“So What” is a timeless song released in 1959 by which well known jazz musician? (Do you know the answer without using Google?) It is a song that has been enjoyed by many past generations and hopefully, by many future generations. Be a part of the experience as we celebrate history by bridging it to the future where masters of jazz mentor our young musicians!

The Oradell Public Library Foundation and the Jazz Foundation of America present – FAT SATURDAY – an evening of jazz with Onaje Allan Gumbs, Marcus McLaurine and George A. Gray, Jr. and the River Dell High School Band. Come and enjoy their rendition of “So What” and more.

Under the leadership of River Dell band teacher, Kevin Reilly, the student musicians are practicing diligently and they all enjoyed a music workshop with the professionals last December.

On the evening of April 21, 2018 from 6:30 -9:30 pm, there will be wine, light fare and a silent auction. Please come and support our fundraiser to benefit the library and in turn our community. Event proceeds will be used to support resources for the Junior Room and other library programming initiatives. A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase ($40 per single, $75 per couple) at the Library Main Desk – please pay by check to the Oradell Library Foundation. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis. For more details, visit oradell.bccls.org.

I have some good news and I have some bad news.

Let me mention the bad news first. As you all are probably aware, in November 2017, the Executive Board of LibraryLinkNJ, the statewide library cooperative, signed a contract with a new vendor, Expak Logistics, for statewide delivery services. During the transition from the old delivery service and starting on Friday, December 15, 2017, loan requests from other libraries were suspended. Expak Logistics was supposed to have begun its service on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, but the subcontracted drivers did not show up to work, and most of the libraries in the state did not have delivery or pickup. The problem continued for days with minimal service. Many of the BCCLS libraries worked out arrangements for library staff to make deliveries to neighboring libraries or libraries to which they had to go for meetings. On Friday, January 26, 2018 BCCLS suspended all loan requests until the problem with delivery would be fixed. Oradell Public Library and the rest of the 75 BCCLS libraries make up 20% of the libraries affected, but BCCLS is responsible for 50% of all circulation depending on the statewide delivery service. We hope our temporary measures ease this period of resolution, so that your borrowing materials from other libraries may get back to normal.

The good news is that the Library has two great things to celebrate the end of winter and the beginning of spring:

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, March 10, 2018, 10:30 a. m. – 3:30 p. m.
Join us at Oradell Public Library for the fourth annual NJ Makers Day, a day-long celebration devoted entirely to hands-on exploration. technology, music, crafts, engineering, food, and so much more!

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Oradell Free Public Library
6:30 – 9:30 PM
Limited Tickets For Sale at Library Main Desk (soon)
• Wine
• Light fare
• Silent Auction

Event proceeds will benefit the Junior Room and other library initiatives.

We thank Lin Loh of Oradell for all her great work on both of these joyful events.
Local History

One of the most exciting displays we have ever had in the library is now on display.

The exhibition from the Local History Collection on the lower level stairwell display case and in the window of the Local History Room is a selection of historic glass bottles, found in Oradell near the Hackensack River.

Sam Tripsas, Oradell’s Associate Borough Historian, and a budding archeologist, found a major deposit of old bottles along the banks of the Hackensack River, just to the east of the Elm Street Bridge. Sam has been excavating the site for more than two months, and has found enough material to fill approximately eight cases.

It is not completely clear from the work so far whether the deposit was the result of a random discarding of old bottles from one or more local residences, or whether there might have been a tavern nearby that used the area for disposal. Mr. Tripsas leans more toward residential disposal since he has uncovered bottles of medicines and other small vessels more commonly found in a home.
Part of what keeps my job so interesting is that it never gets boring or stale. New trends come up, and we work to meet them with programming and materials. Sometimes, we notice shifts in terms of when people visit the library - and when they are not visiting the library. All of this can require us to challenge ourselves to meet the demand by eliminating what isn’t working, trying new things, and adapting to what the Oradell families need.

