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Oradell Public Library Fall 2010 Newsletter



Library Director Corner

This is an exciting time at Oradell Public Library as we get set for the fall season of offerings, services, programs, and exhibitions.

We are pleased to announce that the Library hired Gabriella Radujko as its part-time Information Services Librarian on Monday, August 23, 2010. Gabriella served most recently as the Director of the Fairview Public Library (BCCLS), the Managing Librarian of the Cipriani Club 55 Library in Manhattan, and as the Youth Services Librarian at the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library, where she worked together for five years with me, John J. Trause. She also got to know Oradell Public Library's Youth Services Librarian Susan Pelavin when the latter worked as Library Media Specialist in the Wood-Ridge schools. Gabriella brings many skills and much experience to her new position, and she will be working on a schedule of computer training classes and resume-writing workshops for the autumn.

In July the Friends of the Library sponsored Ray Turkin's "A Photographic Journey Through Alaska," featuring photographs of a cruise he had taken in 2008. Later that month the Rev. Dr. J. Barrington Bates, Rector of the Church of the Annunciation, an Episcopalian parish, presented a lecture and led a discussion, "Have We Killed the Mockingbird?: Technological Progress, Social Justice, and the Decline of Reading in America," sponsored by the Friends of the Library, in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The program began with the poet Denise LaNeve reading her poem "It's A Sin" which is a reflection on the classic story.

I was delighted to take one of the six sessions (8th – 10th grades) of Talk It Up!, the Teen Summer Reading Club, as I moderated the discussion of Jack Gantos's *The Love Curse of the Rumbaughs* (2006), a

young adult novel all agreed was strange and disturbing.

On Monday, September 13, 2010 at 7 p. m. the Friends of the Library will sponsor "From Oradell to Broadway and Back: An Evening with Joe DiPietro." We welcome Oradell's own Tony Award winner, who credits the Library with the early development for his love of drama. I will interview this esteemed playwright, who will also participate in a Q & A with the audience. On Monday, September 20, 2010 at 7 p. m. we welcome back to the Library Marty Alboum for his intriguing lecture "Sex Scandals in American History," sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Mounted in the display cases in the Reference Room is "Petra (Rock) Expressions" by Ernesto Amaya, a Paramus resident. The book display for the end of August and the beginning of September is "Remember: Never Forget," featuring a large selection of books on the theme of September 11, 2001.

The books read and discussed in the Morning Book Club are: July - Harlan Coben's, *Tell No One* (2001), August - Paul Auster's, *Oracle Night* (2003), and September - Anna Quindlen's *Object Lessons* (1991). The books read and discussed in the Evening Book Club are: July - Ian McEwan's *Amsterdam* (1999), August - Mark Twain's, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (1885), and September - Barbara Kingsolver's, *The Bean Trees* (1988).

The Friends of the Library help the Library in so many ways, and we encourage all residents of Oradell to become members, so that they may continue to provide the stimulating and diverse programs and special collections that have become so popular.

John J. Trause,
Library Director

Library Meetings are held in the Lower Level Meeting Room:

Library Board of Trustee Meetings, Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Friends of the Library Meetings, First Wednesday of every month.

PLEASE CHECK FOR TIMES .

Local History Room —

Dedications and Incriptions

These words are quite similar, but in our Local History Database, dedication refers to those times when the author of a book signs it, while an inscription is when someone other than the author signs or dedicates the book. All dedications and inscriptions are captured in the Oradell Historical Database, and some of them make interesting reading. In fact, many times that is the reason that more than one copy of a book is on the shelf.

You may not have had time to visit our Local History Room on the lower level of our library. It's open the first Friday of each month from 1 PM to 5 PM.

Here are a sample of a few Dedications and Incriptions in our collection. I hope you enjoy the reading.

Charles Livingston

Bull was a noted Oradell illustrator, and as such would not be expected to sign many books. However, two inscriptions are of interest, especially the first listed below to Paul Wanamaker. Paul, as a boy and up to the time he served our country in WW II, spent a lot of time assisting Mr. Bull with nature projects and caring for the animals in Mr. Bull's menagerie. Paul is one of the

Oradell veterans we honor on Memorial Day.

