

Library News



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Summer 2008

From the Director – Hannah Kerwin



Bound Brook Little Leaguers and Brownies prepare to march in the Memorial Day Parade

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Summertime @ Your Library

Memorial Day traditionally denotes the beginning of the summer season. Have you ever wondered why "Memorial" is part of our Library's name? In 1924, the newly constructed library building was dedicated as a memorial to Bound Brook citizens who served in World War I. Their names are listed on a large monument set at the corner of High Street and Hamilton Street. This Memorial Day, Bound Brook's annual parade stepped off at this intersection. The Friends of the Library sponsored a pre-parade reception for the marching units, which included Brownies and Girl Scouts, the Little League, the Junior High/High School Band, uniformed firefighters and rescue squad members, and the Mayor and Council.



A Marine Color Guard lead the parade from the Library to the Vosseller Avenue Monument



Members of the Women's Literary Club, the Library's founding organization, ride in this classic car

Friends News – Phyllis Bugal

The Officers of the Friends apologize to Florence and Stanlee Kissel, whose names were mistakenly left off our list of 2007 donors. We thank them for their donation of \$50 in November 2007. We have changed the way donations are recorded to try to eliminate errors, but if you think a mistake has been made, please leave a message for the Friends mailbox at the main circulation desk. And as always, we are very grateful for the contributions from all our Friends!

Our fundraiser, "Who Wants to Be a Character?" raised \$520. The winning name was drawn by author Chris Grabenstein at the New Jersey Mystery Authors panel discussion on April 10. I am proud (and a little embarrassed) to report that my own son, Larry Bugal, Jr., will have his name used for a character in Chris's 2009 book.

Speaking of New Jersey authors, Bound Brook's own Scarlett Doyle (Borough Planner) has written a suspense novel titled *There's No Such Thing as Closure*. The Friends will be holding a reception at the Library for her this summer (date to be announced). Come hear her talk about her book and purchase a signed copy.

RU ready for some football? Local author Mike Pellowski (also known as the writer for

Archie Comics) has written a book on Rutgers football and he will be coming to the Library to discuss his work. According to our Vice-President Rosemarie Green, a high school friend of Mike, he has started work on a new book about famous New Jersey athletes. Mike's appearance is sponsored by the Friends and is tentatively scheduled for August.

On April 15, the Friends gave the Annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon as a thank you to our terrific Library staff. We truly appreciate all their hard work.

The Memorial Day Parade reception at the library was much appreciated by all the parade participants. Over 200 people stopped by. Thank you to the Library staff members, Paul Schroeder and Margaret Draghi, who helped the Friends organize this event.

Don't forget to sign up for the Adult Summer Reading Club. At our last meeting, the Friends agreed to pay for new tote bags as a gift for this year's participants. These are sturdy bags, good for lots of things besides library books: groceries, knitting, toys and sports events. Reuse the bag and help save the earth!



Library patron Kim Sperr and author Ken Isaacson at the New Jersey Mystery Authors panel discussion on April 10



Friends officers Doriann Kerber and Donna Benz at the Memorial Day Parade reception at the Library

Children's Services – Jacqui Ridzy

Well, the days are longer and hotter, fireflies flicker outside at night, the kids are done with school...it must be summertime.

This summer, children of all ages can "Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library!" Registration for the Summer Reading Club begins on June 23. Mark your calendars and make us a part of your summer fun! This summer we'll "Catch the Reading Bug" and explore the sometimes yucky, always amazing world of bugs! Join us for special storytimes, creative crafts, movie screenings, special events and of course reading! Highlights of our program offerings for this summer follow.

Don't miss our kickoff program: **DINOMAN (Ages 4+) on Thursday, June 26 at 3:00 pm.** What are some creatures that have been alive since the dinosaur's time? Bugs! Come to this exciting, interactive show and learn about the insects that shared the dinosaur's turf. Some were huge, some were tiny, some were fast flyers, and some were deadly!

