

# THE READER

The Newsletter of the Cranford Public Library & The Friends of the Cranford Public Library  
May – June 2017

## Literary Café



The Literary Café will meet on May 6 and June 3, both 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, complements of the Friends of the Cranford Public Library. Registration is *not* required.

## "How to Shop Local . . . The Early 20th Century Way"

Gail Alterman, Costume Curator of the Cranford Historical Society, will focus on the way people shopped—largely locally—one-hundred years ago. What stores and products were available in Cranford and the surrounding area? Where did people shop? Gail will present ads taken from the *Cranford Chronicle*, which began publishing in 1894, and other archival sources, that show how people shopped and what they bought in an age when shopping was done locally and a trip to a large department store was an excursion. The program will take place on Wednesday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Admission is free and all are welcome.

## Meet Local Author Holli Bassin

Meet Cranford native and Integrative Nutrition Health Coach Holli Bassin on Saturday, May 20, at 2:00 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Holli will talk about her recently published book, *From Anaphylaxis to Buttercream*. The book tells the story of how she helped her daughter through life-threatening food allergies. Holli will have copies of her book available for purchase and for signing. Admission is free and all are welcome.

## The Readers' Forum

The Readers' Forum, the library's lively, long-running book discussion group, will meet to discuss *Nutshell* (2016) by Ian McEwan on Monday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fridlington Room. New members are always welcome!

## Meet Local Author Alex Bernstein



Cranford resident Alex Bernstein will be at the Cranford Community Center on Wednesday, May 31, at 7:30 p.m. to talk about his recently published memoir, *Plrkenib*, a coming-of-age account of his early attempts at stand-up comedy. Alex will have copies of his book available for purchase and for signing. Admission is free and all are welcome.

## Teddy Bears on Display

The art of Dee DeJulio will be on display in the library in June and July. The exhibit, entitled "Teddies, etc.," features colored pencil drawings of teddy bears doing human things. Works include "Les Teddies Artistes," "Teddies at Work," and "Twelves in Rhyme," plus portraits of hunting dogs and subjects inspired by the artist's garden. Also included in the exhibit are a selection of photos by Ms. DeJulio's son, Bart Askera, and photos of trains by her son, Ken DeJulio.

## From the Children's Room

**Read to Therapy Dogs** – Independent readers are invited to hone their skills by reading to certified therapy dogs on Tuesday, May 9 and June 13, at 6:30 p.m. *Registration is required!* . . . **Story Time Yoga** – Story time yoga mixes poses, games, storytelling, art, and music to teach children to release the sillies and find the calm. Monday mornings at 10:15 through June 12. . . . **Lego Club** – Children in grades one to six are invited to the Lego Club. We'll be free-building and sharing our work on Tuesday, May 16, at 6:30



p.m. . . . **Children's Summer Reading Program** – Children old enough to read or to be read to are invited to participate in this year's summer reading program, the theme of which is "Build a Better World!" Registration starts on Saturday, June 17, and runs through July 28. Children who live or attend school full-time in Cranford are eligible. Registration must be done in person. Children are encouraged to report the amount of time they have read each week in exchange for a small incentive. For every five hours a child reads or listens, they will receive a ticket to be used at the carnival held at the conclusion of the program. The summer reading program will also feature a series of special Wednesday evening family programs. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cranford Library! . . . **Children's Room Book Sale** – Load up on children's books and movies at our annual Children's Room used book sale! Paperbacks cost just 25¢ and hardcovers cost 50¢. Hours are: Saturday, June 17,

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, June 19, 20, and 21, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday and Friday June 22 and 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds will help fund the children's summer reading program. . . . **"Touch a Truck" Summer Reading Kickoff** – We'll be visited by some fantastic trucks and emergency vehicles from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, June 17. This event kicks off our annual Summer Reading Program. . . . **Budding Builders** – This enhanced story time will focus on some simple STEM concepts and will be followed by an open-ended, hands-on activity. Children ages two to five and their caregivers will have fun learning together at a pace that works for them! This program will be held on Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m. from June 26-July 31. . . . **Maker Mondays** – Children ages 6 and up are invited to create something new each week. We'll be directing stop motion movies, taking on the egg drop challenge, playing with our food, and more! Drop in between 3:30 and 5 on Monday afternoons from June 26 to July 31. . . . **Music & Movement Story Time** – This short, lively story time is perfect for babies and toddlers! Children ages 3 to 24 months are invited to join us for a morning of books and songs followed by free play. Thursdays at 10:15 a.m., June 29 through August 3.

## News from the Friends of the Cranford Public Library

### **"Shipwrecked!" - A History of New Jersey Shipwrecks**

The Friends of the Library invite you to learn about history-making shipwrecks off the coast of New Jersey, from Colonial times to the present, on Wednesday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. The program will be presented by a representative of the Museum of Early Trades & Crafts, which is located in Madison, New Jersey. Admission is free and all are welcome.

### **City Winds Trio**



The Friends invite you to enjoy an evening of popular classical music featuring the City Winds Trio on Monday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. The Trio is made up of an unusual combination: Meredyth Coleman on oboe, Crispian Fordham on flute, and Yuki Higashi on bassoon, which makes for a unique sound. The Trio has been performing concerts throughout the East Coast since 2001. Admission to the program is free and all are welcome.

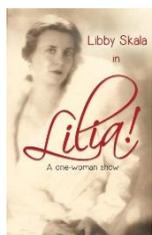
### **Foreign Films**

The Friends' foreign film series continues with *Rams* (Iceland, comedy-drama, 93 minutes) on Monday, May 15, and *A Man Called Ove* (Sweden, comedy-drama, 2016, 115 minutes) on Monday, June 19, 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.

### **Bargains Abound at the Friends' Used Book Sale!**

Choose from thousands of adult and children's books, CDs, DVDs, and recorded books on Wednesday, June 7, 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, June 8 and 9, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, June 10, 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.

### **Libby Skala in Lilia!**



The Friends are pleased to sponsor an appearance by Libby Skala, who will present her acclaimed self-penned, one-woman play, *Lilia!*, on Monday, June 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Based on the life of Libby's grandmother, the indomitable Lilia Skala comes to life in Libby's deeply personal celebration of a life in the theatre. Buoyed by a resolute faith, *Lilia*, an Austrian stage actress, flees the Third Reich and finds herself laboring in a New York zipper factory before working her way back to Broadway and the silver screen, eventually being nominated for Oscar, Emmy, and Golden Globes awards. Admission to the program is free and all are welcome.

### **Elaine Orzechowski & the Cimarron Sky Band**

The Friends are pleased to present the Elaine Orzechowski and the Cimarron Sky Band and their mix of classic country, country pop, and bluegrass on Monday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. The band features Elaine on vocals, guitar, and keyboards, Brian Rauch on guitar, banjo, mandolin, harmonica, and vocals, Mark Donley on bass and vocals, and David Donley on fiddle, mandolin, and vocals. Admission is free and all are welcome. *Please note! This program was originally scheduled for June 28, but has been rescheduled to June 26.*

### 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 Saturdays in the summer from June 24 to September 2.*  
Closed Saturday, May 27, and Monday, May 29, for the Memorial Day Weekend.  
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