

# Library News



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Spring 2008

**Friends Fundraiser  
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## From the Director – Hannah Kerwin

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### Next Friends Meeting

Wednesday  
April 16

Meeting will immediately follow the jazz concert, which starts at 7:00 p.m.

On February 15, 2008, the staff of Bound Brook Memorial Library commemorated our first anniversary as a branch of SCLS with a cheery reception. Staff member Kyle Pucciarello sang and played guitar as patrons of all ages listened and sampled refreshments. This was an anniversary worthy of celebration!

Library patrons have responded positively to the changes brought about by membership in the Somerset County Library System. They appreciate the expanded and updated collection, especially the music CDs and DVDs, and

quicker access to newly released items. The library staff continues to live up to its long-established reputation for friendly, small town helpfulness and dedication. In a survey conducted in November 2007, 98% of respondents reported feeling welcome when they visited Bound Brook Library and 99% reported that our service met or exceeded their expectations.

The staff of BBL remains committed to a high level of service to our community. We look forward to serving our Somerset communities during our second year and beyond!



The Cat in the Hat (staff member Alicia Conroy) appears in the children's room during Read Across America



Library staff member and musician Kyle Pucciarello helps the library celebrate one year as a branch of the Somerset County Library System

## Friends News – Phyllis Bugal

And now for something completely different... The Friends of the Library haven't held a fundraiser in over seven years, but this one sounded like too much fun to pass up. Mystery writer Chris Grabenstein (*Tilt-A-Whirl, Hell for the Holidays*) will participate in a New Jersey authors panel on April 10 and he graciously suggested this intriguing idea: donate to the Friends fundraiser and you will get a chance to have your name used for a character in his next John Ceepak mystery series (to be published in the summer of 2009)! The fundraiser will run from March 10 through April 10 and Chris will draw the winning name after the panel discussion.

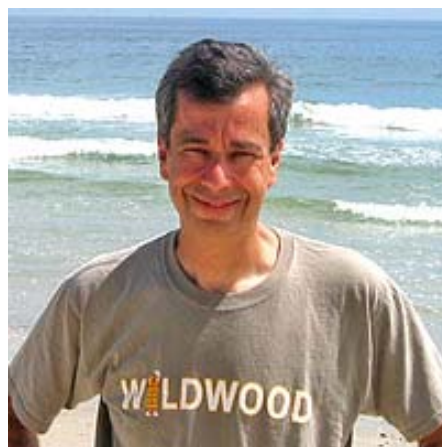
Donations may be made at the main or children's circulation desks. This program is free and the Friends will provide refreshments. The whole evening promises to be interesting and enjoyable. See page 9 for more information.

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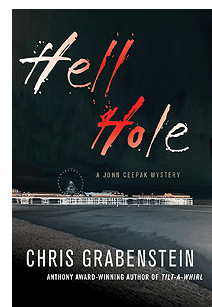
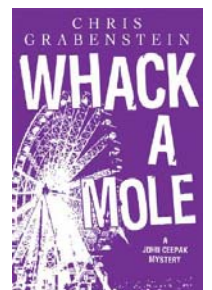
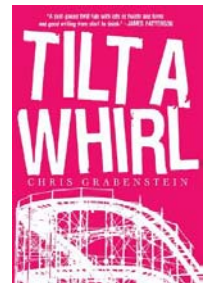
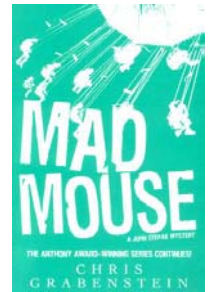
sponsoring a jazz concert at 7:00 p.m. and a short meeting of the Friends will follow the concert. On the agenda: possible programs for the summer and fall, election of officers and reports on the Staff Appreciation Luncheon (April 15) and (of course!) our fundraiser.

If you have enjoyed the many different programs offered by the Library in the year since it reopened, please know that many of them are funded by the Friends of the Library. Now we truly need your help! The same dedicated group of officers has served for the past 11 years, but we have reached a point where we sometimes don't even have a quorum to conduct our meetings. We need new faces and fresh ideas! Without a quorum we can't conduct our business or assist the Library. We meet four times a year. The schedule is posted on the bulletin board near the Library entrance.

Please linger after the jazz concert and join us!



Chris Grabenstein enjoying the Jersey Shore



For more information about Chris go to his website at <http://www.chrisgrabenstein.com/>

## Children's Services – Jacqui Ridzy

The trees may be only beginning to bud, but in the Children's Department we are busy as bees preparing for summer reading! This summer's theme is Catch the Reading Bug @ your library, so we are pulling out our beehives and butterfly nets for some great programs and fun reads! In the meantime, we look forward to seeing all of your children along with their school class when they visit us in May. Hopefully this will be one of many visits to the library this spring and summer!

