

Ad Lib

SUMMER 2008

Searching for Computer System Solutions

As I am sure many of you remember, in August 2005, the 47 members of the Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS) began using the SirsiDynix Corporation's Horizon computer system. Since switching to Horizon from another SirsiDynix product, there have been continuous problems with the system, including many unresolved stability issues with the HIP catalog searched by our patrons. By the count of one RCLS director, at least 112 incidents of all, or parts, of the system shutting down have occurred since the switch-over, and additional problems in our back-up systems while the main system was down have led to inaccurate circulation statistics, and further inconveniences to our patrons and staff.

RCLS is starting the process of replacing this faulty system. Unfortunately, and despite the protests of Finkelstein and other member libraries, another Sirsi-Dynix product is under consideration. Regardless, your ongoing concerns and

complaints since the first days of the Horizon migration have convinced us that we can no longer wait for RCLS's decision to be made. With this in mind, I have formed a staff committee — currently working with the staff and directors of several other RCLS libraries — to evaluate the feasibility of operating our own library computer system. We are negotiating with the highly respected automation company Innovative Interfaces Incorporated (III) on the start-up costs and long-term expenditures necessary to operate our own system, independent of any system operated by RCLS.

FML card holders would still — should we make this move — have the ability to borrow materials from all other RCLS member libraries. Those who are not FML cardholders would still be very welcome to come here. There will, by necessity, be changes in the procedures for interlibrary loans through the RCLS delivery system, although our research

shows that this, too, should be workable.

We will be required to inform RCLS of our plans by the end of June if we intend a move to III on or before Jan. 1, 2009. We strongly believe that III will provide both our staff and our patrons with an easier to use, more stable and simply better library catalog and circulation system, and, we believe a more cost effective one. We will share more about what this will mean for you in our next edition of AdLib. And, thanks for your patience with the current system that we have all suffered with for too long!

— Bob Devino, Director

**The library budget vote
takes place on
Wednesday, June 11,
7 AM – 9 PM.**

Library Wins Arts Award

The Finkelstein Memorial Library received the Arts Council of Rockland's "2008 Supporter of the Arts Award" for its varied cultural arts programming, including the *Sala's Gift* Art Exhibit and the David Friedman Online Art Exhibit.

The library has also long supported film as art with our International

Film Festival now in its 29th year and our Independent Film Festival now in its 21st year. In addition, the library offers many arts-related activities: monthly exhibits; book discussions and talks, including a Pulitzer-Prize-winning author this year; diverse music programs from high opera to Yiddish theater; matinees and evening films.

The Arts Council of Rockland promotes and encourages the arts in our diverse community and strives to create a climate in which creative expression flourishes and is experienced by all.



Visit us on the web at www.finkelsteinlibrary.org

For Adults

Stress Free Living Wednesday, June 4, 7 PM

Meditation has the extraordinary effect of reducing stress-related responses, improving concentration, and enhancing clarity of thought and mental equilibrium. Dr. Andrew Vidich, author, educator and international speaker, will present a simple, yet powerful meditation technique to enrich your life.

Our World, Our Community Thursday, June 5, 10 AM

The annual meeting of the Adult Services Division of the Library Association of Rockland County will feature author Patrick Symmes and broadcaster and producer Elliott Forrest.

Mr. Symmes will discuss his books *The Boys from Dolores: Fidel Castro's Schoolmates from Revolution to Exile* and *Chasing Che: A Motorcycle Journey in Search of the Guevara Legend*. Copies will be available for purchase and for signing.

The Peabody Award-winning Mr. Forrest, who is also co-artistic director of Riverspace Arts, will discuss the state of the arts in Rockland County and New York State and the many celebrities he has interviewed.

For further information call 352-5700, ext. 231.

Blue Collar Bay Sunday, June 22, 2 PM

Actor Stephen Axelrod portrays himself in this autobiographical one-person play. A high-school dropout and former Marine, "Axe" becomes a broker on Wall Street making more money in one month than his father ever did in a full year. Directed by Mark W. Travis.

Aspects of Medicare Wednesday, June 25, 7 PM

A representative from the Rockland County Office of the Aging talks about the Medicare prescription drug benefit.

