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Saugerties Library wins state aid to improve energy efficiency

SAUGERTIES, N.Y. -- The Saugerties Public Library has received approximately \$21,000 from the state Energy Research and Development Authority.

The library, on Washington Avenue in the village, installed energy-efficient measures during the construction of its recent addition and renovation. The project will help reduce energy costs by more than \$12,000 annually and decrease electricity consumption by more than 76,000 kilowatt hours.

The \$21,000 from the state helps offset the incremental cost of the energy-efficient measures.

Major energy-efficiency improvements to the library include a closed geothermal ground loop using variable flow pumping and high-efficiency lighting design. The electricity savings of 76,000-plus kilowatt hours is equivalent to the amount of electricity consumed by 11 single-family homes annually and will be realized by the library every year.

For more information about the library, go to saugertiespubliclibrary.org.

New Paltz symposium focuses on future of public education

NEW PALTZ, N.Y. -- The Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach at SUNY New Paltz will hold

a symposium, "A 2020 Vision for Public Education in Ulster County," from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Student Union Building on the college campus.

The symposium aims to gather countywide education stakeholders to begin the process of proactively shaping a vision for the future of public education in Ulster County, according to a press release.

Thomas Hatch, co-director at the National Center for Restructuring Education, Schools and Teaching and an associate professor at Teachers College, Columbia University, will be the plenary speaker. State Sen. Cecelia Tkaczyk will deliver the luncheon keynote address. [Continued...](#)

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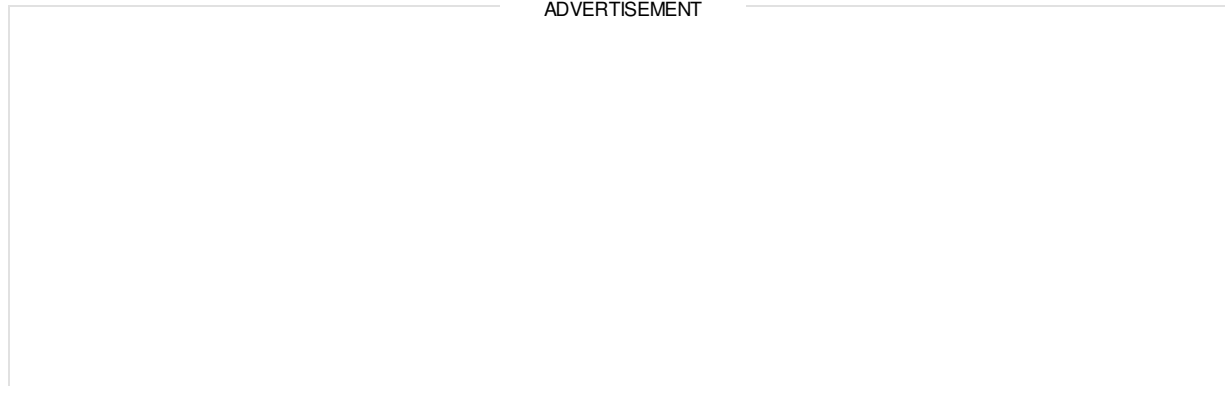
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