

# Library News



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Fall 2008

## From the Director – Hannah Kerwin



The Summer Reading statistics have been tallied, and I am pleased (though hardly surprised) to report that the Children's, Teen, Adult and Staff Summer Reading programs drew more participants than last year, and more books were read. I'd like to thank the Friends of the Library for providing book totes for adults who signed up, as well as Barnes and Noble gift cards for the end of summer drawing. (See who won on page 6.)

It still felt like summer on September 14, when library staff members set up a tent and table downtown at the annual Bound Brook Community Festival. (Above, Somerset County Freeholder Patricia Walsh introduces herself to library staff member Katia Radeva. More Festival photos on page 2.)



Out with the old (right), In with the new (below)!



As we navigate the seasonal transition to autumn, I encourage you to make visiting the library part of your weekly routine. Have you seen the attractive new look of the Shirley F. Klompus Reading Room? The Library Advisory Board used funds from the Klompus bequest to replace our forty-year-old tables and chairs with seven oak-finished tables, accented by blue laminate surfaces, and twenty-eight matching chairs. The next time you are here, be sure to try out our new furniture!

## Friends News – Phyllis Bugal

The Friends regretfully said goodbye this August to two of our long-time officers, Vice President Rose Marie Green and Treasurer Doriann Kerber. We thank both of them for all the work and time they devoted to the Friends of the Library.

Head of Youth Services, Margaret Draghi, who is also a member of the Friends, will be our new Treasurer. Her position as Liaison to the Library Staff will go to Paul Schroeder, Head of Adult Services.

We welcome all current and new members to our next meeting on Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. We will be setting the meeting schedule for 2009, the agenda for our first 2009 meeting and new programs for winter and spring. Without your help our resources are limited!



The Friends purchased the tent, table and chairs used here on Main Street for the Bound Brook Community Festival on September 14, 2008.

We need our members' contributions to pay for the many programs and resources the Friends provide for the Library. This year alone we sponsored authors, concerts, science demonstrations and speakers on a variety of subjects. We held an annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon and the Memorial Day pre-parade reception. After the library reopened last year, we purchased six folding tables and forty-six folding chairs for the Community Meeting Room, as well as a tent for outdoor use.

None of this would be possible without the financial support of our members. If you enjoyed any of these programs this year, please help us sponsor more next year by becoming a Friend of the Bound Brook Memorial Library today!



At the Bound Brook Community Festival, Vivian Carey and Mike Costante hand out flyers and urge people to visit the library.

## Volunteer Spotlight – Patricia Diaz



Patricia with students in the Computer Room.

When our Head of Circulation Maria Holguin recognized a community need for basic computer instruction in Spanish, she recruited fellow Peruvian native Patricia Diaz as a volunteer instructor. Patricia, who speaks Spanish and English fluently (and gets by in some other languages), has experience in international business communications, most recently in Honduras.



With assistance from our bilingual security officer Benny Garcia, Maria registered students for a free series of morning or afternoon classes this summer. The students typically were adults who have lived in the United States for some time, but have never had the opportunity to develop computer skills. Patricia was exceedingly generous with her time, teaching four classes per week.

## Teen Services – Tricia Curran

**Teen Game Days** - Bring your own games! Looking for a game of chess?

**Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.**  
**October 11, November 15, December 20**

**Teen Advisory Board Meeting**  
All teens welcome!

**Mondays at 6:30 p.m.**  
**October 20, November 10**



For this July program entitled "Transformations", teens were treated to theatrical makeup applied by Christopher Agostino.

## Children's Services – Jacqui Ridzy



Miss Alicia, dressed in her impeccably coordinated bedtime attire, conducted **Pajama Storytime** this summer.

### STORYTIMES

#### **BABY RHYME TIME (Ages 6-23 months)**

Come join this lap-sit program full of rhymes, songs, and stories to introduce your child to the joy of books and the library. Stay afterwards for playtime with some new friends!

