

LIBRARIES RECEIVE RESOURCE SHARING GRANTS

The Department of Libraries awarded about \$35,000 in Resources Sharing Supplemental Grants this spring to 108 public libraries and three state college libraries using the statewide interlibrary loan network. Funds for the program came from the Department's federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which also supports the Department's DOL-UVM Access Office, regional libraries, central interlibrary loan services, PUBcat/MARC services, and the Vermont Automated Libraries System (VALS). In order to be eligible, public libraries needed to meet the minimum standards for Vermont public libraries.

Each public library's grant amount was based on the number of interlibrary loan requests it received via the VALS Web2 online catalog during FY2005 (July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005) at the rate of \$1.00 per interlibrary loan request received, with a minimum grant of \$50. Grants may be spent on postage, collection development, or other activities that improve library participation in the resource sharing network. Grants may not be used to purchase computers for internet access or for internet access unless the library agrees to meet the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Libraries accepting grants should plan to spend the funds within one year of receipt and display the IMLS sign.

"Vermont libraries have a long tradition of resource sharing," State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane said, "with the origins of our state union catalog (VUC) dating back to the Depression-era *Works Progress Administration*." This is the second year the grants have been available, and McShane hopes to continue the program next year, providing federal funds are available.

PUBLIC LIBRARY USE UP STATEWIDE

Vermont public library statistics bear out what local librarians were feeling: public libraries were busier in 2004-2005! Grant funds for programs, audio-visual materials, and technology helped to increase circulation and program attendance. Expanded outreach services including new bookmobiles also increased deliveries to individual homes, day care providers, and other community locations.

All who enjoy reading and feel more people should will be gratified to know that Vermont public library circulation was up 5% over 2003-04, to a total of 4,355,338, which is 6.99 per capita, based on the state's estimated 2004 population of 621,394. Burlington's Fletcher Free Library had the highest total circulation (358,490) while Killington's had the highest circulation per capita (26.84). Brattleboro's Brooks Memorial Library received the most items on interlibrary loan (1,404) while the Essex Free Library supplied the highest number of interlibrary loan items (1,580). Even more exciting is that 13% more Vermonters visited their libraries in 2004-05 – a total of 3,296,033, or 5.29 per capita. The Fletcher Free Library was again the leader in the total number of visits (237,205), but Middlebury's Ilsley Public Library led the way in per capita visits (23.74). A whopping 295,581 Vermonters of all

ages attended 18,040 programs, 8% increases in both numbers. Lyndonville's Cobleigh Public Library had the highest program attendance (14,446).

Local public library tax support increased 8% also to a total of \$12,070,484, or \$19.39 per capita. Killington's Sherburne Memorial Library received the highest per capita tax support at \$159.66, while at least eight libraries received no tax support at all. Public libraries also received \$4,458,901 from other local sources (primarily interest on investments and local fund raising efforts) and \$1,819,190 from grant sources (primarily the Vermont Public Library Foundation/Freeman Foundation grants administered by the Department of Libraries).

Local public library expenditures increased 5.5% to \$16,488,156, or \$26.41 per capita. Public libraries spent a little less on library materials (\$2,010,285, a 2% decrease), but more on staff salaries (\$8,934,558, a 7% increase). Killington's library spent the most per capita on its collection at \$19.12.

GEISZLER FILLS RUTLAND OFFICE

Based in the Department of Libraries Rutland office, Robert Geiszler began work as the consultant to local libraries in Chittenden, Addison, and Rutland Counties on February 6. Rob comes to the Department from Florida, where most recently he served as a reference librarian at the Seminole Library, which is a combined college and public library. Prior to the public and college library merger, Rob also managed the public library's information technology.

Lest anyone think that Rob is a stranger to cold weather, he was an attorney in Burlington for a number of years before moving to Florida, working in real estate, and attending Florida State University's Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Besides his MLS, he also holds a degree in physics from the State University of New York at New Paltz and a law degree from Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire. He holds a commercial pilot's license, and, together with his wife and cats, lives in Rutland Town.

DEPARTMENT NEGOTIATES MOVIE LICENSE

Vermont public libraries will be showing movies with a shared statewide public performance license from Movie Licensing USA during the year beginning June 1, 2006. State Librarian Sybil McShane announced the free license on May 25, with an online link to download the agreement at <http://dol.state.vt.us/www5/libraries/misc/movielicensepl.pdf>. In order to make use of the license, a public library must print and sign the document and mail it to the Vermont Department of Libraries.

