



## From The Director - Hannah Kerwin

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Magician Brian Richards charmed younger patrons with colorful juggling and amazing tricks in November.



On January 5, the Library hosted Lujansa Express, a company of young dancers who performed Peruvian Folk Dances. The large audience that filled our Reading Room included people originally from Peru, Mexico, Costa Rica, Chile, Argentina, Ecuador, Bolivia and India, as well as one lifetime Bound Brook resident.



Author Chris Grabenstein reads from his novel *Tilt A Whirl* at the Barnes & Noble Bookfair on November 17, 2007 that was co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



The Children's Department hosted a fall printmaking craft.

## Friends News – Phyllis Bugal



**Friends president Phyllis Bugal and author Chris Grabenstein.**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Bookfair cosponsored with the Bridgewater Barnes & Noble on November 17, 2007. Children's Librarian Margaret Draghi led a lively storytime in the morning. And author Chris Grabenstein stopped by in the afternoon to talk about his books that are set in the fictitious New Jersey shore town of Sea Haven.

The Friends are sponsoring or cosponsoring with the library several exciting programs in 2008. Here's a sampling:

On Tuesday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m. Marie Radford will present a talk on time management.

"The Legends of the Freedom Quilts" will be on Monday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m. Trish Chambers will perform this program in period costume.

Singer, songwriter and guitarist Jesse Rivera will return to the library on February 9 at 1:00 p.m. to sing international love songs.

Trish Chambers will be back at the library as well on March 3 at 7:00 p.m. to present a program about women and their roles in the Civil War.

Keyboardist Karen Fanta Zumbrunn will present a jazz concert on Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Also in April, Dorothy Stratford from the Somerset County Historical Society will give a talk about the Old Presbyterian Graveyard adjacent to the library. If weather permits a walking tour will take place. Date to be announced.

As you can see we are very busy planning programs for 2008. There is something for everybody. The Friends need your help, both from contributions and volunteering your time. Please make this the year you become more involved in our group.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. I hope to see you there!

## Adult Services – Paul Schroeder

Digital media, which includes audio books, eBooks and music, is available at the Bound Brook Library.

You can access these materials and download them from any computer with Internet access anytime, anywhere. All you need is a Somerset County Library card and free software (which is available on the library website).

If you enjoy audio books and/or listening to music on the go then this is a perfect opportunity for you. Many titles can be transferred to a

portable device or burned to a CD.

For more information or to get started go to <http://somerset.lib.overdrive.com>

Tax season is here and the forms have started to arrive. Stop by the reference desk for help locating the forms you need. Forms can also be printed easily off the Internet. Ask us how!

The library has many wonderful programs planned for this year. See insert for a list of upcoming events.

## Teen Services – Tricia Curran

### Teen Movie Night

Thursday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m.

### Teen Game Day

Saturday, February 9 at 2:00 p.m.

### Teen Movie Night

Thursday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m.

### March Teen Tech Week

March 2 – 8



Winter at Bound Brook Library

## Children's Services – Jacqui Ridzy

2008 promises to be a great year in the Children's Department! All story times will start at 10:00 am, and all after school programs will start at 3:30 pm, unless otherwise noted. Our popular programs **Baby Rhyme Time (ages 6 – 24 months)** and **Storytime (ages 2 ½ - 5 years)** are back on Mondays and Wednesdays, respectively, at 10:00 a.m. Be sure to call or check the library calendar online for holiday and/or inclement weather closings. In January we will celebrate the late great Winnie the Pooh creator A.A. Milne's birthday with a **Pooh Party (ages 3+)** after school on January 17. While we're in the party mood, snow or shine, we'll celebrate winter! We have declared the last week of January to be "**Snow Week.**" We will host four different snow-related crafts this week, so be sure to visit us for hot chocolate and to make your own frosty, fluffy creation. On Monday, January 28, make a **Paper Snowflake (ages 5+)**.

On Tuesday, January 29 make a **CD Snowman (ages 8+)**. On Wednesday, January 30 we will make an **Edible Fluffy Snowman (ages 3+)** out of marshmallows, and on Thursday, January 31 we will make an **Edible Chilly Snowman (ages 8+)** out of ice cream.

In February we will pay tribute to Abraham Lincoln by playing with Lincoln Logs and building with Popsicle sticks on February 7 with **Bound Brook Builders (ages 8+)**. Of course, we will celebrate **Valentine's Day** with a **Party (ages 5+)** on February 14 after school. Finally, we couldn't let Chocolate Lover's Month pass by without our own little celebration! Come by after school on February 28 for **Chocolate Mania (ages 5+)**. We'll have some sweet treats in store for you! Of course, Sit 'N' Knit, our popular knitting program for both newbies and the more experienced crafty kids will continue in January and February on

Wednesday afternoons.

The rest of 2008 will bring even more story times, after school programs, and movies. Possible future programs for the rest of 2008 may include a Lego Club, a Superhero after school program, a Star Wars after school program, a showing of "High School Musical 2," and many other fun ways to celebrate your favorite holidays. Some special events to look forward to include **Read Across America**, a celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday and literacy on March 3, **Children's Book Week**, from May 12-18, and of course our annual Summer Reading Club, **Catch the Reading Bug**. We hope you are looking forward to these special events, because we are looking forward to sharing them with you. Be sure to stop in, call, or check our online calendar for full program listings and details. Also bookmark our new children's program blog for special news, program updates, and photos from past programs (see links below).