Matinees

Wednesdays, 1:30 PM

June 11

Elizabeth: The Golden Age

With Cate Blanchett and Geoffrey Rush

June 25

The Kite Runner

With Khalid Abdalla

July 9

Dan in Real Life

With Steve Carell and Juliette Binoche

July 23

Why Did I Get Married

With Tyler Perry and Janet Jackson

August matinees to be announced.

Music on a Sunday Afternoon



Bennett Harris Blues Duo June 8, 2 PM

Get ready for rousing, soulful and rollicking country Delta blues and ragtime music. Traditional acoustic blues from various eras with diverse styles and moods will be featured.

The Stagedoor Canteen July 13, 2 PM

Judy Stadt and friends perform the songs that won WWII.

Step Back in Time Aug. 10, 2 PM

Harmonizing the doo-wop of the 1950s and early 1960s, this dynamic group has shared the stage with the likes of The Cadillacs, The Coasters, The Del Vikings, Johnny Maestro and Little Anthony.

ESL

During the month of April, the library added French-GED to the Spanish-GED and English-GED books. Also in April, the library qualified students for the first Multicultural ESL II class — scheduled to start in May. For more information, please call 352-5700, ext. 275.

Community Service

In recent years, the number of people interested in completing court-mandated community service at the library has increased. We ask those who have been assigned this service to call ahead and speak to the head of buildings and grounds. We will soon have a new protocol and will require that these hours be scheduled ahead of time.

Independent Film Festival



A celebration of cinematic creativity and originality!

Films are shown on **Wednesdays at 7 PM** at the **Cultural Arts Center at SUNY Rockland Community College**, 145 College Rd. in Suffern.

The suggested donation is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students and seniors. For more information or for a copy of the series brochure call 352-5700, ext. 231 or 244.

July 2 – *Lars and the Real Girl* Starring Ryan Gosling

July 9 – *Ira and Abby* Starring Robert Klein and Fred Willard

July 16 – *Grace is Gone* Starring John Cusack

July 23 – *The TV Set* Starring David Duchovny and Sigourney Weaver

July 30 – *The Lookout* Starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Jeff Daniels

For Children

Catch the Reading Bug!

Finkelstein Memorial Library's 2008 Summer Reading Game

For children entering K – 7



June 30 – Aug. 14



Join us this summer for some buggy fun. Select a day and time to come to the library each week. Along with your nature guide (librarian), have fun playing the game and discovering the wonders of nature. Complete five weeks of this seven-week program and be invited to our end of game party with puppeteer Steve Charney.

In-person registration and game starts Monday, June 30. The last day open for registration is Saturday, July 12.

Registration and game hours are as follows:

	Mondays	3 – 5 PM, 6 – 8 PM
	Tuesdays	10 AM– 12 PM, 3 – 5 PM, 6 – 8 PM
	Wednesdays	10 AM– 12 PM, 3 – 6 PM
	Thursdays	10 AM– 12 PM, 3 – 6 PM
	Fridays	10 AM– 12 PM
	Saturdays	2 – 4 PM

Lightning Bug Crew

(Storybook Time)

Age: 3 & up

**Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15,
22 & 29, 4:30 – 5 PM**

We will enjoy stories, music, finger plays, felt board and crafts. **No registration required.**



Grasshopper's Club

(Summertime Stories)

Age: Babies – 5 years

(must be accompanied by a caregiver)

**Wednesdays, July 2, 9,
16 & 23, 10 – 10:30 AM**

A four-week program of special stories, music, fingerplays and more. **No registration required.**

To register for children's programs or for more information call 352-5700, ext. 237 or 238.

Family Movie Night

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Ages: 6 & up

July 8 *Bee Movie* (PG)

July 15 *Ant Bully* (PG)

July 22 *Antz* (PG)

July 29 *Bug's Life* (G)

Buggy Craft Day

Age: 5 – 10

Tuesdays, 2 – 3 PM

July 8, 15, 22, 29

Join us each week and create a bug craft to take home. **Drop in, no registration required.**

Bug Hunters Club

Ages: 7 – 10

Wednesdays,

July 9 – Aug. 6

3:30 – 4:30 PM

Residents of the East Ramapo Central School District are invited to join us for a variety of nature activities.

Registration is required, starting Wednesday, June 25. Limited enrollment.

