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Oradell Public Library

Fall, 2013 Newsletter



We were the Grand Marshal!

That's right. By designation of the Mayor and Council, in recognition of the library's 100th birthday, we were selected to be the Grand Marshal of the Fourth of July parade.

Tony Ciccotelli, Engineering Technology teacher at River Dell Middle School built our birthday cake, and Melissa Miller and Rachel Crawford, along with a group of students decorated it. The Oradell DPW provided a flat bed trailer and Friends of the Library finished the float.



As you can see below, a large contingent of library staff, Trustees, Members of the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation marched in the parade. This large and enthusiastic group of supporters made for a very lively and exciting lead-off to the Oradell Fourth of July parade. ■



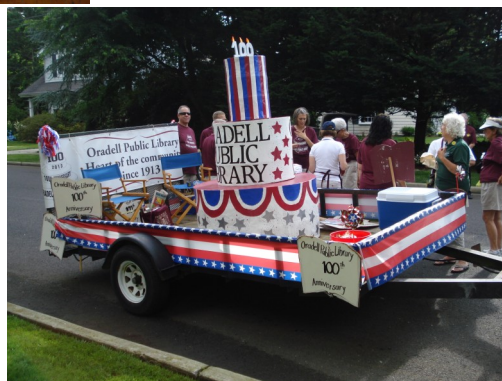
Look to the Fall!

As always, your programming planning committee has been hard at work putting together a diverse and interesting group of programs for your enjoyment this fall.

September 16, at 7 pm, June Levine will talk about "Eating on the Go", a nutrition program. This will be presented in conjunction with the Farmer's Market.

September 24, at 7 pm, Kevin Woyce will return, this time to talk about The Great Falls at Paterson and the Paterson Silk Strike of 1913. This program continues the 100th anniversary celebration of the Oradell Library. [This program has been generously underwritten by RE/MAX Real Estate LTD.](#)

September 30, at 7 pm, Chris Campanioni, a local author, will be present for a discussion of his new book, *Going Down*, and will stay for a book signing.



October 14, at 7 pm, Richard Muti will talk about his *Essays for My Father*, essays about immigrant experience, history, and politics. (Italian-American Heritage - Columbus Day)

October 25, 1 pm, Naomi McDermott, who is with Care One, and will speak about Medicare open

enrollment. This is part of the biannual spring and autumn lecture series for seniors and health-care providers.

October 29, at 7 pm, Tommy Meyers, Lou Azzolini, and the Fort Lee Film Commission will present "The Movies in 1913". This is another program set within the time frame of the founding of the Oradell Library. [This program has been generously underwritten by Mr. Cupcakes of Oradell.](#)

November 4, at 7 pm, Elliot Passantino will offer a lively discussion on the "History of Horror Film" for Halloween.

November 25, at 7 pm, Captain Bill Sheehan, the Hackensack Riverkeeper will address the subject, "The Meadowlands after Hurricane Sandy".

We hope to see you at the Library for all the many programs, displays, and services we offer you for FREE! ■

Dianne Daniele, Program co-Chair

Local History Room

We continue to make great strides in cataloging and preserving all the wonderful pictures and other memorabilia relating to Oradell's history in your Local History Room. As a matter of fact, during the summer, we processed the 11,800th picture. That's an amazing number of photos documenting the development and growth of our community.

In addition, we now have 95 books and pamphlets about the art of Ellsworth Kelly, the internationally famous artist who grew up in Oradell. You will have read about him in our last newsletter, and how lucky we were to have him come to our 100th anniversary party. In fact, he had such a good time, that when he went home, he selected 39 posters from exhibits around the world, and donated them to the library. A wonderful addition to our collection.

As you know, in the last few years I have been fortunate to have had the assistance of a number of volunteers. I have introduced each and every one of them to you because I like to keep you aware of the outstanding volunteers who have been so helpful in cataloging our wonderful collection.

My most recent helper is Michael Nair, a senior at River Dell, who has spent his entire life in New Jersey. He was born in Glen Ridge, raised in Hackensack, and now lives in Oradell. He has always been interested in New Jersey's history, especially the towns he has lived in. Of course, right now his focus of interest is Oradell. He's very generous with his time, and is willing to take on any task he's assigned, even if it isn't the most exciting job in the History Room.



[And don't forget. You can visit the archives on the first Friday of each month from 1-5 pm. ■](#)

George Carter, Borough Archivist/Historian

Library Foundation

It was a very pleasant surprise in July when the Library Foundation received an unexpected check from McGraw Hill Financial for \$5,000. The contribution was made in honor of Eileen Gabriele, who serves on the Library Board of Trustees, and who was wrapping up a 23-year career with McGraw Hill to start her own communications consulting practice.