**Mondays at 10:00 a.m.**

**October 6, 20, and 27**

**\*Please note there will be no Baby Rhyme time on October 13\***

#### **TODDLER TIME (Ages 2 ½ - 3 ½)**

Join us for fun with stories, finger plays, songs, and more just for you!

**Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.**

**October 1, 8, 22, and 29**

**\*Please note there will be no Toddler Time on October 15\***

#### **PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (Ages 3 ½ - 5)**

Join us for fun with stories, finger plays, songs, and more just for you!

**Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.**

**October 2, 9, 23, and 30**

**\*Please note there will be no Preschool Storytime on October 16\***

After a successful summer, the Children's Department is jumping right back into a full line up of programs for this fall and winter. We hope to see you and your child at a storytime, afterschool program, or at a special event on a Saturday!

### MUSIC @ BOUND BROOK

#### **MUSIC TO MOVE BY WITH ANN WILD (Ages birth – 3)**

Clap your hands, move your feet, and let your child feel the beat! Come to this interactive music experience especially for children with Ann Wild.

**Fridays at 10:00 a.m.**

**October 17, 31, November 7, 21, and December 19**

**Registration is required for this program.**



Children and parents listened attentively as Miss Alicia read tales of good natured bugs having incredible adventures.

#### **Online Program Calendar**

<http://www.localendar.com/public/boundbrooklibrary>

#### **Children's Program Blog**

<http://bblibraryyouth.blogspot.com>

## **AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

### **SPEED RACER DAY (Ages 5+)**

Speed into the library for some rip-roaring fun! We'll race through some "Speed Racer" cartoons on the big screen and make a pit stop for some fun activities.

**Thursday, October 9, 3:30 p.m.**

### **HALLOWEEN PARTY (Ages 5+)**

Boo! You can't scare us! Show off your costume and we'll treat you to some tricks and treats.

**Thursday, October 30, 3:30 p.m.**

### **LIBRARY MAGIC (Ages 5+)**

Come laugh and be amazed! Critically acclaimed magician Mark Zaharia presents a hilarious show of library magic!

**Thursday, November 6, 11:00 a.m.**



Our summer puppet theater show was so popular that we converted our large Reading Room into a program space.



This summer, volunteer Consuelo Holguin (mother of staff member Maria Holguin) demonstrated the pleasures of knitting.

### **WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE AN AUTHOR (Ages 6+)**

Join award-winning New Jersey author Karen Rostoker-Gruber and her puppet pal Maria to find out what it's like to be an author--first hand. Pull rejection letters out of Karen's mailbox, become a printing press, and more. Karen has published seven books, including the award winning title Rooster Can't Cock-A-Doodle Do and Bandit. She lives in Branchburg. Download a coloring page or make eyeball stew by visiting her website at: [www.karenrostoker-gruber.com](http://www.karenrostoker-gruber.com).

**Wednesday, December 3, 3:30 p.m.**

## **SATURDAY HOLIDAY FUN**

### **AN OLD FASHIONED CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WITH JUDITH KRALL-RUSSO (Ages 8+)**

This Saturday afternoon, come and discover how children celebrated Christmas during the Victorian Era. We will make an old fashioned Christmas decoration, play a game of Pass the Slipper, listen to holiday stories and taste typical Christmas treats of gingerbread and apple cider.

**Saturday, December 6, 2:00 p.m.**  
**(Limited to 15 children)**



Elmo awaits your visit!

## Adult Services – Paul Schroeder

Our Adult Summer Reading Program was a great success with 240 participants, twice as many as in 2007. Congratulations to all of our prize winners!

- \$25 Barnes & Noble Gift Cards - Ben Auletta, Jr., Susan Bonczak, William Curtis, Pearl Fusco, Charlotte Kosa, David Venegas
- Home Depot Card – Irene Sheredos
- MP3 Player – Eleanor Schiermeyer
- Starbucks Gift Card – Lou Grube
- Digital Camera – Jill Sibilla
- \$50 Shell Gas Card – Jude Maignan
- Patriots tickets – Merilee Hills and Pauline Karvois

## Upcoming Programs – Mark your calendars!

**Registration required for all programs unless otherwise noted. Call (732) 356-0043 to sign up.**

### OCTOBER

#### Open Mic Poetry Reading

*Monday, October 6 & 20 at 7:00 p.m.*

No registration required.

