



# check it out at the Philmont Public Library

## Library Hours

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

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### Philmont Library Named Health Center

Recently, the Philmont Public Library received word that their application to be a Health Information Project Center for Columbia County was approved. The project is designated as a community-based prevention provider to assist youth in healthy decision-making. This will be accomplished by running a summer Teen Intern Program, organizing fall teen information sessions for middle and high school classes, and providing and promoting teen-recommended materials.

The library will receive funds to hire 6 teens to review DVD's, websites and books; funds for a program administrator, \$1,900 to purchase health-related books and DVD's, and assistance in promoting resources to schools and agencies.

The teen interns will be hired through an application process which will be available in May.

### National Library Week

National Library Week is April 12 to 18. This year's theme is *Connect @ Your Library*. To allow more people to connect and use our library, the Philmont Public Library is offering amnesty for all overdue books. If you have not been taking advantage of all the offerings that the library has because you have fines on your account, now is the time to take care of it. A donation of paper products to the food pantry will reduce or eliminate any old fines on your account. Charges for books that have been lost cannot be waived but speak to Karen and maybe something could be worked out.

### Downloadable Audiobooks

The libraries in Columbia County, including Philmont, have purchased the rights to download audiobooks to computers, directly to MP3 players and soon to IPods. Currently there is an icon on our library website ([philmont.org/library](http://philmont.org/library)), where a patron can use their library card to register and log in to browse the over 1,500 available titles. These titles include current authors (i.e., C.J. Box, Robin Cook, Jan Karon, John Sanford). The process at the moment means downloading to a computer and then transferring to an MP3 player. Soon (hopefully within a month), the process will be one click, allowing the patron to go directly to an MP3 player or Ipod. Fifteen new adult titles are being added each month. Columbia County libraries have also purchased the juvenile/young adult titles.

### Flat Henry

Flat Henry has been traveling with Philmont patrons. So far he has been to Long Island, Aruba and Puerto Rico. If you are planning to travel out of the area, take a copy of Flat Henry with you; take pictures of him; and either send them electronically to [library@philmont.org](mailto:library@philmont.org) or bring in a photo to the library. Flat Henry is going to be a major part of our Summer Reading Program. Your pictures will give our summer readers an idea of what it is like around the world as we will be displaying the photos on a world map on our front lawn.



## **Summer Concerts**

Thanks to the Columbia County Council on the Arts, the Philmont Public Library will again be hosting some summer concerts. Already scheduled are: Taconic Hills Jazz Band on Saturday, June 7 at the Claverack Town Park, Blue Ribbon Boys on July 2 also at the Claverack Town Park, and The Varriaes on July 31 with the location yet to be determined. Two additional performances are anticipated but not yet scheduled.

## **Stars in our Midst**

Four MHLS member libraries have been named in the new "Library Journal Index of Public Library Service"

### **Philmont Public Library (4 stars)**

Tivoli Free Library (4 stars)

Sarah Hull Hallock Free Library, Milton (3 stars)

Julia L. Butterfield Library, Cold Spring (3 stars)

This new assessment tool for public libraries is based on statistics from 2006. Over 7,000 libraries were analyzed; 256 ranked with 3, 4, or 5 star determination. The index was determined equally by four related per capita output indicators. Categories considered were visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet computer use.

Read more about the Index at <http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6629180.html>

## **Construction**

Within two months you will be saying goodbye to the "sale room." The demolition, excavation and foundation work should be completed by June. Our capital fund should allow us to build the shell before we need additional funds. We are continuing to apply for grants and of course would gladly accept any individual donations. We are, in addition, checking into Stimulus funding as our project is shovel ready, just not financially ready at the moment.

When finished, the Philmont Public Library will have a new lobby in the rear of the building and a 22' by 36' addition. This addition will be used for programming, gallery space, small performances, lectures, movies, demonstrations and could serve as a back-up emergency center.

**Receive the newsletter online by signing up on [Philmont.org](http://Philmont.org).**

## **Village-wide Yard Sale**

The Philmont Library will be organizing a village-wide yard sale on Saturday, May 2 (raindate is May 9). If you will be holding a yard sale at your residence, call the library at 672-5010 before April 6 and let the library know the address and the general types of items you will have for sale. We will be publishing a map with all the locations of yard sales. If you have items but for whatever reason do not want to hold your own yard sale, you can donate them to the library, with the profits going towards the capital fund for the addition.

Items being donated to the library should weigh less than 10 lbs (no large pieces of furniture or appliances). These items should be brought to the library the week before the sale.

FYI The Village dumpster day is May 16 in case you have some items that do not sell.

## **Summer Reading Program**

The Philmont Library will be joining all the Columbia County libraries in celebrating the quadricentennial celebration of Henry Hudson's trip up the Hudson River. The reading groups will be reading about the lives of Henry Hudson and other explorers, along with learning about the Hudson River. More information will be in the next newsletter.