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Oradell Public Library

Summer, 2016 Newsletter



Adult Programs

One of the most exciting evenings for our community was the celebration of the Beat Generation through the National Beat Poetry Festival. We joined other famous cities throughout the country to hold our own celebration; cities like New York, San Francisco and other poetry centers. We are right up there with the best.

Nine of us read a favorite and/or significant poem from that time period.

The evening was arranged by our noted director John J. Trause, a poet himself, and our Programming Committee.



Several Beat poets and musicians were celebrated, but we had an extra added attraction: Two of our Friends' members bravely added their own contribution.

Mary Margaret Carter relayed the story of her acquaintance with



Singer and guitarist, Chito Dakay

Hettie Jones, wife of Amiri Baraka. They were in college together and have had some correspondence since that time.

Dianne Daniele added her own take on this exciting period of our literary history in her talk.

“Where Were the Women?” Very few women poets were represented in this movement, and those who were a part of the group played a very secondary role.

Not to rest on our laurels, we are considering and planning even more specials features

In early June, Pat Schuber talked about D-Day. This is the 72nd anniversary of the invasion, and our fellow Oradellian put on a great presentation.

Sunday, June 12, will be Shredding Day, co-sponsored by the Friends of the library and the Envioirmental Committee. The proceeds will be used to landscape the library property.

Tuesday, June 21, Our Director, John J. Trause, will read from his new book, “Exercises in High Treason”. You won’t want to miss it.

Tuesday, June 26, there will be a presentation and panel discussion about Alfred Hitchcock, His Life and Art. Film scholar Dan Jatovsky and John J. Trause will lead the discussion.

Friday, August 5, the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey will present “Twelfth Night.” [This program has been generously underwritten by Joseph Colella, Esq, and Sussex Bank.](#)

Interested in Mah Jongg? Contact the library and let us know if you are interested in learning or improving your skills. Fee will be \$5 per student per class, with the Friends of the Library picking up the rest of the expense. ■

Dianne Daniele, Programming Committee

The Friends of the Library

The Friends would just like to remind you that they are selling the really terrific, compact, colorful flashlight pictured below. This light is well battered to last a long time, and it’s handy size allows for a multiplicity of uses.



Can you buy cheaper? Sure. But this is one of the best, and when you buy one, you’ll be helping the Friends of the Library raise funds to help the library in many ways. So, why not pick up one at the main Circulation Desk today, and light your way to a better future.

Local History

Leslie Lindsay Granville passed away on April 27, 2016 at her home in Inglis, Florida. You might well ask, "Why on earth is that important." Well, I'd like to tell you.

Leslie grew up in Oradell and made a lot of friends living here. She kept in touch with many of them over the years, so she knew where to find them.

Back in 2007 she started to contact them, and started exchanging emails with a small group. One of those people was Janet Atwater, who also grew up in Oradell, and lives here to this day.

Knowing my interest in Oradell history, Jan asked if I could "listen in", in other words, be copied on the emails being exchanged. After providing my history and credentials, so to speak, the group agreed, and I started receiving copies of early Oradell memories.

I saw my job as a listener and collector, and that is just what I did. There was obviously a lot of duplication as comment was added to comment, but I kept them all, and eventually winnowed it down to non-duplicating material. The result was 176 pages of Oradell history as provided by the people who lived it. I learned about "Suicide Hill", "Fountain Blue", and many other places, people, and events encountered while these people were growing up.

And how many people eventually joined the group. 54 That's right, Fifty-Four. That was a lot of chatter.



And then they started to share photographs. Sometimes it was just a single photo of a person or place, and other times one or more of them made a collage of pictures with either numbers to identify

the individuals, or actual names printed on the collage.

The book of text is listed as collection number 58.1. The photographs are collection number 58.2. They can be seen in the Oradell Local History Room on the lower level of the library. You will need an appointment, but I am glad to open the room to anyone who has an interest in early Oradell. ■

George Carter, Borough Historian/Archivist



Director's Corner

Use your
library voice!

You have done so, and we have heard you. Because you let us know how highly you value Oradell Public Library and its services, and because you let us know how you wanted us to improve what we have to offer, we conveyed your message to the Oradell Mayor & Council, and they granted our entire Library budget for 2016.

This allows us:

- To restore Thursday evening hours until 9 p. m. year-round
- To maintain Saturday hours 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. from Labor Day through June
- To maintain Sunday hours 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. from Labor Day through June
- To restore the Youth Services Librarian position to full-time (Go, Robin!)
- To start to build up once again the acquisition of Library collections for adults, teens, and children.

Aside from these improvements, the Library is committed to maintaining its many and varied programs for all ages and to exploring opportunities to partner with the community on other initiatives, including New Jersey Makers Day, which the Library celebrates every year.

If you do not have a library card, please stop by the Library with proof of Oradell residency, and we'll open up many new worlds of information, entertainment, and pleasure for you. ■

John J. Trause, Library Director

*Be a Friend of the Oradell Library,
Participate, and Join Your Neighbors.*

Youth Department Librarian

Summer is just around the corner. My favorite part? Picking fun beach reads, of course! This is the time of year when we encourage everyone, but especially our children, to continue reading regularly. It is also the perfect time to relax any reading standards that may exist during the school year and read whatever we want.



