

MHLS BULLETIN

Mid-Hudson Library System | Serving the Staff and Trustees of Public Libraries in the Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Putnam & Ulster County Area
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New Database Bookmarks

Watch for four new e-product bookmarks in today's delivery:



Rosetta Stone® - the popular language learning software helps people learn English, Spanish, French, German, Greek, Italian or Russian by associating new words with real-life meaning. This is a limited offer – ends October 2008.



Practice Tests advertises Gale's Testing & Education Reference Center where patrons can connect with practice tests for the GED, PSAT, SAT, AP, GRE, LSAT, MCAT, EMT Exams, Police Officer Exam, Firefighter Exam, Postal Exam, U.S. Citizenship Test, Civil Service Exams & more!



TumbleBooks can be described simply as “e-books for e-kids.” This is an online interface for parents and kids to listen, read and play with books online through your library's web site.



Non-Fiction Connection, the companion to the popular Fiction Connection product, helps connect patrons with authors and books they will like based on previous books they have enjoyed.



MHLS Libraries

Twenty-three MHLS member libraries have been deemed eligible for the Gates Foundation - Online Opportunity Hardware Grant Program:

- Athens
- Beacon
- Cairo
- Catskill
- Claverack
- Coxsackie
- Hudson
- Hunter
- Hurley
- Kingston
- Livingston
- Mahopac
- New Lebanon
- NorthEast-Millerton
- Philmont
- Plattekill
- Poughkeepsie (Adriance & Arlington)
- Rosendale
- Stone Ridge
- Town of Ulster
- Valatie
- Windham
- Woodstock

Professional Development

Book Banquets - A Smorgasbord of Recent Terrific Books for Children and Teens, presented by Randall Enos, RCLS Youth Services Consultant, and Julie Baxter, Director and Youth Services Librarian, Moffat Public Library. Don't miss this chance to network with school librarians and teachers from your community. This program is designed for public and school librarians in Columbia, Dutchess, Greene and Ulster Counties.

- Becoming familiar with the ALA 2008 Notable Books through booktalks given by Randall Enos and Julie Baxter
- Examining and discussing books
- Networking among school and public librarians

Ulster: Thursday, April 3, 4:00 – 7:00pm
Ulster BOCES Conference Center, Rt. 32S, New Paltz, NY 12561

Dutchess: Wednesday, April 23, 4:00 – 7:00pm
Mid-Hudson Library System Auditorium,
105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Columbia/Greene: Thursday, May 8, 4:00 – 7:00pm
Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave.,
Delmar, NY 12054

Light buffet dinner will be served. Registration Info:

- For the **Ulster Banquet**, register directly with Ulster BOCES. Make \$15 check payable to: Ulster BOCES Treasurer and write Ulster Book Banquet in the Memo line. Send to: Ulster BOCES School Library System, 175 Route 32 North, New Paltz, NY 12561-1019.

“The richest person in the world—in fact all the riches in the world—couldn't provide you with anything like the endless, incredible loot available at your local library. You can measure the awareness, the breadth and the wisdom of a civilization, a nation, a people, by the priority given to preserving these repositories of all that we are, all that we were, or will be.”

-Malcolm Forbes

- For the **Dutchess Banquet or Columbia/Greene Banquet**, register online through the MHLS calendar at <http://calendar.midhudson.org/>. Send a \$15 check, made payable to MHLS, to: MHLS Business Office, 103 Market St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Mark Dutchess or Col/Greene Book Banquet on the check. You will be officially registered after your check is received at MHLS.

Resource Sharing & Millennium

Want to print your own ALA ILL forms? MHLS has now linked the ILL forms to our web site at http://midhudson.org/department/interlibrary/filling_patron_requests.htm. You can choose either a .pdf copy or a copy that opens in Word so you can type in your entries.