#### Meet Author Carlotta Holton

*Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m.*

Ms. Holton is the author of *Salem Pact*, *Touching the Dead* and *Vampire Resurrection* (in release this month). Join us, if you dare, for this presentation about the psychological control that superstitions have over all of us.

#### Tours of the Old Presbyterian Graveyard

*Saturday, October 11, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

*Sunday, October 12, noon to 5:00 p.m.*

Bound Brook Librarian Mary Nelson will conduct tours of the graveyard, the final resting place of some interesting people. Meet in the graveyard, adjacent to the library. This event is part of "Weekend Journey Through the Past", sponsored by the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

#### Alborada Spanish Dance Theater

*Saturday, October 11 at 2:00 p.m.*

New Jersey's premier Flamenco and Spanish Dance Company will perform their lively and entertaining repertoire of diverse dance numbers. Fun for the whole family!

#### Library Loopers

*Tuesdays, October 14 & 28 at 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.*

An informal gathering of knitters and crocheters. No registration required.

#### Somerset County Photography Club

*Tuesdays, October 14 & 28 at 7:30 p.m.*

No registration required.

#### The Dolphins' View with Tom Brown\*

*Thursday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m.*

Ever wonder what dolphins would say if they could communicate with us? *The Dolphins' View* by Tom Brown is a science fiction/fantasy about the adventures of three bioengineered dolphins that return to land. The story is told in three books for adult and teen readers: *Transformation*, *Impossible Dream*, and *Hannibal Invades Washington*. Join us for the author's slide presentation, "The Wonders and Perils of Dolphins." Q&A, book signing to follow. Light refreshments will be served.

#### Amish Traditions with Sandy Riley\*

*Wednesday, October 22 at 1:00 p.m.*

Ms. Riley moved from Bricktown, New Jersey to live for five years in a predominately Amish community in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She will share her knowledge about the Amish Community with entertaining stories and interesting facts about the people living in rural Lancaster County. Light refreshments will be served.

#### Medicare Maze

*Tuesday, October 28 at 1:00 p.m.*

Is figuring out Medicare making you feel like you are swimming in alphabet soup? This presentation by a Senior Medicare Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselor will help you to understand the basics of Medicare and how you can find the best plan. The open enrollment period extends from Nov. 15 to Dec. 31 each year so this is an optimal time to decide on your plan. This free educational program is presented by George Harlan of the Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program.

**NOVEMBER****Film Screening of "Paths of Justice"**

*Thursday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m.*

After screening their film "Paths of Justice", screenwriter Kyle Pucciarello, director Ilya Livshits and actor Nick Vaccaro will discuss the filmmaking process.

**Cooperative Villages with Frances Madeson**

*Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m.*

Ms. Madeson performs *Cooperative Villages: The One-Woman Show* based on her book. The story: When Frances finds a body in her laundry room of her building in the Lower East Side's Cooperative Village, it sets in motion a bizarrely comic yet terrifying chain of events. As Frances careens, dead body in tow, from laundry room to living room to library, she becomes victim of Library Card identify Theft (LCIT) and comes under scrutiny of the US Government. How closely is "Big Brother" watching?

**Barnes & Noble Bookfair\***

*Sunday, November 16, all day*

Meet author Jane K. Cleland at 2:00 p.m. at the B&N store at the Somerville Circle for a reading and book signing. No registration required.

**Somerset County Photography Club**

*Tuesday, November 25 at 7:30 p.m.*

No registration required.

**Library Loopers**

*Tuesday, November 25 at 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.*

**DECEMBER****Meet Author Carrie Papa**

*Saturday, December 6 at 2:00 p.m.*

Ms. Papa is the author of *The Brightest Star of All*. She will present Christmas stories from around the world in addition to a craft for adults and children.

