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HAPPY BIRTHDAY ORADELL

2019 marks the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Borough of Delford, which changed its name to Oradell in 1920.

In 1677, David des Marets (Demarest) received a deed from the Indians for a tract of land which included today's Borough of Oradell. Subsequently, the area was sparsely settled by, among others, members of the Demarest, Cooper (Kuyper), Van Buskirk, and Van Wagoner families.



Most of the early settlers were farmers, but a few were also millers and sawyers who ran the grist and saw mills that were scattered along the Hackensack River.

During the American Revolution, from September 4th through September 19th, 1780, the area around Soldier Hill Road was part of an encampment of the Continental Army. Military artifacts have been found in the area of this encampment.

By 1837, the area around the end of navigation on the Hackensack River was known as New Milford or Upper Landing. Van Buskirk, in addition to operating a lumber mill, had a fleet of boats which docked at his landing on the river. The river was the community's main transportation route, and Kinderkamack Road (formerly Linden Avenue) was a major road leading northward.

In 1870, with the completion of the Hackensack and New Jersey Extension Railroad, now the Pascack Valley Line, Oradell could be developed as a commuter suburb of New York City. At one time, there were two stops in Oradell; one at New Milford Avenue and the second one at Oradell Avenue. Only the Oradell Avenue station remains.

Oradell's land is located on both sides of the Hackensack River, and includes several islands in the river. It is the historic last point of navigation on the river. Since 1882, the character of the river has been greatly altered by the activities of the Hackensack Water Company, whose New Milford Plant was located in Oradell on Van Buskirk Island.

In the late 19th century and early 20th century, in addition to typical farms, Oradell was the home of several large country estates, or stock farms, with elaborate main houses. The large houses of J. B. Lozier and Hugh J. Grant, a New York City mayor, are gone. The Atwood-Blauvelt mansion and carriage house are still prominent on the ridge overlooking Kinderkamack Road.

Oradellians have always placed a high value on education. There have been five buildings where the children of the Borough were taught. The first two were little more than log cabins, according to the prior historian, Floyd Winters. The third construction was a large white, single room building situated in the upper parking lot behind the current Borough Hall. The fourth school is now the Oradell Borough Hall, and the last school sits along Prospect Avenue opposite Memorial Field.

Oradell has grown and prospered as a variety of people have moved in and made homes here. There is some employment in the village, but most people have found work around Bergen County, or have commuted into New York City via rail and bus lines. The town has had very stable government, run by a mayor and a council of six representatives.



Oradell has been the home of a famous astronaut, Wally Schirra, two famous artists, Ellsworth Kelly and Charles Livingston Bull, numerous authors, with J. Irving Crump and Percy Keese Fitzhugh leading the pack with over 100 books each.

The Oradell library houses a remarkable archival collection of over 14,000 photographs, nearly 800 books, file after file of paper documents, and much, much more, all of which is available to the public by contacting the Historian through the Library.

George M. Carter
Borough Historian/Archivist

Oradell Public Library Celebrates the 125th Anniversary of the Borough of Oradell



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ORADELL
New Jersey

As Director of Oradell Public Library, I am pleased to announce that the Library will be joining the Borough of Oradell in celebration of the 125th anniversary of the establishment of Oradell as a Borough.

In conjunction with the Borough of Oradell, the Library will be taking part in the two-day, town-wide celebration on **Saturday, September 21, 2019** and **Sunday, September 22, 2019 (Oradell Family Day)**.

Some of the highlights at the Library are:

- Displays items from the Local History Collection on the first floor and lower level;
- Discussion of archival items by the Borough Historian / Archivist George Carter;
- An open house and tours of the Local History Room; and
- The screening of archival films of Oradell, some going back to the 1940s.

Oradell Public Library Observes National Library Card Sign-up Month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide join together to remind parents, caregivers, and students that signing up for a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning.

If you or your young ones do not have a library card, this is the perfect time to visit the Oradell Public Library to sign up for one, and through it, all the varied resources that are made available to you – for free! If your card has expired, we can renew it for you, so you do not miss out on all the exciting things your card can do for you.

