



# 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

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## Mongo has escaped again. . .

Actually Mongo didn't escape, he was poached from his position atop the Jeep that is attached to the fence at the library parking lot. Patrons began to question his whereabouts the middle of December. Mongo was the lead-off animal in our Summer of 2007 reading programs—Read a Ton and Reading Safari. He was taken from the front lawn in July. After an appeal for his return was published in the local papers, a man returned him the same day. He had found him in the parking lot of N and S Plumbing a couple of weeks prior to the article. To protect him from this action a second time, Mongo was attached to the Jeep while in the front yard. When the animals were taken to the fence in the back of the parking lot, he remained on the Jeep and was attached to the fence.

## Soup Sales

Soup Night is back by popular demand. Last year we sold soup for six weeks and made \$1,000 to add to our Building Fund. We would like to repeat in 2008. This year soups are available at the library on **Tuesdays from 4 to 6**. In the first two weeks, we have made over \$300. Each week there is a selection of about 6 soups and one casserole dish. Donations are: \$4 for a pint and \$6 for a quart. The menu for January 22 will include:

New England Clam Chowder (Louise Wildermuth), Corn Chowder (Clifford Albright), Vegetable Chicken (Leslie Carl), Vegetable and Bean (Joan Alexander-Nunes), Venison Sausage (Terry Potts), Turkey Noodle (Winnie Speed), Spinach Pie (Emily Annas)

Check [Philmont.org](http://Philmont.org) for the menu for the weeks to follow. Thank you to our soup donors. We are still looking for soup makers for January 29 and February 5. If you could help us, call Karen at 672-5010

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## Arts Council Award

The Twin County Council on the Arts has announced the awards they are giving to non profits in the Columbia and Greene Counties. Philmont Public Library has received \$1,600 to use in presenting five musical performances. Some of these will be in the library parking lot and others will be performed at the Claverack Town Park. Some familiar names have already committed to the 2008 season. Musical groups will include Taconic Hills Jazz Band, Blue Ribbon Boys, Varriale Family, Wambach Family and possibly Mark Bolevice (who may have to be replaced due to a work commitment with the New York City Firefighters).

These concerts are free of charge to the public. One concert will be combined with a Chicken Barbeque (Mellenville Fire Department) and another will be coupled with a Dessert Buffet. Profits from these fund-raisers will help with our Cultural Center addition. This addition will allow for these types of activities all year round (on a smaller scale, of course)

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## From the interim librarian...

On a recent trip to Texas, I saw a framed poster of the "Doors of Austin." I thought this would be a good project (another word for fundraiser) for the library. Upon arriving home, I drove around the Village to see the beautiful doors, but they were covered with storm doors (guess they don't need them in Austin). After talking with Joanne Vilaghy and Tom Buckner, we have tweaked the idea and have some up with Bits of Architecture in Philmont (may be further tweaked). Tom is going to help us with the photography. Hopefully we will have something ready by Community Day 2008. I wanted to give you a head's up before someone comes knocking on your door to ask permission to take a picture of your unique bit of architecture.



## Tumblebooks

Looking for something on the computer for your preschool and young children? Tumblebooks may be the answer. Tumblebooks are illustrated books that are read to the viewer with the text outlined as the reader advances. Play lists of your favorite Tumblebooks can be created to play in succession. More titles are being added on a regular basis. To give you an example of what can be found, here are the books that have been recorded with the title beginning with just A or B

**Aesop's Fables** by Aesop  
**Alice in Wonderland** by Lewis Carol  
**All Aboard the Dinotrain** by Dub Lund  
**Bebe Goes Shopping** by Susan Middleton Elya  
**Biggest Jos of All** by Harriet Ziefert  
**Black Beauty** by Anna Sewell  
**Birro's Tortillas** by Terri Fields

Additional storybook titles are available and there are audiobooks for older readers. You can access Tumblebooks by logging on to [Philmont.org](http://Philmont.org), choosing Philmont Library, and then Tumblebooks.

## Angela in the Peace Corps

Angela Potts, a former library staffer at the Philmont Public Library, is in the Peace Corps and is located in Malawi in Africa. She left the end of September, trained for 3 months in Africa, and is now in her own hut with a new cat to help with the mice problem. Angela is teaching and has her own classroom.

Here is an excerpt from Angela's blog:

"When we arrived to my house we found that we were unable to drive up to my front door. We all took some of my things and carried them across a field and a river. I was appalled at a man who put my 65lb bag on his head!! But needless to say it was done quickly and without a lot of difficulty."



She is able to get to a computer about once a month and will be adding new happenings to her blog. This picture is of Angela and her

new chona (cat) and was copied from her blog. You can see Angela's hut on the righthand side. Read about Malawi, the Peace Corps, and Angela's experiences at [www.malawiadventurez.blogspot.com/](http://www.malawiadventurez.blogspot.com/)

The library will be sending out a package(s) to Angela when we find out more about her classroom needs.

Learn about the history of Philmont and get more information about what's going on in the Village on [Philmont.org](http://Philmont.org). Be a part of what is happening in Philmont.

Keep informed on library activities and things to do in the area by joining a Yahoo Group ([InPhilmont](http://InPhilmont) or [PhilmontPublicLibrary](http://PhilmontPublicLibrary)). You can add your name to the group or leave your e-mail address at the library and we will do it for you.