

# THE READER

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

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## ARE YOU EXPERIENCED? THE MAKING OF JIMI HENDRIX



The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame describes Jimi Hendrix as “arguably the greatest instrumentalist in the history of rock music”. Hendrix expanded the range and vocabulary of the electric guitar into areas no musician had ever ventured before. On **Monday, September 9 at 7:00 pm** in the Cranford Community Center, travel with Sixties Rock Historian Vinnie Bruno along Jimi’s road to superstardom: beginning with his early days as a band member on the Chitlin Circuit through his final recordings at Electric Lady Studio.

## JULIA SAYS, “BON APPÉTIT!”

On **Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 pm** in the Cranford Community Center, actor and narrator Linda Kenyon brings one of the most prominent figures in culinary history to life in this one-woman show. Julia Child was an American cook, author and television personality who introduced French cuisine and cooking techniques to America. While her public face and voice are familiar, this play written by Clay Teunis and directed by Ed Starr focuses on her private side - especially her relationship with her husband Paul.



## GIL SCOTT CHAPMAN AND MIA PAFUMI IN CONCERT



**Saturday, October 5 at 2:00 pm** in the Community Center. Concert pianist Gil Scott Chapman holds a B.F.A. in Jazz Studies and Master of Music from the University of Michigan. He helped to develop the Gershwin Initiative with the Gershwin family, bringing the music of the Gershwins to audiences worldwide. Soprano Mia Pafumi, a graduate of Montclair State University’s John J. Cali School of Music, made her professional opera debut in the chorus of the Sarasota Opera and as a principal artist at the Knoxville Opera.

## FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE: BARYNYA BALALAIKA DUO

The Barynya Balalaika Duo is part of one of the finest Russian folk ensembles outside of Russia. Their program, on **Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 pm** in the Community Center, includes Russian, Cossack, Ukrainian, Russian Gypsy and Russian Jewish traditional music, songs, and dances. They have played for presidents, premiers and celebrities, and were featured on NBC’s *Superstars of Dance*, where founder and artistic director Mikhail Smirnov served as judge. He is joined by virtuoso soloist Elina Karokhina.



## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE



The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite you to visit their used book sale on **Wednesday, October 9, 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Thursday and Friday, October 10 and 11, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, and Saturday, October 12, 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.

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## YOU KNOW: SO YOU WANT TO START A BAND

The Library is starting a new adult DIY series called: **You Know!** Have you dreamed about playing to a crowd, but never moved beyond jamming in the garage? On **Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00 pm** in the Community Center, learn the basics of finding musicians, practicing, learning songs, getting gigs, and getting paid. Featuring Brother John Brown, the local band that plays live at the Dive on weekends, rocking out to classic sounds of the 60s and 70s on North Avenue. The band will wrap up the night with a live set.



## HUDSON SHAKESPEARE COMPANY: DOCTOR FAUSTUS



On **Wednesday, October 30 at 7:00 pm** in the Community Center, Hudson Shakespeare presents Marlowe's chilling tragedy, directed by Jon Ciccarelli. Doctor Faustus makes an offer that Mephistopheles, a servant of the devil, can't refuse. He will sign away his soul in exchange for 24 years of life—and Mephistopheles at his beck and call. Faustus embarks on a journey through time and space in search of life's meaning. Who will he meet? What will he learn? And ultimately - what happens when his time is up?

## LITERARY CAFÉ

The Literary Café continues this fall! Our next meetings will take place on **Saturday, September 7** and **Saturday, October 5 at 10:15 am**. The format is simple: Tell the other members of the group about a book you've recently read. 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. Refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Friends of the Cranford Public Library!



## FILM SERIES AND THEATER PROJECT



Join the Friends for films! On **Monday, September 23** and **Monday, October 7 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm**, we'll show award-winning films from Iceland and Kenya as part of our Foreign Film Series. On **Wednesday, September 11** and **Wednesday, October 16 at 7:00 pm**, we'll debut new Hollywood films *Rocketman* and *Yesterday*. Plus, the Theater Project returns to Cranford on **Saturday, September 7 at 2:00 pm** with *Death Club* by Stephanie Griffin, and another original performance on **Saturday, October 12 at 2:00 pm**.

## UNION COUNTY SERVICES AT THE LIBRARY

Do you have questions about services for seniors or their caregivers? Come visit the Aging Services Kiosk at the library on **Wednesday, September 11 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**. Speak to a specialist from the Union County Department of Human Services Division on Aging and Disability Resource Connection and get answers to your questions. And on **Saturday, October 26 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm**, the Union County Board of Elections will demo the new ExpressVote XL Voting Machine prior to Election Day.



Monday to Thursday, 10 am—9 pm · Friday and Saturday, 10 am—5 pm  
(Summer Saturdays 10 am—2pm, July and August)

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