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Oradell Public Library
Winter/Spring 2010 Newsletter



The Youth Department — *New Programs for a New Year*

The Youth Department started January 2010 with new programs, many Saturday activities and a full schedule of story times.

Pre-school story times meet on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The younger children, ages 2 – 3 ½ come on Monday mornings while the 3 1/2 – 5 year olds meet on either Wednesday or Thursday. The children enjoy stories, songs, felt board tales and crafts. Story times will continue through early March and resume a new Spring Session in early April.

After-school programs for grades K-1 and grades 2 – 3 meet twice a month. Eight children (grades K and 1) enjoyed the first session of fairy tales and a craft and eight second and third graders enjoyed the first session of classic stories and a craft. They even learned to write their name in Russian (after reading the classic *Firebird*.) These programs will be continuing throughout the school year.

Our first Saturday program on January 9 was led by Oradell resident Fred Bargiacchi, from the American Self Defense Center in Rochelle Park. 28 children and their parents attended his “Safety Awareness” workshop. On Saturday January 23, 22 children came to “Winter Stories.” They heard seasonal stories, made glittery snowmen and enjoyed a snack. Another Saturday story session, “Dinosaurs and Donuts,” will meet on February 27. On Saturday Jan. 30, Lin Loh and Girl Scout Troop 1092 presented a program about Disney trivia. 10 children enjoyed the afternoon contests and snacks. Lin Loh also chaired a “Science Fair” preparation workshop on Jan. 27, attended by 12 students. Three River Dell High School student volunteers helped Lin guide the children to choose appropriate projects.

The Teen Advisory Board members, under the guidance of JoAnn Healey, planned and supervised a very successful “Winter Luau” on Saturday February 5. 38 children and 20 teens enjoyed limbo, beach ball games, a hula hoop contest and tropical drinks and snacks. This group will be planning other activities for the spring.

On Thursday February 18 the “Mad Science” team will present a workshop, “Mad Freezing Thrills.” The children, grades 1 – 5, will watch a snowman melt by a chemical reaction, experience indoor fireworks and experiment with frozen carbon dioxide gas. On Saturday March 13, Pauline Mary Curley will celebrate Ireland with our participants (grades K – 6). They will enjoy music, dancing, stories and Irish soda bread. The Youth Department thanks the Friends who are funding these two activities.

Tentative plans are in the works for Saturday programs in April and May, including our esteemed story teller Ruth Camins, and a visit from Oradell resident Caren Loebel-Fried who spends part of each year living and writing in Hawaii.

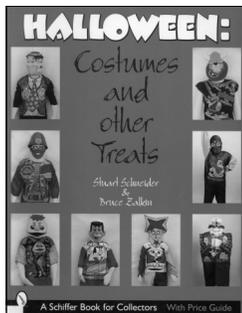
Apart from programs, the Junior Room staff is involved in other activities to improve service. We have created book lists to give our patrons suggestions for each age group. We are in the process of categorizing our easy readers into three levels (easiest, middle and most challenging) to aid in book selection. We’re also working on re-shelving our non-fiction books to lower shelves for ease of browsing.

Susan Pelavin
Youth Services Librarian

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Local History — Oradell Authors

Oradell resident, Stuart Schneider is a writer/attorney who has written numerous books on collectibles and antiques. Including, *Halloween In America, Collecting*



Flashlights, The Handbook of Vintage Cigarette Lighters, The Incredible Ball Point Pen, Collecting The Space Race, Fountain Pens and Pencils - The Golden Age of Writing Instruments, The Book of Fountain Pens and Pencils, Halley's Comet-Memories of 1910.

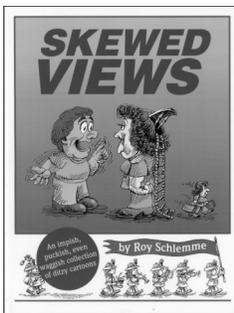
Halloween is Stuart's favorite holiday and his yard haunt during the month of October is something to see. He has appeared as the Halloween expert on numerous television shows and his Halloween history and collecting articles have appeared in many publications. A former professional photographer, Schneider took many of the photographs in this book.

Mr. Schneider donated his co-authored *Halloween: Costumes and Other Treats*, to the Library's lending collection.

