



check it out at the Philmont Public 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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Construction at the library

The addition to the library is showing some serious progress. The DPW crew with help from the Workforce boys prepared the land during July. The four foot walls were poured, followed by a vapor barrier and lots of insulation, plumbing and electric. We also installed radiant heat tubing placed on mesh on top of the insulation. When



the rebar was tied together, we realized that some areas of the fill were slightly high. Wanting to be perfect, a special work crew from the Board of Trustees and families was brought in on a Saturday morning and through some ingenious thinking was able to flatten everything out. Next came the slab. The entryway cement work is colored cement that is stamped and cut. The slab to the room has been **acid stained a beautiful cooper. If you haven't had a chance to come around to the back of the library, now is a good time to do so.**

The bids for the shell are about ready and will be returned for awarding by the second week in October. Hopefully the shell will be up before snow flies.

Because our funds are tight, we might be having **some "help" parties. Under consideration is an insulating party, a sheetrock get together and a painting bash.**

Library Communications

Keep up with the library news on your home computer by signing up for the library message board on Yahoo. Drop off your e-mail address at the library and you will receive a handful of messages each month with news of purchases, news of the construction, and programs that are being offered.

Another source of information about the library and Philmont in general is philmont.org. On this site, you can find upcoming events, minutes from the Village Board meetings, a business directory, history articles by Charles Nichols and general news about the village and the people of Philmont.

Breaking News....

The library applied to the Hudson River Foundation for a grant to help with the addition. A representative called with good news. Our library will be receiving a \$5,000 grant from the Hegarty Foundation (the Hegarys lived in Philmont and when they died, they left money to all the non-profits in the village; the remainder of their estate is in this foundation.)



We will also have the opportunity to receive a \$5,000 grant from the Hudson River Foundation if we can collect a matching amount of \$5,000 from individual donors. You can keep abreast of our progress by checking out the thermometer on the front lawn or by checking out Philmont.org.

Summer Concerts continue.

Due to a summer of storms, the summer concerts have not finished even though the official beginning of fall has come and gone. The Ghent Band will be playing on the Village Green on Maple Avenue on Sunday, October 4, at 2 p.m.

This concert is made possible in part with public funds from the Decentralization 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.

Friends Activities

On October 3, the village will be bopping with the Pumpkin Walk/Community Day festivities. The Friends of the Library will be selling soup and chili **as part of the Farmer's Market at the Nutrition parking lot on Main Street.** Profits will be benefiting the addition to the library.

The Friends always welcome new members. The group meets on the third Monday of each month at the library. Their mission is to help the library with fundraising, programs and other activities deemed beneficial to the library.

What does your library card do for you?

A library card from the Mid-Hudson Library System will allow you to check out books at any of the more than 60 libraries in the system. But there is more to your library card than just books. Other items that can be checked out are books on CD, music CDs, graphic novels, DVDs, VHS tapes, computer games. dd

You can also use your library card to read over 100 newspapers (including the full copy of the New York Times for the past year) and magazines. Several databases are available (free of charge) including Mango, a language learning program, Heritage Quest (genealogy materials), Kids Port (homework help, fun and games), Civil Service **practice tests**, **Chilton's auto repair guides** and Tumblebooks (books are read aloud while the pages are turned for young children).

Go to Philmont.org and click on the Philmont Public Library icon and see just how much your library card can do for you.

From the Desk of the Friends of the Library

With the cooling temperatures most minds turn to thoughts of Fall but we here at the library are thinking all about WALLS! With a sturdy foundation of poured concrete and a strong structure of community support we are about to embark on the next phase of construction which includes erecting exterior walls before the cold comes. We ask your support in making this possible by donating to the library. Checks can be made payable to: Philmont Public Library. A thermometer is on the front lawn to track our financial progress.

Thank you for your continued support and remember to check out the library website for construction updates and see your donation in action.

Diane Olson-Perry
President

Memorial Reaps Benefit for the Library

Memorials made in the name of Philmont resident Ellen Rhodes, a former Kindergarten teacher and a beloved patron of the Philmont Library, totals **over \$1,700. Because of Ellen's love of young children, over 50 children's books have been added to the Philmont collection.** A book plate indicating the books that were chosen will be in each book. The remainder of the donations have been added to the Addition Fund.

Summer Reading Program Celebration

Thanks to Joanne Maurer, the kids from the Philmont Summer Reading Program were in costume for the county-wide reading program finale. Joanne made Henry Hudson period costumes for all who could attend the celebration at the Claverack Town Park.



Computer Class for Adults

Are you afraid to even turn on the computer? Do you want to be able to e-mail your children and grandchildren? Would you like to order your airline tickets online, read Philmont history, order your books online?

Learn about the basics of the computer at the library. New classes are starting in October. The first class will be on Tuesdays and Wednesday at 10 a.m. beginning October 13. Sign up at the library or call 672-5010. Space is limited to six.