Have a happy and healthy new year!



Children's Librarian Margaret Draghi reads to children and parents at the Barnes & Noble Bookfair.



Bound Brook Library Advisory Board Member Jolene Coddington assists her son Jace with a Halloween craft



Magician Brian Richards performs in November 2007

### Online Program Calendar

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

### Children's Program Blog

<http://bblibraryyouth.blogspot.com>

## Archives – Mary Nelson

The year 2008 is the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Bound Brook Fire Department. History from our Archives Collection on the Fire Department will be explored in this column this year in celebration of 120 years of service to the communities of Bound Brook and South Bound Brook.

Bound Brook endured a disastrous fire on April 19, 1881. It was assumed that a spark from a passing train ignited John Ramsey's stable roof and started the blaze. The fire quickly spread to a dwelling and two stores owned by Thomas Windsor, Frank Link's saloon and dwelling, a butcher shop and the millinery business owned by the Misses Mount.

Winds blew embers northward, resulting in the destruction of A.S. Coriell's grocery, the Bergen Brothers' jewelry and clothing store, the Brokaw Brothers' drug store, John G. Smith's barber shop and the A. Dunn & Co. liquor store. Several tenements on the east side of Maiden Lane were also destroyed, leaving forty families homeless.

The citizens of Bound Brook formed a bucket brigade upon the sound of an alarm. A call went out for help from surrounding communities and both Somerville and Plainfield responded, the former sent help via locomotive and flat car and the latter sent a steamer, driven to Bound Brook with five horses. Water to put out the blaze came from the Raritan River, pumped through hose lines laid between cross ties under the railroad tracks.

Every structure on the block bounded by Main Street, Maiden Lane, Hamilton Street and

Second Street was destroyed. The business district suffered enormous losses, however, the manufacturing district was spared.

The Chronicle's editorial department pushed the issue of no fire protection in town. The Ivy Social and Dramatic Association took up the cause on October 27, 1888. (Yes, seven years after the 1881 fire!). Yet another fire on August 26, 1888 on Main Street that destroyed five buildings was the impetus for immediate action by Bound Brook's residents. The Ivy Social and Dramatic Association presented a play, "Dot, the Miner's Daughter" on November 2, 1888 in Voorhees Hall and took one half the realized profits (\$50.00) to form the nucleus of a fund to start a local fire company. On December 14, 1888 the organization meeting of the Ivy Hook & Ladder Company, No.1 of Bound Brook and Bloomington (early name of South Bound Brook), New Jersey was held. From the minutes of that meeting, money in the amount of \$589.01 was realized from the play and other social events, as reported by the Soliciting Committee.

On May 11, 1915, the name of the company was officially changed to Ivy Hook and Ladder Company, No.1 of Bound Brook.

James A. Oldham, was the first chief of the Bound Brook Fire Department. He was a member of the Ivy Hook & Ladder Co. and served as a fire chief from 1889 to 1894.

The Ivy's first home was on Maiden Lane on land obtained from John Voorhees. In choosing a site for the truck house, various proposals were

considered. It was eventually decided to accept the offer of L.D. Cook & Co. for the lot at the corner of Hamilton Street and Second Street. The Ivy Hook & Ladder Co. had to incorporate to own real estate and it did so at a special meeting on February 19, 1889.

Their original hand-drawn vehicle was purchased from D.A. Woodhouse Co. in New York for \$550.00 on December 21, 1888. It was converted to a horse drawn vehicle in 1895. In 1914 Ivy Hook & Ladder replaced their original vehicle with a new horse-drawn apparatus. In 1920 the ladder frame was replaced with an Acme chassis by Ivy Hook & Ladder member, Henry Warwick, thus making it Ivy's first motorized piece of equipment. A Mack ladder truck replaced it in 1938 and in 1958, a 75 foot Seagraves aerial ladder replaced the Mack ladder truck. The 75 foot Seagraves was replaced with a 100 foot Seagraves in 1981. On January 17, 1991, Ivy's aerial truck, overdue for a routine stress test, was removed to the borough garage after Ivy's captain said it was unsafe to operate. Thus began a controversy over the future of the Ivy Company.

An ordinance to reduce the size of the Fire Department by eliminating the Ivy Hook and Ladder Fire Company was passed by one vote on April 9, 1991. It went into effect immediately upon passage. The members of the Ivy Company and their supporters had fought vigorously against the ordinance to keep their firehouse open.

**The Friends would like to thank the following for their 2007 contributions:**

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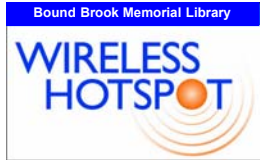
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January 21- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday  
 February 12 – Lincoln's Birthday  
 February 18 – Presidents' Day  
 March 21 – Good Friday

### **Wireless Service**

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### **Online Program Calendar**

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

### **Library Program Blog**

<http://bblibrary.blogspot.com>

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