John J. Trause
Oradell Public Library Director

Youth Department Librarian

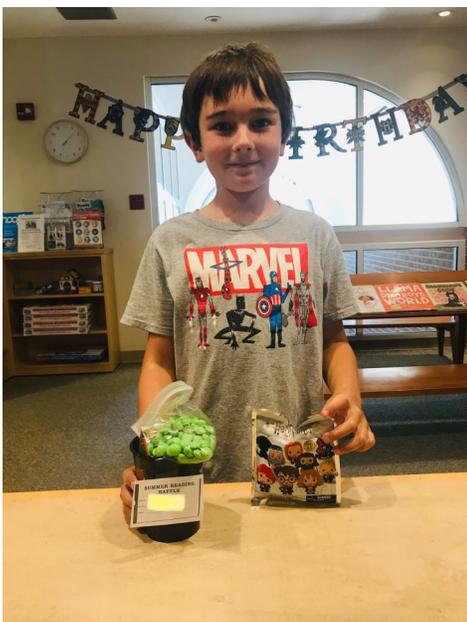
Summer is my favorite season at the Oradell Public Library, and this year was one of the best.

We danced and sang with Mr. Chris at Magical Melodies and at our Toddler Dance Party; we tried Zumbini; we



launched rockets and other STEM challenges; teens stopped by after hours to hang out; we made our own Squishies; we made several types of slime; we celebrated Harry Potter's Birthday with a big party; families competed against other families at our Family Puzzle Night; we taste tested 20 different types of Oreo cookies; and we hunted for unicorn poop and more at our Unicorn Pajama Party. Daisy the dog visited us twice to listen to stories; we explored out-of-this-world STEAM concepts; we zoomed to the moon with our Little Explorers; and we designed our own silly underwear in a special Storytime; and so much more. Wow!

And what else? We read and read and read. Our raffle buckets were full with tickets as children and teens logged books and minutes.



Just when we are sad to see summer go, we start to look forward to all of our favorite things about fall. Talk Like a Pirate Day is September 19th and we have a special Preschool STEAM in the

morning and Pirate Snack and Activities after school. The Teen Advisory Board returns on September 10th and we can't wait to see our returning students and welcome our new volunteers, who already contributed so much over the summer. Crafty Afternoons, Bingo, and more will be held after school. Our fall session of Storytime will start back up in the second half of October, but our toys, activities, and crafts will be out often in the morning for our youngest patrons and their grown-ups.

We are especially excited for our Library Card Sign-up Month promotion in September. Children ages 5-17 are encouraged to sign up for a new card, replace a lost card, or just show us their current card in good standing. They will get a star up on our wall and all stars will be entered to win a small prize.



We have a special program planned for Spooktacular Saturday, October 26th. Turtle Dance Music will be here at 2:30 PM for their music, bubble, and comedy show.

You do not want to miss this one!

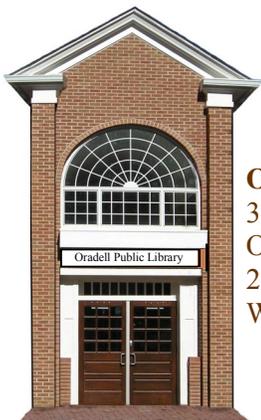


We're also excited to be involved with the 125th anniversary celebration of Oradell with a special Storytime and drop-in crafts the weekend of September 21st and 22nd.

Did I say summer is my favorite season at the Library? The Junior Room is the place to be this fall

and we are so ready!

Robin Rockman, MLIS
Youth Services Librarian



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Library Hours: (fall & winter)
 Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 (Junior Room closes at 7:00 p.m.)
 Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Friends of the Library

MUSEUM PASSES AND VOUCHERS

The Friends of the Oradell Library are very pleased to provide the library's patrons with passes and vouchers to some of the more popular museums in the area. This is the list of the passes that have been available for some time.

American Museum of Natural History

Vouchers are available. Vouchers are collected by the museum and are not returned to the Library

The Jewish Museum

Vouchers are available. Vouchers are collected by the museum and are not returned to the Library

Intrepid Air, Sea, and Space Museum

A pass is available and must be returned to the Library

The Frick Collection

A pass is available and must be returned to the Library

The Guggenheim Museum

A pass is available and must be returned to the Library

And, thanks to the support of our members, we have been able to ADD new museums for our patrons to enjoy. The passes admit from one to four guests, depending on the museum.

The Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum of NJ
 The Newark Museum
 The Thomas Edison Museum
 The Montclair Art Museum

PLEASE NOTE:

According to our records, 117 families/individuals who supported us last year have not come through for us so far this year. If our request for support is on your desk, and you have just overlooked it, won't you please consider giving us your support. Nothing's getting cheaper, and for us to continue to be a strong force in the library, we need the support of everyone we can get. We love getting new museum passes, and having great speakers and performers for you to enjoy, but we need your help to do it.

Please support the Friends, if you possibly can.

Thank you!

Library Meetings
 Board of Trustees, 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., Lower Level Room