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Adult Programs

The Program Committee has been hard at work, locating and arranging for an exciting group of performances for you to attend. Some are repeat performances by entertainers who have been so warmly received that they deserve a second, or even a third initiation.

And so, with this Newsletter, we extend an invitation to you to come out and enjoy the performances we have scheduled for you.

Monday, June 16 at 7:00 pm.

Oradell resident, Chito Dakay is returning to the library to perform a concert titled, "Cover to Cover", featuring guitar and voice, focusing largely on the works of James Taylor. [This program has been generously underwritten by Basralian Funeral Home of Oradell.](#)



Monday, July 14 at 7:00 pm.

On Bastille Day itself, commercial and fine arts photographer Ray Turkin returns to present his photography travelogue titled, "Paris, Ooh, La La!". He will be delving into a little French history and will tell us what makes Paris. . . Paris. Ray's programs have always proved to be delightful to watch.

Monday, July 21 at 7:00 pm.

A week after the All-Star Break, an event that gets us all ready for a special program on the National Pastime. Oradell resident, James Lessersohn will return to present the lecture titled, "The History of Baseball Stadiums".

Wednesday, July 30 at 7:00 pm.

The Verismo Opera will return for their regular summer engagement with an exciting program of popular arias that have been performed in recent performances at the Bergen Performing Arts Center. Ms. Amara, a Metropolitan Opera soprano will be joining the other talented singers from past productions. [This program has been generously underwritten by Volk-Leber Funeral Home of Oradell.](#)

2014 is the 100th Anniversary of "Perils of Pauline", so we will be planning for a viewing of a restored copy of the film, courtesy of the Fort Lee Film Commission.

The library is also looking into offering a workshop on "How to Manage Chronic Illness". This workshop for patients and caregivers will be covered in more detail in upcoming bulletins.

Youth Department Librarian

The Junior Room programming calendar will slow down a little in the next few weeks, but that's just the "calm before the storm" as we finalize and promote our 2014 Summer Reading Program. And never was that phrase more accurate! Weather is just one of the fun topics that we will go over as part of this year's Summer Reading Program.

The two programs this year are Spark a Reaction (7th grade through 12th grade) and Fizz Boom Read (Grades 6 and under).

Each reading program is designed to encourage voluntary, recreational reading, which has been strongly linked to increased literacy skills. Students that continue to read over the summer are more likely to be better prepared for the new school year, combating "summer slide", the phenomenon of students losing some of the skills they gained during the past school year.

What is new this year? We are very proud to be expanding our Early Literacy program to include infants. The focus with our non-readers is less on how many books you read with your child, and will instead incorporate a variety of important activities that embrace interaction and learning about the world around us (in addition to reading, of course!).

Our core Fizz Boom Read program for grades 1 through 6 will switch to counting minutes. For those that attend Oradell Public School, this will hopefully make it easier to log reading, as it will align with the school's summer reading assignment.

We also will be using Evanced, which allows for logging reading online from the comfort of home or on your mobile devices. This will be accessible from our website, www.oradell.bccls.org.

Fizz Boom Read and Spark a Reaction are science themes, and will be incorporated throughout our events. You're likely to see volcanoes, rockets, robots, building sculptures with marshmallows, t-shirt tie-dying, movies, lots of LEGOs, maybe even some magic, as well as some events that have absolutely nothing to do with the theme such as a Pancake Storytime and Breakfast, Stuffed Animal Sleepover, and our 2nd annual Family Puzzle competition.

Our schedule will be announced in June, as will the specifics of this year's program. In the meanwhile, save the date to join us on Monday, June 23rd at 7:00 PM for a fantastic Kick-Off Party featuring Jester Jim, who is hysterically funny and amazingly talented. He puts on a great show and this is one you do not want to miss! Our Kick-Off Party will also open up sign-ups for those events that require registration. Last year, almost all of our events were filled to capacity, so secure your spot at the party!

Local History Room

I have been very fortunate this spring to have had a marvelous group of volunteers helping me in the Local History Room and elsewhere.

High School history professor, Michael O'Toole, invited me to speak to his History Luncheon group to tell them about my projects, and to solicit their help. Two young men stepped forward immediately

John Suozzo and Henry Wang offered to help doing research at the Johnson Library in Hackensack, and Alison Garcia and Morgan Smith came to help in the History Room. Work at the Johnson Library is important because it is the main repository for all microfilms of the Bergen Democrat and Bergen Republican, the two early newspapers for Bergen County.

