



Get FIRED UP About Your Library!

When was the last time you visited your local library? When you got a fire call? When you were a child? What comes to mind when you think of a library, a bunch of books or a place for serious research?

A lot has changed over the last ten years and public libraries are more modern, convenient, and interesting than ever. Not only do they have superior online resources beyond just the Internet, they also offer a variety of entertainment materials.

Feel like relaxing with a DVD? You can borrow one from the library. Having problems with your computer? Stop by the library to use one or bring in your laptop and use the wireless Internet connection offered at most libraries.

Want to find an article from *Fire Chief*, *Firehouse* or *Fire Engineering*? ** Forget flipping through old magazines to locate it. Use your library's online resources to find it with a few keystrokes. The newest issue and the older issues are all available through the library's online resources, at home or work – anywhere with an Internet connection. You can use them to read articles from popular newspapers and magazines, such as the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Consumer Reports*, or *Newsweek* all at no charge – just by using your library card.

Have you searched the web recently to find information on buying an appliance or for reliable health information? Why not use the *Quick Answers for Patrons on the Go* page, which offers recommended sites for these topics and can lessen your research time considerably. Check out the site at www.midhudson.org/answers.

Perhaps you'd like to borrow a book on firefighting, such as:



- The humorous, *The Lighter Side of Firefighting* by Ben Hughes

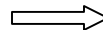


- The more serious *Firehouse*,



- The inspirational book by Mike Santangelo, *The Greatest Firefighter Stories Never Told*. You can borrow these books from the library by checking out their online catalog or giving them a call. If your local library doesn't have a particular book, they can borrow it from another library for you.

You can also borrow books on any number of hobbies such as hunting and fishing, motorsports, fitness, construction, firearms and weaponry. All you need is a library card, which you can get for *free* by stopping in your local library with some identification.



While you're there, be sure to ask the librarian for a demo of the online catalog and the databases. He or she can show you what they have to offer. You may want to arrange a demonstration of the library's resources for the entire firehouse.



Don't let the library be just another building in your jurisdiction. Enjoy all it has to offer. If you can't find something you're looking for, contact the library to see if they can get it from somewhere else or make a suggestion that they add it to their collection. Why not stop by today - with or without the firetruck.

Special Notes:

- Need to find your local library? Visit www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/libs/publibs

**You'll find these magazines in the online database called *ProQuest*, which is available through every library in the *Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS)*. *MHLS* is an organization that supports libraries in Dutchess, Columbia, Greene, Putnam, and Ulster counties. If your public library is located outside this area, ask your librarian which databases are available and for help locating magazines of interest.

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