



# INFOBYTES

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WEST CALDWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## From the Vice President

The Executive Board of the Friends had their last meeting before their summer break on Wednesday, June 7, 2006. The October 21<sup>st</sup> "International" dinner theme is



Octoberfest.. An exciting social evening with a sumptuous German meal is being planned by our volunteers. More information will be forthcoming and remember seating will be limited.

Also mark your calendar to attend the annual meeting of the Friends on the evening of Thursday, November 2, 2006. Our guest

speaker is Dr. Mark Skosen, a descendant of Benjamin Franklin, who will provide an informative insight on our founding father.

As you know, there are many of opportunities to volunteer and help at the library. Please contact the library at 973-226-5441 and leave your name and telephone number at the reference desk. Just a reminder, activities include:

- hospitality,
- read shelves,
- story hour,
- summer reading club grand finale,
- computer assistance,
- books-to-go,
- magazine exchange,
- special help projects,
- Indian Reservation Project,
- WWII Vets History Project,
- special events,
- book donations,
- help with InfoBytes,
- photocopy information and flyers,
- Friday video projectionist,
- help with projects in the Local History and Genealogy Room.

On a personal note, the library has started a caregivers group that meets once a month. It's an opportunity to meet with other caregivers to share needed information. A facilitator and/or speaker attend the meetings. It's a

chance to socialize and be educated. Valuable handouts are distributed. The next meeting will be in September. Please contact the reference desk in late August for additional information.

I would like to thank our president, Ron Day, for giving me the opportunity to write this article for the InfoBytes. Have a safe and enjoyable summer. - Mark Cohen

## Friends' Bylaws Revisited

The current bylaws of the Friends were originally drafted and adopted in December 1999. Earlier this year, a Special Committee was appointed to review them and make recommendation for change(s) as needed. The purpose of the organization is unchanged. Because the changes that were recommended by the committee were scattered throughout, it was deemed to be more efficient and less tedious to present this document for revision rather than by amendment(s) for acceptance by the membership at the General Membership meeting in November. Should the proposed Revision fail, the current bylaws will remain in effect. Copies of the revision will be available for review by interested parties at the library Reference Desk beginning in August. Committee Members: Mark Cohen, Phil Hessinger, Polly Payne

## "In Search of the Morris Canal"

For those of you that missed Phil Jaeger's excellent presentation on the Passaic River in April, you will have another chance to hear him on **Thursday, September 14 at 7:30 pm** at the Library. At that time he will present another program entitled "**In Search of the Morris Canal.**"

Separate projectors and screens are used to compare scenes on the canal in the early 1900's with the same scenes today. The program follows the route of the canal from the Delaware River at Phillipsburg to the canal's basin on the Hudson River at Jersey City. Contemporary scenes were photographed while walking most of the abandoned canal's 102 miles.

This program is jointly sponsored by the Historical Society of West Caldwell and the Friends of the Library.

## Know Your Library Staff

### Patricia Heyer, Senior Librarian

Pat was raised in Verona and received her BA in French and Secondary Education from Caldwell College. She later received MLS from Rutgers University.

Following graduate school, she worked at Cedar Grove Public Library in Technical Services for 3 and a half years. She then “retired” for 10 years to become a stay-at-home mom.



Pat returned to work as a Law Librarian for Wolff and Samson in Roseland for 11 years, then 4 years with Budd Lerner in Short Hills.

Later she served as the Director of Cedar Grove Public Library from 1999-2002.

Pat joined the West Caldwell Public Library as a part-time Reference Librarian in 2002. Her current responsibilities include publicizing adult events in the Library, print media and the Library website, annual ordering and maintenance of tax forms, compiling monthly departmental statistics and continual collection development. Also, you will often see her smiling face behind the Reference Desk as she responds to queries by our library patrons.

Pat has been married to Charles Heyer for 36 years. They have three adult children – Timothy and Kevin Heyer and Megan Monks. They are also the proud grandparents of (almost) 2 year old Benjamin Monks, the world’s most amazing child.

