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New Online Library Catalog Announced

2 Million books, DVDs, audio books and much more, at your fingertips!

(Hudson Valley, NY) – In celebration of National Library Week (April 18 through 24) the libraries of the Hudson Valley (in Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Putnam and Ulster counties) are announcing a new and improved way for the people of the Hudson Valley to access the materials of 66 public libraries.

The online Public Library Catalog allows you to search for, request, and renew library items online – all you need is your library card to take advantage of this efficient resource. You may access the catalog from any computer connected to the Internet – in the library or from your home, school or office.

The new Catalog boasts a user-friendly search interface, simple procedure to request and renew items, and access to your library record. Your password protected record displays the items you currently have checked out, your outstanding requests and saved searches.

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One of the most popular feature of the catalog, Request-a-Title, is still available and better than ever. Request-a-Title allows you to request any item, from any MHLS library, and have it delivered to the MHLS library your choice. A new bookcart icon next to each item in your search result list allows you to request books quicker, you can also create a list of items you'd like to request and submit one request for multiple items – saving you time and effort.

The public libraries of the Hudson Valley are committed to facilitating free access to information for the people of the region. The newly improved online catalog let's you access library resources when it's convenient for you and your busy lifestyle.

Find out what's new at your library today! To get started: Go to your local library or your library's web page. A list of library web pages can be found at

<http://midhudson.org/alpha.html>. Look for the Public Library Catalog button and you're in!

The screenshot shows the Mid-Hudson Library System Public Library Catalog search page. At the top left, the logo reads "Mid-Hudson Library System Public Library Catalog". To the right is a banner image of a suspension bridge at sunset. Below the logo is a navigation bar with links: "Check My Record", "Renew My Items", "My Favorite Searches", "Request-A-Title", and "Kids' Catalog". The search area includes a "Search by:" section with radio buttons for "Keyword" (selected), "Title", and "Author (Smith, John)". Below this is a "Search for:" text input field. A "Select location:" dropdown menu is set to "All Libraries", followed by a "Go" button. At the bottom, there is a "Search / Help" section with a grid of search options: MATERIAL TYPE, TITLE, AUTHOR, SUBJECT, OTHER CATALOGS, ADVANCED, ISBN/ISSN, TITLE/AUTHOR, CALL NUMBER, and MAGAZINES/NEWSPAPERS, each with a brief description of the search type.

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