We Love the Library

Age: 3 – 8

Wednesday, July 30

10:30 – 11:30 AM

Bring your favorite stuffed animal and listen to storytellers Erin Lee Kelly and Nora Maher of Storytime Stage. Take a library journey with stories, song, movement and audience participation.

Registration is required. Register and pick up tickets starting Wednesday, July 16.



FML Junior Book Club

Session I: 5th grade (9/08)

Tuesdays, Aug. 12, 19, 26

Session II: 6th grade (9/08)

Wednesdays,

Aug. 13, 20, 27

Both sessions 4 – 5 PM

A three-week book club to help you with one of your required books for the summer. We will have fun discussing this book, and doing related activities to further enjoy it. Snacks will be provided.

Registration required starting July 30. Limited enrollment.

End of Game Party

**For participants of the Summer Reading Game
Thursday, Aug. 14**

Celebrate a successful summer at the library! Puppeteer Steve Charney and his sidekick Harry will treat you to a wonderful comedy show.

For Teens

METAMORPHOSIS @ Your Library



Follow the bugs on the second floor to the teen room where the books from East Ramapo's summer reading lists can be found. While you're there, pick up some books and book sheets to enter into the **2008 Teen Summer Reading Game: Metamorphosis @ Your Library.**

These sheets can be turned in during our summer reading sessions on Friday afternoons July 11 to Aug. 15, or before our teen movie nights on Mondays, July 14, 28, and Aug. 11. Every book you read earns you a prize and an entry into the raffle for a Sony PSP! Get an extra entry for attending our summer reading sessions based on the books on East Ramapo's summer reading list.

July 11, 2 PM Welcome & Bug-Eye Crafts

Make bug-eye magnets, coffee mugs and other stuff.

July 18, 25 & Aug. 1, 8, 2 PM Movie Talks

Based on East Ramapo's summer reading list, there will be a movie followed by a brief book discussion.



Aug. 15, 2 PM Farewell Party

Last chance to turn in your book sheets, collect prizes and enter the raffle.

For more teen information check out our Myspace page at www.myspace.com/finkelsteinlibrary; the website at www.finkelsteinlibrary.org; or call 352-5700, ext. 244.

Movie Nights Mondays, 6 PM

June 2

National Treasure 2 – Book of Secrets

Ben Gates hopscoches across the globe to prove that his ancestor was not a participant in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. PG, 124 minutes.

June 16 *The Golden Compass*

The disappearance of Lyra's friend sets her on a dizzying adventure along with her golden compass, a shape-shifting daemon, a polar-bear warrior, and a witch queen. PG-13, 113 minutes.

June 30 *Enchanted*

Fairytale Princess Giselle finds herself smack in the middle of the real world — Time Square, New York City. Alone on a stormy night in the wrong end of town, she meets Robert. Is he her real-life Prince Charming? PG, 107 minutes.

July 14 *I Am Legend*

Robert Neville, a brilliant scientist who was unable to contain the terrible man-made virus that killed off all of New York City, tries desperately to find a way to reverse the effects of the virus. PG-13, 100 minutes.

July 28 *Bee Movie*

Barry the bee ventures outside of the hive for the first time only to discover that the humans have been stealing and eating the bee's honey for centuries. He sues the human race, upsetting the very balance of nature. PG, 90 minutes.

August films to be announced.

Teen Video Game Nights Wednesdays, 6:30 PM June 4, 11, 18, 25

Play our PS2, PS3 and Xbox 360 systems! **Open to anyone 14 and over.** Snacks! Play time limited to 30 minutes per person.

Special Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation to NYS Assemblyman Kenneth P. Zebrowski and NYS Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffe, who both secured a \$5,000 member item grant for the library. We requested this money to help pay for outreach services like offsite book/AV return and pick-up lockers.

In addition, our thanks to the Library Association of Rockland County (LARC), the Rockland County Legislature and the Rockland County Executive for the grant of \$2,000, which will be applied to the same outreach services.

Helpful Databases

Find the information you are looking for quickly and easily!

InfoTrac Nursing and Allied Health Collection

Allows access to leading scientific nursing and allied health journals, newsletters and magazines. A useful tool if you are, or are studying to be, an LPN, RN, therapist, dental hygienist or any other health care professional. There are over a million articles that can be searched for specific topics.