There will be no cost to public libraries during the first year of the contract, and during years two and three, the cost per library will be nominal (under \$50). Libraries which have already paid Movie Licensing USA for a license will receive reimbursement from the company for the period overlapping with the free statewide license. Libraries must meet the statutory definition of a public library in order to be eligible.

As with most movie licenses, there are a few restrictions to use. These include showing "home use only" films only on library property, not charging admission, and not advertising the movie title in

local newspapers, radio, television, or library websites. Libraries may advertise movie titles on posters in the library and in library newsletters, including those on their websites.

The Movie Licensing USA website <http://www.movlic.com/library/library.html> has some great features for public libraries. Check out the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) for copyright questions, take a look at the new releases covered by the license, or use your new performance license ID to download posters of popular films.

For public libraries new to the idea of movie programs, the Department will provide a basic discussion of issues at miniworkshops to be held at 9:30 am on Tuesday, June 20 at the Fletcher Memorial Library, Ludlow, or on Tuesday, July 11, at Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Amy Howlett will review the license and its restrictions, and present information on programming ideas, equipment, and publicity. Each workshop is limited to 20 participants. To register please send an e-mail to amy.howlett@dol.state.vt.us or telephone (802) 463-0142.

25 LIBRARIANS ACHIEVE CERTIFICATION

The Department of Libraries is pleased to congratulate the following individuals who have met all of the requirements for Certification as Public Librarians. All have received at least 150 continuing education credits and were awarded the certificates by Mara Siegel, Continuing Education Coordinator, at the annual Vermont Library Conference in May:

Susannah Blachly	Jaquith Public Library
Betty Daly	Pawlet Public Library
Susan D'Amico	Roxbury Free Library
Jennifer Donaldson	formerly of the Abbott Mem. Library, S. Pomfret
Ann Doubleday	Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester
Jeanne Engel	Johnson Public Library
Dawn Fairbanks	Waterbury Public Library
Sue Furry-Irish	Pierson Library, Shelburne
Deborah Gadwah-Lambert	Alice Ward Memorial Library, Canaan
Linda Hall	Pownal Public Library
Dawn Hancy	Ainsworth Public Library, Williamstown
Connie Harr	Brownell Library, Essex Junction
Nadine Hodgdon	West Hartford Public Library
Robert Joly	Woodbury Community Library
Becky Manahan	St. Albans Free Library
Irene Mann	Bradford Public Library
Melissa McKinstry	Haston Library, Franklin
Amanda Perry	Winooski Memorial Library
Leslie Rowell	Greensboro Free Library
Amron Skowronski	formerly of the Westford Library
Michelle Stinson	Fletcher Memorial Library, Ludlow
Sue Tillotson	Enosburgh Public Library
Sherry Tolle	Barnet Public Library
Renee Ursitti	Platt Memorial Library, Shoreham
Emily Zollo	Cobleigh Public Library and Jaquith Public Library

TASK FORCES EXPLORE CONTRACTS

State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane named several task forces to work this spring on contracts affecting statewide library services. Three groups have been working to explore options and library interest in statewide movie licensing (see above), electronic databases, and downloadable audiobooks. Here is the latest news on the latter two:

- **VOL/Electronic databases.** A committee of public, academic, and school libraries conducted a survey of Vermont Online Library users during April and May in preparation for development of a Request for Proposal (RFP) and a contract for 2006-2010. The aim is for a new contract to be in place by December 1, 2006. VOL's purpose is to ensure statewide, online access for all Vermont residents and students in Vermont schools and colleges to a core set of high quality, full-text information resources. The VOL committee includes Sharon Bartram (Brown Public Library, Northfield), Jeanne Walsh (Brooks Memorial Library, Brattleboro), Dan Greene (U-32 HS, East Montpelier), Joe Farara (Johnson State College), Sheila Kearns (Dept. of Libraries), Jean Simmons (Middlebury College), Peter Spitzform (University of Vermont), Lisa Timbers (Mt. Mansfield UHS, Jericho), and State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane.
- **Downloadable audiobooks.** A committee of public librarians is examining audiobooks that can be downloaded and vendors that provide this service to public libraries. Discussions of ebooks are for another time. A lack of standards among vendors presents a problem, but the committee has developed a list of criteria to consider when evaluating a vendor of audiobooks and is currently contacting other libraries around the country to learn about their experiences with the service and particular vendors. The committee includes Deborah Kahn (Warren Public Library), Robert Resnik and Anita Danigelis (Fletcher Free Library, Burlington), Barbara Whitehill (Dailey Memorial Library, Derby), Debbie Roderer (Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston), and Michael Roche (Dept. of Libraries).