Before school visits and summer reading starts, we will continue with storytimes and after school programs. **Baby Rhyme Time** continues on **Mondays at 10:00 a.m.** through March and April. We have split our **Wednesday Storytime** into two sessions, **Toddler Time at 10:00 a.m. for ages 2-3** and **Storytime at 11:00 a.m. for ages 4-5**. We have also added a **Thursday Preschool Storytime at 10:00 a.m. for ages 2-4** with Miss Alicia. As for school-age children, we know you won't be bored over spring break because we have some exciting events planned! On **Tuesday, March 25 at 1:00 p.m.** we will have a **Springtime Tea for ages 5+**, and on **Wednesday, March 26 at 1:00 p.m.** we hope you'll join us for our **Captain Underpants Extra Crunch Day o' Fun for ages 5+**. Additionally, on **Thursday, March 27 at 1:00 p.m.**, we will be showing **High School Musical 2** on the big screen, better than watching it on TV! We hope that you will join us for some of these events. In April, we will be introducing a book discussion program for **ages 8+**, a **Judy Moody Book Chat, on Thursday, April 10 at 3:30 p.m.**

Participants should read any book from the Judy Moody series, and come ready for fun! All attendees will receive a special prize. April also brings National Library Week, which we will be celebrating with an assortment of **Book Games** after school on **Monday, April 14, Wednesday, April 16, and Friday, April 18 at 3:30 p.m.** We will end April with a long-anticipated **Angelina Ballerina Dance-Off on Monday, April 28, at 3:30 p.m.** It's National Dance Week, so we have a craft and dance party to kick it off! Have a happy spring!

### *Quite a Character!*

The Children's Department hosted a special guest last month. On January 17 we had a "Pooh Party" to celebrate A.A. Milne's birthday, and all the young partiers were surprised when Tigger bounced in! Tigger led the boys and girls in a bouncy, boingy parade around the room before they settled down (in a manner of speaking) for a craft. The event would have been just perfect had one dear five year old not recognized Miss Alicia in the Tigger costume and yelled to everyone who would listen (and some who would not) "That's not the real Tigger! That's not the real Tigger!" Thankfully, he kept his mouth shut about Santa Claus and the Tooth Fairy. All joking aside, the kids and library staff alike enjoyed their Storytime, foam Winnie the Pooh craft, and of course, Miss Alicia's stint as the lovable Tigger. Everyone is looking forward to many more events with Miss Alicia in costume. We've heard that she has quite a closetful...Read Across America, anyone?



Tigger visits the library to help celebrate Winnie the Pooh creator A.A. Milne's birthday in February

**Online Program Calendar**  
<http://www.localendar.com/public/boundbrooklibrary>  
**Children's Program Blog**  
<http://bblibraryyouth.blogspot.com>



A young patron carefully colors in a Pooh picture

## Archives – Mary Nelson

In our last newsletter, we recognized Bound Brook's first fire company, Ivy Hook & Ladder Company, No.1. We continue our salute to the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bound Brook Fire Department by recognizing the second and third established fire companies in Bound Brook's history. The second was the Bound Brook Hose Company, No.1; the third was the America Hose & Engine Company, No.2.

The Bound Brook Hose Company, No.1 was founded on July 8, 1889. The first location of the firehouse was at the corner of Main and East Streets. The present location is across the street from the original site. Their first piece of equipment was a two-wheel hose cart propelled by members! This was followed by another hose cart pulled by horses. In 1915 the company got their first motorized truck, a Brockaway, purchased with funds raised by social affairs. The next truck was an international, in use until 1948 when it was replaced by a 1948 500-gallon Mack pumper purchased by the borough. In 1970, the borough bought the first diesel American La France 1000-gallon pumper.

Bound Brook's third fire company was founded on January 17, 1891 as The America Hose Company, when a committee requested that the Bound Brook government provide a pumper and 100 feet of hose. The original home of the company was on Maiden Lane. It moved to East Second Street in 1907, having purchased property three years earlier and was formally opened on Washington's Birthday, 1907. The building was designed by Francis H. Bent, of Bound Brook and built by William T. Morecraft of South Bound Brook, at a cost of approximately

\$4,000. The building was two stories high, the first floor designated for the hose cart and stalls for horses. The East Second Street location also housed motorized equipment, hence, the company's name change to the America Hose & Engine Co., the first one being a Martin pumper purchased in 1917, followed by a Mack 750 GPM pumper in 1942, a Mack 750 GPM pumper in 1965 and a Pierce 1250 GPM pumper in 1984.

The first officers of the Company were L.P. Clark, William Converse, John Gaddis, L.H. Cawley, M.H. Cleves, and R. Hamilton.

