

THE READER

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

SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER 2018

STRATEGIC PLANNING OPEN HOUSE

The Cranford Public Library wants to hear from you! The Library Board of Trustees invites the public to participate in the development of our new three-year strategic plan. Please join us on **Friday, September 14 from 10:30 am to 11:00 am**, **Monday, September 17 from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm**, and/or **Monday, September 24 from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm** to take part in the conversation and share your ideas. Topics of discussion will include a proposed expansion to the Children's Room. Children are welcome.



BENEFITS FOR NJ VETERANS



Veterans and dependents of veterans: The Cranford Public Library presents a valuable health care information session on **Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 pm**. David Brimmer, MS, of the Department of Veterans' Affairs New Jersey Health Care System, will visit the Cranford Community Center to speak about health care benefits available to veterans and dependents. He will also discuss the process for filing a claim for VA Service-Connected Disability Compensation.

CHILDREN'S ROOM—VISITING AUTHOR

429 children completed our annual Summer Reading program, logging a total of 18,493 hours and beating last year's record by over 2,000 hours! We're so proud of all of our readers, and were delighted to have 560 people show up to celebrate at our carnival! Also, author Laura Sassi will be sharing her new book, *LOVE IS KIND*, and delving into the world of book jackets on **Saturday, October 20th at 10:30 am**. Participants (ages 5+) will have a chance to design book jackets and meet the author.



YOUNG ADULT SPACE—MEET KATE-LYNN BROWN



Hi! My name is Kate-Lynn Brown, and I'm joining the Cranford Public Library as the new Young Adult Programming Librarian. I just received my Masters of Information from Rutgers University in May 2018, and before that received a Bachelors in English and Creative Writing from Drew University. I like reading thrillers, and *One of Us is Lying* is my latest favorite. Keep your eyes out for lots of teen programming and volunteer opportunities starting this fall!

RESOURCES FOR CAREER TRANSITION

For those preparing for job change or reentering the job market, the Cranford Public Library offers the resources you need. **Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors USA**, a cost-free, grassroots job search support and networking organization, meets on **Wednesdays at 7:30 pm** in the library. Their next meeting will take place on **September 12**. Also available: **Learning Express Job and Career Accelerator**, an online database that offers personalized, step-by-step assistance for job seekers. Ask your librarian for details!



NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

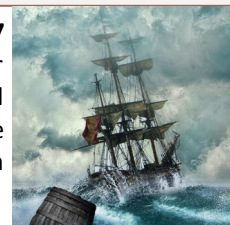
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE



The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite you to visit their used book sale on **Wednesday, October 10, 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Thursday and Friday, October 11 and 12, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm,** and **Saturday, October 13, 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.

COMING TO AMERICA: THE GREAT WAVES

The Friends bring you a timely and informative presentation on **Wednesday, October 17 at 7:30 pm** at the Cranford Community Center. Lecturer and photographer Walter Choroszewski will present the history of immigration to America from the first Colonial wave through the second mid-1800s wave of frontier expansion, culminating with the third Great Wave that passed through Ellis Island Immigration Station in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.



STORYTELLER LINDA HOWE (NEW DATE)



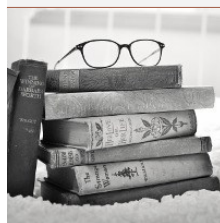
Multimodal storyteller, artist, writer, and educator Linda Howe will bring her many talents to the Cranford Community Center on **Tuesday, November 27 at 7:00pm.** A member of the NJ Storytelling Network, Ms. Howe blends the oral tradition with visual art and poetry, captivating audiences with tales and myths from around the world while designing creative illustrations. Note: This program has been rescheduled from its original date of Tuesday, October 23.

FOREIGN FILMS AND THEATER PROJECT

Join the Friends for captivating films and theater! On **Monday, September 10 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm,** join us for a new drama about interconnected lives in North Africa. On **Monday, October 15 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm,** return for a South Korean romantic comedy in which the heroes try to recapture first love. The Theater Project also returns, with a readings of original plays on **Saturday, September 15** and **Saturday, October 13 at 2:00 pm.** All events will take place in the Cranford Community Center.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS



The library's ongoing book discussion groups will meet in the library this September. The **Readers' Forum** will meet on **Monday, September 24 at 7:00 pm** to discuss *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck. The Literary Café will meet on **Saturday, September 15 and Saturday, October 13 at 10:15 am.** Bring your favorite books you've read recently, join the discussion and enjoy refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Cranford Public Library!

HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Monday to Thursday, 10 am—9 pm · Friday and Saturday, 10 am—5 pm
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