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THE BOOKMARK

Oradell Public Library
Summer 2010 Newsletter



The Youth Department — *Summer at the Oradell Public Library*

Debby Kyrirtz Memorial Program - funded by the Book and Needle Club of Oradell

Tuesday June 29 7 PM Caren Loebel-Fried , Oradell author and artist will demonstrate block printing and share her Hawaiian stories ages 4 and up.

Tuesday Evenings 7 PM- for all ages- funded by Oradell Friends of the Library

July 6 Musician Graham Clarke (former Oradell resident)

July 13 Fish Tales and Ocean Oddballs (live animals)

July 20 City Winds Trio (music)

July 28 The Juggling Hoffmans

Summer Reading Program, June 28 – August 23 “Make a Splash – Read!”

For ages 2 – 12. Each child will keep a log of books read or books read to him. Logs can be picked up starting June 28. Children will get raffle tickets based on the number of books or pages read. On Saturday September 11, raffle prizes will be awarded and refreshments served.

Story Times - Story Times begin on July 7 and run through August 11.

We will enjoy stories, flannel board activities, rhymes, songs and crafts at these times:

Monday 10:30 – 11: 15 ages 2 – 3

Wednesday 10:30 – 11:15 ages 3 – 5

Talk it Up and Talk Back are book discussion groups running from July 7 to August 9. Funding for these programs was generously given by River Dell Regional Schools and the Oradell and River Edge Friends of the Libraries.

Oradell Public Library will host 2 groups: A 7th grade group on Mondays at 2 PM from July 12 to August 9 and a 8th-9th-10th grade group on Wednesdays at 7 PM from July 7 to August 4. River Edge Library will host 2 groups: 7th - 9th grade on Thursdays at 7 PM and 10th – 12th grade on Wednesdays at 2 PM. Students from Oradell and River Edge can attend groups at either library and register for the programs at either library.

Registration is at Oradell Library on June 28 from 11 – 12:30 and 7 – 8:30.

Call River Edge (201-261-1663) to find out their registration times.

All about Me: Self-Esteem Workshop for Girls with Denise Gabbidon.

Thursday July 15, 22 and 29 2 – 3 PM open to grades 6 – 8.

This program is designed to help girls develop a positive self-image and recognize their strengths and qualities.

Participants will learn to identify their own core values, personal interests and healthy eating and hygiene habits. How to handle friendships and peer pressure is also covered. **Registration for the three-part program begins on**

Monday June 21. (\$12 registration fee if not a girl scout) Denise is a Member Development Associate with the Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey.

Susan Pelavin
Youth Services Librarian

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Local History Room —

Within the last six months, the Local History Room, and therefore the citizens of Oradell, have received two outstanding gifts, both from the same person.

Late in 2009, Ms. Joan Ward of Westwood, NJ donated two twelve inch, 78 rpm records of an interview between her grandfather-in-law, author J. Irving Crump, and the noted illustrator, Norman Rockwell. Since very few people have the ability to listen to the old 78 rpm records, we set out to find a way to convert the sound recording into digital format, and then to have it transcribed so people could read the text of the interview.

The natural choice was Ned Barber of Park Ridge, New Jersey, knowing of his background in electronics, and his interest in local history. Among other things, Mr. Barber is the founder and Executive Director of the Pascack Valley History Project, which he created in 2004 to assist historians and historical organizations with the application of technology to their local history activities.

Mr. Barber was successful in transferring the Norman Rockwell interview from the 78 rpm records into digital files, and then transcribing those files into text. In addition, he worked on cleaning up the background

noise from the records so that the CD's he produced would be easy to listen to. Thus, as a result of his efforts, the Local History Room has two copies of the printed text of the interview, plus a CD that can be listened to.

Just to peak your interest, here are some excerpts from the interview.

AL (Andy Lessman): the story has it that they (*Boy's Life* magazine) had you covering at



Norman Rockwell, Andy Lessman and Irving Crump, at artist Norman Rockwell's Vermont estate, 1951. Picture and an article, Irving Crump Retired Man in Action, published in The Bergen Record Weekend Magazine — March 3, 1956.

least two stories for the magnificent sum of \$50 or \$75 a month.

NR (Norman Rockwell): Yeah, I think it was about \$75 a month.

IC (Irving Crump) Isn't it true that the *Boy's Life* actually was the vehicle in which your first work was published, or did you publish some stuff [earlier]?

NR: Well, I think I did one historical book for American Book Co. , but that was just one job, and then there was *Boy's Life*.

AL: So that really was the beginning of a tremendous career, and one that really changed the face of magazines, and cover design, and cover ideas.

IC: I think that's so.....

The second gift from Ms. Ward was a large number of books written by her grandfather-in-law. Their addition to the Oradell Local History Collection filled many gaps in the collection, so that now there are only 14 books written by Mr. Crump that are not represented in the collection.

