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## THE BOOKMARK

## Oradell Public Library

Winter, 2015 Newsletter



## **Adult Programs**

Upcoming will be Mark Fedorchak, a detective from the Oradell Police Department, with a power point presentation on scams. This program will give us the information we need to fight off all those who are waiting for us to relax our vigilance.

On February 24 (snow date 2/25), we will hear a motivational speech from a very special person at the Oradell Library. Rich Fritzky will be joining us at 7 p.m. with a power point presentation of his life and his experiences with the Giants.

Kevin Woyce will be back with a program about Niagara, "The History of a Town and a Bridge"; or a talk about Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty.



Triple Play Allstars at Christmas

Marty Alboum will be here in April to share with us the history of the Japanese during WWII in the Internment Camps.

Holocaust Remembrance Day will feature an original play by playwright Jane Prendergast.

Shakespeare Theatre summer performances will include "The Merry Wives of Windsor" or "Love's Labour Lost."

The Audubon Society will present: "How to have a healthy backyard" including such interrelated topics as: bats, birdscape, butterflies, and bees. Backyard conservation has its own website.. www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/backyard.

Oradell Friends of Library have joined the BCCLS Task Force. The Task Force is charged with planning, developing and implementing discussion and programming concerning Friends of the Library groups including by-laws, finances, fundraising, membership, start up and relationships with the library and community.



Oradell Free Public Library is redefining "library voice." The phrase traditionally associated with a whisper has become the ironic tagline for a new Patron Experience Survey, which invites patrons to speak up and speak out about their satisfaction with the library's services.

The Patron Experience Survey is hosted on SurveyMonkey.com and can be accessed by clicking on the "Use Your Library Voice" icon on the library's home page (<a href="http://oradell.bccls.org/">http://oradell.bccls.org/</a>). The survey covers how resources are allocated, library hours, customer service, materials, and programming. It takes approximately 10 minutes to complete.

For patrons who prefer to participate offline, hard copies are available from the first floor Circulation and second floor Junior Room desks. Completed paper surveys can be returned to a designated collection box on the library's first floor.

To show appreciation for patrons' time and insights, the library is offering a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate and non-perishable gourmet food basket donated by Great Foods Market to anyone over the age of 18 who completes the survey and provides an e-mail address or phone number. One entry per person is permitted.

Oradell Free Public Library's Board of Trustees will review responses and a report will be available later this year. Respondents will also have the opportunity to volunteer for focus groups, which will delve deeper into patrons' needs and how the library can best serve them. Results of these initiatives will inform decision-making and strategic planning in 2015 and beyond.

## **Local History**

The fall and winter of 2014 was an especially exciting time for those of us who work in the Local History Room. Thanks to a very generous grant earmarked specifically for the enhancement of the Oradell Local History Collection, your Borough

Archivist and one of his active volunteers were able to pick up a lot of books that were illustrated by Charles Livingston Bull and add them to the collection.

Actually, there is no completely accurate record of the number of books that Mr. Bull illustrated. Trying to arrive at that number has been an ongoing effort on the part of the Archivist. But now, through the diligent efforts of Miss Alison



Garcia of Oradell, an active volunteer in the Local History Room for over a year, a fairly accurate list is emerging.

The books are old, most dating from the 1920s, but we buy only those in fair to good condition. We do not accept reproductions. Most of them do not have dust jackets, but several had remnants of a cover tucked inside.



The books largely constitute adventure reading for young teen boys, dealing as they do with adventures in Alaska, Canada, or the American West. The

majority involve animals, most frequently dogs. Some of the titles we have obtained are:

The Heart of the King-Dog The Black Wolf Mystery Old Crow and His Friends Little People of the Sycamore Return to the Trails

These book purchases did not come from any funds donated to the Friends of the Library. However, your donations do help buy the supplies needed in the History Room to properly preserve our valuable collection.