Rita Williams Garcis, author & Robin Rockman, Director

Our Summer Reading program will incorporate three new aspects to the program to make it easier and more motivating than ever. The first is the criteria. We've done pages, we've done books, and we've done minutes. How about we just... read? This year we challenge you to get in the habit by reading

a little every day. Some days are less, some are more, but we make reading a habit by doing it regularly. All we're asking this year is: Did you read today?



The second new feature is that for the first time ever, we are opening up our Summer Reading program to adults. Any adult in Oradell can participate, but I especially hope parents with young children sign up. The biggest motivator in whether we grow a reader is whether the parents read for pleasure themselves, as well as read to the children. Are books a part of your household? Simply put, children who grow up in a reading environment are more likely to be readers (yes, this also includes visiting the library regularly!). We highly recommend parents, grandparents, and other caretakers who are a significant part of your child's life to participate along with the children.

The third new feature is that after an extensive review of all of the companies that offer digital support for Summer Reading programs, the BCCLS Youth Services Committee selected Beanstack. As a member of the Youth Services Committee, I sat in on the meetings to learn about the different offerings. Beanstack's site is clean, yet very visually appealing, especially for children. It is extremely easy to work, simplifies many of the registration and logging processes from years past, offers badges, challenges, and age and interest-appropriate reading recommendations. It is extremely mobile friendly so all logging can be done at home or on the go. My favorite part about Beanstack, however, is the success other libraries have had. When we heard that libraries that used Beanstack for Summer Reading experienced double digit increased participation, we were sold. If it helps make it an easier experience for you and your child and helps further motivate everyone to read, then let's give it a try!

That's what Summer Reading is about and that's why almost all libraries participate in a summer program. We know the research and how crucial regular reading is for helping children retain all that they learn during the school year. For those not in school yet, reading or being read to develops language and critical thinking skills and prepares children for the rigors of school. And Adults? This year's theme is about health and wellness. Reading is one of the most important activities adults can do to reduce stress and keep the brain sharp, especially as we age. So this summer, we invite you to get in the game and READ!

[A generous donation from Mr. Cupcakes of Oradell has helped make some of these programs possible. ■](#)

Robin Rockman, Youth Department Librarian

Information Services Librarian

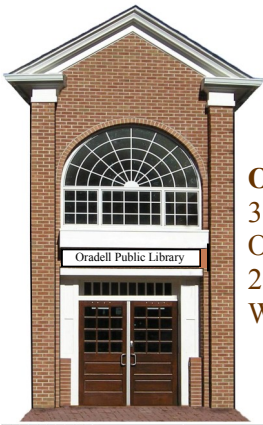
Often, new visitors to the library tell me that the Oradell Library is beautiful, warm and welcoming. Some have said it is because of the comfy chairs; others like the wood paneled rooms. Recently, a then new visitor informed me that he liked that the staff was very helpful and friendly. Without a doubt, I, totally agree.

So visit us at the library, read and relax in the comfy chairs, meet and mingle with your neighbors and the library staff while you check out some books, browse the web or attend a program or club. It is just, that kind of place.

Please remember to visit and like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OradellPublicLibrary> to keep informed of upcoming programs, events and the latest in library news and services.

Got questions or need assistance using any library resource? Please free to contact me by phone (201) 262-2613, ext. 110, email (linda.pabian@oradell.bccls.org) or in person at the library. ■

Linda Pabian, Information Services Librarian



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Library Hours:

Monday – Thursday	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
	(Junior Room closes at 7:00 p.m.)
Friday and Saturday	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	Closed (July & Aug)

The Friends of the Library

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU !!

This year a number of local businesses and business people made donations to the Friends of the Oradell Library. Some of these donors have been helping the Friends of the Library for years.

We are listing their names here in the hope that you will direct some of your business in their direction.

- AAA of North Jersey
- Andrew M. Fethes, Architect
- Basralian Funeral Home
- Emerson Speed Printing
- HNH Fitness
- Joseph M. Colella, Esq.
- Mr. Cupcakes
- Re/Max Real Estate Ltd
- Train Stop Bagels and Deli
- Ye Olde Thrift Shop

We thank them for their support !!!

MUSEUM PASSES AND VOUCHERS

In case you had forgotten, the Friends of the library provide passes and vouchers to some of the more popular museums in the area. This is a list of the ones we currently have available.

American Museum of Natural History

Vouchers are available. Vouchers are collected by the museum and are not returned to the Library

Intrepid Air, Sea, and Space Museum

A pass is available and must be returned to the Library

The Frick Collection

A pass is available and must be returned to the Library

The Guggenheim Museum

A pass is available and must be returned to the Library

At this time, I can report that we have a volunteer reviewing our Museum Pass Program, and we are eagerly awaiting to see if any new museums are recommended.

Thanks to some generous donors, we have funds allocated to the Museum Pass Program that will allow for the purchase of new passes or vouchers. As soon as a decision is reached, we will let you know.

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