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SUMMER READING

This summer the public libraries in the Hudson Valley will be celebrating the 2006 NYS Summer Reading Program, **Books: A Treasure**. Building on this theme, there will be programs about pirates, treasure hunts, family history, folk tales, medieval times and much more. In addition to great books, there will also be fun crafts and exciting entertainers to keep young people coming back for more. Encouraging young people to take part in voluntary free reading over the summer helps them establish a love of literature as well as maintaining their literacy skill levels so they return to school in the fall ready to move on. Schools can promote summer reading programs by encouraging young people to check out their local library's summer activities, inviting public librarians to make summer reading promotion presentations at school and working with public librarians to create up-to-date suggested reading lists. Encourage your public librarian to send you a list of your students who participated in the summer reading program and post it in the fall at school to encourage other students to take part the following year.

FALL INTO BOOKS

FALL INTO BOOKS CONFERENCE

Don't miss the 8th Annual Fall into Books Children's and Teen Literature Conference on Thursday, **October 26, 2006** at the Stony Point Retreat Center in Stony Point, New York. Our author presentation will be **Donna Jo Napoli**; the keynote presenter will be author and illustrator **Denise Fleming**. For more information, please visit the Mid-Hudson Library System web site (<http://midhudson.org>) under "Youth Services" or the Ulster BOCES School Library System web site (<http://pages.mhlearningnetwork.com/dboyea/>) under "Upcoming Events." We hope to see you there!

USING YOUR LIBRARY CARD

Are you taking full advantage of your public library card? You can go online at home 24/7, browse the catalog, order your materials and choose the library where you would like to pick up your materials. It's fast, easy and convenient! Want to renew your materials or check when they are due? Do that online as well.

➔ Go to <http://www.midhudson.org> or find your local public library web page at <http://midhudson.org/alpha.html>.
➔ Click on Public Library Catalog. ➔ Click on Log into My Record. ➔ Type in your library card number and your pin number. (If you don't have a pin yet, fill one in, click submit and it will prompt you OR follow the directions on the web site.) ➔ Search for materials. ➔ Once you have found what you want, click on "Request-a-Title." It will prompt you to fill in a pick-up location and cancel date (optional). ➔ Click Submit. ➔ The library you choose as the pickup spot will contact you when your requested material is available to be picked up. You can return materials to any library in the Mid-Hudson Library System.

FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS

Collaborate with your public library to promote the 2006 NYS Statewide Summer Reading Program and expand your students' summer reading choices.

- ➔ Review the suggested reading list provided for the 2006 NYS Statewide Summer Reading Program (<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/>) to see if you have some of the titles in your school library collection.
- ➔ Share your school/district summer reading list with your local public library.
- ➔ Contact the children's librarian at your local public library and offer to interlibrary loan for the summer a few of the titles from both reading lists.

If you need assistance working out the interlibrary loan details, feel free to call the **Dutchess BOCES SLS** office at (845) 486-4840 ext. 3061.

The Best New Young Adult Books and Strategies for Using Them in Your Program

This summer school librarians, classroom teachers and public librarians will convene in New Paltz, New York to soak up the latest in young adult literature from expert, **Kathleen Odean**. This one-day seminar is designed specifically for school and public librarians. Kathleen Odean will introduce dozens of recent books for grades six through twelve, with an emphasis on those of 2005. Throughout the day, she will highlight useful resources such as websites and professional publications, and suggest techniques for promoting good literature. Books and approaches specifically for struggling readers will also be covered. Participants will receive practical strategies for using the best of the newly published titles in schools and libraries. There will be opportunities during the day for discussion and for questions.

- DATE:** Wednesday, June 28, 2006
- TIME:** 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- LOCATION:** Ulster BOCES Conference Center
175 Route 32 North, New Paltz, NY
- INSTRUCTOR:** Kathleen Odean
www.kathleenodean.com
- AUDIENCE:** SLMS, Public Librarians,
Classroom Teachers
- GRADE LEVEL:** 6–12
- CREDIT HOURS:** 6
- COST/FEES:** \$65 per person. Team of 2 or more from
the same building (SLMS/Teacher)
\$65 per person. Team of 2 or more
public librarian/teacher(s) or public
librarian/SLMS
\$75 per person. Individual

Light breakfast and 30 minute lunch included in the fee.

REGISTER BY JUNE 14TH

Payment must be received by June 21st.

Make checks payable to Dutchess BOCES School Library System and mail to: Dutchess BOCES School Library System, 900 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

REGISTER ONLINE

www.dcboces.org/professionaldevelopment

For assistance registering online, call **Frances Hutman** at 486-4840, ext. 3031.

DIRECTIONS

http://www.ulsterboces.org/directions_centraloffice.htm

Please refer to the Dutchess BOCES web site for the cancellation policy, and inclement weather procedures:

www.dcboces.org