designed to provide an e-mail listserv which will alert patrons to programs and other upcoming events at the Philmont Public Library. In addition, new books and DVDs are listed as they are accessed. This is a convenient way for computer users to keep up to date with the activities at the library. If you wish to become a member (currently 30), drop off your e-mail address at the library and you will be added.

Philmont Rotary Club Celebrates 50 Years

On July 1, 1956, the Rotary Club of Philmont was started with 22 professionals and businessmen as Charter members. Meetings were first held at the Ockawamick School and Richardson Hall, moving in 1960 to Kozel's where they met for 45 years before returning to Philmont's Vanderbilt Inn last year.

The first President was Clay North, father of Col. Oliver North. In 1987, women were admitted to Rotary with Janis Tipple being the first in Columbia County.

Philmont's first projects were street signs in Philmont and playground equipment on the Crusader grounds. Over the years, Philmont Rotary has been responsible for the beach at the reservoir, spearheaded two fund drives for ambulances for the Philmont Rescue Squad, and sponsored musical programs, air shows, and a rodeo. The Club has hosted and sponsored exchange students, supported Leadership Conference participants, honored a Student of the Month and awarded the Herb Harder Rotary Scholarship to deserving high school students.

A Golf Tournament and Raffle are held every July to fund the club's activities. Local businesses are asked to purchase a flag, which is displayed on the course. This year's tournament is scheduled for July 24.

Much more information on this service club is on display in the Philmont Public Library during the month of June.

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Library Staff News

Angela Potts has been substituting at the library for a year. After graduating from St. Michael's College in Vermont, she spent a year volunteering with the Americore program in New Orleans. She then took a job as director of the Girls and Boys Club in Northfield, Vermont. After two years, she wanted to return to Philmont to spend a year with her family. Angela is a certified English teacher and began a job at Questar in Hudson last September. Never one to let any grass grow under her feet, she found some students to tutor after regular school hours, started a running club for the youth of Philmont, and continued to substitute and run programs at the library. Sadly all this will be coming to an end at the conclusion of the summer when Angela will start yet another chapter in her life. She will be continuing her education at American University in Washington, DC, leading to a Master's in Teaching English as a Second Language. She has also cleared the beginning hurdles for acceptance into the Peace Corps.

Book and Bake Sale Successful

Despite the drizzle and rain that plagued the book sale during the morning hours, it was a huge success. The till at the end of the day held double the take from last year's sale! Without the volunteers and patron book donations, we couldn't have achieved this. Like worker bees, many children, teens and adults, organized the sale, raised the tents, set up the tables, put out the books, collected the money, reorganized as the buyers did their thing, and reversed the set-up procedure at the end. More than 50 people were there for the day at the beck and call of Karen the Librarian.

Copies of the History of Philmont are still available at the library for \$12.

It is not too late to add your name to the oak tree with a donation toward programming for the year.

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