

THE READER

The Newsletter of the Cranford Public Library & The Friends of the Cranford Public Library
November – December 2017

College Financial Aid Seminar



The Library will host a free seminar on college financial aid on Thursday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Presenter Christine McMullen of Garretson Financial will explain the college financial aid application, including facts and myths, show how income affects aid eligibility, identify the assets that are taken into consideration in calculating the Expected Family Contribution, and explain the impact of parental and student assets on aid eligibility. Questions will be answered during and after the presentation.

Literary Café

The Literary Café will meet on Saturday, November 18 and December 9, from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. in the Raddin Room. Identify 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.

The Readers' Forum

The Readers' Forum, the Library's book discussion group, will consider *Motherless Brooklyn* (1999) by Jonathan Lethem on November 27 and *City of Thieves* (2008) by David Benioff on December 18. Both dates are Mondays. Sessions begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Fridlington Room. Registration is *not* required. New members are welcome at any time!

Program on Cranford's Historic Resources



Cranford Historic Preservation Advisory Board member Kinney Clark will present a program on the Board's recently completed *Phase 1 Cranford Historic Resources Survey* on Monday, November 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. The *Survey* includes an overview of community history and development, a review of existing cultural resources surveys, National Register listings, current status updates for existing resources, and recommendations for future survey activity. Admission is free and all are welcome.

How to Start a Small Business in New Jersey

New Jersey Division of Taxation representatives Abra Watson and Michael Kovacs will conduct a free workshop on how to start a small business in New Jersey on Wednesday, November 29, from 4:30 to 6:10 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Topics will include: the different types of business structures, how to register a small business, and how to report your business income. The workshop will also provide attendees with the opportunity to ask questions about their specific situations. *Registration is required.* To register, contact John Malar at 908-709-7272 or j-malar@cranfordnj.org. If emailing or leaving a message, please include your name, email address, and phone number.

From the Teen Zone

Gaming @ Cranford Community Center – Open to all ages, these are sessions to bring and play your own or the



Library's games! Ask in advance about Library game availability. Thursday, 4:00 to 9:00 p.m., November 2, 16 and 30, December 14 and 28. . . . **Chess Club** – Chess players ages eight and up are welcome to come learn the rules of chess and practice against teen volunteers! Tuesday, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., November 7 and 21, December 5 and 19, in the Raddin Room. To register as a volunteer, please email Maddy at cranfordlibrary@gmail.org. . . . **Teen Advisory Group** – Let's share ideas and talk about ways to improve the Teen Zone! Help plan programs, select new materials, and earn community service hours, just for showing up. Bring your friends and make new ones. Snacks will be provided! Monday, November 20 and December 11, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Teen Zone.

From the Children's Room

Story Time Yoga – Join instructor Lisa Ferraro. Children ages 2 to 5 will use props to build strength, flexibility, and self-confidence through play on Thursday mornings at 10:15 from November 2 to December 28. This story time mixes poses, games, storytelling, art, and music. Registration is not required, but please arrive on time. . . . **iDiscover Coding** – Learn about the basics of coding through the use of fun, educational apps. Students will create interactive stories, animation, and even video games! Children in grades 1 to 3 are invited to join us on November 7 at 6:30 p.m. and November 28 at 7:00 p.m., and those in grades 4 to 6 can join us November 7 at 7:30 p.m. *Registration is required.*



This free program is sponsored by a grant from Union County. . . . **Sensory Library Time** – This after-hours program is for children with autism and their families. Join us for from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 10. Families will enjoy browsing the collection in a space that minimizes unnecessary stimulation. Towards the end of the evening, we will hold two sessions of a small group program. Jammin' Jenn, a certified music therapist, will join us for musical programs from 6:30 to 7:00 and 7:00 to 7:30. Tickets for the small group programs will be given out on a first come, first served basis beginning at 6:00 on the day of the program. Registration is not required. This free program is funded by a grant from Union County. . . . **Happy Teeth Story Time** – On Saturday, November 11, at 10:15 a.m., Bobbie Altieri, a registered dental hygienist from Westfield Pediatric Dental Group, will join us to teach pre-schoolers and their caregivers about good dental health. This story time is a great way to assuage anxiety about upcoming dentist visits! Ages 3 to 5, no registration required. . . . **"Paws" to Read** – Young readers are invited to hone their skills by reading to certified therapy dogs. Dogs make a perfect, non-judgmental audience for children learning to read independently! Tuesday, November 14 and December 12, at 6:30 p.m. *Registration is required!* . . . **Lego Club** – Children in grades 1 to 6 are invited to join us as we free-build and share our work on Tuesday, November 21, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration is not required. . . . **Touch the Music Presents The Nutcracker** – Hear the story of *The Nutcracker* accompanied by the beautiful music of Tchaikovsky and play instruments you hear in the music on December 9, at 2:00 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. For families with children ages three to twelve.

News from the Friends of the Cranford Public Library

Classic Hollywood Romance: On Screen and Off



The Friends invite you to join Walter Choroszewski for his presentation of "Classic Hollywood Romance: On Screen and Off" at the Cranford Community Center, on Wednesday, November 8, at 7:30 p.m. Walter will review some of the best romantic movies ever made. The program will include stories of on-screen celebrity couples and their off-screen love lives, as well as accounts of Hollywood's longest and shortest marriages and most unusual romances. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Critical Battles of World War II

The Friends are pleased to sponsor a lecture/slide presentation entitled "World War II Turning Points: Critical Battles That Enabled the Allies to Go on the Offense" at the Cranford Community Center on Wednesday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m. The program will be presented by Paul E. Zigo. Mr. Zigo is a professor of history, author, military historian, and the founder and director of the World War II Era Studies Institute. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Foreign Films

The Friends' foreign film series continues with *Samba* (France, comedy/drama, 2014, 119 minutes) on Monday, November 20, and *Our Little Sister* (Japan, drama, 2015, 128 minutes) on Monday, December 4, 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.

Lectures on Bob Dylan and the Rolling Stones

The Friends are very pleased to welcome back rock historian Vincent Bruno for two lectures: "The Sixties: Bob Dylan" on Wednesday, December 6, and the "The Sixties: The Rolling Stones" on Monday, December 11. Both programs, which include slides and musical samples, start at 7:00 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Holiday Program Featuring the Belle Tones

The Friends are very pleased to sponsor a special holiday program by the Belle Tones on Saturday, December 16, at 3:00 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Often referred to as "the 21st century Andrews Sisters," the Belle Tones specialize in close-knit three-part harmony. They have performed extensively in New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Irena Sendler: Rescuing the Rescuer



The Friends are pleased to welcome back Libby Skala, who will present her acclaimed, self-penned, one-woman play, *Irena Sendler: Rescuing the Rescuer*, on Wednesday, December 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. The play tells the story of a Polish Catholic social worker who saved the lives of 2,500 Jewish children during World War II. Admission to the program is free and all are welcome.

LIBRARY HOURS & CLOSINGS

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

Closed: Thanksgiving Day, November 23; Christmas Day, December 25; New Year's Day, January 1

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