Mr. Schneider's books on fountain pens and pencils contain photographs of some of the most beautiful pens and pencils in the world, manufactured by the leading American and foreign companies. The collection is so large that he has used several books just to cover the subject.

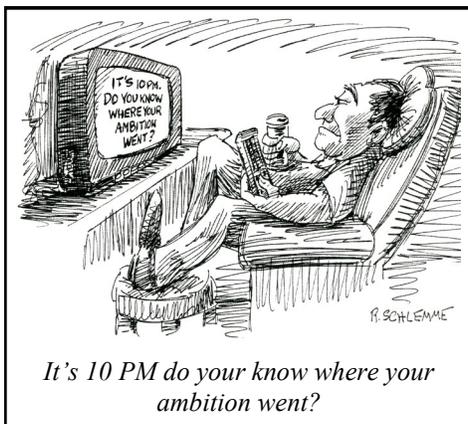
He has also authored a book on cemeteries, containing some very provocative and eerie photographs taken in the United States and France. Volume II about more cemeteries is in the works.

Oradell artist, Roy Schemme, has won over 90 national and international awards for his graphic design and direction (including Distinctive Merit from the Art Directors Club of New York, American Institute of Graphic Arts and Graphics Annual to name a few).

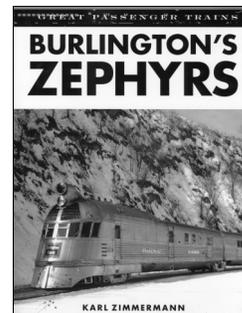


He has managed his own studio in the New York Metro Area for a number of years, offering both art and design to a broad range of agencies, magazines and educational publishers. Although he has often marketed his humorous illustrations as part of large graphics projects, *Skewed Views* is this is Roy's first collection of cartoons to be published in book form.

Roy has donated *Skewed Views* and other volumes to our Oradell history book shelves. It is "An impish, puckish, ever waggish collection of ditzzy cartoons." It is sure to make you laugh!



In the heady days when passenger trains crisscrossed America in large numbers, the *Zephyr* name commanded special attention. To travel aboard (or even be eyewitness to) a train that was an anointed member of Burlington Route's splendid *Zephyr* fleet was a mark of both esteem and adventure.



Burlington's Zephyr tells the story of how the fabulous network evolved from the spunky little Zephyr 9900—a three-car slip of stainless steel born in 1934—to a far-flung 1934—to a far-flung fleet of nimble, gleaming trains that linked Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Colorado, Texas, and beyond, with California and the Pacific Ocean. In its pages you'll witness many of the great Burlington *Zephyrs*.

The author, has written 15 previous books, among them, *20th Century Limited*, a companion to this volume.

He is a contributing editor for *The International Railway Traveler* and contributor to *Trains Magazine* and *Classic Trains* and written for *Travel & Leisure*; *Railfan & Railroad*; *Locomotive & Railway Preservation*; *Passenger Train Journal*; and other periodicals, and travel sections of national newspapers including the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*, and the *Globe & Mail*.

Mr. Karl Zimmermann lives in Oradell and has donated this volume to the Library's Oradell history room's Oradell Author Collection.

Library Programs — Mark your Calendar, Register

Friends of the Oradell Library are gearing up for a busy and interesting season of programs.

- ◆ February programs include a repeat of the radio show from Teaneck New Theatre. This presentation will be "Father Knows Best" on Feb. 24th at 7:30 p.m. Reservations suggested. Please call the library, 201-261-2613.
- ◆ Feb. 27th will be the return of another popular theatre group, Community Theatre of Tenafly. They will be presenting a One Act Play entitled "Lemonade" at 2 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.
- ◆ Feb. 11 brings back another popular Oradell program. Mark Dance will conduct a seminar on How To Plan for Retirement.
- ◆ April 9 Sheriff Maguire will be presenting a Gold Star Program for Seniors. Pre-registration is required. — contact John Walsh or Dianne Daniele.
- ◆ May 10 Emmy award actor Susanna Rich will be performing a program on Emily Dickinson.

Dianne Daniele, Program Chair

Our new Library Director

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Staff of the Oradell Free Public Library, we gladly welcome John J. Trause as the Oradell Free Public Library director, effective March 1st.

