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Girl Talk: A Women's Poetry Reading

Saturday, March 13 from 1:00-4:00 pm

In honor of Women's History Month, "Girl Talk: A Women's Poetry Reading" will be held on Saturday, March 13 from 1:00-4:00 pm in the Community Room. Thirty published women poets from throughout New Jersey will read poems that reflect the lives of women. Some of the local poets include Jessica deKoninck, Broeck Wahl Blumberg, Gail Fishman Gerwin, Adele Kenny, Gina Larkin, Jean Meyers, and Diane Lockward. An afternoon tea will follow the reading and some of the poets will be selling their poetry collections.

Women of Achievement Awards

Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 pm

The West Essex Woman's Club will present the "West Essex Women of Achievement Awards" on Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room. Six local women will be honored for their exceptional community service including Bernadette Farley, Eileen Kuhn, Patricia Kiernan, Violet Ianiro, Carol Macken and Donna Zaron. For entertainment, some of the members of the West Essex Woman's Club will dress in costume and read monologues about famous women in history. Library Director April Judge and Library Assistant Cindy Corbett will also read monologues.

This program is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. For more information or to sign-up, call the Library at (973) 226-5441.

AN INVITATION

to Current and Prospective New Volunteers

To meet and greet other volunteers for the
Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library

YOU GET TO KNOW US - WE GET TO KNOW YOU

Come for "Coffee & ..." and we will fill you in
on volunteer opportunities at the library

Saturday, March 20 at 11am
In the Community Meeting Room

RSVP : Polly Payne

pollypayne@verizon.net or call 973 228-3581

"The Buck Stops Here!"

The Life and Times of Harry S. Truman

Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 pm

Dr. Raymond Frey will present a powerpoint lecture "The Buck Stops Here: The Life and Times of Harry S. Truman" on Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room.



He was tough, honest, fearless and decisive. Born of humble roots, no one would have guessed that he would rise to lead America through some of the most difficult times and become one of our greatest and most admired presidents. Join Dr. Raymond Frey as he tells the story of President Harry S. Truman through photographs, documents and personal accounts told to him by the men and women who worked for Truman

Dr. Frey is a Professor of History at Centenary College in Hackettstown, NJ. He is considered an expert on Truman history and got to know several of the living members of the Truman administration as well as his oldest grandson.

This program is jointly sponsored by the Historical Society of West Caldwell and the Friends of the Library. It is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Library at 973-226-5441.

Celebrate National Library Week

April 11-18

National Library Week Programs

Theme: "The Places You Can Go @ Your Library"

Recipes from Your Heritage: An Ethnically Diverse Cooking Contest

Tuesday, April 13 at 6:30 pm

Participants are asked to select a favorite recipe to make from their ethnic background. Register to make a main dish, a side dish or dessert. A copy of the recipe and brief description of why you selected the recipe/dish and its importance to your heritage should accompany the dish. Chefs to be announced. Cooks are asked to register by April 2. Audience members may simply drop in.

Jaws, Paws and Claws – Animal Wisdom Tales from Around the World (for ages 3 and up)

Wednesday, April 14 at 4:00 pm



LuAnn Adams has created and performed thousands of Storytelling Programs for children and adults in Schools, Public Libraries, Museums, Zoos, Aquariums, Girl/Boy Scouts and many other organizations. Her education includes a BA in Theatre Arts and Child Psychology and an MFA in Acting from Mason Gross School of the Arts (Rutgers University).

Poetry Destinations: Places Poetry Will Take You

Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00 pm

Read your favorite poem(s) with other poetry lovers. Each reader will have approximately five minutes to share his/her poems. Registration is required.

Psychic Concetta Bertoldi

Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 pm

Noted New Jersey author and medium **Concetta Bertoldi** will speak about her extensive experience receiving messages from the dead on Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room.



Author of the best-selling books Do Dead People Watch You Shower? and Do Dead People

Walk Their Dogs?, she has consulted and done readings with over 3000 clients including Sarah Ferguson (Duchess of York), and such actors as Alec Baldwin and Edie Falco. She has also appeared on the "Today" show and has been interviewed by the *Star-Ledger*.

This program is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Library at 973-226-5441.

