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Director's Corner

As the Library Director, it is always a pleasure for me to help plan and introduce the many programs that we hold at the Library, and Oradell resident Indrani Das's recent lecture on the medical research that led to her winning the 2017 Regeneron Science Talent Search was a special treat. Although she is settling into college life at Harvard University, Indrani sent to us from Cambridge, Massachusetts the PowerPoint lecture and the digital version of her award-winning poster for the Local History Archive. The work of this rising star from Oradell should be remembered and shared.

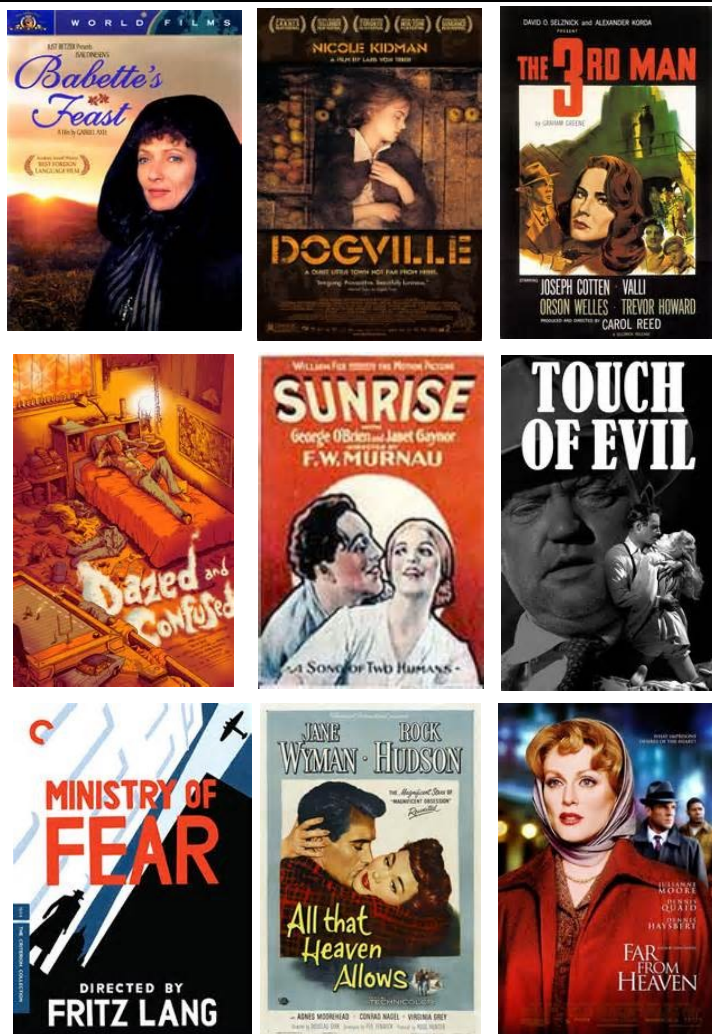
We look forward to a number of other exciting programs this autumn, including new mah jongg classes; the return of the Adult Coloring Club; James Lessersohn with "What Happened to My Bergen Record?: A Love Letter to the Borg Family"; Wine 101 and tasting with Angel Martinez, President of the American Wine Society, Meadowlands Chapter, with Italian wines for Italian American Heritage Month (October); and Davidson Garrett's play "Conspiracy Theory: The Mysterious Death of Dorothy Kilgallen" with its JFK Assassination tie-in (November). Follow the Adult Programs page on the Library's website: <http://oradell.bccls.org/programs.html>.

I want to highlight the **IFC Film Club**, which continues to evolve and grow in membership composed of Library staff, Friends of the Library, Oradell film buffs, film aficionados and industry insiders from the local area, and various people all sharing a love of film. **Anyone is welcome to join us! No special knowledge required – just a love of film.**

Oradell Public Library founded the film discussion group, IFC Film Club, in January 2014, modeled on our two successful book discussion groups, the Morning Book Club and the Evening Book Club. "IFC" stands for "Independent * Foreign * Classic", and that is the nature of the films selected by the group. The film club meets on fourth Mondays of the month at 7 p. m. Our first discussion was held on Monday, January 27, 2014 with *Chinatown* (1974), which celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2014.



