

# THE READER

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

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2020

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE



The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite you to visit their used book sale on **Thursday, January 9, 1:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Friday, January 10, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, and Saturday, January 11, 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.

## CONCERT: FLUTIST GALEN ABDUR-RAZZAQ

In a one-night-only appearance on **Monday, February 3 at 7:00 pm**, master flutist Galen Abdur-Razzaq will join us for a lecture and performance: "Jazz and the Civil Rights Movement." Our guest will discuss and perform jazz pieces by artists who contributed to the formation and progress of the civil rights movement. Born in Montclair, NJ, Galen has performed domestically and internationally for over 30 years, traveling to universities, concert halls, festivals, and libraries around the globe.



## CONCERT: THE ODESSA KLEZMER BAND



We hope you'll join us for this energetic evening of entertainment on **Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 pm!** Under the direction of bandleader, accordionist, and vocalist Ed Goldberg, the Odessa Klezmer Band has played the joyous dance music of the Klezmerim (Jewish folk musicians) throughout the tri-state area for over 30 years. With an eclectic mix of Eastern European and Middle Eastern tunes, including polka and czardas, the OKB is known for inspiring audiences to dance in the aisles.

## IRVING BERLIN: AN AMERICAN INSTITUTION

George Gershwin called him "the greatest songwriter who has ever lived." Composer Jerome Kern concluded that "Irving Berlin has no place in American music—he *is* American music. On **Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00 pm**, sit down with New York historian Marty Schneit and learn about the writer of nearly 1,500 songs, including *Alexander's Ragtime Band*, *God Bless America*, *White Christmas*, *A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody*, *Puttin' on The Ritz*, and *There's No Business Like Show Business*.



## CONCERT: VIOLINIST DENI BONET

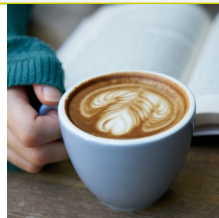


NYC-based violinist and songwriter Deni Bonet will visit the Cranford Community Center on **Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 pm**, for an unforgettable evening of live music. Ms. Bonet was an original member of the cast of the nationally syndicated NPR radio show "Mountain Stage," and has performed alongside R.E.M., Sarah McLachlan, Cyndi Lauper, Scissor Sisters, and Warren Zevon, among others. Her amazing skill with the violin has thrilled audiences at Carnegie Hall, the United Nations, Lilith Fair and the White House.

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## LITERARY CAFÉ AND READERS FORUM

The Literary Café continues! Our next meetings will take place on **Saturday, January 11 and Saturday, February 8 at 10:15 am**. Tell us about a book you've recently read: new or old, fiction or non-fiction, classic or contemporary. Refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Friends of the Cranford Public Library! The Readers Forum will meet on **Monday, January 27 at 7:00 pm** to discuss *Educated* by Tara Westover, and on **Monday, February 24 at 7:00 pm** to discuss *There There* by Tommy Orange.



## FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC FILMS



Join the Friends for captivating international and Hollywood films! On **Monday, January 13 and Monday, February 24 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm**, we'll show films from France and Sweden as part of our Foreign Film Series. Films will be shown in French and Swedish with subtitles. On **Wednesday, January 22 and Wednesday, February 12 at 7:00 pm**, we'll debut new films *Judy* and *Harriet* as part of our New Movie Night series. And on **Thursday, February 6 at 7:00 pm**, we'll show 2019's hit documentary *Amazing Grace*.

## THEATER PROJECT LIVE READINGS

The Theater Project returns in 2020 with live, script-in-hand readings of original plays, followed by discussions with the playwright, director, cast, and audience. On **Saturday, January 18 at 2:00 pm**, NJ actor, director, and writer Dennis D'Aprile will debut *Letters from a Self-Made Merchant to His Son*, a new work based on George Horace Lorimer's 1903 book, held in comparison to our modern measures of success. The Theater Project's second reading of 2020 will be held on **Saturday, February 8 at 2:00 pm**.



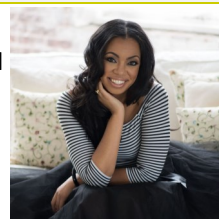
## ADULT SERVICES KIOSK



Do you have questions about services for seniors or their caregivers? Visit the Aging Services Kiosk at the library on **Wednesday, January 8 at 10:00 am**. Talk to a specialist from the Union County Department of Human Services Division on Aging and Disability Resource Connection and get answers to questions about pharmaceutical assistance, home energy and cooling assistance, home care, home delivered or congregate meals, Medicaid eligibility, social security, transportation and more.

## AUTHOR VISIT AND TEEN SPACE GRAND OPENING

The Cranford Public Library will host acclaimed author Tiffany D. Jackson, author of *Monday's Not Coming*, *Allegedly*, and *Let Me Hear a Rhyme*, as part of the library's grand opening event for our redesigned Teen Space. An NAACP Image Award nominee, Ms. Jackson will speak at the Cranford Community Center on **Saturday, January 11 at 1:00 pm**, then make her way to the Teen Space on the library's first floor. Teens and parents are welcome to attend and ask questions.



Monday to Thursday, 10 am—9 pm · Friday and Saturday, 10 am—5 pm  
(Summer Saturdays 10 am—2pm, July and August)

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