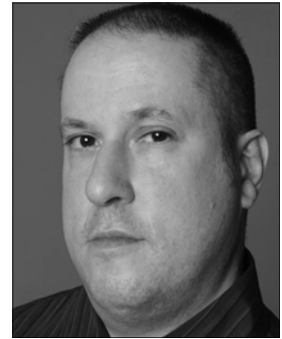
None of the books in the Local History Collection can be circulated. However, the Local History Room is now open on the first Friday of each month from 1-5 pm, and books can be viewed and even borrowed to read in

the small, but very comfortable reading area just outside the history room. We hope you'll come and see these interesting additions to our collection.

*George Carter
Borough Archivist*

Library Director Corner

It is an exciting season at Oradell Public Library as I complete my first three months as Director. Although the future of public library services statewide is uncertain, because of proposed cuts statewide to library aid, we continue to offer to our patrons a wide variety of materials and programs for all ages here in Oradell, including computer training classes, reference services, the Teen Summer Reading Club in partnership with the Riverdell Schools and the River Edge Public Library, a full array of children's summer programming, exhibitions in our display cases, timely book displays (in early May we featured materials on Cinco de Mayo), and among many other services adult programming, including poet/performer/professor Susanna Rich's "A Wild Night With Emily Dickinson" on May 10, 2010 and Sandra Steuer Cohen's Belly dance Program on the 21st of June 21, 2010, these last two being sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Our two monthly Book Clubs (Morning and Evening) continue to thrive. We are also pleased to report that through the generosity of the Oradell Public Library Foundation we have had our historic grandfather clock outside the south Reference Room repaired. At this time we call upon all our Friends and patrons to support Oradell Public Library and all the libraries in the State by checking out this page on the BCCLS website: www.bccls.org/advocacyArchive/20100324.shtml and registering your voice in support of continued funding to libraries. We also thank all those who filled out the orange cards to be sent to the Governor and Legislature in Trenton.



JOHN J. TRAUSE

From the Reference Desk

The Oradell Local History Room has been opened for several Fridays, and I am pleased to report that there has been an exciting amount of activity. People have been dropping in to browse through the book shelves, discovering all kinds of fun facts about early Oradell.

One person became fascinated with the seven volumes of police photos donated by the Oradell Police Department. Several have found our six volumes of old postcards a delightful way to learn about our town in an earlier time. Still more have

found the pictures of homes on "Broadway Boulevard", now Martin Avenue, rather unusual, to say the least. And so on.

We are making every effort to staff the Local History Room on the first Friday of each month from 1 PM until 5 PM. Unless something unusual comes up, you will find the Borough Archivist, George Carter there, and our Borough Historian, Frank Vierling will be there when he returns in the fall.

*Nicholas Jackson
Information Services Librarian*

Book Sale

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

One family's discards just might be a treasure you would like to add to your collection.

Or maybe you need room on your book shelves. You can make that room by donating your surplus to the library.

All proceeds are used by the FRIENDS for library use.

George Materon

Other Sale Items

Oradell History Books:

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

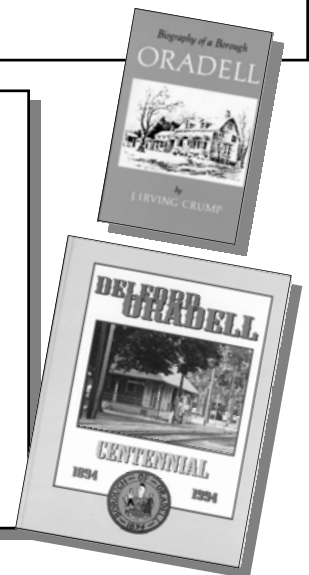
Illustrated Note Cards..... \$10.00

Our Popular Owl

Book Bag..... \$10.00

Tag Wrap \$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 to Saturday	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

Friends of the Library

Over three hundred of you, our readers, responded to our initial call for support in March, and for that we thank you very much. Your contributions will help us continue to offer the cultural and social events you have come to expect at the Oradell Free Public Library, the *Heart of Our Community*.

We have recently sent out a second plea for help, for in truth, we can't continue our work

unless we can attract the support of over 500 Oradell residents. If you look at the Registration form, you will see that a Family membership is only \$15.00. An Individual membership is just \$10.00. And in nine years, we have never raised these prices.

If you have lost your registration form, you will find extras on the counter of the Circulation Desk at the library. Why not pick up one and help us

reach our goal?

Although the renovation of our library is finished, we still like our motto, "A Growing Library needs Good Friends". I hope you'll consider becoming a Good Friend for us.

Thank you,

George Carter
 Secretary/Treasurer

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 .