McGraw Hill knew of Eileen's commitment to the Library as she had worked on the Library's capital campaign and had

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secured a contribution from McGraw Hill then. Eileen's career at McGraw Hill included guiding its philanthropic activities, launching its corporate responsibility platform and creating the McGraw Hill Research Foundation. A gift to the Library was the perfect way to recognize Eileen's contributions to the company.

Eileen continues to be an active Trustee, currently serving as Chair of the Library's 100th Anniversary Wine Tasting Fundraiser that will be held in November. This will be the third and final event in this year-long celebration of the Library's Anniversary.

Stay tuned for more information about this exciting culmination of the Library's 100th Anniversary year. ■

Director's Corner

As the Director of the Oradell Public Library during its centennial year (1913 – 2013) I continue to be proud of the work that the 100th Anniversary Committee, especially its Chair Mary Margaret Carter, and others have been doing to bring to the Library a year's worth of outstanding programs and events, not to mention books and other materials, all related to Oradell, public libraries, and the year 1913, for the benefit of the community.

On Thursday, July 4, 2013 I proudly marched in the Oradell Independence Day parade with Library Board President Sheila Sterling, Library Board Secretary Claire Beslow, Library Board Treasurer Anne Sullivan, Library Board Schools Liaison Carol Blakeslee, Library Board Trustee James Lessersohn and his wife Louise Lessersohn, staff members Donna Z. Sweatlock, Mary Margaret Carter, Denise Maxson, Nancy Madden and her grandsons, Linda Van Valkenburgh, Alexis Abssy, Lorain Clarke, Doris Winterberg, and of the Friends of the Library Joseph Colella, Lee Rametta, and Jean Weisel and her son Tom, who grew up in Oradell, and his nephew, Oradell Public Library Foundation President Kate McGivern, as well as patrons of the Library. Library Board Trustee Ruth Camins and Vice-President of the Friends of the Library Tony Aurigemma rode in convertible cars.

We wore maroon 100th Anniversary of the Library T-shirts with white lettering. After the parade itself and on behalf of the Library as Grand Marshal of the parade I led the Pledge of Allegiance and accepted from the Oradell Beautification Committee this year's Beautification Award.

Although Oradell is said to be sleepy in July and August with many families traveling, we thought we wanted to keep the programming light. Rather, we had more programs than ever with record crowds for a number of our evening events, including Verismo Opera and Oradell's Chito Dakay (music), Graham Clarke (music), and James Lessersohn (baseball). ■

John J. Trause, Library Director

Youth Department Librarian

For some, January represents changes. For others, it's Spring.
For the Junior Room, its September!

Coming down from all the excitement of Summer Reading, we start back up with our regularly scheduled Fall Storytime. We begin the week of September 23rd with 4 Storytimes per week: Baby & Me (0-24 months) on Mondays at 10:30 AM, Toddler Time (2-3.5 yrs) on Mondays at 11:30 AM, Preschool Adventures (3.5 – 5 yrs) on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM and also on Thursdays at 2:00 PM. There is no registration, just come on by!

In addition to Storytime, we will have a few special events, as well as new "regular" events that we are very excited to announce:

LEGO Club will start in October. We also will have the extremely popular Crafty Afternoons as a more frequent addition to our calendar.

Our Spooktacular Saturday will once again be the Saturday before Halloween and will feature a themed Storytime, drop-in crafts, and a Teen Advisory Board event. Come in costume and go Trick-or-Treating through out the library!

A local Girl Scout Troop will be hosting a Fancy Nancy Storytime. This is perfect for younger readers or emerging readers.

What better way to celebrate International Game Day in November than with Minute To Win It games. You know when you laugh so hard you can barely breathe and tears run down the face? This is it!

Our much-anticipated Pokémon Meet Up will also take place in November.

The next *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* book comes out in the beginning of November. To celebrate, we will hold a cartoon contest the week before.

Looking for something to do when school is closed between Christmas and New Years? Check out our schedule for a special Storytime, afternoon movies, and more!

We will once again be hosting a card-making event. In addition to the local nursing home residents, we plan to make cards this year to also send to our troops and veterans.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meetings are the first Tuesday of every month and are open to all students in grades 6 through 12. I can't say enough good things about how great this group is. And it counts towards volunteer hours!