Meet the Author / Booksigning

Friday, April 16 at 7:00 pm

A "Meet the Author / Booksigning" featuring author Brad Parks will be held on Friday, April 16 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room. Parks is the author of the bestselling murder mystery Faces of the Gone, which is based on the real-life quadruple homicide that took place in Newark, NJ in November 2004. He will discuss the writing process and how his career shifted from being a journalist to a novelist. Copies of Faces of the Gone will be available for sale and autographing.



Parks is a former reporter for the *Star-Ledger* and the *Washington Post* and has won awards from the National Association of Black Journalists and the New Jersey Press Association. A graduate of Dartmouth College, he currently resides in Virginia with his wife and children and is working on his second murder mystery Eyes of the Innocent, which will be published in 2010.

This program is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. For more information or to sign-up, call the Library at (973) 226-5441.

Chinese and Indian Dance

Sunday, April 18 at 2:00 pm

A Chinese and Indian Dance performance will be held on Sunday, April 18 at 2:00 pm in the Community Room. Dance students from the **Livingston Chinese School** (led by Tien-Li Wu) and choreographer Lakshmi Anand's **Natylaya School for Indian Dance** in Morris Plains will perform folk dances in costume from their native countries. This program is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. For more information or to sign-up, call the Library at (973) 226-5441.

The 7th Annual Poetry Festival: A Celebration of New Jersey's Literary Journals

Sunday, May 16 from 1:00-5:00 pm

The "7th Annual Poetry Festival: A Celebration of New Jersey's Literary Journals" will be held on Sunday, May 16 from 1:00-5:00 pm in the Community Room. Poetry readings by 24 published New Jersey Poets will be featured including such returning poets as David Crew, Jessica deKoninck, Gloria Healy, Adele Kenny, and John Trause.

Editors from 12 literary journals in New Jersey and New York will also be available to answer questions about subscription information and guidelines for poetry subscriptions. Some of the literary journals include the *Edison Literary Review*, *Journal of New Jersey Poets*, *New York Quarterly*, *Painted Bride Quarterly*, and *Paterson Literary Review*. Several of the poets will also be selling and signing copies of their poetry collections.



A Tribute to Judy Garland

Sunday, May 23 at 2:00 pm

A "Tribute to Judy Garland" featuring husband and wife duo Joel Zelnik (pianist) and Francine Evans (soloist) will be held on Sunday, May 23 at 2:00 pm in the Com-



munity Room. This concert will include some of Garland's heartbreaking songs such as "The Boy Next Door," "Swanee," "Easter Parade," "The Trolley Song," "But Not For Me," "The Man That Got Away" and of course the classic "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

Francine Evans is a cabaret veteran who has performed in several of New York City's hotel ballrooms. She is

also a former music teacher and opera singer who has appeared in Atlantic City, Las Vegas, Japan and Greece.

Joel Zelnik trained as a jazz pianist and his first jazz album "Move" was a hit in the U.S. and abroad. He has entertained five presidents, served as a pianist/bandleader for many events, and has performed at concert venues in New York, Atlantic City, Las Vegas, Japan and Greece. He has recorded four CDs and has an M.A. from Rutgers University.

This concert is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. For more information or to sign-up, call the Library at (973) 226-5441.

Sellers Wanted!

TABLE TOP GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 22 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

\$25.00 per table

Set up Friday, May 21 from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

West Caldwell Public Library's Meeting Room

Sell your Unwanted Treasures and Collectibles!
No crafts please.

Contact Karen Kelly at 973-226-5441

National Poetry Month

During April, celebrate National Poetry Month

- Read a poem every day.
- Write an original poem!
- Buy a poetry book.
- Attend a poetry reading!
- Organize a poetry reading.
- Swap a poetry book with a friend.



- Read a biography of your favorite poet
- Using chalk, write a poem on your sidewalk or driveway.
- Read a poem at a Poetry Slam or Open Mic.
- Personalize your email with your favorite poem or single line from a poem.
- Visit the West Caldwell Public Library on Thursday, April 29 for Poem in Your Pocket Day!
- Read a poem by the first Children's Poet Laureate, Jack Prelutsky.

