



check it out at the Philmont Public Library



Library Hours

Monday and Wednesday
1-5 and 6-8

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
10-1:30

Friday
1-5

Volunteers Make the Difference

Where would our library be without volunteers? Since the last newsletter, volunteers have performed the following services to the community

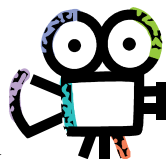
- Shelving books
- Covering books
- Repairing books
- Stuffing envelopes
- Selling barbeque tickets
- Preparing animals cutouts for the SRP
- Setting up and striking tents
- Planning for the farm stand
- Clearing land
- Working at the book sale
- Baking for the bake sale
- Working on computers
- Helping with press releases
- Setting up for movies
- Organizing books in the sale room
- Preparing soup
- Selling soup
- Updating our web page
- Planning for the summer concerts
- Volunteering to bake for the dessert buffet
- Organizing the barbeque

In addition, many, many friends and patrons have donated more than their time. Books, videos, DVDs, a painting, construction materials, the list is endless

Volunteers are an essential part of the success of our library. If you see something on our list or in the libraries that you can help with, let us know.

We are currently looking for bakers for our dessert buffet on July 5. If you are able to make a dessert, call the library at 672-5010 or come in and add your name to our growing list of volunteers.

Movies in the Lot



Movie Nights in the Lot have kicked off for the summer season. We have shown two movies so far with great attendance. Movie night will move around throughout the summer to accommodate other events going on at the library. Check the sign in front of the library, Philmont.org or call the library for more information. A local youth group will be running a concession with soda, water, coffee, popcorn and candy.

Summer Concerts



The schedule for the summer concerts is set. You can pick up the entire schedule at the library, check for dates on Philmont.org or call the library. **All concerts are free.**

Saturday, June 16, **Taconic Hills Jazz Band**, Claverack Town Park, 6:30 p.m. A chicken barbeque (prepared by the Mellenville Fire Company for the benefit of the Philmont Library) will be held starting at 5 (barbeque donation, \$10), eat in or take out. The concert is co-sponsored by the Claverack Library.

Wednesday, June 27, **Paul Slusar**, Philmont Public Library Parking Lot, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 5, **Blue Ribbon Boys**, Claverack Town Park, 6:30 p.m. with a Dessert Buffet beginning at 5:30 p.m. (Buffet Donation: Adults, \$5, Youth under 12, \$3).

Friday, July 13, **Valinda Brandow**, Philmont Public Library Parking Lot, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 20, **Dented Fenders** (Barbershoppers), Philmont Library Parking Lot, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 27, **Les Davala**, Philmont Library Parking Lot, 6:30 p.m.

These events are 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.

Read a Ton

The scales are ready (thanks Barbara) to weigh all the books that you borrow from the library and read, starting June 15. When you return your books, they will be weighed, and the total weight will be recorded and added to our grand total. Our goal? **A TON!**

Everyone who uses the library is invited to participate in this great summer project to encourage reading for all ages. DVDs, Videos, and music CDs will not count in the total. Help us reach our goal by the end of the summer.

You can keep track of our progress on our outside sign and by watching the animals on the front lawn.

Local Farm Stand

Starting on June 9, the Philmont Public Library will hold a farm stand on Saturdays throughout the summer. The stand is a unique opportunity to provide fresh and local produce for people in the area, promote the library and local farms and businesses, and raise money for the library.



The library tried to organize a farmers market last year, but local farms are already over-committed to other markets in the area. This stand will be different because volunteers, trustees, library staff and residents will work the stand with some of the proceeds benefiting the library.

The stand will be set up behind the library and will serve as a meeting place for the community. Seasonal fruits and vegetables, fresh-baked bread, dilly beans, sprouts, flowers, sauerkraut, coffee and pastries are just a few things you can expect to see at the farmstand. There will also be some product demonstrations and informational materials about library and local events, information about local farms and businesses and even some books for sale. It will also be a great opportunity to pick up your summer reading from inside the library too. Threshold Farm, The Farm at Miller's Crossing, [Hawthorne Valley Farm](#), [The Main Street Public House](#), [Local 111](#) and several other local businesses and individuals have signed on to provide high-quality local products to residents of the Village of Philmont and surrounding areas. The library will have some special books for sale on most Saturday mornings.

The library sees this as a great opportunity to promote local farms, increase awareness of library services and raise money for the library. The farms and local businesses are excited to help the library and increase local food awareness.

The library is open on Saturdays from 10-1:30 p.m. The farm stand, however, will be open from 9-12 noon.

Be sure to check [Philmont.org](#) for updates about the farmstand.

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Capital Campaign Letter

If you are a property owner in the Town of Claverack, you have probably received a fund-raising letter from the Friends of the Philmont Library. This is the first time that Philmont has sent out a mailing asking for donations. Even though we have sold soup, organized an estate sale, collected pennies, structured two restaurant crawls, and applied for grants; we still need more money to complete our building project. Construction started in the early spring. Phase I included access to the second floor (to be used for storage) and adjustments to the Young Adult Room. We are now able to access the second floor and store books and materials. The Young Adult Room is nearly complete; stop by and have a look. The room is usually crowded but you can peek in to see the kids using their new space.. We think you will be impressed. We are estimating the library addition will require an additional \$100,000 to add a 20 x 36' room to the back of the building and the entryway necessary to connect it to the present building. This room will serve the library and village in many ways, including library programming, meeting room, local artists exhibits, winter movies, book sales; the ideas are endless and patrons are looking forward to having a new community space. If you didn't receive a letter, please pick one up at the library and help us reach our goal.

Join the Reading Safari

The Summer Reading Program will begin its "trek" through Africa on July 5th. The kick-off is for all participants and begins at 3:00 pm. At that time, our young readers will be receiving their summer packets and plans for their journey. From July 10th through August 9th, the group will be divided into the younger safari travelers (ages 5 to 8), who will meet on Tuesdays, and the more experienced readers (ages 9 to 13), who will meet on Thursdays. Programs will run from 3:00 pm—4:30 pm for both groups and will take them to Africa in books, music, dance, cooking and crafts. Tour Guide Vonda Teaney will again be in the lead jeep providing the group with summer safari activities. Our entire staff will be assisting. Safari travelers will also be helping the library to reach its goal to "Read A Ton" — that's 2,000 pounds or one adult elephant!



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