Some of the volunteers from Company No.2 would rush to fires in street clothes, using wet sponges as filters to breathe through, since air packs were not mandatory in the early days of the fire company. During the Depression, many of the fire company members would "dig into their own pockets" to help pay the mortgages of the fire companies in town, including the America Hose & Engine Co. The volunteers of the America Company often developed their own training procedures that included jumping off the old Lafayette School building into a net, pumping water out of the Delaware & Raritan Canal, setting bonfires and putting them out and burning cars.

The Company's motto over the years has been "not for self, but for others." Supposedly, the motto came from a traveler who happened into a saloon owned by a member of the Company. He was offered some refreshments in exchange for an original slogan for the Company. He thought one up and it is still one that the Company, alive and well (though with smaller ranks) proudly lives by to this day!



Bound Brook Hose Co. No. 1



American Hose & Engine Co.

## Teen Services – Tricia Curran

The Bound Brook High School Robotics Club presented a program at the library on March 3 as part of Teen Tech Week.

In April the Bound Brook High School Environmental Club will put up a display to celebrate Earth Day.

### Teen Advisory Board Meetings

Monday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m.

### Cartooning and Anime with Doug Baron

Saturday, March 15 at 2:00 p.m.

### Game Day

Saturday, April 19 at 2:00 p.m.



BBHS Robotics Club awards on display at the library

## Adult Services – Paul Schroeder

Did you know that you can do research from the comfort of your home?

With your Somerset County Library card you have access to online information about topics ranging from antiques and genealogy to auto repair and business.

You can also access newspaper and magazine articles through *EBSCOHost* and *Proquest*, two popular databases offering access to titles such as *Time*, *Newsweek* and the *New York*

*Times*. Also available online is the *Courier-News* from 1999 to the present.

There is no charge for this service; all you need is your library card. Stop by the reference desk or call the library and ask how you can access these and many other online resources from your home or any other computer with Internet access.

The adult services staff looks forward to helping you meet all your information needs.

## In Other News

Congratulations to Donna Babitsky, winner of the Adult Winter Reading Program gift Basket!

And congratulations to Elia Barbati winner of the Books in the Fast Lane MP3 player drawing sponsored by the Somerset County Library System!



Trish Chambers in period dress spoke at the library on March 3 about the role of women in the Civil War, one of many programs sponsored by the Friends of the Library

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 Send in your 2008 tax-deductible contribution!  
 Attend Friends meetings!  
 Become a member of a committee!

**Detach and mail or drop off at the library**

## Upcoming Programs – Mark your calendars!

### Online Program Calendar

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

### Adult Programs Blog

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#### **Gone Fishin'**

*Tuesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.*

Our presenter is Oliver Shapiro, fish expert, New Jersey resident and author of *Fishing New Jersey: A Guide for Freshwater Anglers*.

#### **Somerset County Photography Club**

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

"Landscapes and Gardens" presented by Nancy Ori

#### **Movies on the Big Screen – Stardust**

Choose from four show times:

*Tuesday, March 25 at 2:00 p.m.*

*Wednesday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.*

*Thursday, March 27 at 10:00 a.m.*

#### **Meet the Author Mark Harris**

*Tuesday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.*

Mark Harris is the author of *Grave Matters: A Journey Through the Modern Funeral Industry to a Natural Way of Burial*.

#### **New Jersey Writers Panel**

(Friends Fundraiser Drawing)

*Thursday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.*

Authors Jeffrey Cohen, Ken Isaacson, Chris Grabenstein and Jack Getze will discuss using New Jersey as setting for their books.

#### **Old Presbyterian Graveyard Discussion and Walking Tour**

*Saturday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m.*

Bound Brook Historian Dorothy Stratford will talk about the importance of the Old Presbyterian Graveyard to the revolutionary period. Following the talk at the library there will be a walking tour of the cemetery. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

#### **Rain Gardens**

*Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.*

Isaac Martin Vice President of the Native Plant Society of New Jersey will discuss the importance of rain gardens.

#### **Jazz Concert**

*Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m.*

Keyboardist Karen Zumbrunn. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

#### **Meet the Author: Olga Valcoff**

*Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.*

Olga Valcoff is the author of the memoir *Hello Golden Gate: Goodbye Russia*. This program is cosponsored with the Raritan Valley Slavic Cultural & Heritage Society.

#### **Antique Appraisal Program**

*Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m.*

Bring your antiques to the library so Alan Snyder can appraise them. Mr. Snyder is a Certified Antique and Estate Appraiser. Coffee and breakfast pastries will be served. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

#### **So You Want to Own a Bed & Breakfast – Part 1**

*Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m.*

Innkeepers Nancy Fiske and Lamont Blowe of The Pillars of Plainfield answer questions about what it's like owning and operating a bed and breakfast.

