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THE BOOKMARK

Oradell Public Library

Summer, 2015 Newsletter



Adult Programs

We were pleased to welcome Pat Schuber again for a visually stunning program about "Cuba". Oh, those old cars. Pat will be back again during 2016 with a program on the 100th anniversary of "The Troubles" in Ireland in 1916.

Marty Albom shocked us with all his information of the Japanese Relocation Camps on Remembrance Day. He shared stories and poems and highlighted the legal difficulties we experienced in keeping innocent American citizens locked up in camps. Many of these men and women joined the U.S. Army and served honorably.

Jane Prendergast is the author of an award-winning original play about the immigrant experience, the "Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire", and how many of us survive in spite of many obstacles.

Mary Lou Lordi thrilled us with an exhibit and informal talk on the Holocaust. One gentleman in the audience heard his first lecture on the subject since coming to this country and was especially happy to learn about this horrible event.

The Newark Museum presented a Power Point presentation of Women Artists and Women in the Arts. We hope to have them back next year for a presentation of "The History of Newark and the Ballantine House."

Rich Fritzky, a motivational speaker, shared his many health challenges with a spellbound audience. He concentrated on all he has done since his life was changed by this neurological disease.

To fill out the May schedule, Kevin Woyce was back with a power point offering on Bridges of Manhattan. He has been here before with programs on the Jersey Shore, Lighthouses, and Paterson and has several more programs in the works.

In addition to our wonderful spring programs we are looking forward to our upcoming summer offerings.

Susanna Rich will be here on June 15 with her lively baseball program. [This program has been generously underwritten by Mr. Joseph M. Colella, Esq., an attorney with offices in River Edge.](#)



The Sierra Club will provide information on Black Bears in a presentation called "Bear Smart NJ" on June 23.

On June 29 the Bergen County High School Poetry Contest Winners and Pegasus Magazine will be at the library.

The Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey will present "Romeo and Juliet" on June 30.

Chito Dakay will be back at the library on July 6 with his enjoyable guitar work in the James Taylor style.

Verismo Opera will be here on July 20. [This program has been generously underwritten by the Basralian Funeral Home.](#)

Peter Greco will put in an appearance on July 22. [This program has been generously underwritten by Mr. Cupcakes of Oradell.](#)

Spectrum for Living will be giving us an informative and important program about how to care for the developmentally delayed adults in our community.

Medicare has requested a special program, and we are currently planning an educational and informative offering with them.

"Parents and Discipline" will also be offered during the summer. Robin Rockman is coordinating that program with the Friends.

Troy Diana, the playwright, will be sharing his award winning new play when he returns from the Edinburgh Play Festival.

Tibor and Robert Sands will be thrilling us with their personal experiences.....[Movies Made In and Around Manhattan.](#) Orson Welles will be the subject of an exhaustive analysis of his wonderful movies.

"Intolerance" and "Birth of a Nation" will also be presented and discussed.

Appomattox will be the subject of an enjoyable evening by the talented Mrs. Lordi who gave us the Civil War and Reenactment information.

A timely program on coyotes is in the works. ■

Dianne Daniele
Programming Committee

Local History

Something very exciting happened in the Local History Room this spring. We were given the gift of six one-hour videos of home movies about the Blauvelt Family. We are very excited because there are still a few people in Oradell who can provide the names of many of the people, both adults and children, who are pictured in these movies.

In order to catalog the movies properly, we are fortunate to have the services of Ms. Morgan Smith, a graduating Senior from River Dell who has agreed to come to help as part of the high school's Senior Service program. Morgan has actually been helping out in the History Room for more than a year, but now works five hours a day, five days a week for five weeks.



Morgan is viewing each of the movies and marking the start and stop times for each and every scene. In addition, she is making notes about what is happening in each scene. We will then have Jim Bellis, and possibly other people, view the films and comment as to when the picture was taken, who is in the picture, the location of the movie, etc. In this way, a very detailed analysis of each film will be made available.



These films are valuable because they provide a glimpse into aspects of Oradell life that few people know about. Did you know that there was a polo field right here in Oradell? It was at the end of Oradell Avenue just across Grant Avenue. The Blauvelts played there, as did other people in and around Oradell.

In fact, some of the horses used to play polo were bred right

here in Oradell at the famous Oradell Stock Farm, which was situated just to the north of the Blauvelt estate. So Oradell was a country place, and we have the pictures to prove it.



George Carter, Borough Archivist

Director's Corner

Director's Corner for *The Book Mark* June 2015

Dear Neighbors, Patrons, Supporters, and Colleagues,

In my last Director's Corner (February 2015), I wrote about some of the various ways that the Library relies on volunteer support, namely:

The Friends of the Library

The Oradell Public Library Foundation

Library Champions

No more was this support more evident than in the reaction to the Mayor and Council's decision to keep the Library's funding flat since 2012, which resulted in the unfortunate cut in the Library's service hours from 54 to 44, including the Library being closed all day on Thursdays.

The Friends of the Library mounted a campaign to express their support of the Library and allowed others to do so, which really made a difference.

I just want to thank you all for your show of support in our ongoing commitment to restoring appropriate funding to the Oradell Public Library and to providing excellent service to the community. The cut in service hours was very painful to me and the Library staff, since we love serving this community. Because of your efforts, the Mayor and Council have heard your voices, and they sat down with us to start working on providing increased funding for the Library in 2015 and as we look forward to the future. Their resolution to appropriate



\$20,000 of additional funding allowed us to restore as of June 1st the ten service hours that were cut in May.

