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HART LIBRARY RECIPIENT OF CREATIVE AGING GRANT

Creative Aging in New York State Libraries: A Regional Model with National Applicability

The Family of Women:

A Creative Writing Adventure into the Journey of Women's Lives

The John C. Hart Memorial Library is pleased to accept the Creative Aging Grant to fund an exciting new program, *The Family of Women: A Creative Writing Adventure into the Journey of Women's Lives* this fall. *Creative Aging in New York State Libraries: A Regional Model with National Applicability*, is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, with additional support from the Helen Andrus Benedict Foundation, and is administered in partnership with Westchester Library System, Lifetime Arts Inc. and American Library Association's Public Programs Office.

The emerging field of "creative aging" focuses on the positive and powerful role of the arts in enhancing the quality of life for older Americans. Instead of viewing aging as a period of decline, proponents of creative aging recognize growing older as a time of life with abundant but untapped potential for personal growth and enhanced well-being. Building on this information, the Westchester Library System and Lifetime Arts, Inc. have designed this grant program to promote creative aging projects in New York State's libraries. Funding was determined by an expert panel which included representatives from the arts, aging and library fields. The panel was impressed by the intensity and thoroughness of the proposal from the Hart Library for a remarkable creative writing program, *The Family of Women: A Creative Writing Adventure into the Journey of Women's Lives*.

The program will run Fridays, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM, September 7 – November 16, 2012 with a public culminating reception and reading of select works on Saturday, November 17 at 2:00 PM.

The creative writing program is FREE and open to the public, age 55 and older, but registration is required- at the Reference Desk or call 914-245-5262, x-227. For more information on the program email MOBrien@wlsmail.org.

The library is located at 1130 Main Street, Shrub Oak, NY 10588. See the website at www.yorktownlibrary.org for directions. For more information on any Hart Library programs, please call the library at (914) 245-5262 x 227.

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