George Carter, Borough Archivist

#### **Director's Corner**

#### **Library Advocacy**

I want to devote my Director's Corner to library advocacy and explain the various groups that offer invaluable assistance to the Library. If you love and want to support Oradell Public Library, there are various ways to do so. We realize that there may be some confusion how you can provide such support, so we want to make it easy for you:

The Friends of the Library: Many of you make donations to the Friends of the Library every year, but do you know how that money is spent? Check out the Friends of the Library page on the Library's website for more information, and remember that aside from financial support, the Friends of the Library could also use volunteer help!

Read More [http://oradell.bccls.org/support-the-library.html]

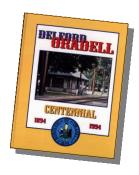
The Oradell Public Library Foundation: This group of dedicated volunteers meets quarterly and raises money for special collections and capital projects for the Library's strategic planning. They also work with the Library Board of Trustees and Director of the Library to meet many of the needs of the Library not possible in the Library's limited operating budget.

**Library Champions:** This is an informal group of people who have expressed an interest in keeping on top of developments in the Library's health and in advocating on behalf of the Library if the need arises.

John J. Trause Library Director

## **Support Your Library**





## Youth Department Librarian

#### NJ Makers Day 2015

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> is the first ever statewide Makers Day, titled (appropriately enough): *NJ Makers Day 2015*.

Started by the New Jersey Library Association (NJLA), NJ Makers Day brings together libraries, businesses, and organizations sharing the culture of creating and making. This day embraces Makerspace culture on all levels, from the more



elaborate such as wood making and print-making to tinkering with electronics, computer programming, crafting, even cooking.

The Oradell Public Library has been doing this for years with many of our Junior Room programs. LEGO Club and craft programs are all part of the Maker culture. Crafts after Preschool Storytime? Even basic crafting for the 1 yr olds and up during our Little Ones Storytime over the summer? Yep, it's still experimenting and using our hands to feel and play with different materials. Pinspired @ OPL, our crafting group for adults, is also very much a part of this as adults select a project and then experiment with a set group of materials to create something that is uniquely their own. Each month they work with different materials. Our Cookbook Club is also a version of this as each month participants try out a recipe, often using new and different ingredients and cooking styles.

We are excited to be one of the participating sites for NJ Makers Day. This is not just a library-led program, this is a community initiative. We invite members of the public to share their talents and skills with the rest of us. Can you teach others to use sewing machines? Or knit? Or create favorite dishes or pastries? What about repairing broken toys? Or taking broken items and building something new with them? Are you a Photoshop or graphic design expert? Can you build a website or teach basic coding? Can you share your love of journaling or photography? What about using the computer to create music that sounds like it is coming from a 5-piece rock band? Can you make wallets or other items from Duct Tape? Maker culture embraces all of this and more.

Whether it is giving a demonstration or leading a group on one of the suggested topics above (but not limited to) or simply assisting the library staff and other volunteers, we welcome you to take part in this exciting and ground-breaking day. Please reach out to Robin Rockman by email at <a href="mailto:rockman@oradell.bccls.org">rockman@oradell.bccls.org</a> (preferred) or by calling the library at 201-262-2613.

We will be celebrating NJ Makers Day by having an open housestyle schedule of activities and demonstrations throughout the day, Saturday, March 21st. There is no charge to attend, all programs will be "drop in" and registration is not required. Save the date! Details will be out earlier in March.

NJ Makers Day will also be the official launch of *MakeYOURspace* @ *Oradell Public Library*, our own initiative to bring more handson Maker programming to the community. Look for many programs later this spring as we experiment with new equipment, technology, and ideas. This is not just about learning or even "making", but about play and experimentation. The Oradell Public Library has always been your space and now we are taking it a step further to truly allow you to MakeYOURspace at the Oradell Public Library.

## **Information Services Librarian**

Oradell Public Library is pleased to announce two new free online services, Mango and Zinio.