VERMONT ONLINE LIBRARY (VOL) CHANGES

Mara Siegel, the Department of Libraries Continuing Education Coordinator, reports that users may have noticed a couple of new entries on the welcome screen for the Vermont Online Library (VOL). At the top is Thompson Gale Powersearch and at the bottom is the Gale Virtual Reference Library.

Thomson Gale PowerSearch provides a new method for searching the VOL databases. With Powersearch you can now search across multiple databases simultaneously. This new search option offers many helpful features including tabs dividing the results into material types (academic journals, magazines, reference, news, multimedia), citation generation in different formats, a "breadcrumb trail" that shows the path the search has taken, letting you easily return to your previous step, and improved e-mail functionality.

The Gale Virtual Reference Library is a searchable or browsable electronic reference book collection. The multi-volume full-text sources include subject encyclopedias and guides, covering humanities, business, medicine, social sciences, and science. Included among the titles are: Encyclopedia of Small Business, Gale Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine, Encyclopedia of Espionage, Intelligence, and Security, World of Earth Science, Encyclopedia of Population, Fashion, Costume, and Culture: Clothing, Headwear, Body Decorations, and Footwear through the Ages.

TOP TRENDS AFFECTING LIBRARIES

OCLC Abstracts published an article about top technology trends affecting libraries in the October 31, 2005 issue—<http://www5.oclc.org/downloads/design/abstracts/> The article summarized top technology trends identified in the report “The Future of Libraries: Beginning the Great Transformation,” published by the DaVinci Institute, a nonprofit futurist think tank. The trends identified are:

1. Time compression is changing the lifestyle of library users.
2. Libraries are transitioning from a center of information to a center of culture.
3. We are transitioning from a product-based to an experience-based economy.
4. The stage is being set for a new era of global systems.
5. The demand for global information is growing exponentially.
6. Over time, we will be transitioning to a verbal society.
7. Search technology will become increasingly more complicated.
8. We haven't yet reached the ultimate small particle for storage, but will soon.
9. All technology ends and all technologies commonly used today will be replaced by something new.
10. Communications systems are continually changing the way people access information.

Along with the trends identified above, the DaVinci Institute made four recommendations:

1. Evaluate the library experience.
2. Preserve the memories of your own communities.
3. Embrace new information technologies.
4. Experiment with creative spaces so the future role of the library can define itself.

The entire report is available online at <http://www.davinciinstitute.com/page.php>

Thanks to Joan Kuklinski, Executive Director, C/W MARS for writing this article.

PUBLIC LIBRARY REFERENCE LIBRARIANS MEET

Vermont 211 and Go Local Vermont captured the attention of librarians gathered for the April meeting of the Public Library Reference Librarians (PLRL) at Sherburne Memorial Library, Killington. Amy Howlett, library consultant at the Department of Libraries, shared her experience with planning for Vermont 211, a new health and human services information and referral program.

Like 9-1-1, 211 is an easy phone number connecting you with immediate human contact. Vermont 211 callers receive information about government programs, community-based organizations, support groups, volunteer opportunities, donation programs and other local resources. The service is available M-Th 8-8, and F 8-4:30. In her presentation, Howlett urged librarians to use Vermont 211 for questions in their libraries and to encourage patrons to call directly. For more detail, see <http://www.vermont211.org>

Go Local Vermont, strictly web-based, focuses on health-related resources. Dana Medical Library, University of Vermont, is developing this grant-funded database that links with other state Go Local web sites from <http://medlineplus.com>. The link is under “other resources” on the MedlinePlus homepage. When completed, Go Local Vermont database users will find lists of Vermont nursing homes and support groups, nearby clinical trials and other services for disease and health issues. To see a completely operational Go Local database, try the Massachusetts version <http://apps.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/local/massachusetts/homepage.cfm?areaid=10>

PLRL will meet again in the fall at the Richmond Free Library. Organizer Marjorie Zunder, Director of Library and Information Services will announce the exact date and program via VALS email soon. For more information, contact her at 828-3261.

FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

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Borrowing multiple copies...

Planning library book discussion programs for the fall? There are many options for obtaining multiple copies of titles. DOLcat lists multiple copies of young adult books. Find these with a call number search for “discussion book.” In addition:

- Midstate Regional Library has multiple copies of books on the 2005-06 Green Mountain Book Award list and will have multiple copies of the 2006-07 list soon. To request a set or reserve, send an email message to MRL_ILL@vals.state.vt.us
- PUBcat lists a broad range of titles with multiple copies. Locate these titles with a subject search for “multiple copies” or search by a specific title. Borrow from libraries owning multiple copies before requesting the same book from several libraries. You may borrow the same book for several different people, perhaps from the same book group, when each person requests individually. You may not use an email message to all VALS libraries to locate multiple copies of books.
- Essex Free Library, Essex VT, owns many books in multiple copies. To find a list of these titles, go to <http://www.essex.org> and find “multiple copies” at the bottom of the screen. The Essex Free multiple copy titles are also listed in PUBcat.
- Vermont Humanities Council offers multiple copies for its Reading and Discussion program at http://www.vermonthumanities.org/index_files/rdcat.htm. The Council charges fees and includes scholar leaders in its programs.
- Talking About Books at www.TalkingaboutBooks.com is a private book lending company in Williamstown, VT. The company has a wide variety of titles and charges minimal fees.

Vermont Interlibrary Loan Handbook...

The new Vermont Interlibrary Loan Handbook is available on the Dept. of Libraries web site under “Librarians’ Resources.” At “Librarians’ Resources,” choose “DOL publications – other.” The web address is <http://dol.state.vt.us/www5/libraries/ill/tp.htm>. The new publication mentions a list of Vermont college libraries email addresses, but states that the list is only available in its print version. For a copy of the list of Vermont college email addresses, contact Marj Zunder, <mailto:marj.zunder@dol.state.vt.us>.

New book lender list...

The list of Vermont public libraries willing to lend their new books is included in the revised Vermont Interlibrary Loan Handbook mentioned above. The web address for the list is <http://dol.state.vt.us/www5/libraries/ILL/list.htm#lis>.

Disaster planning...

The damage to libraries during the hurricanes has inspired librarians to rethink their disaster planning. For a guide to disaster planning, see the New England Document Conservation Center technical leaflet at <http://www.nedcc.org/plam3/tleaf33.htm>. The Department of Libraries will also be sponsoring a workshop on the subject on Friday, July 7, in Randolph. See "Coming Events" for further details.

NEW ONLINE DDC TOOLS AVAILABLE

For those struggling to find Dewey Decimal classification numbers, the task is now easier with several new online tools including conversion tables (Library of Congress classification to Dewey) and the Dewey Browser. Traditional tools as well as new state of the art tools described are found on the "Cataloging and Classification Tips: Hints and Shortcuts" web page http://dol.state.vt.us/www_root/html/tsu/catalogingshortcuts.htm

Several quick and effective ways to find good Dewey Decimal or Library of Congress classification are as follows:

- Refer to Dewey Decimal or Library of Congress classification numbers in cataloging found in VALS Web2 catalogs (<http://web2.dol.state.vt.us/>), the Library of Congress Catalog (<http://catalog.loc.gov/>), or other library catalogs on the web
- Refer to Sears List of Subject Headings for Dewey numbers provided after subject headings
- Refer to the print version of Library of Congress Headings for Library of Congress classification numbers provided after subject headings
- Refer to People, Places & Things: a List of Popular Library of Congress Subject Headings with Dewey Numbers (Dublin, Ohio: Forest Press, c2001.)
- Refer to the online table Map LC (LCC) to Dewey (DDC) Classification to convert from Library of Congress Classification to Dewey (http://www.questionpoint.org/crs/html/help/en/ask/ask_map_lcctoddc.html)
- Refer to the online table Map Dewey (DDC) to LC (LCC) Classification to convert from Dewey to Library of Congress Classification (http://www.questionpoint.org/crs/html/help/en/ask/ask_map_ddctolcc.html)
- Refer to conversion tables such as: Scott, Mona L. Conversion Tables. LC -Dewey, Dewey-LC. 2nd ed. (Englewood, Colo.: Libraries Unlimited, 1999.)
- Refer to the DeweyBrowser (<http://www.oclc.org/research/researchworks/ddc/browser.htm>) for suggestions of Dewey classification numbers

*--Lorraine Lanius, Head
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AVAILABLE...