Reference & Collection Development

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The Central Library Bulletin

Connecting Patrons with Credible Health Info: The new issue of the *Central Library Bulletin* focuses on helping patrons find credible health information. Resources in this issue include reliable websites, consumer health titles, links to hospital libraries in the region, and tips for conducting a medical question reference interview. Find the Winter 2008 issue, and previous issues, at <http://midhudson.org> → *Reference and Collection Development* page. Or get there directly at http://midhudson.org/CL/eneews/vol2_iss1.pdf. A copy is enclosed with this week's Bulletin.

Programming



BCB Procedures: Please take the time to review the *Book Club in a Bag (BCB) Staff Procedures* with staff and to introduce the procedures to new staff as you orient them to working in your

library. There is a staff support page that includes the procedure located at midhudson.org or get there directly at <http://midhudson.org/program/BCB/staff.htm>. A memo to all member library directors is in today's delivery and includes a print out of the procedure and available titles. *Questions? Contact Kerstin Cruger, MHLS Public Services Team Assistant* at kcruger@midhudson.org or x50.

THE HIGH STRUNG

Are you looking for a high-energy, summer reading program?

For the past three years the quirky, carefree, energetic music of Detroit's The High Strung has been "electrifying patrons across the nation with their sunny three-part harmonies and witty, lyrical bravado." This year they are touring the country again, headed in your direction. Hailed by *Rolling Stone* magazine, the *New York Times*, and *Village Voice* as one of the best rock & roll bands in America, NPR's Ken Tucker named The High Strung's debut album *These Are Good Times* as one of the Top 10 Rock

Records of 2003. In addition to playing a full-set of their rousing Beatlesque jams, concert goers will learn what it's like to tour year-round and what sort of enthusiasm it takes to maintain such faith in your art. This year the band will solicit the audience's help in writing and improvising a song on the spot. For further information call William Harmer, Head of Adult Services at the Chelsea District Library at 734.612.5405 or bharmer@chelsea.lib.mi.us. Bookings will be on a first come, first served basis. Learn more about the band at <http://www.thehighstrung.com>

Youth Services

MHLS Youth Services Department Open House presented by Margaret Keefe, Coordinator of Youth Services and Kerstin Cruger - Public Service Team Assistant on Tuesday, April 8th from 1:00 – 3:00pm in the MHLS Conference Room. This program is appropriate for any MHLS member library staff who provides library service to young people at his/her library. This workshop will cover:

- Touring the Youth Services website
- Discussing youth services consultations available to libraries
- Browsing through the Youth Services collection (book kits, puppets, flannelboard materials, story aprons, die cuts, musical instruments, adaptive equipment, Big Books, Kamishibai stories, professional collection materials, and more)
- Meeting youth services staff and asking questions about services, resources and other relevant issue

Register online at <http://calendar.midhudson.org/>

Job Openings

The Tivoli Free Library has two job openings:

■ **Part-time Youth Services Programmer** to work approximately 10-15 hours per week. The position requires a highly motivated, creative team oriented individual to implement & supervise a variety of programs for children. Also responsible for marketing programs through press release and flyers as well as website and blog updating. Applicants must be available to work a flexible schedule. Previous Library experience or childrens' programming experience preferred. Salary based on experience.

■ **Part-time Adult Programmer** to work approximately 10-15 hours per week. The position requires an energetic & flexible individual to create, implement & supervise a variety of programs geared toward an adult audience. A team player wanted to play an active role in marketing the Library and its programs. Applicants must be available to work a flexible schedule. Previous library or program experience preferred. Salary based on experience.

For either job: Please send a resume that includes professional references to The Tivoli Free Library, P.O. Box 400, Tivoli, NY 12583, Attn: Director or email: corrado@tivolilibrary.org

MHLS recommends that the minimum starting salary of a full or part-time librarian with an MLS degree be at least equal to that of a teacher with a master's degree in the same community.

Member Libraries are welcome to submit items of interest and job openings to the MHLS Bulletin: bulletin@midhudson.org. The MHLS Bulletin is available on line at <http://midhudson.org/bulletins/main.htm>.

"[The High Strung] makes nerdy unhappiness sound like something close to bliss."

-Ken Tucker, NPR, host of *Fresh Air*