Recent film discussions have been on:



Upcoming in 2017 are:

Monday, September 25, 2017 – *The Lovers (Les amants, 1958)*, Louis Malle's first dramatic film, which begins as a typical French social comedy and ends as a highly romantic excursion, literally and figuratively. The film is important in American legal history as it resulted in a court case that questioned the definition of obscenity.

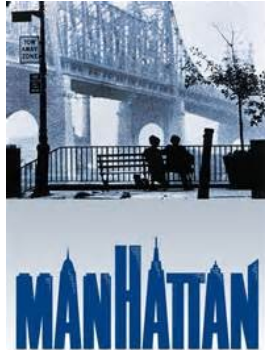
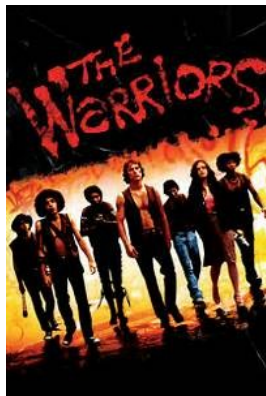
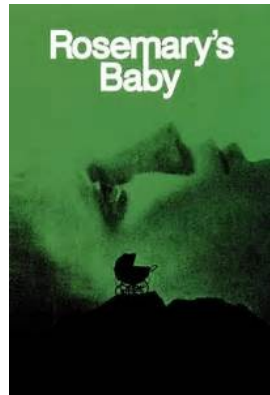
Monday, October 23, 2017 – *Rosemary's Baby* (1968), the classic horror film revealing a secret coven of witches living and operating in New York City and the effect they have on a young married couple.

Monday, November 20, 2017 [third Monday, because of scheduling] – *The Warriors* (1979), a stylized adaptation of Xenophon's *Anabasis*, a memoir of Greek mercenaries in ancient Persia, set amid the street gangs of a treacherous New York City in the late 1970s.

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Director's Corner—Cont.

Monday, December 18, 2017 [third Monday; Library closed on December 25, 2017] – *Manhattan* (1979), Woody Allen's romantic comedy in which he and the viewer fall in love with New York City.



Copies of the films on DVD and/or Blu-ray are available a month before the discussion of that particular film. Please consider joining us or spread the news to that film buff you know.

John J. Trause
Oradell Public Library Director

Special Note

While the weather outside is cool, be on the watch for details on our upcoming jazz event. Join us and continue to party into late January, 2018 at the Oradell Public Library Foundation's fundraiser - featuring musicians from the Jazz Foundation of America and our very own talented students from the River Dell High School Jazz band under the leadership of Mr. Kevin Reilly. Tickets will go on sale soon - perfect gifts for all!

Lin Loh
Oradell Library Foundation

Local History

Most of the time when you're cataloging and preserving old photos, maps, documents, etc. things move along pretty routinely. Anything relating to the history of Oradell is interesting, but some things, naturally, are more interesting than others.

However, sometimes you find a treasure, and then the excitement really builds. Just such a find occurred this spring when one of our volunteers was cataloging the contents of our map case. When he reached the bottom drawer, he discovered several bundles of rolled up paper, some of it very tightly wound.

One of those bundles contained 19 old prints of Oradell, each measuring 24" by 36". But, they were so tightly wound that they couldn't be used unless they were opened, very carefully as the paper was old.

I sought out some opinions of what it would cost to flatten these pictures, and the proposed costs were enormous. So I decided to use my skills as an archivist and do the work myself.

With the help of Lou Esler, a local history buff, we soaked the pictures one by one, placed them between pieces of blotter paper, added a modest amount of weight, and waited for them to dry. As you can see, they came out beautifully, and six are now framed and hanging in your town hall.



Every six to nine months a new set of six will be on display until all nineteen have been shown.

Mr. Thomas Duffy was a long time resident of Oradell until his death in 1994. His daughter, Ms. Diann Duffy has recently donated four oil paintings of Oradell done by her father. You will find them on the wall on the lower level of the library. Ms. Duffy has also donated four fine pencil sketches of movie stars, done by her father. Mr. Duffy was an actor in Hollywood before moving back east and settling on Summit Avenue in Oradell.

A large amount of other family memorabilia has been donated, and is currently being cataloged.

