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ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN KENNETH RONK DECLARES APRIL 10-16 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IN ULSTER COUNTY



Kingston, NY - Kenneth Ronk, Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature met with representatives of Ulster County Libraries to proclaim April 10-16, 2016 National Library Week here in Ulster County and encourage all residents to take advantage of the wonderful and varied resources they provide.

“Ulster County communities are blessed to have these outstanding resources at their fingertips free of charge.” Ronk said. “If you haven’t been to your library lately, I promise you are missing a great opportunity.”

Chairman Ronk met with Margie Mendard from the Kingston Library, Kara Lustiber from the West Hurley Public Library and Julie Dempsey from the Highland Public Library this week to deliver the proclamation and discuss a variety of programs available at various libraries throughout Ulster County. In addition to lending books, music and movies, today’s modern libraries have everything from computers for job searches to fishing rods. Members can take on line courses at home, download e-books, and through the InfoPortal (<http://uclib.org>) kids can look at picture books, adults can learn crafts, and students can take tutorials in the comfort of their living rooms.

“Our libraries preserve our history, provide emergency services, tutor students of all ages, encourage social gatherings, offer recreational opportunities – in short they are the heart and soul of our communities,” Ronk said. “Your library card is your passport to over 2 million items. The best deal in town and it’s all free.”



This is just a sample of some of the programs and events happening at Ulster County Libraries. Look up your local library for a full calendar of events!

Town of Ulster Public Library, 860 Ulster Avenue, Kingston -845-338-7881
<http://townofulsterlibrary.org/calendar/>

- Pre-School Story Hour - Monday, April 11 - 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Preschool Story Hour taps into the boundless energy of three to five-year-olds to get your child involved in this interactive story time. This program will engage your children with stories, finger plays and songs and encourage them to learn sounds, letter recognition, and new words as they grow into pre-readers. Each program is followed by a hands-on craft and snacks.

- Spring Afterschool Program - Monday, April 11 - 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Geologist: Make your own crystals - Learn about the different professions in science through stem-based learning in a continuation of our winter after school program's theme! Program is open to any child between the ages of 5-12 and will be held on Mondays starting at 4:00pm

- Family Movie Night -Monday, April 11 – 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Join us for popcorn and a movie! We will be showing Disney’s Inside Out! This program is free and open to families of all ages!

- Baby & Me - Wednesday - April 13, 2016 - 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Caregiver and child program for ages 0-3 - Baby & Me time focuses on developing your baby’s and toddler's pre-literacy skills. This lap-time story hour will introduce a love for books by using song, movement, rhythm and rhyme. The program will help improve motor, sensory, and social skills during play time. The program runs for an hour and snacks are provided.

Highland Public Library, 30 Church Street, Highland <http://highlandlibrary.org/events>

- Creepy Crawly Spoons - Tuesday, April 12 – 6:30 pm Crafts for Tweens and Teens –Pre-register on line to create creepy crawlies out of spoons -

Kingston Public Library, 55 Franklin Street, Kingston - <http://kingston.evanced.info/signup/eventcalendar.aspx>

- Stress Reduction through Mediation – Tuesday, April 12 – 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm - A great way to find inner balance and deep relaxation. This program is free and all are welcome. Contact: Ann 845-339-8567
- New York State of Health Marketplace Enrollment Assistance with Hudson Health Plan - Friday, April 15 – 3 pm to 5 pm
Need Health Insurance? You Can Enroll Now! Hudson Health Plan, an MVP Healthcare company, will offer free assistance to guide you through the New York State of Health Marketplace enrollment process. They will be providing the services of their Marketplace Facilitated Enrollers in our library to assist the public with their applications and answer your questions. Please call 1-800-339-4557 to schedule an appointment. Walk-in appointments will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Elting Memorial Library, 93 Main Street, New Paltz - 845-255-5030 <http://www.ellinglibrary.org/>

- Chess for Kids – Monday April 11 – 6:30
- Paris Vagabond - Thursday, April 14, 2016 Starts at: 7:00 pm - read by the suspense and mystery translator from NYC

West Hurley Public Library, 42 Clover Street, West Hurley -845-679-2144

<http://evanced.info/westhurley/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>

- Book Discussion Group - Monday, April 11 6:30 – 7:30 - The selection will be "At the Water's Edge" by Sara Gruen. Please contact the library to sign up and get a copy of the book.

Phoenicia Library, 48 Main Street, Phoenicia 845-883-7286 <http://phoenicialibrary.org/>

- Lego Club – Friday, April 15 – 5:30 - Join our friendly group of kids and parents to create whatever catches your fancy.
- The John Burroughs Memorial Locust and Wild Honey Mountain Orchestra – Friday, April 15, 2016 7:00 pm
- Catskills Fever Fishing Forum – Saturday, April 16 – 12:30 – 3:30 - A series of lively discussions about the history of fishing in the Catskills, in celebration of our 20th anniversary. On April 16, we'll be talking about author, fly tyer and conservationist Art Flick.

***Ulster County Legislature
Legislative Chambers
Proclamation***

WHEREAS, libraries are the heart of our communities, transforming lives by meeting the educational, informational, cultural, professional and recreational needs of our ever growing and diverse communities, and

WHEREAS, libraries provide essential resources, collections and programs to meet the needs and interests of people of all ages and demographics in our communities, and

WHEREAS, in many Towns in Ulster County, libraries are the only cultural resources our people have, and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians bring our community members together to enrich and transform the community and address local issues, and

WHEREAS, librarians are trained, tech-savvy professionals who provide their communities with internet access, technology training, and access to downloadable content such as eBooks, and

WHEREAS, libraries respond to specific community needs by offering services such as job seeking resources, tutoring and help with homework, retirement planning sessions, story times, crafting programs, literacy classes, and summer reading programs, and

WHEREAS, libraries are refuges that provide our communities with emergency information, warmth, water, internet access, recharging stations, social gathering places, and a sense of belonging, and

WHEREAS, libraries continuously grow and evolve in how they provide for the needs of every member of our communities, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr., Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature, proclaim April 10-16, 2016 as National Library Week here in Ulster County and encourage all residents to visit their libraries to take advantage of the wonderful and varied library resources they provide.

This 10th Day of April, 2016


*Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr., Chairman
Ulster County Legislature*