



# INFOBYTES

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WEST CALDWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## National Library Week April 15-21

Come join the excitement at the West Caldwell Library. We have many activities planned to entertain and inform you during National Library Week, April 15 through 21.



Participate in our *Dead or Alive Contest*. Come to the Library and identify the well-known, and maybe not so well-known, faces on our *Dead or Alive* poster. Tell us if they are still among the living.

Test your knowledge of local history. See how many West Caldwell historical sites you can identify in our *West Caldwell – Then and Now Contest*.

We will also have contests to bring out the creative side in you. The Library is looking for new bookmarks. We will have an adult and a children's competition to see who can design the most creative bookmarks. Use your imagination and let us know what the Library means to you. A limited supply of the winners' bookmarks will be available at the Library.

And for you writers out there, we have the *What's Your Excuse? Contest*. We are looking for the best made up excuse for not returning your library books on time. Join in the fun and help us celebrate National Library Week.

## Library Hosts Poetry Festival

On Sunday, May 20, the Library will host a Poetry Festival from 1:00-5:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room. 24 poets from throughout New Jersey will read their work and editors from 12 Literary Journals such as Mad Poets Review, Journal of New Jersey Poets, Heliotrope, Edison Literary Review, and others will be available to answer questions. Literary Journals will also be available for purchase and signing.

## Staged Reading of "Collected Stories" on April 22

In honor of National Library Week, a staged reading of the play "Collected Stories" by Donald Margulies will be presented on Sunday, April 22 at 2:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room. This touching and funny play focuses on the relationship that blossoms between a cranky, accomplished writer/college professor and a gifted, but naive graduate student who aspires to be a writer. Issues concerning the creative process, freedom of expression, and betrayal of trust arise. The play will feature local actresses Joan Terry and Karen Pobicki and will be directed by Ethan Galvin.

### Murder! Mystery! Thriller!

#### Join our book discussion group

All programs begin at 1:00 pm and are held in the Community Meeting Room. Copies of the books are available at the Reference Desk

**NEW**

Wednesday, April 18  
*Blues in the Night*  
by Rochelle Majer Kirch

**NEW**

Wednesday, May 16  
*Covenant*  
by Naomi Ragen

### READ IT! A FRIENDLY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

All programs begin at 7:30 pm and are held in the Community Meeting Room. Copies of the books are available at the Reference Desk

Tuesday, April 10 – *July's People*  
by Nadine Gordimer

Tuesday, May 8 – *Thread of Grace*  
by Mary Doria Russell

Tuesday, June 12 – *Four Spirits*  
by Sena Jeter Naslund

Tuesday, July 10 – *The Kite Runner*  
by Khaled Hosseini

## Know Your Library Staff

### Linda Garfinkel - Youth Services Librarian

As the only full time staff member in the Youth Services Department, Linda is a familiar face to many of our younger patrons and their parents and caregivers. She



enjoys helping all patrons with their information needs. She plans and conducts various children's programs and manages the website (which she designed).

Linda spends a lot of her time managing the collection. She reads books reviews and selects new acquisitions, weeds and shelf reads the collection, examines

donations and does her best to keep the Youth Services area looking inviting to patrons.

The Youth Services staff recently visited all Kindergarten through grade 3 classes in the Caldwell-West Caldwell Schools to promote the library and read stories to the children. Linda is currently working on a program that she will present to the schools to promote this year's summer reading program for kids, *Get a Clue@Your Library*.

Linda has been a resident of West Caldwell for 18 years. Before entering the field of librarianship, she was employed as a mainframe computer programmer for Prudential Insurance and Automatic Data Processing. In August of 2004 she was hired at the West Caldwell Public Library as a Youth Services Intern while working towards her Master in Library Science. Upon graduation in January of 2006 from Southern Connecticut State University she was promoted to Youth Services Librarian.

Linda's husband Steve is a self-employed electrical engineer. Her oldest daughter Anne is a sophomore at Elon University in Elon, NC and her youngest daughter Jane is an 8th grader at Grover Cleveland Middle School.

### HELP WANTED

#### Assistant to the Friends Kitchen Chair (no pun intended)

Duties include shopping to support hostess service for the Friday Movies and making executive decisions regarding refrigerator remains. No previous experience needed; will train. Interested party may contact Polly Payne, (973) 228-3581 or pollypayne@verizon.net.

## From the President

It looks like spring is finally here after one last snowy blast in March. It's hard to believe but the West Caldwell Pools open in less than 7 weeks (May 26)!

The Friends continue to provide refreshments for the popular Friday afternoon movie. Polly Payne, who has done a fantastic job keeping the kitchen supplied with food and drink for the past several years is asking for help. See the "Help Wanted" notice below.



So far this year we have had two programs co-sponsored by the Historical Society of West Caldwell and the Library. In February, we heard from Nancy Teepe about the Old Tobacco Factory on Bloomfield Avenue in West Caldwell. In March, there was a recognition ceremony for the "West Essex Women of Achievement" followed by a presentation by James Gardner on Alice and Eleanor Roosevelt. Both these programs were very well attended in spite of the extremely cold weather.

On Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, the Friends will be co-sponsoring another program. Phil Jaeger will be returning with another of his popular slide shows, *Castles of New Jersey* (see page 3 of this newsletter). Starting last spring, Phil has delighted West Caldwell audiences with programs on the Passaic River, the Morris Canal and the Caldwell Trolley. We expect a big crowd again so get here early for a good seat.