At the end of 2017, we put out a survey for parents of preschool aged children, asking what times work best to attend programs and what sort of programs are of interest. We are using that information, along with informal conversations with the parents, to help us plan this coming year. We are working to offer programming at least one weekend day a month; we are opening up after-school programs to allow for a wider range of ages; we are switching formats and times based on your feedback, and we are adding evening Storytimes when our schedule permits. All of this is only possible thanks to the Friends of the Oradell Public Library, who pay for all materials and outside performers.

Just to give you an example of what is going on in February for this age group, we have:

**Two, Three, and More Storytime and Activity.** This Storytime was especially designed to allow for a range of ages. It is high energy and interactive!

**Magical Melodies with Mr. Chris.** Sing, move, and march along with Mr. Chris.

**Preschool STEAM: Valentine’s Day.** Less traditional Storytime and more hands-on activities featuring stations that emphasize STEAM: science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.

**Crafty Afternoons: Card Making.** Drop in after-school to make cards for friends and family!

**Storytime with Susie Lee Jin, author of Mine!** Susie will lead an interactive Storytime and craft.

**Pajama Storytime.** Children are encouraged to come in their pajamas and enjoy a fun storyline and snack before heading off to bed.

**Oradell Winter Games 2018.** If the Library Olympics were such a thing, we would have a great team here in Oradell. Games, challenges, and more will turn all of us into gold medalists, or laugh a lot trying!

**Local author, Kurt Friend presents his new book, Tooth Fairies and Jet Packs.** His book shares the secrets of the Tooth Fairy and will be followed by a craft.

In addition, we have programming for our very youngest patrons and our older students. To get an email with new Junior Room Programming, please email me at robin.rockman@oradell.bccls.org and ask to be added to the Junior Room Email List. We generally only send one email a month, so as not to overwhelm your inbox.

Lastly, save the date for the 4th Annual NJ Makers Day on Saturday, March 10th. We have another exciting day planned with hands-on learning and making for all ages.

Robin Rockman
Youth Services Librarian

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**Special Note**

The Friends of the Oradell Public Library have old issues of *Life Magazine*. Some of them are in perfect shape, and others are not. We are offering to the Oradell community the first choice of purchasing a copy or more. We only have one per date, so they would make a great birthday gift for that hard to buy for person on your list!

We have issues from 1937 – 1972 available, but not every week is available. If you are interested in purchasing a specific date, please e-mail linda.van.valkenburgh@oradell.bccls.org to see if the date is available and to request a price. Prices will range from $5 - $50, depending on the issue date and condition.
The Friends of the Library

The annual Spring request for financial support from the Friends of the Oradell Library has just reached your door. Won’t you please respond soon to this request. They do so much, but only if you give them your financial support.

Just to remind you, the Friends obtain the free passes to the following museums that you can borrow anytime.

**American Museum of Natural History**
Vouchers are available. Vouchers are collected by the museum and are not returned to the Library.

**Intrepid Air, Sea, and Space Museum**
The pass allows two adults and four children.

**The Frick Collection**
The pass allows two adults.

**The Guggenheim Museum**
The pass allows two adults.

**Museum of Modern Art**
This pass allows two adults and two children to use the museum.

In addition, we have decided to obtain the free library pass to the Jewish Museum in March. Using the passes requires a $50 security deposit, which is refunded when the pass is returned.

You might not be reading this newsletter if it weren’t for the Friends and their financial support.

There are many, many ways in which the Friends help the Oradell Public Library meet it’s commitment to the citizens of Oradell, that of being the Heart of the Oradell Community.

- Adult programs that try to provide entertainment and enlightenment for all.
- Youth programs and activities designed to entertain and educate the young people and adolescents of our town.
- The water cooler and other items for the convenience and assistance to our staff.
- A variety of items that are necessary to the essential running of the library, but are not covered in the annual budget.
- The Library’s movie license that allows the showing of a variety of movies for the pleasure of youth and adults alike.
- And the list goes on.

BUT, it can go on only as long as you give your support to the Friends of the Library.