

January 2014 Usage

- Circulation of print materials: 1,430
- Circulation of eContent: 79
- Website visits: 6,962 visits
- Collection FYTD: 72 items added / 148 items withdrawn

Upcoming Library Programs

- Weekly Family Storytime begins on Thursday, February 6 at 11:45. Families are invited to attend this program to develop early literacy skills through stories, activities and a craft.
- Yoga for EveryBODY on Wednesday, February 12 at 6:30 PM: Rachel is a certified yoga teacher who will lead the class through a Vinyasa Flow style of Yoga that is Yoga for EveryBODY. Participants will need to bring their own mats.
- Family Movie Night on Friday, February 28 at 6:00 PM: Contact the Library for information about the movie!
- Parent/Child Book Discussion on March 1 at 10:30 AM: Join us for...PANCAKES!! Followed by a discussion of *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbit! Pick up a copy of *Tuck Everlasting* at the Library, read it together, and then come to the Library for some flapjacks and a fun discussion! You get to choose the next book!
- Lego Club: March 3 at 6:00 PM: Lego Club meets on the first Monday of the month!
- Teen Book and Pizza Club on Wednesday, March 5 at 5:30 PM: Hungry? Grab a slice! Come to the library for pizza and a great discussion about John Green's "The Fault in Our Stars."
- Focusing on Breathing on Monday, March 24 at 6:00 PM: Breath is the link between the Body and Mind. The pattern of breathing at any moment reflects the state of mind and body. Learn simple and easy techniques of 'Focusing on breathing' which can be practiced lying down, sitting, standing, walking and even working! They calm the mind, relax the body and may help you with anxiety, insomnia, hypertension, smoking, stress, chronic pains and relationships. Suryanarayana Chennapragda (of countingbreaths.com) will guide you through simple modes of practicing this technique. Carry home detailed handouts for future reference.
- Herb Gardening on Friday, March 28 at 6:00 PM: Herbs are the most well used plants in the home garden, providing interesting new and fresh flavors for cooking, healing, and brewing tea. They add texture, scent and beauty to your garden and some provide natural pest control. This class will provide information on starting, maintaining and harvesting your very own herb garden, and we'll explore new ideas and uses for your bounty of fresh herbs.

News and updates

- The 2014 NYLA Library Advocacy Day is Wednesday, February 26, 2014. A draft schedule of the legislative appointments will be shared by UHLS soon.
- Annual Reports: The Annual Report to the Department of Library Development must be submitted to UHLS by Monday, February 17. The Annual Update Document (AUD) must be submitted to the State Comptroller no later than 60 days after the close of the fiscal year.

Meetings (January 4- January 31, 2014)

- January 7: Met with representatives from East Greenbush Community Library and the Town of Schodack.
- January 8: President Karis-Nix, Vice President Truesdell and I met with representatives from Schodack Central School District to discuss their vision regarding a dual-use library located at the middle school.
- January 13: Attended the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson Board meeting. I asked the Village to provide a background check policy to help the Library and Departments of the Village implement the proper procedures for background checks. At this time, no steps have been taken to conduct any background checks for Library staff or volunteers.
- January 20: Met with Treasurer Hiser to go over the budget reconciliation for FY 2013.
- January 23: Attended the UHLS eContent Committee meeting to discuss collection development guidelines that will be made available to UHLS member libraries on the UHLS website.
- January 24: Vice President Truesdell and I met with Ben Marra in order to get a structural report of the upstairs of the Village Hall that is often used to store books and other Library items and records.
- January 27: Met with the storytime volunteer and Natalie, the Librarian Trainee to go over the planning process for upcoming storytimes.
- January 28: Attended the UHLS ILS Subcommittee meeting to discuss the recent presentations by two vendors and the survey that was completed by UHLS member staff who attended those presentations.
- January 29: Met with Friends of the CPL Treasurer, Nina Martina and Natalie to apply for the Stewarts Holiday Match Grant.
- January 30: Rensselaer County Libraries were invited to East Greenbush Community Library to discuss areas we may be able to collaborate. We exchanged information about what we have done at our libraries, what we are currently doing and how we might be able to share expertise.