"To: Paul Wanamaker, with the kindest regards of the author, Irving Crump, and a lot more of the same from the illustrator, Charles Livingston Bull"

"Thank you for your help in honoring the election of C. L. Bull to the Hall of Fame. - Terry Brown"

Percy Keese Fitzhugh was a writer of Boy Scout stories, however, we do not have a single book that he dedicated. Most of his writing was done in Hackensack, but in his later writing years, he lived on Maple Avenue here in Oradell. The history collection has 40 books with inscriptions. Here are a few:

"Sunny Boy from Aunt Kate, July 14, 1924"

"To Georgie: from cousins Mary Katherine, Dorothy, Betty Lou Scott, Aug 2, 1927 — 12 years old"

"Mr. Clarence Harvard, from: Girls of A. C. Gilberts"

J. Irving Crump, on the other hand, signed quite a few books. He was a prolific Oradell writer of books for boys, and editor of Boys Life for many years.. There

are 23 books with his dedications in the collection .

"To: Buddy Cagney with my highest admiration for his fortitude and courage under the most trying of circumstances. I know of no one braver, Sincerely, Irving Crump, Christmas, 1928"

"To Scoutmaster Stephen J. Lusardi with the author's appreciation of a very real Scout good turn that was done with graciousness and consideration. Thank you again. Sincerely, J. Irving Crump, March 24, 1957"

"Autographed for Peter Ewald with the best wishes of the author - J. Irving Crump, Oct 4, 1969" (Peter Ewald was an Oradell resident, and a great jack-of-all-trades.)

"To Paul: Although this is a wet subject (Boy's Book of Coast Guards), it may prove to be dry reading, Sincerely, Irving Crump, Christmas, 1928"

"Autographed by the author for the girls and boys of Oradell (and much more)"

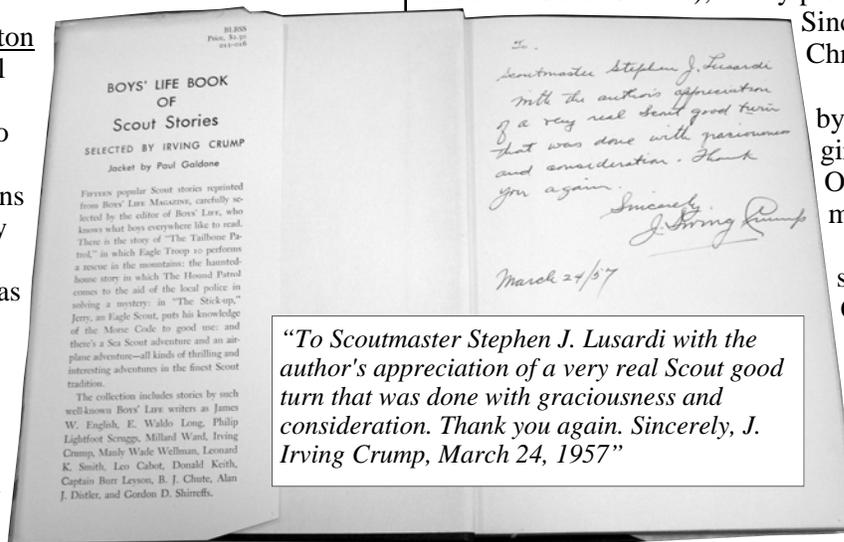
We have only six books by Mr. Crump that have inscriptions. The one below is interesting because Russell (Atwater) grew up in the house where the first meeting establishing the

Oradell Public Library was held.

"To Russell on his graduation from 6th grade Oradell Public School - with love, Mother & Dad - June 23, 1966"

I hope you have found these interesting. Please visit your Local History Room on the first Friday of each month, or whenever you see myself or our Historian, Frank Vierling, working there.

George M. Carter
Borough Archivist



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Newsletter Editor

We want everyone to know that the composition of these Newsletters is the work of Mr. Frank Vierling, long-time resident, and Borough Historian. Frank spends many hours putting these missives together, and receives all too little thanks for his effort. He has supported the Friends of the Library since its inception, and we would be lost without him.

Did you know there is a continuous BOOK SALE on the lower level of the library?

The Youth Department — Fall Programs at the Oradell Public Library

After a very successful and busy summer in the Junior Room, we are gearing up for our fall round-up of programs.