Pat’s other interests (besides being a doting grandmother) include reading, cooking, knitting, crocheting, traveling and gardening.

## WCPL Local History and Genealogy Program

The Local History and Genealogy program was initiated in the Centennial year (2004) through a joint effort by the West Caldwell Library and the Friends of the Library, in cooperation with the Historical Society of West Caldwell. After a slow start, we are finally making progress in organizing the room.

Initiation of the project was stimulated in 2004 by the donation of a large number of books and documents from the Pryor and Walker families and supplemented by documents and photographs from the Historical Society archives. The book collections have now been fully catalogued by the library staff and are available for public use through the library’s reference department. Specific titles may be reviewed by accessing the library BCCLS system and searching in Genealogy or Local History categories. At present there are over 300 titles available for research in these areas.

Most of the material is located within the library’s new Local History room which is a secured facility requiring key access, identification and sign in by users. For those patrons who wish to pursue further the references cited in the recently published “Celebrating a Centennial - A History of West Caldwell, NJ,” document files are also being established to support that and related local history research. While these materials may not be withdrawn from the library, the librarians will assist in locating them and will provide work space for researchers wishing to utilize the references. Also available in the room is a special computer with Internet access to several public domain genealogy programs such as LDS [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) and [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com). Use of this facility may be arranged through the reference librarian.

A large collection of historical West Caldwell photographs are being digitized and a database being established such that patrons may view and search the images from a subject directory. Later in the year it is planned to provide additional electronic resources including genealogy software programs and data bases which will provide added support for research in that area. And a local family surname file will be developed and maintained by the library. The genealogy program plan includes a series of workshops and “How To” presentations by professional instructors as well as computer instruction relating to genealogical research.

- Phil Hessinger

### Friends Executive Board - 2006

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### Celebrating a Centennial – A History of West Caldwell, NJ

Second printing now available at the town hall and the Library. Cost: \$28.00

## Greetings from the Director

Summer is just around the corner and the library is preparing for the stampede of children and teens ready to sign up for our annual Summer Reading Club. Featuring animals of all shapes, sizes and kinds, “Paws, Claws,



Scales & Tales” is for children of all ages. Story times, puppet shows, special entertainers, a Lunch Bunch at the Paws & Claws Diner and a special Pet Parade are just some of the fun-filled programs that will be offered for children. “Creature Feature”, a summer reading program for teens,

will offer a wide variety of programs including “Talk It Up”, a reading discussion group. Both programs begin on Monday, June 26 and run through Friday, August 4. Visit the Young Readers Desk or our website for further program details.

For those interested in reading assigned titles on your school’s summer reading list, check out our website-[www.bccls.org/westcaldwell](http://www.bccls.org/westcaldwell) and click on “Summer Reading Lists” for a copy of your school’s list.

Besides purchasing additional copies of books on these lists, this year we have an additional format to choose these books from---downloadable books. How do downloadable books fit into students’ summer reading requirements? Using their MP3 player, students can easily download books appearing on their summer reading lists. Robert White, Executive Director of BCCLS, states, “We think this is an invaluable addition to a student’s reading experience. Over the summer, when families might be traveling on vacation, and students have ear buds permanently affixed to their ears, MP3s can offer great literature in a format embraced by students. The goal of every library is to get kids to love books and what better way to hook them than by introducing them to great books in a format they use every-day.”

Adults looking for summer reading suggestions may pick up a copy of our 2006 **Shore Bets**. This annotated book list offers a selection of fiction and non-fiction titles perfect for reading at the pool, beach or in your own back yard.

Can’t seem to find the right book to read? Fill out our customized Readers Advisory Survey and in just 3 weeks, you will receive a list of between 7 and 10 annotated book suggestions based on your reading interests. This individualized service will give you weeks of reading enjoyment.

A new library service that was recently installed is our new wireless access to the Internet. Bring in your laptop,

stop by the Reference Desk for a copy of the wireless use policy, plug in and get connected!