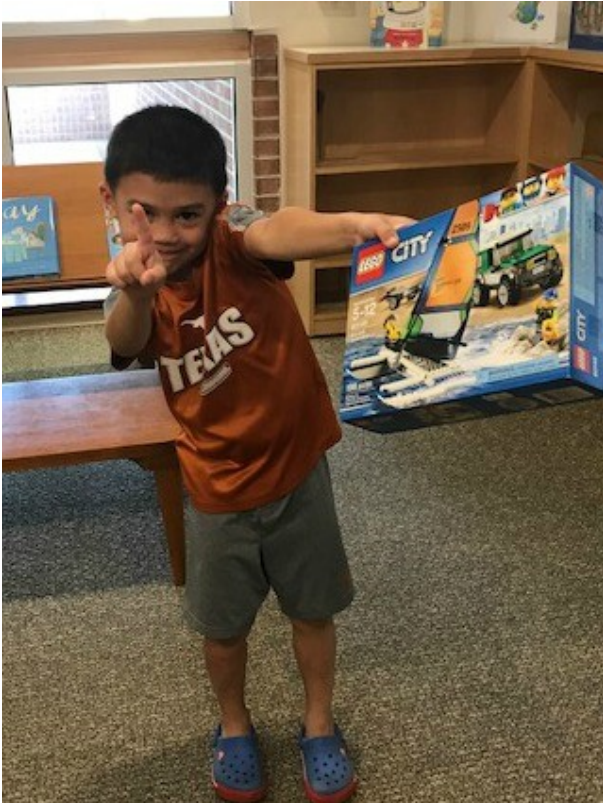
George M. Carter
Borough Historian/Archivist

Youth Department Librarian

With kids going off to school and so many exciting and new changes all around, both personally and professionally, I've been feeling like September is the new January. For me, September is a time of improvements, a clean slate, and new beginnings. Here are a few of the exciting changes we have in the Junior Room:

Two NEW Computers in the Junior Room. We were able to add two additional computers that are primarily intended for children up to 5th grade, bringing our total number of computers for children and teens up to eight. This means more computers for homework and play with less wait time.

Meet Michele DeLuise. Michele is our new Teen Coordinator and will be hands on with our Teen Advisory Board. She teaches 7th grade and is also Cheerleading Coach. Our Teen Advisory Board



(TAB) is one of the best programs in the Junior Room and Michele brings enthusiasm, experience, and plenty of exciting ideas to our program. We are thrilled to have her here at the Oradell Public Library! TAB kicks off for the new school year on Tuesday, October 10th at 7:30 PM. It is open to all Oradell students in grades 6 – 12.

More Programs. I'm looking at the calendar through November and we have programs scheduled for every single week up until the week of Thanksgiving. More programs to reach all age groups and more programs to educate, entertain, and provide social connections for children (and caretakers, as well!). Want to stay up-to-date on our programs and news? Please email

robin.rockman@oradell.bccls.org to be added to the Junior Room email Newsletter. We usually send out only one email a month and promise not to inundate you!



Magical Melodies will be back. We loved having Mr. Chris here over the summer and we are thrilled to have him back for six programs this fall. On the weeks when we don't have Storytime, Magical Melodies will be on Thursdays at 10:30 AM. The dates are: October 12th and October 19th, and November 30th through December 21st. Everyone is welcome to dance, sing, and shake their shakers.

We look forward to seeing you in the Junior Room this fall!

Pictured on this page are a couple of our Summer Reading winners.

Robin Rockman
Youth Services Librarian

The Friends of the Library

Oradell History Books:

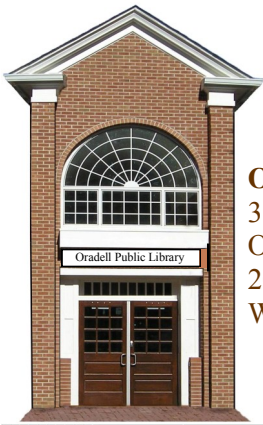
- 75th Anniversary \$5.00
- 100th Anniversary \$15.00

Illustrated Note Cards \$10.00

Our Library Book Bag \$10.00

Cookbook Club Cookbook..... \$10.00

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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

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

Museum of Modern Art

This pass allows two adults and two children to use the museum.

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.

Only a Few Left !!!



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