#### WHAT IS MANGO?

Mango is an online language learning system, which is free for all Oradell Library patrons thanks to the generosity of the Oradell Public Library Foundation. Mango can be accessed anywhere with an Internet connection. Each lesson combines real life situations and audio from native speakers with simple, clear instructions.

Mango offers access to 60 foreign language courses and 17 English courses taught completely in the user's native language. In addition to traditional language courses, Mango also offers the opportunity to learn through foreign film with Mango Premiere<sup>TM</sup> and access to a variety of specialty mini courses, like Pirate, Medical Spanish and romance courses. Mango can be accessed at the library, remotely, or even on-the-go with apps for iPhone®, Android<sup>TM</sup>, Kindle® and Nook®.

To access Mango remotely or at the library, click on the Mango link at the Home page of the Oradell Library's website: <a href="http://oradell.bccls.org">http://oradell.bccls.org</a>.

If it is your first time using Mango, click on "Create one " to create an account which allows you to keep track of your progress. You will then be asked to enter your library card number (if remotely), an email address and a password. Select a course. Choose your language and level of instruction. Basic courses are a fast and easy way to learn polite conversation. Complete courses are more in-depth. Mango will remember where you left off the next time you login.

When accessing Mango at the Library, please bring head/ earphones so that you can use the sound functions. Please note that Adobe Flash Player, a free downloadable software, is needed to enable video and audio content.

#### WHAT IS ZINIO?

Zinio is a digital newsstand. Through the BCCLS partnership with Zinio, you can borrow over 250 magazines and read them on your computer or download them to portable devices. Through the Library's website, patrons of Oradell Public Library have unlimited multi-user access to complete digital magazines, which can easily be viewed on most internet-enabled devices inside or outside of the library.

Zinio's unique technology digitally recreates a magazine page for page, including full color pictures, intuitive navigation, key word article search and interactive elements such as audio and video. Better Homes & Garden, Reader's Digest, Newsweek and Food Network Magazine are just a few of the popular titles available.

To learn more about Mango or Zinio, stop by the library or visit our website.

In addition, all are welcome to join the library's book clubs. The Morning Book Club meets mostly the fourth or last Tuesday of the Month at 11 am and the Evening Book Club meets the third Wednesday of the Month at 7 pm. Check at the Library or visit our website <a href="http://oradell.bccls.org">http://oradell.bccls.org</a> or facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OradellPublicLibrary">https://www.facebook.com/OradellPublicLibrary</a> for the latest book club information. <a href="mailto:additable">additionalibrary</a>

Linda Pabian, Information Services Librarian





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## Library Director John J. Trause

#### **Library Board of Trustees:**

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#### **Friends Officers:**

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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

## The Friends of the Library

#### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!

The Friends Spring membership drive is about to begin. Please give serious consideration to the letter you received and help us continue to be a major asset to the library.

#### REMEMBER!

**The Friends** pay for all the adult entertainers who appear regularly at our library. Your donation helps us pay for these programs.

**The Friends** are funding all the activities in the Youth Department, and have even instituted a special level of gift giving that directly supports the children who enjoy our library.

**The Friends** pay for the Museum passes you can get for FREE from your library. They open the doors to 8 museums in the area.

**The Friends** bought the two stacks of folding chairs that have enabled better seating at our many programs.

And there are many, many other areas where the Friends have been a major asset to the Oradell Library.

BUT, our success depends on you and your generosity.

Please answer our appeal as soon as possible.

#### **SPECIAL NEED**

At the end of this year, the three officers you see listed above will be leaving their posts after three consecutive terms of service. We need new people to step forward and serve for a term or two. We especially need someone with an accounting background to become the Treasurer.

The work of a Friends officer is not demanding, although the Treasurer is kept busy in the spring just after the Membership drive. Please come and join us for a meeting or two, and see if you can't find the time to help the organization grow.

Thank you, The Friends

## **Library Meetings**

Board of Trustee, 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