



INFOBYTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE
WEST CALDWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Welcome to this special edition of the InfoBytes Newsletter that is being distributed to all residents as a supplement of the West Caldwell Report. **The West Caldwell Public Library no longer is just about books.** It is a multi-media facility that provides many non-traditional services to the residents of West Caldwell.

West Caldwell Public Library Facilities and Services - 2008

- **Community Meeting Room Activities** – For adults, young adults and children – Friday afternoon movies, music programs, poetry readings, story times, one woman plays, historical programs, special author presentations, book clubs, educational programs, computer classes, puppet shows, ESL classes, etc.
- **Art Gallery** – Display artwork and photographs of local artists and photographers.
- **Low Vision Reader** – Enlarge printed materials for visually challenged patrons. A gift from the Lion's Club.
- **Community Information Center** – Display posters and flyers publicizing local events.
- **Ten Internet Terminals** – Access the BCCLS website and the rest of the Internet.
- **Two Stand-Alone Computers** – Use for Word Processing applications. Computers have Internet access.
- **“Ask Us a Question”** – Contact the Library Reference Desk using instant messaging over the Internet to ask a question.
- **Books-to-Go** – Have delivery and pickup of library materials to home-bound patrons. Courtesy of the Friends of the Library.
- **Passport Services** – Apply for a passport – A service provided by Essex County on a monthly basis.
- **Blood Pressure Screening** – Have your blood pressure checked by the West Caldwell Health Department on a monthly basis.
- **Daily Used Book Sale** – Buy fiction, non-fiction and children's books at bargain prices. The Library now accepts textbooks and technical books with publication dates of 2000 and newer.
- **Recycling of Old Eyeglasses** – Drop off used eyeglasses at the library. A program of the Lion's Club.
- **Local History and Genealogy Room** – Contains books, manuscripts, papers, records, vertical files and high school yearbooks pertaining to West Caldwell and vicinity. The room also contains a computer which has access to the Internet and to the genealogy database Ancestry Library Edition.
- **Wireless Internet Access** – Use your notebook computer in the Library's wireless Internet environment.
- **Magazine Exchange** – Exchange magazines you have read for ones you have not.
- **Coupon Exchange** – Exchange excess discount coupons for ones you want.
- **Printer Toner and Ink Cartridge Recycling** – Drop off your old toner and ink cartridges and help save the environment.
- **Microfilm Reader and Printer** – Read and print microfilm including the *Progress* from 1882 to 2004.
- **Free Passes to the Natural History Museum in New York City** – Borrow passes for two adults and four children. Courtesy of the Friends of the Library.
- **Playaways** – Borrow self-contained single-unit audio-book players.
- **Downloadable Audio-books** – Download available titles to your computer or MP3 player.
- **On-Line Databases** – Access Facts-on-File, Ebsco, Proquest, Infotrac, and Jersey Clicks databases in the Library or at home (WCPL card holders only).
- **Print and Audio Books, Magazines, Music CD's, VHS/DVD Videos** – Borrow from our standard fare of materials: about 52,000 print books, 3,000 audio books on tape/CD, 175 magazine/newspaper titles, 2000 music CD's and 5500 VHS/DVD videos. West Caldwell residents can also borrow materials from the other 73 member libraries of the BCCLS consortium.

Questions? Call the Reference Desk at (973) 226-5441

Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library

Who are the Friends?

We are a group of local citizens brought together by the love of libraries. The organization is dedicated to generating increased awareness in the community of the extensive resources of our Library and to support the Library in all its endeavors.

What do we do?

- **Publicity** – The Friends publish the quarterly newsletter **InfoBytes** which describes new and current services at the Library as well as upcoming events. Additional post card mailings are also made as necessary to publicize events.
- **Fundraising** – The Friends raise money from membership dues and fundraising events such as our annual International Dinner and the Caldwell Street Fair Book Sale.
- **Provide Funding for Library Equipment** – We provide supplies and equipment for the library as needed such as puppets for the Children’s Department, display easels and new CD cases.
- **Provide Funding for Programs** – The Friends regularly underwrite the costs of adult and youth programs at the Library and co-sponsor historical programs with the Historical Society of West Caldwell.
- **Volunteer Activities** – Our major ongoing volunteer activity has been providing refreshments for “Friday Afternoon at the Movies” which have been shown weekly since early 2004. In 2007, we served at close to 50 movies where we popped over 200 bags of popcorn and served coffee, tea, and assorted cookies. Other volunteer activities include:
 - Adopt-a-Shelf – Read and straighten shelves.
 - Books-to-Go – Deliver books to shut-ins.
 - Serve refreshments during adult programs.
 - Local History & Genealogy Room projects.
 - Special Projects e.g. CD case replacement.
 - Support youth programs such as Paws to Read.
 - Write articles for **InfoBytes**.
 - Collate and prepare **InfoBytes** for mailing.

Not a Member? Consider Joining

People join the Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library for various reasons. One reason might be to keep abreast of the ongoing activities at the Library by means of the InfoBytes newsletters and publicity postcards published by the Friends. Another reason might be to financially support the Friends to allow them to fund better programs and/or purchases for the Library. This is particularly true of those members who contribute more than the minimum \$10 membership fee. Then there are those who really like libraries and want to be involved by volunteering for various activities at the Library. For many of us, probably all three reasons apply to some extent.

Membership in the Friends is renewable in January of each year. Although we run fundraisers during the year, our income comes primarily from dues. Whether you are a new member or a returning member, please consider joining as a “Library Lover” (\$25) or higher level to give us additional funds to support the library and provide premium adult programming.

Please complete the form below and send it to the library along with your tax-deductible contribution. Note that membership entitles you to a 20% discount on all in-stock books at Book World in West Caldwell (special orders and sale items not included).

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.