**January was the time to renew your membership in the Friends.** The vast majority of the members renewed in a timely manner. However, there are still a few of you out there who have not yet responded. If you have lost or misplaced your application form, more are available at the circulation desk, the reference desk or on-line at

<http://westcaldwell.com/friends-appl.htm>

Again I would like to thank all who have supported the Friends in the past and hope we can enhance our support of the Library in 2007.

- Ron Day

### Did You Know ?

The current and back issues of *InfoBytes* and the Township newsletter *West Caldwell Report* (published in April and October) are now available on-line at:

<http://westcaldwell.com/Infobytes.htm> and

<http://westcaldwell.com/wcreport1.htm>

## Greetings from the Director

Spring is finally here and at the library we are going to be very busy! The week of April 15-21 is National Library Week and the library will be celebrating this annual event with a wide variety of contests. With the



help of Friends' President, Ron Day, a *West Caldwell – Then and Now Contest* will be held during this week. Other contests include a bookmark design contest, a *The Best Excuse for NOT Returning Library Books*, and especially for children, make a "Read" poster contest. Special raffle drawings will also be held throughout the

week. And a special thanks in advance to the West Caldwell Starbucks for providing coffee for our movie audience on Friday, April 20.

April is also National Poetry Month. So take a poetry break and read one poem by your favorite poet or a new poet each day. Consider poems written by poets including such as Mary Oliver, Billy Collins, Sylvia Plath, May Angelou, William Wordsworth or Langston Hughes. And make sure that your children read poems written by Jack Prelutsky, this year's Children's Poet Laureate. And if you like poetry, join us on Sunday, May 20 from 1-5 pm for our annual Poetry Festival planned by local poet, Ms. Diane Lockward.

April is also National Autism Month. During this month, the library will be displaying a collection of books on autism received from the Karma Foundation. And in partnership with the Buddies and Shadows program, the library will be offering two programs for children and young adults with special needs. These events will be held on April 26 and more detailed information will follow.

The library Board of Trustees and staff especially wish to thank Mayor Joseph Tempesta for the generous gift we received from his Mayor's Charity Ball. He presented the library with a donation of \$15,000 to support the library's programming endeavors for children and young adults as well as those with special needs. Plans are in progress to develop exciting and innovative programs to be held during the next several years.

Stay tuned for information about this year's library wide Summer Reading Program. Children may join Get a Clue @ Your Library. Teens may join the YKN @ Your Library. And for the first time and also based on the mystery theme, a summer reading program will be offered for adults.

Happy Spring!

- April Judge

## Castles of New Jersey

A Slide Presentation by

**Phil Jaeger**

Thursday, April 12th

7:30 pm

at the West Caldwell Public Library



Although not as numerous or grand as their European counterparts, a surprisingly large number of castles were built in New Jersey a century ago. The slide program includes well-known castles such as Lambert and Kip's Castles as well as lesser known ones throughout the state. Many of them still exist, some have been disguised over the years, and others have vanished.

The castle shown above, "Ivisworld," was built for David Ivison, a book company executive, in 1887. In later years the castle served as a manor, a social club, and the setting for the movie, "The Three Musketeers." Today the castle is part of the Rutherford campus of Felician College.

This presentation is jointly sponsored by the Historical Society of West Caldwell, the Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library and the West Caldwell Public Library. It is open and free to the public. Refreshments will be served.

## Coming Soon!

In November 2005, the West Caldwell Centennial Committee published *Celebrating a Centennial – a History of West Caldwell, NJ*

The index for this book has just been completed and will soon be available for a nominal charge at the Town Hall and the Library. The index lists over 2600 names, places, events, organizations, etc. found in the book. Look for further announcements in a few weeks..



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

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**English Conversation Group** – Mondays at 6:30 pm

**Veterans Oral History Project** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. at 2 pm

**Book Discussion Group** – 7:30 pm

April 10 – *July's People*; May 8 – *Thread of Grace*;  
June 12 – *Four Spirits*

**Mystery Book Discussion Group** – 1:00 pm

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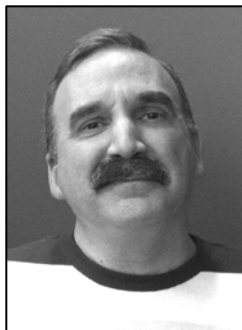
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**Poetry Festival** – May 20, 1:00-5:00 pm

## Welcome!

Our new Head of the Reference and Adult Services Department, Ethan Galvin, started working for the library in late March. As a former Library Director and Head of a Reference Department, Ethan brings a wide variety of experiences to this position. He previously worked at the Elmwood Park Public Library, another BCCLS library. Past positions that Ethan held include the Director of Marketing and Development at the American Stage Company in Teaneck and Reference Librarian for the Russell Library in Middletown, CT. Please introduce yourself to our newest employee when you see him at the Reference Desk.



- April Judge

## Friday Afternoon at the Movies Showtime 1:00 pm

April 6: Casino Royale (2006, PG-13) 144 min.

April 13: Running with Scissors (2006, R) 116 min.

April 20: The Departed (2006, R) 151 min.

April 27: Infamous (2006, R) 110 min.

May 4: Marie Antoinette (2006, PG-13) 123 min.

May 11: Babel (2006, R) 143 min.

May 18: Man of the Year (2007, PG-13) 105 min.

May 25: The Prestige (2006, PG-13) 130 min.

June 1: Invincible (2006, PG) 104 min.

June 8: Bride and Prejudice (2004, PG-13) 111 min.

June 15: Death on the Nile (1978, PG) 140 min.

June 22: Murder on the Orient Express (1974, PG) 128 min.

June 29: The Good Shepherd (2007, R) 167 min.