



Oradell Free Public Library

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RESIDENTS INVITED TO MAKE YOUR SPACE @ ORADELL FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

March 21st Launch of New Resource Center Coincides with First Annual ‘New Jersey Makers Day’

March 4, 2015 – Creative minds of all ages are invited to the launch of Make YOUR Space @ Oradell Free Public Library. A cutting-edge new resource center housed within the library’s second floor Junior Room, Make YOUR Space @ Oradell Free Public Library will provide the community with a hub for creativity, design, technology, innovation, and education.

On Saturday, March 21, 2015, the library will unveil Make YOUR Space @ Oradell Free Public Library during a special daylong event devoted to hands-on learning. Planned activities include interactive play, building, and craft stations; a 3D printer and scanner demonstration led by the River Dell High School Invention Club; demonstrations of new digital library services Mango Languages and Zinio Magazine Collection; volunteer-led knitting instruction for all ages; and a recycle, reuse, and repurpose station staffed by Environmental Educator and Naturalist Joanne Chack.

A full schedule will be available on the library’s website at <http://oradell.bccls.org/> on or before March 16, 2015. The Make YOUR Space launch, which coincides with the first-ever New Jersey Makers Day, is a drop-in event. All activities are free of charge and the event is open to the public.

During the launch, the library will showcase many new technology acquisitions. Make YOUR Space @ Oradell Free Public Library will be equipped with an iMac computer that includes video and music editing software, a children’s creation computer, MaKey MaKey invention kits, and many other technology resources. It will also incorporate advanced art and crafting tools, such as an electronic cutting machine, sewing machines, and button makers. All of these materials will be available for public use within the library on a first-come, first-served basis. Advance reservations may be required.

Funding for Make YOUR Space @ Oradell Free Public Library was provided through the proceeds from the Oradell Free Public Library Foundation’s “School of Fish” Fundraising Event in October 2014. This special event raised \$20,000 for Junior Room technology and special resource acquisitions. The Junior Room received additional grants to fund Make YOUR Space resources and programming from the Oradell Free Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the Oradell Public Library.

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The introduction of Make YOUR Space @ Oradell Free Public Library mirrors a nationwide trend of establishing public “Maker Spaces” that encourage knowledge and skill development by providing free access to creativity-centered information and tools.

“Through Make YOUR Space, we are able to support the pursuit of knowledge in new, exciting, and dynamic ways,” said Robin Rockman, Youth Services Librarian and New Jersey Makers Day Site Administrator for Oradell Free Public Library. “Although our library has a strong history of promoting creativity through programs like Pinspired@OPL, the Cookbook Club, the LEGO Club, and others, Make YOUR Space allows us to share with the entire community a truly inspiring collection of resources. We are thankful to our donors, volunteers, and staff, who have helped bring this labor of love to fruition.”

For more information about Make YOUR Space @ Oradell Free Public Library or Oradell Free Public Library’s participation in New Jersey Makers Day, please contact Robin Rockman at robin.rockman@oradell.bccls.org or 201-262-2613. Oradell Free Public Library is located at 375 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, New Jersey, or <http://oradell.bccls.org/> online. Learn more about New Jersey Makers Day at www.njmakersday.org.

About Oradell Free Public Library

Oradell Free Public Library was founded in 1913 in a room behind the town’s Post Office. In its first year of existence, the library had 214 registered cardholders. Today, it functions as an educational, historical, recreational, and social center for a vibrant community of more than 8,000 residents. In addition to providing free access to education and information for the people of Oradell and beyond, the library regularly presents special interest programs, sponsors reading clubs and activities, serves as a curator of local history, and supports the pursuit of knowledge through diverse initiatives, such as a Museum Pass Loan Program.

Oradell Free Public Library carries out this work with the support of the Friends of the Oradell Public Library, a nonprofit group of dedicated volunteers who spearhead essential fundraising and programming projects, and the Oradell Free Public Library Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that receives gifts and bequests on behalf of the library and makes grants to the library to enable the purchase of special resources, technologies, and collections.

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