#### **Bed & Breakfast Fieldtrip – Part 2**

*Saturday, April 26 at 3:00 p.m.*

Visit The Pillars of Plainfield and join innkeepers Nancy Fiske and Lamont Blowe for tea.

## Programs continued...

### **Panic and Anxiety: Overcoming Fears**

*Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m.*

Panic Relief Inc. presents this workshop to help anyone suffering from the effects of panic, anxiety and agoraphobia.

### **Somerset County Photography Club**

*April 8 and 22 at 7:30 p.m.*

Regularly meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Registration not required.

### **Book Discussion Group**

*The World is Flat* by Thomas Friedman

*Wednesday, April 9 at 10:00 a.m. or*

*Wednesday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m.*

### **Movies on the Big Screen (Titles to be announced)**

*Tuesdays, April 8 & 22 at 11:00 a.m.*

*Wednesdays, April 9 and 23 at 2:00 p.m.*

*Wednesday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m.*

*Thursdays, April 10 and 24 at 2:00 p.m.*

### **Meet the Author: Bob Golon**

*Thursday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m.*

Bob is the author of *No Minor*

*Accomplishment: The Revival of New Jersey Professional Baseball.*

### **Accomplishment: Creating Positive Life Changes**

*Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.*

Learn how to achieve your personal and professional goals.

### **Book Discussion Group**

*The Man in My Basement* by Walter Mosley

*Wednesday, May 14 at 10:00 a.m. or*

*Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m.*

### **Somerset County Photography Club**

*May 13 and 27 at 7:30 p.m.*

Regularly meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Registration not required

### **New Jersey Romance Writers Panel**

*Thursday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m.*

Romance writers Lois Winston, Chris Redding, Tracey Lyons, Terri Brisbin, Tara Nina, Caridad Pineiro will discuss the writing process.

### **Living Life to the Fullest**

*Thursday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m.*

Learn how to create freedom and possibility. Presented by Panic Relief Inc.

### **Movies on the Big Screen (Titles to be announced)**

*Tuesdays, May 13 & 27 at 2:00 p.m.*

*Wednesday, May 14 at 2:00 p.m.*

*Wednesday, May 28 at 12:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.*

*Thursday, May 15 at 12:00 p.m.*

*Thursday, May 29 at 2:00 p.m.*

### **Tour the Deep Sky**

*Wednesday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m.*

Using magnificent astrophotos taken from Earth-based telescopes and the Hubble Space Telescope we will travel out from the edge of our solar system to the edge of our universe. Presented by the New Jersey Astronomical Association.

### **Somerset County Photography Club**

*June 10 and 24 at 7:30 p.m.*

Regularly meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Registration not required.

### **Overcoming Circumstances**

*Thursday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m.*

Learn how to change your perspective and feel more in control of your life. Presented by Panic Relief Inc.

### **Book Discussion Group**

*Seabiscuit* by Laura Hillenbrand

*Wednesday, June 11 at 10:00 a.m. or*

*Wednesday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m.*

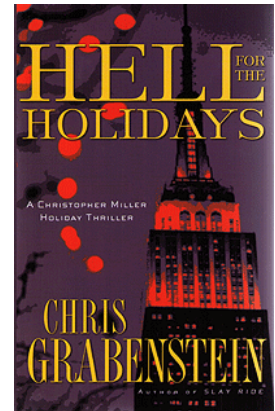
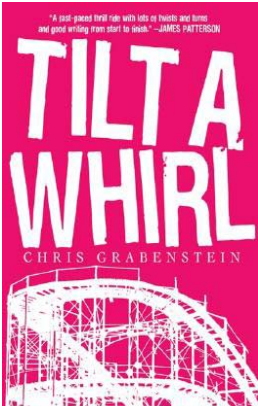
### **Overcoming Fear**

*Thursday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m.*

Learn how to create a positive state of mind while letting go of your fears and resistance. Presented by Panic Relief Inc.

**All programs are open to the public and require registration unless otherwise noted.**

# Who Wants To Be A Character?



Fred with author Chris Grabenstein

Help the **Friends of the Bound Brook Memorial Library** and enter a drawing to have a character in the fifth John Ceepak mystery series (published summer 2009) by author Chris Grabenstein named after you.

The more you donate the more chances you have of winning!

**\$5 donation = 1 chance to win**  
**\$25 donation = 6 chances to win**  
**\$50 donation = 12 chances to win**  
**\$100 donation = 25 chances to win**

**Drawing on Thursday, April 10**

Chris will be here in person to pick the winning ticket!

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**Paul Schroeder**

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March 21 – Good Friday

May 26 – Memorial Day

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