Lest anyone forget, please continue to let the Mayor and Council know how you feel about this wonderful library, so that it remains the Heart of the Community we all profess it to be. ■

John J. Trause
Library Director

Youth Department Librarian

This year our Summer Reading Program for all children, starting at birth through high school, is Every Hero Has a Story.

We'll be having fun with Superheroes and also sidekicks. We will be learning about our real life heroes, from those that dedicate their lives to helping others, as well as the every day heroes in our own lives: the parents, grandparents, and friends that make our world a better place. And we will most definitely be celebrating the hero within all of us as we create our own story.

An extra component of this year's program is that the Friends of the Oradell Public Library, on behalf of the Oradell summer reading participants, will be making a donation of books to worthwhile organizations that put new books in the hands of children and communities most in need. The more the children read and record, the larger the donation will be made. We'll be making our own superhero capes this summer and will be able to wear them proudly by being a hero to others.



We will start Summer Reading with a "pre-program" of drop-in Make YOUR Bookmark Monday, June 22nd through Wednesday, June 24th, while supplies last.

Our Kick-off party will be held Wednesday, June 24th with the Scientetellers. They will start at 7:00, so come early because this is the show that you do not want to miss! It is magic, it is exciting, it is hands-on, and it will knock your socks off!



If you would like to be added to the Junior Room

newsletter, please email Robin.Rockman@oradell.bccls.org. This is the easiest and most direct way to be alerted of all programming news and updates taking place in the Junior Room. ■

Robin Rockman, Youth Department Librarian

Information Services Librarian

Oradell Public Library is excited to announce another new free online service, Hoopla.

Thanks to a BCCLS partnership with Hoopla Digital, you can now access on a computer or download to a mobile device over 200,000 streaming and downloadable movies, television shows, music albums and audiobook. All you need is a valid library card.

You can borrow up to 8 titles per month and all titles are always available; there are NO holds.

For further information on how you can get started on this free online service, go to the Library's website at: <http://oradell.bccls.org>. Scroll down the home page and click on "Get Started" under the Hoopla heading.

Did you know that thanks to the generous support from the Oradell Public Library Foundation and its on-going commitment to supporting local history resources, library users can access Ancestry.com at the Oradell Public Library.

The Ancestry Library Edition collection has thousands of databases and billions of indexed names from key collections spanning from the 14th century to present day. You can search such collections as the U.S. Federal Census images and indexes from 1790 to 1940, the *Social Security Death Index* (updated monthly); *WWI Draft Registration Cards*; state census records, birth, marriage, and military records as well as passenger and immigrations lists. Ancestry Library Edition updates continually, with more indexes and original images added all the time. Come in the Library and discover your unique personal history.

Interested in joining a Book Club? Oradell Library has two very active book clubs. All are welcome.

Upcoming Meetings:

Oradell Morning Book Club

Tuesday, June 02, 2015 – 11 a.m. – The group will discuss: Lisa See's *China Dolls*.

Tuesday, June 30, 2015 – 11 a.m. – The group will discuss: Jayne Anne Phillips' *Quiet Dell*.

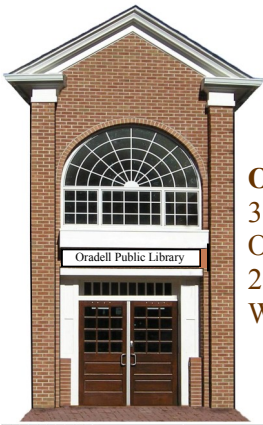
Oradell Evening Book Club – meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 – 7 p.m. – The group will discuss: M.L. Stedman's *The Light Between Oceans*.

Have a computer or gadget question? Tech-Savvy Girl Scouts will be available June 2nd & July 1st 3:30-4:30 pm for free, individual sessions of instruction. Contact Catherine Sattely at sattelyc19@student.riverdell.org.

If you need assistance with reading recommendations, research, locating or using library materials, resources and/or services, please do not hesitate to call ((201) 262-2613, ext. 110), email (linda.pabian@oradell.bccls.org) or just see me at the library. I will do my best to help you, just ask. ■

Linda Pabian, Information Services Librarian



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Library Hours:

Monday – Wednesday	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
	(Junior Room closes at 7:00 p.m.)
Thursday – Friday	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	Closed

The Friends of the Library

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU !!

Our spring pledge drive is winding down, and the Friends Steering Committee want to thank everyone who helped make it a great success. The generous donations we have received will go a long way to help us in our effort to support the library.

What puzzles us is that nearly 100 of you who supported us last year have not been heard from. It must be obvious that the library needs support, and we are certainly a group who are trying our hardest to do it, within the bounds of our Charter, of course.

So, come on! Hop on board! Give us your support and help us do good things for our library.

THE STEERING COMMITTEE

You may be wondering what the Steering Committee is.

The Committee consists of eight individuals who meet once a month to talk about the Friends, their finances, the membership, programs, and new or old items of business. Eight out of a membership that last year exceeded 520. We wish there were more!!!

We're looking for new thoughts and new ideas. Someone special we could use right now would be a person to help evaluate museums before we buy passes or vouchers.

Please consider joining us as a more active member, and come and contribute to our work on the Steering Committee. ■

Thank You

Library Meetings
 Board of Trustees, 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