



# check it out at the Philmont Public Library

## *Library Hours*

*Monday 12-5, 6-8  
Tuesday Closed  
Wednesday, 12-5, 6-8  
Thursday, 10-2  
Friday 12-5  
Saturday 10-2*

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### **Construction Begins**

After years of fund-raising, we now have enough money to put up a weather-tight shell for the addition to the library. The addition consists of a large room to be used for programming, lectures, homeschooling, movies, summer reading program, emergency back-up shelter for the village, a gallery space for local artists, indoor book sales and much more. The old "Community Room/Backroom/ kitchen" was taken off by Mike Scheller (head of DPW) and his crew, loaded into a dumpster and carted away. Taking the room off made it clear that the sill beam and foundation to the old part of the library needed some work. Library Trustee Chris Hoppe and his son Sam worked on the repairs with some assistance from Library Trustee Matthew Perry.

Excavation and foundation work should begin in the next two months. A bid package for the building will be going out soon.

### **Create, Imagine and Explore**

At this year's summer reading program, the young patrons of the Philmont Public Library will study explorers, especially Henry Hudson, who 400 years ago explored the Hudson River. We will also learn about the Hudson River, before and after Henry Hudson's discovery. For the past several months and continuing until July, the library has been collecting photos that patrons have taken while on vacation with Flat Henry. A display of the pictures will be on a world map on the front lawn of the Philmont Library during the summer. So far Henry has been to France, the Caribbean and all over the United States and Canada.

Sign-up packets will be available at the library by the beginning of June. Ages 5 - 7 will be meeting on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30. Ages 8 -12 will be meeting on Thursdays from 3 to 4:30.

### **Concerts Begin in June—Mark your calendars!**

Once again with the help of the New York State Council on the Arts, the Philmont Public Library will be offering free concerts during the summer months.

Saturday, June 6—Taconic Hills Jazz Ensemble—Claverack Town Park. We are offering a picnic supper (hot dog or veggie burger, 2 sides of salads, drink and cookies) for \$5. The picnic supper will begin at 5:30. The concert, however, is completely free and starts at 6:30.

Thursday, July 2—Blue Ribbon Boys—Claverack Town Park. The concert is free but you can purchase a dessert buffet sampler for \$5. Desserts at 5:30, Free Concert at 6:30. Bring your dancing shoes.

Friday, July 17—Valinda Brandow—Philmont Library—6:30

Friday, July 31—Ghent Band—location to be announced—6:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 8—The Varriales—location to be announced—6:30 p.m. (rain date on Sunday at 2)

All concerts are made possible in part with public funds from the Decentralization Program of the New York State council on the Arts, administered through the Twin Counties Cultural Fund in Columbia County by the Columbia County Council on the Arts.

## One-Click Audio Downloads

Anyone with a library card from the Mid-Hudson System can now download books from NetLibrary. On the Philmont Library page ([Philmont.org/library](http://Philmont.org/library)), just click on the audio books icon and follow the instructions to register and begin downloading directly to your MP3 player or iPod. Children's audio books are available but not in all counties so if you have a library card from another county, come in to the library and update it with a Philmont card to be able to access all the audio books. For the month of June, this will be done with no extra charge; after June, there will be the usual \$2 fee for a new card.

## Database Access

In addition to audio books, your library card can gain you FREE access to Chilton's Auto Repair Manuals, 150 newspapers and magazines throughout the US and the world (including 365 days of the New York Times), a language learning program (Mango), Heritage Quest, Tumblebooks (books displayed and read, especially useful for young children), practice tests (including GED, SAT, ACT, Civil Service and more), Price It! And many more.

To access these databases, you will need your library card number and a pin number that can be set up at the library. Go to [Philmont.org](http://Philmont.org), click on Philmont Public Library, click on "[Stop Searching, Start Finding, Home Access](#)" (a blue icon on the right side of the library page).

## Yard Sale a Complete Success

Over 50 sites were part of the community wide yard sale. The library raised over \$800 to add to the capital fund. The village was alive for the day. Because of the success of the 2009 sale, there will be a 2010 sale during the first weekend in May. We are considering adding some rental spaces at the library for those who live out of town or on less traveled streets in Philmont. Next year we hope to have more information on the map such as special items.

## Free Service Available at the Library

When one of our staff members had her wallet stolen while shopping, the need to cancel credit cards immediately was realized. Everyone needs to have copies of all the cards in their wallets. As a service to our community, our patrons can photocopy the cards you normally carry in your wallet without charge. We look forward to performing this service for the community.

We do have several services available for a small fee or no fee at all.

Black and White printing—first 3 sheets are free each day, additional sheets are \$.15 each. Color printing is \$.25 per page. There is no charge for Black and White printing for school projects (student projects)

Copying -- \$.15 per page, over 8 copies are \$.10 per page.

Faxing--\$1 per page for faxes coming in or going out

## Support your library

The library always needs your support. Join the Friends of the Library. Attend programs offered by the library. Offer your presence to run programs. Help the Friends of the Library in their efforts to fundraise by working at, baking or cooking for events or making a donation. The Philmont Public Library is a community library and our success depends on support from the entire community.



Farewell to the Community/Sale/Back Room and all its memories. Make way for a new room and new memories.