

THE READER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE FRIENDS OF THE CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

JANUARY—FEBRUARY 2019

AGING SERVICES KIOSK AT THE LIBRARY

Do you have questions about services for seniors or their caregivers? Come visit the Aging Services Kiosk at the library on **Wednesday, January 9 at 10:00 am**. Speak to a specialist from the Union County Department of Human Services Division on Aging and Disability Resource Connection and get answers to your questions about pharmaceutical assistance, home energy and cooling assistance, home care, home delivered or congregate meals, medicaid eligibility, social security, transportation and more.



YA SPACE—GARDEN STATE EQUALITY



On **Thursday, January 24 at 6:00 pm**, join Garden State Equality, the largest LGBT advocacy group in the state, for Creating Safe and Affirming Communities for Transgender Youth: a workshop on what challenges transgender youth are facing in their schools and communities. Learn what current state laws and school policies are in place to protect gender nonconforming students, as well as how to be an advocate for change. Teens, their parents, and all community members are welcome to attend.

LOCKEY MAISONNEUVE—A GIRL RAISED BY WOLVES

Don't miss this harrowing true story of a survivor at the Cranford Community Center on **Tuesday, February 5 at 7:00 pm**. Cranford author Lockey Maisonneuve has survived neglectful, alcoholic parents, her father sold her into childhood prostitution, and as an adult she survived breast cancer and her mother's murder. She uses her life's challenges and her sense of humor to provide lessons to support others along their healing journey. To learn more, visit www.agirlraisedbywolves.com.



THE COLOR LINE ON THE BASEBALL DIAMOND



In partnership with the Cranford Historical Society, we are pleased to host a lecture at the Cranford Community Center by Lawrence Hogan, Ph.D. on **Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00 pm**. Learn about what black baseball in America meant, including pioneers like Jackie Robinson and the relationships in "Blackball" during America's era of segregation, across the nation and in New Jersey. This program has been made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

BRAIN GAMES: KEEP THE MIND SHARP

Representatives from Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey will visit the library on **Thursday, February 21 at 2:00 pm** to help you train your brain! This interactive presentation discusses our brain as the "master computer" and the important topic of brain health. There are routine maintenance activities we can do on a daily basis that help to keep this master organ healthy and in best working order, even as we age. Diet, physical exercise and proper rest will be touched upon.



NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE



The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite you to visit their used book sale on **Wednesday, January 9, 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Thursday, January 10, 10:00 am to 8:30 pm, Friday, January 11, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, and Saturday, January 12, 10:00 am to 3:30 pm.** Items for sale include more than 10,000 adult and children's books, as well as CDs, DVDs, and recorded books. Prices range from \$.25 to \$2.00, except for a few specially marked items. On Saturday, fill a bag with books for just \$8.00. Enter through the side door.

FILM SERIES AND THEATER PROJECT

Join the Friends for captivating films and theater! On **Monday, January 14** and **Monday, February 11 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm**, we'll be showing award-winning dramas from France as part of our Foreign Film Series. On **Tuesday, January 8** and **Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 pm**, join us as we debut new Hollywood films. The Theater Project also returns with readings of new original plays on **Saturday, January 12** and **Saturday, February 2 at 2:00 pm**. All events will take place in the Cranford Community Center.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS



Our two book discussion groups will continue in the library. The Readers' Forum will meet on **Monday, January 28 at 7:00 pm** to discuss *Manhattan Beach* by Jennifer Egan, and on **Monday, February 25 at 7:00 pm** to discuss *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. The Literary Café will meet on **Saturday, January 12** and **Saturday, February 2 at 10:15 am**. Bring your favorite books you've read recently, join the discussion and enjoy refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Cranford Public Library!

CHILDREN'S ROOM—CELEBRATE WITH BIG JEFF!

Children's musician Big Jeff will be leading a special performance for children ages 2-5 and their families to celebrate another year of "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" at the Cranford Public Library! This lively program is perfect for preschoolers and features a mix of classic hits and original tunes. Join us in the Cranford Community Center on **Saturday, January 12 at 10:30 am** to participate. This free program is made possible by the generous support of the Friends of the Library. Registration is not required.



THE LIBRARY'S NEW STRATEGIC PLAN



This year, representatives from the Cranford Public Library, Friends, Township Committee, Board of Education, and local residents all took part in the creation of the Library's new strategic plan. For the next three years, expect to see development of the library's print and digital collections, enhanced technology, new programs and services, expanded outreach, improvements to the library space and new ideas from the library staff. You can read the whole plan on the Library's web site or ask to see a copy at the library!

HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Monday to Thursday, 10 am—9 pm · Friday and Saturday, 10 am—5 pm
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