Next time you see a new face at the Reference Desk, please welcome our new Reference & Technology Librarian, Debbie D’Ambrosio. Debbie has worked as a Reference Librarian at the Nutley Free Public Library, the Belleville Public Library and the Bloomfield Public Library. Before coming to library land, Debbie taught elementary school students. Debbie’s hobbies include crocheting and designing beaded necklaces. She enjoys reading and although Debbie favors reading non-fiction works, she enjoys cozy mysteries including those written by M. C. Beaton.



And you’ll now see more of Cindy Corbett’s smile and hear more of her joyous laughter at the Circulation Desk. Cindy recently began working as a full-time employee for the library.

Wishing everyone a most enjoyable summer filled with lots of good books, films, music, friends, family and good times!

My best,

April L. Judge, Director

*Save the date for . . . . .*

### *“Oktoberfest”*

*Saturday, October 21, 2006*

*6:00 pm Social Hour*

*7:00 pm Dinner*

*at the*

*West Caldwell Library Community Meeting Room*

*\$40.00 per person*

*presented by the*

*Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library*

*Beer, Wine & Soda*

*Delicious German Buffet*

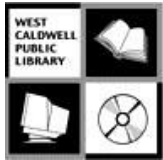
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*An Evening to Remember*

*Seating is Limited*

*For information and reservations contact:*

*Lila Rubin - 973-575-1380*



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Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

(Saturdays in Summer 9:00 am – 1:00 pm)

**Medicare / Medicaid Information Session**

July 24 at 1:00 pm

**World War II Veterans Oral History Project**

Thursdays at 2:00 pm

July 13, 27, August 10, 24

**Book Discussion Group**

July 11 at 7:30 pm

*The Master Butchers Singing Club* by Louise Erdrich

## Friday Afternoon at the Movies

Showtime 1:00 pm

**6/30/06 The Wedding Date.** 2005. PG-13. Debra Messing, Dermot Mulroney. Single-girl anxiety causes Kat Ellis (Messing) to hire a male escort (Mulroney) to pose as her boyfriend at her sister's wedding.

**7/7/06 Syriana.** 2005. PG-13. Kayvan Novak, George Clooney. A politically-charged epic about the state of the oil industry in the hands of those personally involved and affected by it.

**7/14/06 The Producers.** 2005. PG-13. Nathan Lane, Matthew Broderick. After putting together another Broadway flop, down-on-his-luck producer Max Bialystock teams up with timid accountant Leo Bloom in a get-rich-quick scheme to put on the world's worst show.

**7/21/06 King Kong.** 2005. PG-13. Naomi Watts, Jack Black. In 1933 New York, an overly ambitious movie producer coerces his cast and hired ship crew to travel to mysterious Skull Island, where they encounter Kong, a giant ape who is immediately smitten with leading lady Ann Darrow.

**7/28/06 Rumor Has It.** 2005. PG-13. Jennifer Aniston, Kevin Costner, Shirley MaLaine. Jennifer Aniston plays a woman who learns that her family was the inspiration

for the book and film "The Graduate" -- and that she just might be the offspring of the well-documented event.

**8/4/06 Firewall.** 2006. PG-13. A security specialist is forced into robbing the bank that he's protecting, as a bid to pay off his family's ransom.

**8/11/06 Everything is Illuminated.** 2005. PG-13. Eugene Hutz, Elijah Wood. A young Jewish American man endeavors to find the woman who saved his grandfather during World War II in a Ukrainian village that was ultimately razed by the Nazis, with the help of a local who speaks weirdly funny broken English.

**8/18/06 Dreamer.** 2005. PG. Ky Evans, Christa Nelson. A phobic man's dreams begin to come true.

**8/25/06 Yours, Mine and Ours.** 2005. PG. Dennis Quaid, Rene Russo. A widowed Coast Guard Admiral and a widow handbag designer fall in love and marry, much to the dismay of her 10 and his 8 children

Movies summaries courtesy of [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com)

All movies are free and open to the public

Refreshments served by the Friends of the Library.