Registration is required for all programs (in person or by phone)

Story times, featuring stories, flannel board tales, crafts and songs, will run from September 20 through December 9. You may register your child for one of these sessions:

Mondays 10:30 – 11 ages 2 – 3 ½
 Wednesdays 1:30 – 2 ages 4 – 5
 Thursdays 10:30 – 11

ages 2 – 3 ½

On Saturday September 25 at 2:30 PM the Bergen County Department of Health Services will offer an interactive program for ages 3 – 6, "Did You Ever Taste a Rainbow." This program encourages children

to enjoy a wide variety of fruits and vegetables.

On Tuesday October 5 at 7:30 PM JoAnn Healey will hold the first meeting of the Teen Advisory Board, grades 6 – 12. This group helps to run special programs for younger children and also enjoys events for members.

On Saturday October 16 from 2:30 – 3:30 PM, the "Mad Science" group will dazzle you with melting witches, bubbling potions and more. You will make your own spider slime and edible ghost. Grades 3 – 5 Limited to 20 Participants.

On Saturday October 23 – 1:30-3:00 PM, the Teen Advisory Board will host the Third Annual "Make Your Own Scarecrow" event. Bring old children's clothing and a pillowcase. Grades K – 3. Limited to 15 Participants

Susan Pelavin,
 Youth Services Librarian

Programs

The spring and summer of 2010 have been very exciting and productive for the Friends of The Oradell Library. We welcomed our new director, John J. Trause and launched several exciting programs.

Susanna Rich from Kean University presented "Wild Nights of Emily Dickinson."

Sandi Steurer Cohen gave us a very "hands on" demonstration of Middle Eastern Belly dancing. The library was really rocking.

The Rev. Barry Bates gave an interesting and informative lecture and discussion on "To Kill A Mockingbird".

Ray Turkin presented a timely slide show and power point presentation on "Alaska By Land And Sea". Just in time for a nice cool vacation.

September starts our fall season, and it promises to be sensational.

We are starting off with Joe DiPietro, Tony Award winner for "Memphis". This much anticipated

event will take place on September 13th at 7 p.m. in both Reference Rooms.

Marty Alboum, local historian, will return on September 20th at 7 p.m. for his amusing lecture :Sex Scandals in American history.

Refreshments are always provided by the Friends of the Oradell Library.

Please make suggestions as we are always anxious to expand our

programming. You can drop off ideas at the adult circulation desk anytime.

Future programs include a nutritionist, Teaneck New Theatre radio show and some other exciting possibilities. Ray Turkin will also return with a possible show devoted to the Grand Canyon.

Dianne Daniele
 Programming Co-Chair

Sale Items

Oradell History Books:

- 75th Anniversary \$5.00
- 100th Anniversary \$15.00
- Illustrated Note Cards \$10.00
- Owl Book Bag \$10.00
- Key Tag \$5.00

Sale items available at the front desk.





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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

Volunteers

The Local History Room in the library has been extremely fortunate this summer to have had two outstanding volunteers come forward to help in the cataloging of our ever-growing collection. We all owe them a sincere debt of thanks for the fine work they have done.

*George Carter,
 Borough Archivist*

Michelle Lederer

My Oradell roots go back to 1958 when my grandparents moved into the house where my Mother still lives. I have early childhood memories of my Mother taking me to the Oradell Public Library. I am spending the summer in Oradell with my Mom and shortly after I

arrived, I found myself once again going to the library with her.

One day in July, I wandered into the History Room to inquire about old town maps of Oradell. I am an architect by training with a background in historic preservation and I was curious about how the town of Oradell developed, where historic houses were located and generally the history of the town itself.

There I met George Carter with whom I had a long conversation about the History Room and the documents I might find there. When George mentioned that they were looking for volunteers I felt like I would be a natural fit. Volunteering in the

History Room has made me feel like I have a new connection with my hometown.

Christian de Luna.

I will start my Junior year of college this fall at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, double majoring in English and Science, Technology, and Society (STSC). However, I will be studying abroad at King’s College in London for the upcoming fall semester.

I graduated from River Dell Regional High School in 2008, and currently reside in Oradell. I began my volunteering in the local history room in the summer of 2009, and have found it interesting and challenging. I like being able to help.

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