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In Memoriam



Frank R. Vierling, 93 Historian Emeritus of Oradell, NJ passed away on January 26, 2017.

Frank was born in Oradell in September of 1923. He attended Oradell Public School from Kindergarten through the 9th grade. After graduating from Dwight Morrow High School in 1942, Frank spent one semester at the Cooper Union Art School in NYC. His schooling was interrupted when he was drafted into the US Army Air Corps in 1943. Assigned to the 14th Air Force, Frank performed transmitter maintenance until the end of WWII at the airfield in Kunming, China, home of the "Flying Tigers".

After the war, Frank attended the RCA institute and was employed as an engineer at WNBC-TV New York. During his 34 years at NBC he had the distinction of working behind the scenes supporting everyone from Milton Berle and Bob Hope to more recent stars like Chuck Scarborough and Alec Baldwin.

Frank retired in 1983 and went on to become the Oradell Borough Historian in 1989. He did extensive research on the Hackensack Water Works, Blauvelt Mansion, composer Nelson Riddle, astronaut Wally Schirra and

artist Ellsworth Kelly. In 1993 Frank received a commendation from the governor for "Outstanding Volunteer of the Year". He wrote a book for Oradell's 100th anniversary and secured a \$200,000 grant for the restoration of Oradell's train station. Frank also served as publisher for the NBC retiree magazine "Peacock North". In January of 2017 he was appointed Historian Emeritus by the Oradell Mayor and Council.

One of Frank's many talents was his ability to design things on the computer. He made his own Christmas cards using black line drawings. His themes were always some of the historical significant buildings in Oradell. He gave the Friends of the Library permission to use his note cards to sell.

A very valuable collection of photographs of buildings in Oradell came into his hands as Historian. He digitized the collection, and the Friends later made them available as framed prints.

All of the reports that Frank produced, the many covers he designed, and his other artwork may be seen in Oradell's Local History Room.

Local History

Last fall I had the good fortune to meet John Braun of Oradell. John is a second year architecture student at NJIT, and he needed to put in 20 hours of community service. I also happened to need someone to delve into the Hague Collection and try and make some sense of the five cartons of materials which Caroline and Robert Hague's nieces had donated.

It has sat in a cabinet for several years, waiting for its turn to be attacked. As jobs in the History Room were completed, one by one, the Hague Collection finally rose to the top.

John took on this challenge and proved his worth very quickly. He brought order to the chaotic collection of papers, photos, and other miscellany that was in the cartons. As a direct result of his work, the local History Room has two volumes of photographs, all carefully stored away, cataloged, scanned, and linked to the database. In addition, there is a wealth of historic papers all ready to be cataloged and filed ■

George Carter, Borough Historian

Youth Department Programs

Tackling Tough Topics

About two years ago, the Book and Needle Club of Oradell generously granted us funds to increase our materials on mental illnesses. After a thorough analysis of our entire collection, we felt there was room to improve what we offered for children and teens. We purchased many books that addressed a variety of illnesses as well as related subjects. We did not know if these books would go out because we rarely get requests for these topics. As it turned out, these books go out and they go out a lot.

The majority of our materials are selected because they are entertaining and we know our readers will enjoy these stories or are interested in learning more about topics that interest them. We also, of course, purchase a lot of materials to compliment what children are learning in school or will need for assignments. Yet, we also keep an eye on what is going on in the world and how we can provide fact-based, supportive information on these subjects that might come up in our homes and school discussions.

We often use books to reinforce messages of friendship, tolerance, and controlling the emotions that can be disruptive. Books often help to prepare us for the first day of Kindergarten, stand up to bullies, take pride in our own uniqueness, and prepare for the arrival of a younger sibling. Whether it is teaching our children how babies get made, understanding what refugees are, or dealing with divorce, we aim to have a variety of books that are thoughtful, informative, age-appropriate, and sensitive to young minds.

When we're stuck on how to talk about those tough topics with our children, there is a book waiting for us to make it a little easier. We are here to help you find those books. ■

Robin Rockman, Youth Services Librarian

Information Services Librarian

Libraries inspire us – to understand, to act, to make and to connect.

Oradell Public Library is your place where inspiration happens – whether found within the pages of a book, showcased under glass, shared in conversation, or cultivated by a library performance, event or program.

So, come to the Library and get inspired!

Did you know that two library programs – the Oradell Stigma Free Kick off and Elder Planning - from January 2017 were filmed by OPTV (Oradell Public TV)? Both programs can be viewed on demand at Oradell.org. Click on OPTV and follow the links. A computer or a mobile device with internet connection is all that is needed.