From now through the rest of the year, we are asking all children to vote for their favorite books in the Garden State Children's Book Awards. See the display in the Junior Room. Just by voting, you have the opportunity to be entered in a raffle to win a prize.

Teens can currently choose their favorite Young Adult book in the national Teens Top Ten Awards. The results will be

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announced at the end of Teen Read Week, which takes place the week of October 14th. Teens are encouraged to stop by the YA room regularly to check out recommended books, fun lists, and activities just for them.

Besides a full fall schedule, the Junior Room is currently working on lists and online content to help you easily find reading recommendations,

To be kept on top of events and news in the Junior Room, please visit us in the Junior Department. Can't make it in easily? Email me at Robin.Rockman@bccls.org to be added to the Junior Room newsletter.

Several of these programs have been generously underwritten by KinderSmiles of Oradell. ■

Robin Rockman Youth Services Librarian

Information Services Librarian

The next best thing to reading a really good book is discussing it. Oradell Library offers two regularly scheduled adult book discussions every month. Anyone is welcome to join; registration is not required and you can usually pick up the current month's selection at the library. Both of our book clubs, which typically meet in the North Reading room, read a wide array of books including fiction, non-fiction and classics.

Typically, the Oradell Morning Book Club meets the last Tuesday of each month, 11 a.m.

Upcoming meetings are:

-Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 11 a.m. – *The Flight of Gemma Hardy* by Margot Livesey

-Tuesday, October 29, 2013, 11 a.m. - *The Dressmaker* by Kate Alcott

Typically, The Oradell Evening Book Club meets the third Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m.

Upcoming meetings are:

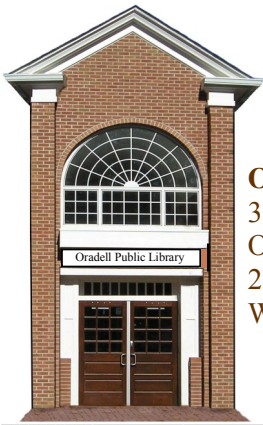
-Wednesday, September 18, 2013, 7 p.m.: *Midwives, a Novel* by Chris Bohjalian.

-Wednesday, October 16, 2013, 7 p.m.: *The Book of Salt* by Monique Truong.

Book club flyers are posted each month on the library's bulletin board (directly above the copy machine on the main floor). For book club information online, you can visit the library's home page at: <http://oradell.bccls.org/> or you can directly link to the library's book club page at: <http://oradell.bccls.org/services/adultbookclub.html>. Book club selections and meeting dates are also posted on Facebook.

Visit us on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OradellPublicLibrary> for the latest in library news and information. You don't need a facebook account to visit us but if you do, click on "like us" to keep informed of upcoming programs at the Oradell Library.

Linda Pabian, Information Services Librarian



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Library Hours:

Monday – Wednesday	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursday – Saturday	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

The Friends of the Library

Museum Passes

Just in case you aren't aware of it, the Friends of the Library is responsible for the new Museum Pass Program at the Oradell Library. As the result of the outstanding response from many of our members, we were able to purchase passes to eleven local area museums. In fact, we will be purchasing additional vouchers for the Museum of Natural History very soon.

If you are not aware of this program, please stop by the library and pick up one of our brochures that details and describes the museums for which we have passes or vouchers. This is a marvelous opportunity, and you should take advantage of it.

Three of our members participated in the research that led up to the decision as to which museums we would support. These members were Amy Syracuse, Linda Lyons, and Jean Weisel. As a result of their effort, and it was a monumental job, they were able to put together a nearly 40 page manual of museums in the Tri-State area. A copy is available at the front desk of the library for you to read and study. Please ask to borrow it.

In addition, they selected eleven museums that they felt matched

the criteria they had set, such as patron interest, reasonable price, relatively easy travel, etc.

These are the museums they selected, and for which the library has either passes or vouchers.

- ◆ American Museum of Natural History & Planetarium
- ◆ Frick Collection
- ◆ Guggenheim Museum
- ◆ Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum
- ◆ Montclair Art Museum
- ◆ Museum of the City of New York
- ◆ New Jersey Children's Museum
- ◆ New York Historical Society
- ◆ Storm King Art Center
- ◆ The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms
- ◆ Yogi Berra Museum

If there are others you would be particularly interested in, please leave a note to the Friends of the Library at the front desk. The committee will give consideration to all requests. ■

George Carter, Secretary/Treasurer

Library Meetings are held in the Lower Level Meeting Room:
Board of Trustee Meetings, Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Friends of the Library Meetings, Third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.