Testing & Education Reference Center

In-depth information on colleges and universities, graduate and professional programs, distance learning, corporate training, available scholarships and awards. Also available online practice tests including 29 CLEP tests, SAT, PSAT, ACT, NCLEX and civil service tests.

Rockland Journal News via Newsbank

Search for full-text articles from this newspaper back to 1999.

New Website

There will soon be a new look to the library website, www.finkelsteinlibrary.org. In order to make our site as useful and exciting a tool as possible, we have asked Radial Creations, a local web design firm, to completely redesign our site. State of the art graphics capabilities, better searchability and a less-cluttered and more professional appearance are just some of the features of the new site, which we hope to launch this summer.

Our board has placed, over the past few years, a growing emphasis on outreach efforts aimed at reaching all segments of our large and very diverse community. We view our website as another essential outreach tool — just like our mobile library, our home delivery of materials, our growing number of school visit programs, and our new offsite book drops — and are very pleased that Heshy Friedman and Radial Creations of Spring Valley will be sharing both their web service experience and their understanding of the Internet needs of the local community.

For a preview of the design, and a look at the exciting new media flash feature, please visit <http://radialcreations.com/clients/beta/finkelstein/>.



Successful Community Fair & Book Sale

The Friends of the Library kicked off National Library Week with a fair and book sale. Much to the satisfaction of a steady stream of book lovers, bargain hunters and treasure seekers, the meeting room overflowed with materials. Clowns from RSVP senior volunteer service provided face painting and balloon creations. And, singer/guitarist Richard Stolfi performed music from the 60s and 70s.

The Friends' sponsor activities that foster community involvement, fundraise for special events, and increase awareness of and support for the library's many services. For further information visit the Friends page on the library's website or call 352-5700, ext.261.

Computer Workshops

Please note: These are one-session computer workshops; class size is limited to 16 people. Call 352-5700, ext. 294, *one week prior to each workshop* or stop by the RHF Technology Center on the 3rd floor.

Introduction to Microsoft Publisher 2007

Wednesday, June 11
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Registration: June 4

Create, customize, and publish materials such as newsletters, brochures, flyers, catalogs, web sites and more. Learn how Publisher can help you design great-looking publications in the same amount of time (or less) than you would spend using a word-processing program. This class will provide you with the basic skills you need to start and customize a publication. **Prerequisite: Must be able to use a mouse and keyboard; knowledge of Microsoft Word essential.**

Getting Started with Microsoft Word 2007

Wednesday, June 18
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Registration: June 11

Learn the basics of the new features, buttons and naming conventions in Word 2007's design. See demonstrations on how to create, edit and print documents. **Prerequisite: Must be able to use a mouse and keyboard; knowledge of Microsoft Word essential.**

Exploring Google Wednesday, June 25

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Registration: June 18

Not only is Google the most popular and straightforward search engine on the Internet, it is becoming a platform for everyday living. In addition to providing easy access to billions of web pages, Google has numerous "idle" features (over 40!) that millions of people do not take advantage of. In this workshop, you will be guided through Google's expanding list of products from advanced search tools such as full text Book Search, Video, Image, Notebook, Product Search, and even get access to Google's new *free* 411 service! Also, benefit from Google's communication tools, including iGoogle, Gmail, Calendar, Documents Creator, Photo Uploading and Sharing, Chat, and for 2008, learn how to go mobile! **Note: Registrants are strongly advised to set up a Gmail account prior to the class. Please go to www.gmail.com and click on the "Sign up for Gmail" link and complete all necessary fields.**

Prerequisite: Must be able to use a mouse and keyboard. Intermediate knowledge of the Internet is essential, this class is not for beginners.

Technology Center Hours of Operation

Monday – Thursday
9 AM – 8:30 PM

Friday
9 AM – 5 PM

Saturday
1:30 – 4:30 PM

Sunday
1:30 – 4:30 PM

Library Budget Vote
Wednesday, June 11, 7 AM – 9 PM

SUMMER HOURS
(June 21 – Aug. 30)

Monday – Thursday
9 AM – 9 PM

Friday
9 AM – 6 PM

Saturday
1 – 5 PM

Sunday
1 – 5 PM

CLOSINGS

Staff Training
Friday, June 20, OPEN AT 1 PM

Independence Day
Friday, July 4, CLOSED

Labor Day
Monday, Sept. 1, CLOSED

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of every month at 7:45 PM.

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