Resources...

...Statistics of Vermont Public Libraries covering 2004-05, with entire spreadsheet available in Excel format and spreadsheets broken down by population available as .pdf files - at the Department of Libraries website - <http://dol.state.vt.us/www5/libraries/stats/plstats.html> Custom reports are also available from Marianne Kotch, 828-2320, email marianne.kotch@dol.state.vt.us.

...A free online calendar of art exhibits, readings, and cultural events awaits your library listings at www.VermontArtsCalendar.org. This statewide database is a project of the Vermont Arts Council and the Vermont Dept. of Tourism & Marketing.

...Timeline for USA PATRIOT Act reauthorization, offering details of efforts to amend portions relating to libraries, by Vermont ALA Councilor Trina Magi – at the Vermont Library Association’s website – <http://www.vermontlibraries.org> under “publications.”

...The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Document Center has more than 7,400 documents related to the historic law at <http://www.adaportal.org>. There are also links to a variety of related resources.

...Online discussion forum for librarians with questions about copyright – <http://www.librarycopyright.net> - 48 hour turnaround response time, bibliography, and FAQs.

...New edition of an internet blocking software study, comparing various filtering software available, and making recommendations about their use - <http://www.fepproject.org/policyreports/filters2.pdf>

...A brochure with updated information on the USA PATRIOT Act from the Colorado Association of Libraries which welcomes other libraries to reproduce it for patrons - http://www.cal-webs.org/brochure_patriot_act.pdf

...Susan Clark, author with Frank Bryan of *All Those In Favor*, a book about Vermont town meeting, is still available to present programs on the topic of “Rediscovering the Secrets of Town Meeting and Community.” Contact her at 223-5824 or email sclark@sover.net.

...*Life in Lamoille County: A Lamoille County History Video*. During the Fall 2005 semester, students from Senator/Professor Bill Doyle’s Vermont History and Government class worked with producer Vince Franke to bring history alive with this production, interviewing elders in Lamoille County, using their words and photographs to bring the history of the county to life. Available in VHS or DVD format from the Johnson State College Bookstore, 635-2503 or email: jsc@bkstr.com. Price: \$15.00.

Continuing Education...

...A wide variety of free, online courses are available through WebJunction (<http://vt.webjunction.org>) - learn to create a website, use Microsoft® Excel, and much more – sign up for free and explore online discussion groups, too.

...Self-paced, introductory online course on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and its legal requirements, basic principles, and core concepts – free at <http://www.adabasics.org>

...*Vermont Directory of Foundations*, 2006 Edition - all updated, many new listings, with notes and guidance from the foundations themselves - \$50 includes postage and handling from CPG Enterprises, Inc., PO Box 199, Shaftsbury, VT 05262. Download an order form at www.cpgfundraising.com, and send it with your check or simply send a check with your name, organization name and address on a separate sheet.

Websites to Explore...

...Compare your library’s statistics with those in the entire country, in New England, in selected states, or by population or other variable at <http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/compare/index.asp?LibraryType=Public>

...*Unshelved: The Library Comic Strip* is available daily at <http://www.overduemedia.com> and you can subscribe to a daily, free chuckle via email.

...Free interactive website development for libraries with budgets under \$1 million are available at <http://www.EngagedPatron.org>. Interactive services such as blogs, RSS feeds, etc. are hosted at the EngagedPatron website run by a librarian who is currently working on a readers’ advisory tool for online book discussions.

...America’s Bookshelf is an online book club designed for sharing titles. For \$3.50 a book and a \$12 annual fee, members can list books they would like to loan and then borrow books from the list at <http://americasbookshelf.com>.

COMING EVENTS

Tues., June 20, 2006, 10:30 am – Vermont Board of Libraries meeting, Hartland Public Library, 153 Rte. 5, Hartland. Contact: Sybil Brigham McShane, 828-3265.

