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EASIER THAN YOU THINK

Health Information at Your Fingertips. The Mid-Hudson Library System's Health Information Project provides information in print, video and electronic formats addressing substance abuse prevention and related health issues of concern to teens, their families, educators and youth agencies. All materials are teen-reviewed and teen-recommended. The Project's comprehensive website <http://hip.midhudson.org> lists all materials available for borrowing at no charge through member public libraries, using **Request-a-Title**, and has direct links to top-ranked teen websites and other health sites for all ages. The site now includes newest videos and websites from the recent Teen Intern program.

Making Connections between School & Public Libraries. Looking for ways to form partnerships between public and school librarians? Check out the Mid-Hudson Library System website at http://midhudson.org/funding/marketing/School_Library_Partnerships.htm. Also take a look at ALA's new school/library partnership website at <http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alscresources/forlibrarians/SchPLCoopActivities.htm>. Lots of great ideas for working together!

To Weed or not to Weed...Collection Development. Do you have trouble weeding your collection? Do you ask "Should I or shouldn't I get rid of this book"? Do you weed some sections more comfortably than others? **SUNLINK** Weed of the Month website could be the answer. SUNLINK is funded by the Florida Department of Education. On the site choose a Dewey number to learn why you should weed that topic, which Dewey numbers to check, specific criteria for weeding and a list of titles you should discard and new ones to buy! Check it out and see if it works for you: <http://www.sunlink.ucf.edu/weed/>.

Weeding Workshops through Dutchess & Ulster BOCES School Library Systems (*all school and public librarians welcome*). Building a collection that works for your patrons involves more than simply adding new items. It also requires ongoing assessment of the collection to make

sure it remains relevant and useful. This workshop will cover the basic principles of weeding, including both scientific and intuitive approaches. We will review common barriers to weeding and practical approaches to successful collection management.

[1] **MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2006**, 4:00–7:00 pm

Bailey Middle School Library

118 Merilina Avenue Ext., Kingston, NY

[2] **TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2006**, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Arlington Middle School Library

601 Dutchess Tpke., Poughkeepsie, NY

BOOK BANQUET

A Smorgasbord of Recent Terrific Books for Children & Teens

This Spring the Dutchess BOCES School Library System will team up with the Mid-Hudson Library System to provide you with a rare book treat. Back for a command performance are **Randall Enos**, Youth Services Consultant for the Ramapo Catskill Library System and **Julie Baxter**, Director of the Moffat Library of Washingtonville. Randy and Julie team up to book talk over 100 books chosen by the 2006 American Libraries Association's Notable Children's Book Committee. Participants will get an overview and be able to examine the cream of last year's book crop for children (from birth through age 14).

[1] For **school staff**, register at <http://www.dcbores.org/professionaldevelopment/>

[2] For **public library staff**, register at <http://www.midhudson.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

PRESENTERS: Randall Enos & Julie Baxter

LOCATION: MHLS Auditorium, 105 Market St., Poughkeepsie

DATE: April 20, 2006

COST: \$15 (for light buffet dinner)

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

DIRECTIONS: <http://midhudson.org/help/directions.htm>