Thanks to the four of them, remarkable things have been accomplished. Here's a brief note about each student.



"My name is John Suozzo, and I am currently a junior at River Dell High School. I have always shared a love for history since I was very young, and I was very happy to get involved interning on historical projects in Oradell. I researched at the

Johnson Public Library in Hackensack, where I read through ten years (1889-1899) of the Bergen County Democrat, a weekly newspaper which contained information about the Oradell Stock Farms, and the Lozier family, specifically John B. Lozier, a wealthy man who owned a large farm in Oradell where he bred racehorses. This research was beneficial to my studies as well, as reading the newspaper from the 1890s served as a great supplement to my studies in history class at River Dell. In addition to history, my other focus in life is golf. I have played for the River Dell High School team for the last three years, and it's a passion of my life outside of school. "

Henry Wang is a senior at River Dell High School. He really enjoys working with history and working with Mr. Carter has really



helped him learn more about the local area. Next year, Henry will be attending the Stern School of Business at NYU.



One of the young ladies who has been helping me in the Local History Room is Alison Garcia. She is a Junior at River Dell High School. She is involved in the history Club and the Political Club and hopes to find herself enrolled in NYU's Pre-Law program after graduation.

She is involved in many other clubs at school, ranging from Academic organizations to community service clubs. She is also "passionately" involved in Saint Joseph's church where she leads the Target Youth Group, and helps Freshmen who are looking to be confirmed through TEAM.

Alison is involved in the River Dell Peer Leadership program where she has the

opportunity to speak to freshmen about social issues and to guide them through high school.

And finally, I have Morgan Smith working with me who wrote this about herself.



"I'm currently a junior at River Dell High School with a passion for journalism and psychology (future college major/minor). I'm a cheerleader, I have been cheering since I was six. I am also very involved in the school's publications. I serve as an editor in chief of both the newspaper and yearbook, and avidly contribute to the literary magazine. My favorite part of



working on these publications is definitely seeking out interesting people in the school to interview and learning more about our school through keeping track of the events that go on in our community. I love teaching people new things about RDHS

through the publications!

When I'm not working on these publications, I'm either hiking, working at the archives office or reading. My favorite book is The Great Gatsby, while my favorite play is either Othello or Macbeth. I love the magazine The Atlantic as well! In the future I hope to attend a university and get my Bachelor's degree in journalism and pursue a masters in the field at Columbia University. If all goes well, I would love to work as an editor or journalist at a major publication!

I love organizing files and doing research at the Archives Office and polishing my investigative journalism skills!" ©

Director's Corner

In Oradell we are fortunate to have a beautiful library with excellent collections, a dedicated staff, and many volunteers who give generously of their time. We are also fortunate to have residents who support the Library financially through contributions to the Library, The Friends of the Library and the Oradell Public Library Foundation. These donations relieve the taxpayers of funding expenditures for capital projects, special collections and library programs. As always, we are grateful for this support and know that this support continues, and it is a great pleasure for me to serve such a community as the Library Director.

However, even with these donations, the operating funds provided to the Library by the Borough are no longer sufficient to cover the costs associated with running a library that serves the needs of our patron base appropriately. While we are grateful that the Borough did not *cut* our funding this year, the flat budget just passed by the Mayor and Council will nevertheless necessitate further reductions in Library services – a situation which we deeply regret and which we have done everything to avoid.

Over the past five years, the Library Board of Trustees has exhaustively reviewed every line item in the budget to make cuts and reduce expenses wherever possible. We have cut purchases of books and other materials. We have withheld raises. We have deferred technology purchases. We have renegotiated all vendor contracts. We have cut hours of operation and we have reduced staff. Even from my first week of service as Library Director, beginning on March 1, 2010, I have been involved in this ongoing work of making a slim budget work in coordination with a very smart and hard-working Library Board.

But, in spite of those efforts, the reality is that the funds available to operate the Library today are 19% lower than they were five years ago, and health care expenses (which are outside of our control) now account for approximately 14% of our annual budget. So, while our annual appropriations from the Borough have been going down or remaining flat, the prices for most items associated with running the Library have been going up.

It is against this backdrop that we were forced to implement another round of cuts in service hours, staffing, and materials. To that end, the Library will be closed on Saturdays from May 24, 2014 through August 30, 2014 (Memorial Day – Labor Day). Additionally, the Junior Room will close at 7:00 p.m. Monday – Wednesday year-round beginning on June 2, 2014.