Tues., June 20, 9:30 am – *Movie License* miniworkshop, Fletcher Memorial Library, Ludlow. Repeats Tues., July 11, 9:30 am, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Contact: Amy Howlett, 463-0142, amy.howlett@dol.state.vt.us.

Thurs., June 22, 9:30 am – *Filing without tears* workshop, Northeast Regional Library, St. Johnsbury. Repeats Thurs., June 29, 9:30 am, Gilbert Hart Library, Wallingford. Contact: Mara Siegel, 828-3261, mara.siegel@dol.state.vt.us.

Thurs., June 22-Wed., June 28 – American Library Assn. annual conference, New Orleans. For program information and registration information contact <http://www.ala.org>.

Tues., July 4, 2005 – State holiday – Department of Libraries central office and regional libraries closed.

Thurs., July 6, 9:30 am – *Grantwriting* workshop, Sherburne Memorial Library, Killington. Continues Thurs., July 20. Contact: Mara Siegel, 828-3261, mara.siegel@dol.state.vt.us.

Fri., July 7, 9:30 am – *Emergency preparedness* workshop, Vermont Technical College, Randolph Center. Contact: Mara Siegel, 828-3261, mara.siegel@dol.state.vt.us.

Thurs., July 13, 9:30 am – *Young adult services* workshop, Aldrich Public Library, Barre. Contact: Mara Siegel, 828-3261, mara.siegel@dol.state.vt.us.

Fri., July 14, 9:30 am – *Legal reference* workshop, Vermont Technical College, Randolph Center. Contact: Mara Siegel, 828-3261, mara.siegel@dol.state.vt.us.

Fri., July 14, 9:30 am – Vermont Library Association board meeting and retreat, Sherburne Memorial Library, Killington. Contact: Lisa Von Kann, 748-8291, lvkann@stjathenaeum.org.

Fri., July 28, 9:30 am – *First Amendment* workshop, Brown Public Library, Northfield. Contact: Mara Siegel, 828-3261, mara.siegel@dol.state.vt.us.

Sun., July 30-Fri., Aug. 4 – *Children's Literature New England*, St. Michael's College, Colchester. Contact: Martha Walke, 765-4935.

Mon, Aug. 1, 9:30 am – *Copyright* workshop, Northeast Regional Library, St. Johnsbury. Contact: Mara Siegel, 828-3261, mara.siegel@dol.state.vt.us.

Tues., Aug. 15, 10:30 am – Vermont Board of Libraries meeting, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Contact: Sybil Brigham McShane, 828-3265.

Tues., Aug. 16 - State holiday – Department of Libraries central office and regional libraries closed.

Mon., Sept. 4 - State holiday – Department of Libraries central office and regional libraries closed.

Thurs., Sept. 7, 9:30 am – *Collection development* workshop, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Continues Fri., Sept. 8 and Mon.-Wed., Sept. 11-13. Repeats Wed., Sept. 20-22, 25-26, Hartland Public Library. Contact: Mara Siegel, 828-3261, mara.siegel@dol.state.vt.us.

Thurs., Sept. 28 – *Storytelling* workshop, Norwich Public Library. Contact: Mara Siegel, 828-3261, mara.siegel@dol.state.vt.us.

► *Miniworkshops* are available on demand, either in your library or at a central location in your area, for librarians, trustees and library staff members. For details, please contact your regional consultant.

YOUTH SERVICES NEWS

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Vermont Joins National Consortium for Summer Reading Programs...

The Department of Libraries has recently joined the Collaborative Summer Library Program, <http://www.cslpreads.org/>, a growing group of states that plan and create summer reading materials together. Grace Greene and Hannah Peacock, the CAYAL president, attended the annual meeting in Princeton, NJ, in April to learn about the program and help make decisions about future programs. This program will make planning and implementation much easier for Vermont librarians, because:

- You will get the manuals and order forms in the **fall**, instead of the spring
- The materials will arrive in February and March.
- Each library will receive a CD that has clip art for the theme, and also templates of news releases, letters etc., on which you can just insert your own library's name.

The Department of Libraries will continue to pay for basic materials (reading records, posters, bookmarks), but libraries will have the option to buy other materials such as banners, buttons and theme-related incentives. Because of the huge buying power of this collaborative, materials are at rock-bottom prices, which will help stretch your summer dollar.

