

The Missing Chapters: Untold Stories of the Native American and African American Presence in the Mid-Hudson Valley

During this 5-hour workshop, teachers and librarians will explore the on-line exhibit titled, **The Missing Chapter: Untold Stories of the African American Presence in the Mid-Hudson Valley** and tour a new exhibit **Before Hudson: 8,000 Years of Native American History and Culture**. A major component of each exhibit is a curriculum based on local primary sources found at Historic Huguenot Street, the Ulster County Clerk's Office, and the Senate House Museum. The activities included in each curriculum were written with the NYS Social Studies test in mind.

Although the predominant perception of early African Americans in the United States tends to conjure up images of a shackled existence on Southern plantations, the story of the African American presence in the Mid-Hudson Valley remains comparatively untold. The on-line exhibit launched in 2008 by the Southeastern NY Library Resources Council helps fill that void. Photographs, Bills of Sale, Last Wills of Testament, Inventories, Vendues, Runaway Slave Notices and much more will provide a deeper understanding of slavery in NY in general, as well as the experiences and fates of specific local African Americans. By studying "The Missing Chapter", students should be able to connect the past with the present, and gain better perspective on the social injustices inherent in the world today.

Artifacts from archaeological digs at Historic Huguenot Street will help librarians and teachers learn more about the early inhabitants of the Hudson Valley. All participants will receive a free copy of "When Cultures Collide" a curriculum focusing on the Lenape People of the Hudson Valley.

Participants will have the opportunity to experience activities from both of the teaching packets. Also included in this workshop will be a tour of several of the historic houses on Huguenot Street and a trip to the archives to view historic documents.

- Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 (registration deadline - July 9, 2009)
- Time:** 9:00am – 3:00pm (a light lunch will be served)
- Location:** Deyo House Hall, 18 Broadhead Ave. Historic Hugenot St. New Paltz, NY 12561
(P)845-255-1660
- Instructor:** Susan Stessin-Cohn
- Audience:** This is a history focused workshop for all educators (classroom teachers, librarians, etc.) working with grades 4-8 but all are welcome.
- Cost:** \$20

Register online at www.dcbores.org/professionaldevelopment . Please make checks payable to Dutchess BOCES, with the notation, ***The Missing Chapters***, and mail to Dutchess BOCES SLS, 900 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. For assistance registering online, please contact Frances Hutman at 845-486-4840 x3031 or Rebecca Gerald at 845-486-4840 x3061.