Come see some real live **BUSY BEES (Ages 5+) on Friday, July 11 at 2:00 pm.** At this program you'll get the chance to watch real bees work in a glass-enclosed hive with Earl Rowe from the 4-H Beekeepers Club. We'll learn all about bees, beekeepers, and taste some honey!



Spring bonnet making party with Katie, Beth, and Marlo



A first grade class walks to the library

Even though our summer reading theme is all about bugs, we'll take a trip into "The Strange World of Reptiles" with our **SNAKES 'N' SCALES** program on **Friday, July 18 at 2:00 pm (Ages 5+).** At this program you will meet crocodiles, turtles, lizards, and snakes! Reptile behaviors, adaptations, individual animal personality and where these animals are appropriate pets will also be discussed.

All ages can join us on **Friday, July 25 at 2:00 pm,** for an exciting puppet show from **NAPPY'S PUPPETS.** This puppeteer from the PBS program "Between the Lions," will present an adaptation of a family favorite story.

Cool off inside and watch a movie on the big screen with us! Popcorn and juice will be served. **Ages 6+**

Thursday, July 10 at 3:00 p.m., Bee Movie
Thursday, July 24 at 3:00 p.m., A Bug's Life
Thursday, Aug 7 at 3:00 p.m., TBA

For more information and full program listings, including storytimes and crafts, please call 732-356-0043, visit our website at www.somerset.lib.nj.us or pick up a booklet at the library.

Online Program Calendar

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

Children's Program Blog

<http://bblibraryyouth.blogspot.com>

Archives – Mary Nelson



We finish our salute to the Bound Brook Fire Department in this 120th anniversary year with the remaining two fire companies, Watchung Fire Company, No.3 and Relief Fire Company, No.4.

Watchung Fire Co., No.3 was founded on October 8, 1907, as a hose company with six chemical extinguishers. On March 16, 1908 the company voted to lease property on the corner of Church and Franklin Streets for \$100 per year. Anyone who joined the company by July 1, 1908 was considered for "charter membership," according to a vote taken on June 15, 1908. That same day, Henry S. Warwick was elected to honorary membership – the only person accorded that distinction by the company. On July 10, 1908, the first fire was fought with the company's hose wagon, built by Warwick himself. In 1910 the company purchased the property they were leasing for \$1,600.

The company fought the Central Railroad freight fire in 1908, the Sherwin-Williams plant fire in 1935, the Wells Building fire in 1938, a gas truck fire and explosion on Route 29 (now Route 22) in 1939, blazes at the Bound Brook Hospital and the Klompus Building in 1943 and the Borough Hall fire of 1946.

In 1961, the company moved to their new home on Tea Street. In 1996, the Borough Council sold 47.7 acres to Advance Properties of Bedminster to develop the Tea

Street land, including the parcel where Watchung Co., No.3 was located. The company moved to North Vosseller Avenue, away from the flood-prone areas that plague the other three companies in town.

Relief Fire Co., No.4 was founded on May 18, 1914. The company was first located at 134 Talmage Avenue and first answered calls with a hose jumper, which George O. Smalley, a former chief and Watchung Fire Co., No.3 member presented to the company. In 1915, the company converted a purchased Rambler truck into a fire truck, thus giving Bound Brook the distinction of having the first motorized fire department in Somerset County.

Members of this company served their country and town during the World Wars. Nineteen members served during WWI and six served during WWII. In 1963, the company moved to its new home at the intersection of Van Keuren and Linden Avenues; unfortunately, a flood-prone area of town.

This year the Bound Brook Fire Department is applying for a \$2.5 million federal grant to relocate and consolidate fire emergency services in town. The Fire Department is considering a Union Avenue location for a new single facility which would combine Bound Brook Hose Co. No.1, America Hose & Engine Co. No.2 and Relief Fire Co. No.4.

Teen Services – Tricia Curran

Teen Advisory Board Meetings

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

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

Monday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Teen Summer Reading Club

Sign-up begins Monday, June 23

Teen Summer Reading Club Kick Off –

"Transformations", Monday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m.