In the fall I will send out more information about how the whole program will work in Vermont. Next summer's theme is mystery with the slogan, "Get a Clue at Your Library" and the theme for 2008 is bugs. CSLP creates separate artwork and manuals for children and young adults, so we will continue to promote summer programs for all ages.

Teen Summer Program...

For the second year Vermont has created a young adult summer reading program, this one called "Library Quest." Many teens love fantasy - both books and role playing games - so this should be a popular topic. We have secured three great prizes this summer: two iPods, one donated by Small Dog Electronics in Waitsfield and one donated by the Upstream Group in Charlotte. In addition, there is a one-week cartooning course from the Center for Cartoon Studies in White River Junction to be held in June, 2007. Check your young adult summer manual for further details about how to win the prizes and how to get kids involved.

Green Mountain Book Award...

High school students across Vermont selected *The First Part Last* by Angela Johnson as the winner of the first GMBA award. Johnson will receive a Vermont-themed ceramic plate created by artist Katherine Washburn from Waterbury. High school and public librarians expressed enthusiasm about the program, saying that the books were out constantly and that they heard teens excitedly discussing the titles. Some teachers used the books in the classroom, and both school and public libraries had book discussions with the GMBA titles. A great start for the new program!

Summer is a great time to get kids reading the books on the new GMBA list. Purchase as many titles as you can, and borrow others from your Regional Library. We have purchased at least 20 copies of each title to make it easier for people to have access to them. You may request multiple copies for a particular month by contacting the Midstate Regional Library at 828-2320. The Northeast Regional Library has sets of the entire list. Contact them at 748-3428. For the list, visit: <http://dol.state.vt.us/www5/libraries/gmba/gmba.htm>. If you haven't yet gotten bookmarks, posters and handbooks, please request them from grace.greene@dol.state.vt.us.

Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award News...

...2006 winner

Mary Downing Hahn won the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award for the third time (the others were for *Wait Till Helen Comes* in 1988 and *Time for Andrew* in 1996) for *The Old Willis Place* (Clarion, 2004). She came to a ceremony in her honor on May 25 at Vermont Technical College. Approximately 500 children, teachers and librarians attended. In addition to the presentation of the award and Hahn's speech, there was a skit based on *The Old Willis Place* performed by students from the Sherburne Elementary School in Killington under the direction of librarian Eileen Vaughn.

A total of 4,600 children in grades 4-8 voted for this year's award. The top 10 books this year are:

Hahn, Mary Downing	<i>The Old Willis Place</i>
Barry, Dave & Pearson, R.	<i>Peter and the Starcatchers</i>
Creech, Sharon	<i>Heartbeat</i>
Choldenko, Gennifer	<i>Al Capone Does My Shirts</i>
Kadohata, Cynthia.	<i>Kira-Kira</i>
Philbrick, Rodman	<i>The Young Man and the Sea</i>
Van Leeuwen, Jean	<i>Cabin on Trouble Creek</i>
Grover, Lorie Ann.	<i>On Pointe</i>
Morris, Gerald	<i>The Princess, the Crone, and the Dung-Cart Knight</i>
Pinkwater, Daniel	<i>Looking for Bobowicz</i>

...New posters and award medals

There are brand new bright blue and purple posters made with the new DCF logo and gold stickers to affix to the jackets of the winning books. If you would like some of these, please request them from Jenn Weed at 828-3261; cbec@dol.state.vt.us. There are no new bookmarks this year, but we will create ones with the nominees next year.

...2006 DCF Conference

The fourth annual DCF conference was held at Stoweflake in Stowe on May 4, 2006. There were more than 175 public and school librarians, classroom teachers, reading teachers, professors of children's literature and reading consultants in attendance. Jack Gantos, the keynote speaker, was incredible-both very funny and full of very helpful advice about teaching writing. Workshops ranged from how to read a

graphic novel, to an overview of the new DCF list, to art and creative dramatics with DCF books. Miriam Benson, a reading specialist from Derby, ended the conference with a thoughtful talk on her reading life.

