

THE READER

The Newsletter of the Cranford Public Library & The Friends of the Cranford Public Library
March – April 2017

Literary Café



The Literary Café will meet on March 4, May 6, and June 3, all Saturdays, from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Bring a few of your favorite books and tell the other group members what you like about them. Books can be new, old, fiction, non-fiction, classic, or contemporary. There is *no* required reading. You will have the opportunity to learn about books recommended by other group members, and refreshments will be served. Registration is *not* required. *Please note: there will be no Literary Café session in April.*

Digital Content in a Variety of Formats Now Available from hoopla

The library recently added hoopla digital to its array of online resources. Available to Cranford Public Library card holders, hoopla contains nearly half a million titles in six different formats: movies, TV, music albums, e-audiobooks, e-books, and comics/graphic novels. There are no hold lists. Every item is available immediately. To register for hoopla digital with your Cranford Library card, use your mobile device to download the hoopla digital app from the Apple or Google Play store. If you are using a computer, visit hoopladigital.com/home. Hoopla can also be accessed by going to cranfordlibrary.org and clicking on the *Online Resources* tab. To register, you will need your library card number and Personal Identification Number. In order to use hoopla, you must be a patron in good standing—i.e., no money owed, no overdue materials, and a valid, unexpired Cranford Library card.

New Additions to the Museum Pass Program



The library recently added passes to the International Center of Photography Museum and the Stickley Museum to its museum pass program. For more information about the program, go to cranfordlibrary.org and click on the *Museum Passes* tab, or pick up a museum pass flier in the library. The program is funded by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library.

The Readers' Forum

The Readers' Forum, the library's lively book discussion group, will meet to discuss *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez on March 27, followed by *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi on April 24, and *Nutsell* by Ian McEwan on May 22. Dates are Mondays. Sessions start at 7:00 p.m. in the Fridlington Room. New members are always welcome!

From the Children's Room

Dr. Gameshow Live!—Join us for an amazing blend of improvisational comedy, experimental games, and plenty of audience participation. Monday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center! . . . **iDiscover Coding**—Children in grades one to three are invited to learn the basics of coding with Mr. Chris on March 7, March 28, April 4, and April 25, all Tuesdays, at 7:00 p.m. *Registration is required.* . . . **Chess Club**—Chess players aged seven and up are welcome to come and learn the rules and practice against teen volunteers! Thursday, March 9, at 3:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 11, at 1:00 p.m.; Thursday, April 6, at 3:30 p.m.; and Saturday, April 8, at 1:00 p.m. . . . **Family M.E.S.S.**—Join us for Family Math, Engineering, and Science Saturday on March 11 at 10:30 a.m. This STEM-based program gives families an opportunity to learn together through play. *Registration required.* . . . **Therapy Dogs**—Independent readers are invited to hone their skills by reading to certified therapy dogs at 6:30 p.m. on March 14 and April 11, both Tuesdays. *Registration is required*, either in person or by phone, up to two weeks before the event. . . . **Lego Club**—Join us on Tuesday, March 21, and Tuesday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m. for our monthly Lego sessions! We will have about 45 minutes to free-build, after which we'll share our work with our peers. Lego Club is for children entering grades one to six. . . . **Baby Story Time**—Join us for a short, lively story time, followed by free play at 10:15 on Monday or Wednesday mornings (please pick one). The program runs through April 5. *Ages 3 to 23 months, no registration required.* . . . **Toddler Story Time**—Our two-year-old friends and their caregivers are invited to join us for some simple stories on Tuesday mornings at 10:15. The program runs through April 4. *No registration required.* . . . **3-4-5 Story Time**—This early literacy story time was created for our preschool-aged friends! Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. through April 6. *Ages three to five, no registration required.* . . . **Story Time Yoga**—This program mixes poses, games, storytelling, art and music to teach children to release the sillies and find the calm. Children ages two to five will use props, to build strength, flexibility, and self-confidence through play. Monday mornings at 10:15 a.m. from April 17 to June 12.



News from the Friends of the Cranford Public Library

Lecture on Impressionism

Dr. Michael Norris will present a lecture/slide show entitled "Making a Good Impressionism" on Wednesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Calling All Trekkies!

The Friends are pleased to present "A Celebration of *Star Trek* - The Original Series" on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. *Star Trek* celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2016, and its popularity continues to this day. Paul Cirillo of AstronomyNJ.com will look back to 1966 and share some of the highlights of the show, talk about the cast, and reveal some interesting facts. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Bargains Abound at the Friends' Used Book Sale!

Choose from thousands of adult and children's books, CDs, DVDs, and recorded books on Wednesday, March 8, 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, March 9 and 10, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, March 11, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the library's Friendly Book Cellar. Most items are priced between \$.25 and \$2.00. On Saturday, fill a bag with books for just \$8.00! The sale is wheelchair accessible. Proceeds benefit the library.

"Secret Travels: Small Objects with a Life of Their Own"

From pencil stubs to terry cloth towels to bookmarks, mundane items pass anonymously through our lives. Where do they come from? Where do they end up? Join photojournalist and junk detective Jim DelGiudice on Wednesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center as he rummages through the little things that we unknowingly use, collect, and discard every day. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Traditional Irish Music Program



The Friends invite you to warm up for St. Patrick's Day with a traditional Irish music session featuring McDermott's Handy on Thursday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. McDermott's Handy is the husband and wife duo of Dennis Gormley and Kathy DeAngelo. Kathy sings, plays Irish harp, fiddle and banjo, and adds the bodhran and mandolin on occasion. Dennis sings, plays guitar, flute, tin whistle, bouzouki, and mandolin. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Foreign Films

The Friends' foreign film series continues with *Hunt for the Wilderpeople* (New Zealand, comedy/drama, 2016, 101 minutes) on Monday, March 20, and *Coming Home* (China, drama, 2014, 109 minutes) on Monday, April 17, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Films are shown in the Cranford Community Center. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Nothing but the Blues

The Friends are pleased to welcome the blues stylings of Ms. B's House of Detention, featuring Brenda Claveloux, on Wednesday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Gráinne Hambly & William Jackson: Masters of the Celtic Harp

The Friends are very pleased to welcome back renowned Celtic harpists Gráinne Hambly and William Jackson on Wednesday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Admission is free and all are welcome.

A Delicious Friends of the Library Fundraiser!

The Friends invite you to enjoy a delicious German buffet—from pork schnitzel to apple strudel—at the Deutscher Club of Clark on Thursday, April 20, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person. Payment must be received by April 6. To reserve a spot, pick up an order form at the library. Proceeds benefit the library!

Vocalist Jean Avery



Acclaimed vocalist Jean Avery will perform an array of tunes ranging from blues to jazz on Wednesday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Ms. Avery has had an extensive career in theatre, commercials, and television. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Friends of the Library Scholarship Application Available

The Friends are offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a Cranford resident who is currently pursuing or intends to pursue a graduate degree in library and information science or media specialist. Applications are available at the library reference desk. Completed applications should be sent to The Friends of the Cranford Public Library, P.O. Box 400, Cranford, NJ 07016. The application deadline is May 1, 2017.

LIBRARY HOURS & CLOSINGS

Monday to Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Thursday & Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed Good Friday, April 14, and Holy Saturday, April 15.

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