(in the Adult Reading Room)

Movie Night

Thursday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. –

"Men In Black"



Teen Librarian Tricia Curran with members of the library's Teen Advisory Board



Members of the Bound Brook High School Robotics Club at the library



The Bound Brook High School Environmental Club Earth Day display at the library in April

Adult Services – Paul Schroeder

Summer is here and so is the **Adult Summer Reading Club**. For 2008 we've chosen a nautical theme, so let's sail away with a good book!

Sign-up begins Tuesday, June 17. You will receive a free tote bag just for signing up! Also on June 17, Captain Don Launer will kick off our summer season with "Navigation Through the Ages".

Prizes for the program this year are \$25

Barnes & Noble gift cards. Each book you read or listen to qualifies you for a ticket toward the end of the summer drawing which will take place on the evening of Thursday, August 28. So, the more you read, the more chances you have of winning!

The library is offering many programs over the summer. We hope to see you often. See pages 6, 7 and 8 for full program information.

Upcoming Programs – Mark your calendars!

Online Program Calendar

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Adult Programs Blog

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An asterisk () indicates an Adult Summer Reading Program*

Navigation Through the Ages*

Tuesday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us as we kick off the summer season with Captain Don Launer of Forked River. Captain Launer is the author of *A Cruising Guide to New Jersey Waters* and *Lessons from My Good Old Boat*. Learn about equipment used by mariners for the last 2000 years, from the Roman times to modern GPS (global positioning system).

Library Loopers: A Group for Knitters and Crocheters

Tuesday, June 24 at 2:00 p.m. OR 7:00 p.m.

Great for beginners.

Registration not required.

Bound Brook Gardens

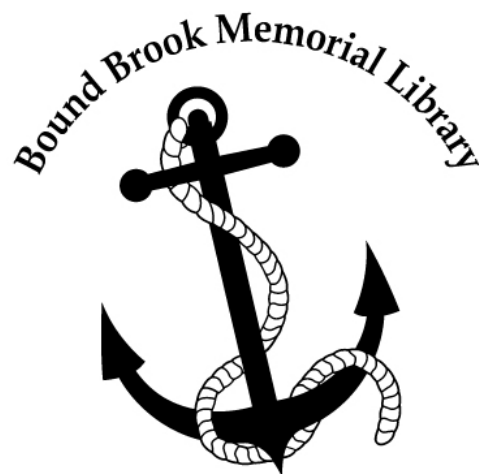
Wednesday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Bound Brook Garden club member, Doris Ackerman, presents this slide show of past and present club members' gardens.

Overcoming Your Fears, Agoraphobia and Anticipatory Anxiety

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

Do you or someone you know suffer from frequent panic attacks? Individuals who have these attacks often experience overwhelming fear. As a result of this fear many people with panic disorders go through life anticipating when the next attack will occur. Anticipatory anxiety can lead to agoraphobia, a fear of being helpless in an escapable situation. This workshop will teach you how to overcome these issues.



Programs continued...

The Canals of New Jersey*

July 1-31

Long before the existence of the New Jersey Turnpike, the Garden State Parkway or Interstate 80, New Jersey's two historic towpath canals, the Morris Canal and the Delaware and Raritan Canal were the main superhighways crossing the state during the second quarter of the 19th century. This traveling display presented by the Canal Society of New Jersey

Library Loopers: A Group for Knitters and Crocheters

Tuesdays, July 8 & 22 and August 12 & 26 at 2:00 p.m. OR 7:00 p.m.

Great for beginners.

Registration not required.

Meet the Author: Linda Barth*

Tuesday, July 15 at 1:00 p.m. OR 7:00 p.m.

Linda Barth is the author of *The Delaware and Raritan Canal* and *The Delaware and Raritan Canal at Work*. Did you know that for almost 170 years, the Delaware and Raritan Canal, meandering across the narrow waist of New Jersey, was one of our nation's most successful towpath canals, carrying more tonnage in 1866 than the more famous Erie Canal? Linda Barth will introduce you to the people, the locks and the aqueducts that made the canal work. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Bound Brook Memorial Library*

Introduction to Meditation

Tuesday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Meditation in its current sense refers to Yogic meditation that originated in India. In the late 19th century, Theosophists adopted the word "meditation" to refer to various spiritual practices drawn from Hinduism, Buddhism, and other Eastern religions. Thus the English word "meditation" does not exclusively translate

to any single term or concept. Meditation is usually defined as a state of relaxed concentration, a mind free of all thoughts, or concentration in which the attention has been liberated from restlessness. This class will teach basic concepts of meditation and how to incorporate them into your life.

