



# check it out at the Philmont Public Library

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Monday, 12-5, 6-8  
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Wednesday 12-5, 6-8  
Thursday, 10-2  
Friday 12-5  
Saturday, 10-2

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Trustee Faith Benson and Interim Director Karen Garafalo stand in front of the painting donated to the Philmont Public Library by artist and book illustrator Thomas Locker. The painting is an illustration from Candace Christiansen's "Calico and Tin Horns."

## **BOGO Book Sale**

The Sale Room will be open during the month of December. All merchandise is available on a BOGO basis (buy one get one). We are hoping to make a dent in the number of books that have to be stored while the construction of the new room is taking place.

There is a large selection of children's books (including several Harry Potter), adult fiction, and VHS tapes. Normal donations are: hard-cover, \$1; paperbacks, \$.50; videos and DVDs, \$1; children's hard cover, \$.50; and children soft cover, \$.25.

## **Newsletter Distribution**

Due to an increase in postage and a new process that doesn't allow the library to mail out of Philmont and Mellenville, this issue will not be mailed. As always, it will be available online at [Philmont.org/library](http://Philmont.org/library) and at the library. In addition we will leave copies at locations around the Village and the Town. If this method allows all people who wish to read the newsletter to have access, we will use it in the future. This would be an annual savings of close to \$500, and will allow us to increase our communications. Any suggestions you might have about the distribution should be dropped off at the library.

## **Flat Henry**

In 1609, Henry Hudson set sail on his ship, the Half Moon, looking for a shortcut to China. Although his voyage didn't take him to China, he was the first explorer to sail up the river that now bears his name, as far as Albany.

Where would Henry Hudson be exploring if he were alive today? To celebrate the quadric-centennial of his voyage, the library will be sending out Flat Henry (similar to Flat Stanley), which you can take along with you on your travels or email to friends to include in photographs. Bring your photos (pictures or email attachments) to the library by August 1, 2009. Tell us where you took Henry and what he saw.

## **Soup Sales**

Back by popular demand, the Friends of the Philmont Public Library will be selling soup. On Wednesdays during the cold winter months of January and into February, you can take home delicious homemade soups for a donation of \$4 a pint or \$6 a quart, which includes a hunk of bread. Doors of the soup room will open at 4. No pre-orders. This will be the third year of soup sales, which have raised over \$2,200.

To see the weekly soup schedule, check out the [soup calendar](http://Philmont.org/soup_calendar) on [Philmont.org](http://Philmont.org). If you would like to make soup, call Karen at the library at (518) 672-5010 for details.

## **Wii Games**

Wii will be having Wii tournaments on the big screen TV while school is in recess. Check in the library or on [Philmont.org](http://Philmont.org) for the schedule. Depending on the activity, signups might be required to participate.

## Philmont Life Stories

Philmont Life Stories, is a new section of Philmont.org, focusing on people who live in and around the Village of Philmont that turn possibilities into realities and make a positive impact in their community every day of their lives. Our first life story has special meaning to the Philmont Public Library. Dot Bowes has been a member of the Board since the turn of the century (the 21st century). She has submitted her letter of resignation to give someone else the opportunity to serve on the Board.

Here is her life story...

Dot Bowes was born Dorothy Anne Yerick on January 10, 1931, in Hudson, to William E. Yerick Sr. and Lillian May Kilmer Yerick. She is the sister of Robert Yerick and the late William Yerick Jr. She met Robert B. Bowes while working on the Chatham American Legion toy drive. They were married December 26, 1959. Dot and Bob have four children: Jean (Jim) Calvin of Valatie NY, Bill Bowes of Atlanta GA, Mary (Michael) Cremo of Scotia NY, and Patty Bowes of Chatham NY. Dot loves spending time with family, especially activities involving her grandchildren – Brian, Thomas and Joseph Cremo and Amanda Calvin.

From the time Dot was a child, she always wanted to be a nurse. She graduated in 1948 from Philmont High School and in 1951 from the Union University of Nursing, which is now the Albany Medical Center School of Nursing. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in School Nurse Teaching from the New York State Teachers College at Plattsburgh.

She worked at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston for three years before returning to Columbia County, where she worked as a school nurse-teacher at Chatham Central School District until she and Bob started a family. Later, Dot became School Nurse at the Ockawamick building of the Taconic Hills School District during the 1970s. She then worked as a nurse at Pine Haven Home and at the Firemen's Home in Hudson, retiring in 1993. She currently volunteers at Columbia Memorial Hospital as a member of the hospital auxiliary.

Long active in community affairs, Dot is a long-time Trustee of the Philmont Public Library. Among the other projects that benefited from her leadership were the creation of the Philmont Village Green, the Philmont Toy Drive, and the planting of memorial trees on Maple Avenue. Dot was on the original board of the Philmont Hearth and formerly was a religious education teacher. She is a Communicant of St. James Church in Chatham.

Countless Philmont residents past and present have been comforted by Dot's compassionate care and support during times of illness or sorrow. A trusted friend and companion, she always goes the extra mile to ease the burden of neighbors in need, any hour of the day.

### Computers and more computers

Thanks to the Gates Online Grant Opportunity, there are now 7 patron computers available to the general public at the library. All have Office 2007 (including Power Point and Publisher). All are hooked up to a printer with one connected to a color printer. All the computers have flat screen monitors and will soon have ergonomically correct adjustable chairs. If you would like to donate a chair (\$50), contact the library for information.

### New Library Trustee

Chris Hoppe has been appointed to the Philmont Library Board of Trustees. Chris works as an engineer and has already provided much needed expertise with plans for the library addition (including a cardboard model on display at the library). Chris, his wife and 4 children are regular library patrons.

### Thank you from the Food Pantry

From the beginning of October until the end of November, 519 items were donated to the Mellenville-Philmont Food Pantry. Thanks to all the individuals and organizations who have participated. The shelves at the pantry are now better prepared to assist needy families in our community.