Volunteers Wanted for the 2010 "Read Across West Caldwell" Committee

The Library is looking for volunteers to serve on the 2010 Read Across West Caldwell Committee. This Committee will select the book to be featured during the month of October and plan other programs and activities that revolve around the book selection.

The 2009 Committee selected the book, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*. During October, a wide variety of programs including book discussions and a World War II Ration Recipe Cooking Contest were held.

The first meeting of the committee will be held on Tuesday, March 23 at 10:00 am.

For additional information about the Committee and their work, please contact April Judge, Library Director, at 973-226-5441 or bookdirector@yahoo.com.

Did You Renew Your Membership?

Membership in the Friends must be renewed in January of each year. While the vast majority of our members have already paid their 2010 dues, there are a few members who have not.

If you have not yet renewed, please complete the form below and send it to the library along with your tax-deductible contribution. Also, if you would like to volunteer some of your time to library, please check the box on the form and let us know your area(s) of interest.

Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library
30 Clinton Road, West Caldwell, NJ 07006

Membership Application

Yes, I want to be a Friend! Enclosed is my annual contribution with a check payable to the Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library and mailed to the above address.

New Member **Renewal** **Date:** _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Individual/family \$10.00 **Library Lover \$25.00**

Bookworm \$50.00 **Bibliophile \$100.00**

Yes, I would like to volunteer my time to help the Friends of the Library.

Yes, my employer has a " matching "grant" program. Please complete and return the enclosed employer form.

The Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Your contributions are tax deductible.

From the President

It's not quite over, but winter will soon be gone and that fluffy white stuff on our lawns will be disappear for another year. Although it's hard to imagine at this time, we soon will be able to curl up with a good book under a shade tree at one of our community pools.

The year started off well for the Friends. Our membership peaked out at 346 families at the end of 2009 and we have high hopes of increasing that number in 2010. Of course the first thing we have to do is to get the 2009 members to renew. We have done very well so far this year but there are a few stragglers out there who we hope will continue as members.



One of the areas that the Friends have been promoting is more volunteer participation at the library by our membership. Unfortunately, we have not been able to make optimum use of our volunteers because we haven't been able to fully match up member interests with available tasks at the library.

In an effort to remedy this situation, the Friends Executive Board is holding a "Meet and Greet" reception at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 20 where the volunteers can get to know the executive board and library staff as well as see firsthand what the volunteer opportunities are at the library.

Conversely, board and staff can get to know the volunteers and determine what their interests are and when they are available. Current volunteers will be receiving a personal invitation similar to the invitation on page 1. For those of you who are not yet on our volunteer list but would like to participate, please come out to our reception on March 20.

The Friends continue to publish its quarterly newsletter, *InfoBytes*, which highlights new and current services of the library as well as upcoming events. Also, postcard mailings are made as necessary to publicize additional events.

During 2009, the Friends provided funding for seven major library programs and also co-sponsored six programs with the Historical Society of West Caldwell. This year to date we have co-sponsored two programs with the Historical Society ("FDR" and "Civil War Soldier") with a third program scheduled for April 8 about Harry Truman.

Last, but not least, I want to welcome Arlene Berkowitz to our Friends executive board as a Member-at-Large.

- Ron Day

Greetings from the Director

It is once again tax preparation time and I'm sure everyone is busy gathering all their relevant documents in order to start the process. And in the midst of all your papers, you may just find a West Caldwell Public Library Donation Receipt that you saved after you dropped off several boxes of books that you no longer wanted to store in your home.

As the old saying goes, what is one person's trash is another one's treasure. And the books you no longer want are certainly our treasures!



Selling donated books at our daily used book sale provides the library with revenue. Another source of revenue is generated by using AmeriFolio's Collection Review revenue program. This Internet based program makes it easy for the staff to sort through all book

donations and identify books that can then be sold to this company.

Besides receiving revenue from the sale of donated materials, we "re-donate" gently used books to many charitable organizations and schools throughout the year. During 2008 and 2009 we donated materials to the following places.