The conference committee included Denise Dalmasse, U32, East Montpelier; Joanna Rudge Long, formerly of the DCF Committee; Thom McAllister, Moretown Elementary School; Merlyn Miller, Burr and Burton Academy; Leda Schubert, DCF Committee; Suzy Shedd, Groton Public Library; Patty Thomas, Derby Elementary School; Sandy Zelazo, St. Albans Town Educational Center; and Grace Greene, Dept. of Libraries. Thanks go to the Vermont Educational Media Association, Vermont Library Association, VT-NEA, and the Department of Education for their financial contributions, and to the Vermont Center for the Book and Vermont Public Radio for door prizes.

Save the date! The fifth annual conference is planned for Friday, **May 4, 2007**, at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee. Newbery medalist Karen Hesse will be the keynote speaker.

Red Clover Award...

...Winner

Vermont's picture book award, the Red Clover Award, was won this year by Mo Willems for *Knuffle Bunny* (Hyperion, 2004), a funny and touching book about a toddler who leaves her stuffed animal at the Laundromat and then cannot communicate her loss. A total of 29,247 children in grades K-4 voted for this year's award-the largest number ever! The tally is as follows:

1 - <i>Knuffle Bunny</i>	12,175
2 - <i>Impudent Rooster</i>	5,181
3 - <i>Kitten's First Full Moon</i>	4,461
4 - <i>Actual Size</i>	2,964
5 - <i>If Not for the Cat</i>	1,225
6 - <i>Miss Bridie Chose a Shovel</i>	1,129
7 - <i>The Red Book</i>	703
8 - <i>Mr. George Baker</i>	576
9 - <i>Going North</i>	548
<u>10 - <i>Skin Again</i></u>	<u>285</u>
Total Votes	29,247

...Conference

The Red Clover conference will be held at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, Vermont on Wednesday, October 11, 2006. Both Natalie Kinsey-Warnock and Emily Arnold McCully, creators of *Nora's Ark*, a book on the new list, will be speaking. The Vermont Center for the Book will send out registration materials at the beginning of the school year.

Materials Review Sessions...

If you select children's and/or young adult books for your library, plan to attend our Materials Review sessions to learn about the best of the new titles for young people, birth through high school. You will hear reviews and examine books to decide which are best for your library. We begin with a live session in Northfield, and then do one more live presentation, this fall at the Northeast Regional Library in St. Johnsbury. RETN (Regional Educational Technology Network) will videotape the Northfield presentation, and that videotape will be shown in the other three locations. The books and the reviews will accompany the videotape, so whichever site you choose you will have access to all the books. In addition to the books that I review orally, there will be many nonfiction books recommended by the

review media, and books recommended by volunteer reviewers. A regional consultant will be at each of the three videotape locations to facilitate the program. The schedule is as follows:

Brown Public Library, Northfield	Wednesday, November 1	LIVE!
Northeast Regional Library, St. Johnsbury	Thursday, November 2	LIVE!
Milton Public Library	Wednesday, November 8	
Kurn Hattin, Westminster West	Tuesday, November 14	
Sherburne Memorial Library, Killington	Thursday, November 16	

All programs begin at 9:00 a.m. There is a formal part to the program and then time to examine the books. Can't attend any of these sessions? Ask to borrow a videotape or DVD and watch in the comfort of your own home!

GET ACTIVE @ your library® during Teen Read Week 2006...

What is Teen Read Week? It's programming and reading and ways to increase adolescent literacy all rolled up into a weeklong celebration. Teens will be reading for the fun of it as public libraries and school library media centers across the country celebrate Teen Read Week, October 15-21, 2006. You can join hundreds of other libraries, schools and bookstores that are encouraging teens to celebrate this year's theme, "GET ACTIVE @ your library®." The "get active" theme encourages teens to use the resources at their library to lead an active life.

Teen Read Week is also a perfect time to highlight Vermont's high school award, the Green Mountain Book Award. Two of the titles definitely fit the "active" lifestyle criterion. *Swimming to Antarctica* by Lynne Cox is about a long distance swimmer, and *Between a Rock and a Hard Place* by Aron Ralston is about a rock climber. There are many ways for teens and their librarians to GET ACTIVE @ your library®, and ALA has posted ideas on dance, yoga, open mic night and many more at: <http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/trw/trw2006/programs.htm>. Teen Read Week is a national adolescent literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association. For further information, see the YALSA site: www.ala.org/teenread.



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