When we presented our budget proposal earlier this year, we had hoped not only to avoid further cuts, but also to reinstitute the Sunday hours that we were forced to cut several years ago and that residents continue to tell us they would like to see restored.

While we are disappointed with the outcome of this year's budget process and its impact on Library service and operations, the commitment of the Board, staff and Library volunteers to try to maintain exemplary levels of service and quality programming remains undiminished. ■

John J. Trause, Library Director

Information Services Librarian

I would like to take a moment to highlight some exciting **new** features on The Bergen County Cooperative Library System (BCCLS)'s website.

One of the new features is the Web Subject Guides. This is a handy list of reliable websites, categorized by topic. For example, you could search for a job, locate a local doctor or find a new recipe. Each website was selected and researched by the BCCLS Collection Development team. To view the Web Subject Guides, go to BCCLS's Home page at <http://www.bccls.org/>. Hover over **Digital Collections**, then, click on Web Subject Guides. The direct link is: http://www.bccls.org/digital_collections/web_subject_guides.shtml.

Web Subject Guides	
Art	Literature
Biography	Medicine/Health
Business/Finance	Music
Cars	New Jersey
Collectibles	News
Consumer Information	Performing Arts
Cooking	Religion
Education	Science/Technology
Employment/Career	Social Customs
Genealogy	Sports
General Resources	Statistics
Government	Taxes
History	Travel & Geography
Language	Weather
Law	

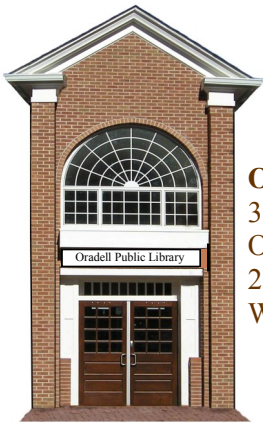
Another new feature is BCCLS's new system-wide online calendar. Click on the calendar (upper right hand corner) on BCCLS's home page or go directly to: <http://events.bccls.org> to view (and maybe even register for) library events throughout BCCLS libraries.

Oradell Library's calendar can be viewed there or directly at our website at: <http://oradell.bccls.org/>. With such events as author visits, book discussion groups, children story times, and Teen Game nights, something fun is always happening at the Oradell Library!

Looking for Information? You can now access full-text articles, journals, and more— right from the BCCLS catalog. First, login at My Account (using your library card number and password/pin.). Enter your search term(s) and click on GO. Next, click on the text **"Include full-text articles, journals, and more"**. Select the database(s) that you wish to search and then, click on the **Set Databases** button. If you don't see what you want and want more results, click on **Get more results**.

Need further assistance, book/media recommendations or have questions, please don't hesitate to call (201-262-2613, ext. 110), email (lindapabian@bccls.org) or visit me at the Library. ■

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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

Those of you who have been coming to the evening performances put on by the Friends of the Library will have noticed the new folding chairs that are in use. These were purchased by the Friends last year, and have made getting ready for evening events less disruptive, and easier to arrange. It is through your membership donations that purchases such as these are possible.

If you have young children, you should know that the Friends of the Library pay for all the children’s programs that are presented upstairs, as well as all the refreshments that are served. In addition, we supply all the materials that Ms. Rockman needs for the Summer Reading Program, and other programs that she carries out throughout the year.

I mention this, and I could mention other things we do, because over 100 of you who were members in 2013 have not yet renewed your membership for 2014. Quite simply, We need your support in order to continue all the things we do for the library. Won’t you consider responding today?

By the way, this newsletter is paid for entirely by the Friends of the Library.

And to all those of you who have answered our call for help, thank you very much.
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In case you missed the notice, the monthly meeting of the Friends of the Library is now on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Because the conference room is being used, we meet on the second floor in the activities area. Why not come on out and join us. The sun stays up late these days, and we welcome new thoughts and ideas.

Don’t forget, we have library book bags for sale, along with the two Oradell History books, and other items. ■

George Carter
 Secretary/Treasurer

- Oradell History Books:
- 75th Anniversary \$5.00
 - 100th Anniversary \$15.00
- Illustrated Note Cards \$10.00
 Our Library Book Bag \$10.00

Sale items are available at the front desk.

Library Meetings
 Board of Trustee, Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Lower Level Room
 Friends of the Library, First Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., Youth Department