- Jefferson and Washington School was presented with an set of World Book Encyclopedias
- The West Essex Women's Club received children's books that were given to an intercity school in Jersey City.
- The women inmates at the Essex County Correctional Facility in Newark received a box of soft covered books.
- Mountainside Hospital received a gift of magazines, large print books and books on tape.
- Twice a year several boxes of children's books are sent to the St. Labre Indian School in Montana. Postage for these shipments is paid for by former Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Eugene Bradford.
- Children's books were given to two Head Start programs, a local Recreation Center and several daycare centers in Newark.
- The Sharon Kalb Komarin Memorial Library at Mount Sinai Hospital in NYC received several boxes of books for adults.
- Books on tape were sent to Friedman Place, a non-profit residency for blind and visually impaired adults in Chicago.

- Magazines are being sent to our troops in Iraq with the postage being paid for by the Friends.

AmeriFolio's automated Collection Review revenue program makes it easy for the staff to sort through all book donations and identify books that can then be sold to this company.

Spring is also the time when people do a major spring cleaning. So while you're airing out your house, washing windows and winter blankets and getting rid of a winter's worth of clutter, please remember to drop off all those books (except for old encyclopedias and Reader's Digest Condensed Editions or books that are out-of-date) at the Library. We will certainly put them to good use!

Your book donations do make a difference in the lives of many people beyond the borders of West Caldwell. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Happy Spring!

- April Judge

Dining Around West Caldwell

The Library is embarking on an innovative and unique program called "Dining Around West Caldwell." Twelve local restaurants will have the opportunity to be featured as the Library's "Restaurant of the Month". This year-long, program will run from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

Library cardholders may sign up for this program at the Circulation Desk beginning on June 7. Each participant will receive a Restaurant Rewards Passport which includes a 10% discount coupon for each of the 12 restaurants. Diners will visit each of the restaurants over the 12 month period and collect receipts from each venue. After visiting all 12 restaurants during the year, customers will turn in their completed Restaurant Rewards Passport to the library and be entered into a drawing for an IPOD Nano.

Only 12 restaurants can participate in the 2010-2011 "Dining Around West Caldwell", so if you are a West Caldwell restaurant owner act now! This unique opportunity will provide you with an additional, easy way to promote your restaurant and make a contribution to the provision of on-going, quality services that the library offers you, your customers and residents of the community.

If you would like to be one of the library's "Restaurants of the Month" and for additional information about this innovative program, please contact April Judge, Library Director, at 973-226-5441 or by email at bookdirector@yahoo.com by Friday, March 26, 2010.

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Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am– 5:00 pm (9:00 am – 1:00 pm in summer)

Friends Executive Board Members – 2010

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Library Director	April Judge

READ IT!

A Friendly Reading Group

Come to a lively book discussion. Programs are being held at the Crane’s Mill Library. Copies of the books are available at the WCPL Reference Desk. Members of the general public are invited to attend.

Thursday, Mar.11 – 10:30 am *House on Fortune Street* by Margot Livesey

Thursday, April 8 – 10:30 am *My Life in France* by Julia Child

Thursday, May 13 – 10:30 am *Hanna’s Daughters* by Marianne Fredriksson

Thursday, June 10 – 10:30 am *The Senator’s Wife* by Sue Miller

The Crane’s Mill Library is in the Town Square Building at 459 Passaic Avenue in West Caldwell.

Friday Afternoon at the Movies

Showtime 1:00 pm

- Mar. 12 “*Bright Star*” (PG, 2009) 119 min.
(Film discussion will follow)
- Mar. 19 “*Amelia*” (PG, 2009) 111 min.
- Mar. 26 “*Time Traveler’s Wife*” (PG-13, 2009) 104 min.
- Apr. 2 NO MOVIE (Good Friday)
- Apr. 9 “*Everybody’s Fine*” (PG-13, 2010) 100 min.
- Apr. 16 “*An Education*” (PG-13, 2010) 100 min.
(Film discussion will follow)
- Apr. 23 “*Love Happens*” (PG-13, 2010) 129 min.
- Apr. 30 “*The Informant*” (R, 2010) 108 min.
- May 7 “*Up in the Air*” (R, 2010) 109 min
- May 14 “*The Blind Side*” (PG-13, 2010) 125 min.
- May 21 “*A Serious Man*” (R, 2010) 106 min.
- May 28 “*Adam*” (PG-13, 2009) 99 min.
(Film discussion will follow)

These movies are subject to change. Please check the Library’s monthly movie schedule.