**Somerset County Photography Club**

*Tuesday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m.*

No registration required.

**Library Loopers**

*Tuesday, December 9 & 23 at 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.*

**Marblizing with Nancy Leary\***

*Saturday, December 13 at 1:00 p.m.*

Adult craft with a winter wonderland theme.

**"A Christmas Carol"**

*Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 p.m.*

A dramatic reading of Dickens' own condensed version of his Christmas classic. Performers will be dressed in authentic period costume.

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**Adult Programs Blog**

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The Library Loopers, a casual group of knitters and crocheters, gather in the Reading Room twice per month.



The newborn set, left, was donated to a local hospital. Pictured above are Laura Chamberlain and Karen Van Ravenswaay.

## Archives – Mary Nelson

### *Franco-Americana*

#### **Bound Brook's Very Own "French Connection"**

As I looked through *Bound Brook Chronicle* issues of days gone by, I came across an interesting story about some Bound Brook citizens who, ninety years ago, put forth a gesture of friendship towards the citizens of a French town with an historical connection to Bound Brook.

Le Puy-en-Velay (formerly Le Puy) is southwest of Lyon, near the Loire River. It is the birthplace of the Marquis de Lafayette, a general in the American Revolutionary War who served in the Continental Army under George Washington. Lafayette was the first person granted honorary U.S. citizenship. He is honored to this day by the names of streets and public buildings, such as Bound Brook's Lafayette Elementary School.

Major Henry G. Opdycke, a past president of the Washington Camp Ground Association, is credited in one source with devising the plan to send a set of resolutions from Bound Brook to Le Puy, expressing appreciation for the services rendered to America by General Lafayette.

In the spring of 1918, a group including Mayor John T. Robinson, Dr. Edwin T. Davis, Major John Opdycke, Warren King, David Hastings, George O. Smalley and Hubert Suydam gathered at the home of Rev. P.C. Bascom, located on the northeast corner of Mountain Avenue and High Street. Photos were taken of the group with a silk 13-star Betsy Ross flag that would accompany the resolutions to Le Puy.

Major (John?) Opdycke traveled to France with the items to be presented. On June 10, 1918, he sent the following cablegram to Rev. Bascom:

"Lafayette memorial flag will be erected in Le Puy, Department of Haute-Loire, France at noon, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Details by mail."

The presentation was made in the city hall (the Hotel de Ville) between large statues of the Marquis de Lafayette and George Washington.

Flash forward to the spring 1950. George O. Smalley, one of the men pictured in the 1918 photo, was traveling through France. He asked his chauffeur to make a detour off their route from Avignon to Vichy. Mr. Smalley told him of his interest in the Hotel de Ville in Le Puy. They found it, but alas, it was closed. As luck would have it, someone gave them directions to the concierge's home and Monsieur Pradier, the concierge, happened to be there! He accompanied Mr. Smalley and his chauffeur back to the Hotel de Ville and escorted them to the main room where the flag was protected in cellophane together with the resolutions and photo taken at Rev. Bascom's house thirty-two years before.

Monsieur Pradier reported that the flag, resolutions and photo had been hidden during WWII, the location known only to one other person besides himself. Monsieur Pradier also stated that he had been present for the ceremony on June 14, 1918 and that a large tree outside the building had been planted on that very afternoon, symbolizing the friendship between the American and French citizens.

What has become of these materials documenting the connection between Bound Brook and Le Puy-en-Velay? Is the symbolic tree still standing? I'll include any results of my research in a future newsletter.

**The Friends would like to thank the following for their 2008 contributions (7/17/08):**

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**Library Closed**

October 13 – Columbus Day  
November 4 – Election Day  
November 11 – Veterans Day  
November 27 & 28 - Thanksgiving  
December 24 & 25 - Christmas

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**Next  
Friends  
Meeting****Wednesday  
November 19****7:00 p.m.**

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