Oradell's Stigma Free Task Force Committee is a town-wide community group which aims to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness. In January, the committee sponsored a free Kick off program at the Library. The program was titled, "Peaceful Minds in Anxious Times" and provided an overview of various adult and children anxiety disorders. As noted above, you can view the taped program at <http://www.oradell.org/ornj/OPTV/>. You can also check out and like the committee's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/oradellstigmafree/>. Information about the county-wide Stigma Free initiative can be found at: <http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/index.aspx?NID=1242>

The Oradell Public Library offers two book clubs. The Oradell Evening Book Club meets at 7 pm on the third Wednesday every month. The Oradell Morning Book Club meets at 11 am on the fourth or fifth Tuesday each month. New members are always welcome. For additional details, visit the Library's website: <http://oradell.bccls.org/>.

Do you have a fun or interesting or unique collection to display? The Oradell Public Library display case is available to showcase your educational, cultural, or personal collection. Space is available for one or two month intervals. Please speak to Linda Pabian at the library for details and availability. ■

Linda Pabian
Information Services Librarian

Director's Corner



At the Library's budget presentation to the Mayor & Council earlier this month, Mayor Diane Didio and Councilmember Tracy Schoenberg encouraged us to spread the news on the Library's Museum Pass Program. I thought this would be a good time to write about this wonderful service made available to all Oradell residents by the generosity and excellent work of the Friends of the Library.

When Oradell residents visit the library to borrow books, CDs, DVDs or other learning materials, they can also "check out" passes or tickets to some of the area's most distinguished museums and cultural institutions, including the American Museum of Natural History; the Cooper Hewitt Museum; The Frick Collection; the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum; The Museum of Modern Art; and The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum. For more information, go to: <http://oradell.bccls.org/museum-passes.html>.

This program was researched, funded and implemented by Friends of the Oradell Library volunteers and donors. To learn how you can become a "Friend," visit <http://oradell.bccls.org/friends-of-the-library.html>.

New Jersey Makers Day

Saturday, March 25, 2017

On Saturday, March 25, 2017 makers from across New Jersey will be participating in the third annual NJ Makers Day to celebrate and share maker culture. The Oradell Free Public Library is proud, once

again, to be one of the participating locations.

Creative minds of all ages are invited to join us for a special daylong event devoted to hands-on learning. All activities are free of charge and the event is open to the public.

Currently, we are still in the process of recruiting volunteers to assist with the day. Opportunities include sharing a skill or talent, crafts, technology, food, etc. Can you demonstrate Raspberry Pi? Teach macramé? These are just a few of the possibilities.

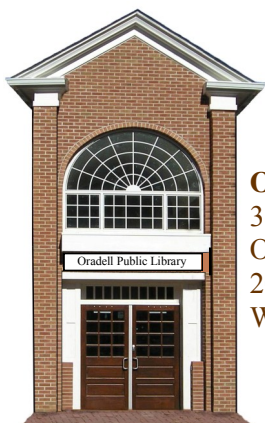
This is a community-wide event that aims to bring everyone together by sharing skills and talents – and it is fun and educational for all ages! We thank Oradell Public Library Foundation President Lin Loh for helping us coordinate this amazing and inspiring event. For more information, go to <http://oradell.bccls.org/make-your-space.html>. ■

John J. Trause
Library Director



Join us for our third annual NJ Makers Day hosted by the Oradell Free Public Library. It is a fun-filled day with three floors of hands on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities for kids and adults of all ages! All this will be happening in the heart of our community, the Oradell Public Library, on March 25, 2017 Saturday from 10:30 -3:30 pm. Be sure to stop in to test your skills in folding airplanes that will travel the farthest, make an LED firefly and learn about electric circuits, interact with the River Dell High School Invention and STEM clubs as they demonstrate Scratch programming and robotics, decorating emoji cookies, mind-boggling brain teasers and check out the Microsoft device bar and more. ■

Lin Loh
Makers Day Coordinator



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Library Hours:

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

The Friends of the Library

You recently received our spring letter, and I can't emphasize enough just how important your support is. As our letter points out, we have the strongest following of any library in the BCCLS system. And we're justifiably proud of that. Of course, we didn't get that recognition all on our own. Your support made it possible.

And you might ask, and you have a right to ask, "what does my money do?" "Where does it go?"

One of the most important uses of the funds you donate, is to provide fun, interesting, entertaining, and challenging programs for both our adult patrons, as well as Oradell's children. We have a very active calendar for both the adult and the youth departments.

We support the *Museum Pass Program*, a program that allows you to visit some of the best venues in New York,

"at no cost to you!" We pay for it, or rather you do through your donations.

We support the BCCLS Scholarship program, especially since four graduates of that program came to work at the Oradell Library.

We support the Local History Room, and its collection of Oradell History. Without this extensive database, many valuable items, such as photographs, artifacts, books, etc. would be just stored and unlocatable.

We pay for all the supplies needed in the workroom of the library. This is our way of trying to make the funds the Mayor and Council provide go further.

And these are just a few of the highlights.

Our slogan, "A Growing Library Needs Good Friends" is absolutely true. WE NEED YOU! Please respond favorably to our request for support.

THANK YOU

Library Meetings

Board of Trustees, Second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., Lower Level Room
Friends of the Library, First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., Lower Level Room