JOHN J. TRAUSE attended public schools in Wood-Ridge, NJ. He studied Classics, Latin and Greek, at Fordham University from 1980-1984 and went on to earn a Masters degree in Classics from the University of Cincinnati in 1987. In 1990 he earned a Master of Library Science degree from the School of Communication, Information and Library Service at Rutgers University/New Brunswick. From 1991-2000 Mr. Trause was a Reference Librarian at The Museum of Modern Art Library, New York, where he participated in the Strike of 2000. In 2000 he became the Director of the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library in his hometown of Wood-Ridge, NJ. He is pleased to begin serving the public as Director of the Oradell Library on March 1, 2010 and working with its excellent staff and with the Friends of the Library.



JOHN J. TRAUSE

From the Reference Desk

Both morning and evening book discussion groups are growing and continue to welcome new members. Over the summer, each book club member has been reading interesting and engaging fiction and non-fiction. The winter reading has included *Broken for You* by Stephanie Kallos and *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls for the morning book group. As for the evening book group, winter reading has included *The Blind Assassin* by Margaret Atwood and *My Antonia* by Willa Cather.

The evening book group meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm, and the morning book group meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 11am. Please call the Library for specific dates and titles that can be picked up several weeks before the sessions at the front desk.

The Library continues to display members of the communities' hobbies and collections. In the past months, we had the pleasure of displaying hand-made pottery, pointed & decoupage cigar boxes, antique teapots, antique cameras, and photographs. Please contact Nicholas if you have items to share with your community.

The Oradell Public Library is proud to be meeting the intellectual and cultural needs of the community by continuing to grow our *Great Courses* collection by the Teaching Company. The Library has a broad range of subjects, from philosophy to religion, literature to history, as well as science. As we continue to grow this collection, recommendations are always welcomed.

Nicholas C Jackson:
Information Services Librarian

Book Sale

Every day there is a **Book Sale** taking place on the library's lower level. Sponsored by the Friends, it offers a wide variety of subjects. Prices ranging from 50 cents to \$1.00. There are also video tapes, CDs and DVDs. Next time you're browsing for a book to check out, stop down to the Lower Level and check the **For Sale** shelves. You might just find a treasure to add to your book collection.

Proceeds go to financing our programs and library incidental expenses not covered by the library's operating budget.

George Materon

Other Sale Items

Oradell History Books:

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

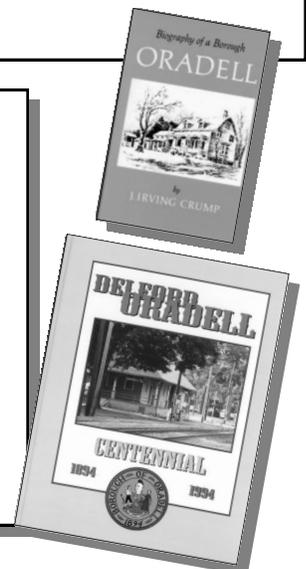
Illustrated Note Cards..... \$10.00

Our Popular Owl

Book Bag..... \$10.00

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 to Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday Closed

Friends of the Library

Our fiscal year is closing, and next month we will be seeking your support, either in the form of a membership renewal or as a new member. Remember, the Friends of the library has a different mission statement from that of the Library Foundation, which you heard from recently. The Friends support adult and youth programming, the Local History Room, and many other needs not covered either by the library’s normal operating budget or the Library Foundation. Please respond as generously as you can

when our appeal letter comes to you next month.

The Friends of the Oradell Library are pleased to announce that Frank Vierling, Oradell’s Borough Historian, and/or George Carter, Oradell’s Borough Archivist, will open the **Oradell Local History Room** (located on the lower level) to the public on the first Friday of each month between 1 and 5 p.m. The public will be able to browse through the collection, view historic video tapes, view old photographs and

read some of the old books written or illustrated by Oradellians.

Material cannot be checked out, but there is a reading area just outside the Local History Room, and those interested in our old books can read them there during the open hours. At other times, access to the Collection can be arranged by calling the library desk to arrange for an appointment.

*George Carter,
Secretary/Treasurer,
Friends of the Oradell Library*

Library Meetings are held in the Lower Level Meeting Room:
Library Board of Trustee Meetings, Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Friends of the Library Meetings, First Wednesday of every month *PLEASE CHECK FOR TIMES* .