The Jersey Tomato: From Cherry to Beefsteak

Thursday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone loves the Jersey Tomato! Discover where the tomato originated and why it became one of New Jersey's favorite crops. Find out when New Jersey was known for its tomato packing industry and what happened to that industry. Learn about heirloom varieties, modern hybrids and the folklore attached to this fruit. Presented by food historian Judith Krall-Russo. This program is offered through the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Bound Brook Memorial Library.*



Food historian Judith Krall-Russo will return to the Library in August

Power of Focus

Thursday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m.

The difference between success and failure may come down to the power of focus. For example, a piece of scrap paper lying in the sun on an extremely hot day does not catch fire unless the scattered rays are focused on it. The power is not in the lens; the secret is “concentrated” or “focused” energies at one spot. The intensity of focus can set anything on fire including human spirit. Anyone can produce amazing works with understanding and application of focus, concentrating the thoughts, energies and efforts on chosen selected goals. Join us for this opportunity to find out how you can learn to focus your energies.

Shipwrecks of the Jersey Shore*

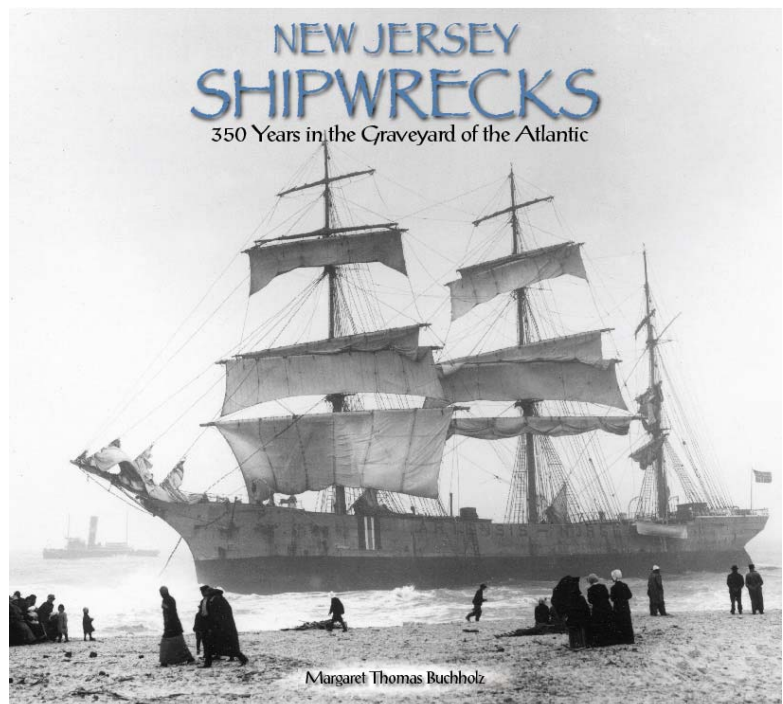
Thursday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Meet Margaret Thomas Buchholz author of *New Jersey Shipwrecks: 350 Years in the Graveyard of the Atlantic*. The book takes us on a gripping voyage through the “Graveyard of the Atlantic,” a name bestowed upon the state’s treacherous shoals and inlets. Before this coastline became a summer playground of second homes and resort beaches, it was a wild frontier of uninhabited and shifting sandbars. From the days of sail to steam and oil, ships (and even submarines) have been drawn to this coast. And, for thousands of vessels, it became their final resting place. Mrs. Buchholz will discuss her book and show a slide presentation. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Bound Brook Memorial Library*

Next
Friends
Meeting

Wednesday
August 20

7:00 p.m.



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July 4 - Independence Day
September 1 - Labor Day

Wireless Service

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