

THE READER

The Newsletter of the Cranford Public Library & The Friends of the Cranford Public Library
November – December 2016

Informed Investing



Are you an informed investor? Find out at an interactive workshop at the Cranford Community Center on Thursday, November 3, at 2 p.m. The program will focus on best practices for selecting a broker or brokerage firm, investing red flags, commonly raised legal claims against financial professionals, and options available to people who think they may have a legal claim against a broker. The seminar will be presented by Amy Sachs and Edward Collins, third-year students at the Seton Hall University School of Law and members of the School's Investor Advocacy Project. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Literary Café

The next two sessions of Literary Café, the library's book chat program, will take place on, November 5 and December 3, both Saturdays, from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. The program format is simple. Bring a few of your favorite books and tell the other members of the group what you like about them. The books can be new or old, fiction or non-fiction, classic or contemporary. There is *no* required reading, and you will have the opportunity to learn about books recommended by other group members. And, refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Friends of the Cranford Public Library. Registration is *not* required.

Meet Author Eamon Loingsigh, Author of *Exile on Bridge Street*



Eamon Loingsigh, author of the recently published novel, *Exile on Bridge Street*, will visit the Cranford Community Center on Monday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m. *Exile on Bridge Street* is the eagerly awaited sequel to Mr. Loingsigh's acclaimed *Light of the Diddicoy*, a novel about Irish gangs on the Brooklyn waterfront set in the early twentieth century. Peter Quinn, author of *The Banished Children of Eve*, characterized *Exile on Bridge Street* as "historical fiction at its best." Mr. Loingsigh will have copies of both novels available for purchase and for signing. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Exercise and Nutrition for the Diabetic

Physical Therapist Monica Saenz and Clinical Nurse Specialist Nancy Lessner of AmeriCare Physical Therapy, located in Garwood and Mountainside, will present a program on exercise and nutrition for the diabetic on Friday, November 18, at 3 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Admission is free and all are welcome.

The Readers' Forum

The Readers' Forum will meet to discuss *A Man Called Ove* (2012) by Fredrik Backman on November 28 at 7 p.m. Subsequent titles and dates include: *Kindred* by Octavia Butler, December 19; *A Visit from the Goon Squad* by Jennifer Egan, January 23; *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown, February 27; *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez, March 27; *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi, April 24; and *Nutshell* by Ian McEwan, May 22. Dates are Mondays. Sessions start at 7:00 p.m. in the Fridlington Room. New members are welcome at any time!

Estate Planning for Parents

Nicholas Giuditta will present a program entitled "Why Every Parent Needs an Estate Plan" on Wednesday, November 30, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Mr. Giuditta is an attorney with a law practice in Westfield that specializes in estate planning, estate administration, wills, durable powers of attorney, and advance directives. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Program on Child Advocacy and Special Education Law

Attorney and advocate Greer Gurland will present a program based on her recently published book, *How to Advocate Successfully for Your Child: What Every Parent Should Know about Special Education Law*, on Saturday, December 3, at 2 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Admission is free and all are welcome.

From the Teen Zone

Dia de los Muertos Movie—Friday, November 4, 5 to 7 p.m. Grades 6 to 8. . . . **Chess Club**—Saturday, November 12, 1 to 3 p.m.; Thursday, December 8, 3:30 to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, December 10, 1 to 3 p.m. . . . **Harry Potter Movie Marathon**—Monday, November 7 to Friday, November 11. See flier or Web site for details. . . . **Tween Book Club**—Monday, November 14, and Monday, December 12, 5:30 to 7 p.m. . . . *Check online soon for Winter Break movies and activities!* For more information about teen events, stop by the Reference Desk or email Teen Librarian Elizabeth Ferry at cranfordlibrary@gmail.com.

From the Children's Room



Story Time Yoga—Children ages 2 to 5 are invited to join Lisa Ferraro for a program that mixes poses, games, storytelling, art, and music to teach children to release the sillies and find the calm. Children will use props to build strength, flexibility, and self-confidence through play. Sessions are held on Monday mornings at 10:15 through December 19. *Registration is required!* . . . **iDiscover Coding**—Children in grades 1 to 3 are invited to learn the basics of coding with Mr. Chris on Tuesday, November 1, and Tuesday, December 6, at 7 p.m. Children in grades 4 to 6 are invited to join Mr. Chris on Tuesday, November 29, and Tuesday, December 27, at 7 p.m. *Registration is required!* . . . **Therapy Dogs**—Independent readers are invited to hone their skills by reading to certified therapy dogs at 6:30 p.m. on November 8 and December 13, both Tuesdays. *Registration is required*, either in person or by phone, up to two weeks before the event. . . . **Talkin' Trash!**—Do you know where your garbage goes? What happens to the things you recycle? In this presentation by Patricia Lynn, a certified municipal recycling coordinator and former elementary school teacher, you will create your recycling “footprint” and see if you can meet a challenge to reduce solid waste by using your decision-making, math, and classifying skills. For children in grades 3 to 6. *Registration is required.* Thursday, November 10, from 2 to 3 p.m. . . . **Touch the Music**—The amazing Ms. Claudia will visit us for a special *Nutcracker* presentation on Saturday, November 12, at 2:30 p.m. She'll share stories and music and end with a chance for children to get their hands on some instruments! Free tickets are available in the Children's Room. . . . **Lego Club**—Join us on Tuesday, November 15, and Tuesday, December 29, 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 1 to 6. . . . **Family M.E.S.S.**—It's time for another installment of Family Math, Engineering, and Science Saturday! We'll be building with magnetic tiles, exploring color, and having fun with water on November 19 at 10:30 a.m.! For ages two to six. *Registration is required!*

News from the Friends of the Cranford Public Library

“The Art of Crossword Puzzle Construction”

The Friends cordially invite you to join Ruth B. Margolin for a talk about crossword puzzle construction on Wednesday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Although a relative newcomer to the field, three of Ms. Margolin's puzzles have already been published in weekday issues of the New York Times, as well as one in the Sunday New York Times (“Keep It Together”). Admission is free and all are welcome.

The Woodland Quartet Presents “Mozart & More: A Night of Classical Music”

The Friends invite you to enjoy the sounds of the Woodland Quartet on Wednesday, November 9, at 7:30 p. m. in the Cranford Community Center. The Quartet is made up of Debra Biderman of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra on first violin, violinist Lubove Schnable of the Central Jersey Symphony, the Plainfield Symphony, and the Summit Symphony, violist Robart Paoli, Director of the Summit Strings, and Cellist Leo Wang of the Shanghai Philharmonic. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Foreign Films

The Friends' foreign film series continues with *The Nightingale* (China, 2013, 100 minutes) on Monday, November 21, and *The Second Mother* (Brazil, 2015, 112 minutes) on Monday, December 12, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Films are shown in the Cranford Community Center. Admission is free and all are welcome.

“Film Noir: The Stuff that Dreams Are Made of”

The Friends will welcome back Chris Messineo, Director of the New Jersey Film School, who will present a program on film noir on Monday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. The presentation will feature film clips, anecdotes, analysis, film history, and a Q & A session. Admission is free and all are welcome.

“From Saint to Santa”

The Friends are pleased to welcome back Dr. Michael Norris, a former educator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, who will trace the history Santa Claus on Wednesday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Using examples taken from centuries of art, Dr. Norris will explore how a Turkish bishop evolved into one of Christianity's most beloved saints. Then, using examples from American art, Dr. Norris will show how Nicholas changes again, this time into Santa Clause. Admission is free and all are welcome.

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 Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24. Closed Saturday, December 24, and Monday, December 26, for Christmas.
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