

Library Matters

Greenwood Lake Public Library

Summer 2008 Newsletter



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A Note from the Director,

For those of you who may not know me, I am Joan Carvajal and I have recently been promoted to the position of Library Director, replacing Stephanie Thiel. Previously, I served as Assistant Director, supervising Reference, Circulation and Adult Services.

I would also like to tell you about what is happening at the library. On the personnel front, Elizabeth Cisek has assumed the role of Reference and Circulation Supervisor. Kelly Corrado will be Adult Services Supervisor, continuing her Works of Art Gallery and Collectible Series' responsibilities and Theresa Stevenson will be taking over as Technical Services Supervisor. We are also pleased to welcome April Gonzalez and Jill Cronin to our Circulation Staff.

The library now offers wireless Internet access. Now you can do your library research and access your own laptop computer at the same time. Simply see a Staff member to get started.

We added a new database, Reference USA, which offers access to information on U.S. businesses, health care, new businesses and residences. This database can be accessed at home as well; simply go to the library's home page at www.gwllibrary.org, click the *Your Account* button, click the *Research Databases* tab, click the *Business* tab and click on *Reference USA*. You will need your library barcode (on the back of your card) to log in. Be sure to check out all of the other databases to which the library also subscribes!

The children's area now houses a new computer designed for children 8 years of age or younger. It is child friendly with a colorful mouse and keyboard and is fully loaded with fun, educational games.

I look forward to the opportunity of serving your library needs and bringing you the latest in library services and materials. Please visit us often and be sure to take advantage of all the resources your library has to offer. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask; our Staff is always happy to assist you.

Wishing you a wonderful summer – Joan Carvajal

Since our former Director of over ten years, Stephanie Thiel departed immediately after our Spring newsletter was printed, I would like to take this opportunity to honor her years of service to the library and Greenwood Lake community by reprinting the Letter to the Editor from myself, the Board of Trustees and Staff, which appeared in the Greenwood Lake and West Milford News on May 8th.

"As many of you may already know, Stephanie Thiel, Director of the Greenwood Lake Public Library for over a decade, resigned effective April 3, 2008 so that she and her family could move south. While we are delighted that she and her family are happily settled, we can't help but reflect on the enormity of her vision and accomplishments as well as the hole she will leave in our library and community.

Stephanie's impact on the library was vast. She saw us through two major renovations, which were funded entirely by savings and grants. Along with the completion of our first major renovation in 1997, we went to a computerized library system and added public access computers. Our small library became one of the first libraries in the Ramapo Catskill Library System to offer computer classes to the public.

With the completion of our second major renovation in 2000, we gained a spacious Program Room, a Tutoring Room and a quiet reference area for adults, which includes a puzzle table and, most mornings, a coffee bar where you can quietly enjoy a cup of coffee and the morning paper. Stephanie envisioned and achieved a Program Room in which the library could host a variety of entertaining, educational and cultural programs from which the community would benefit. It was she who originally formulated much of our adult programming, the very successful local artists' displays, and collectible exhibits. She also made the Program Room available, whenever possible, to serve as a meeting place for many community groups.

Still reaching for the stars, Stephanie secured an agreement between the library and the village whereby the library converted the Recreation Hall into a Youth Study Center. This center is furnished with teen friendly furniture and snack machines; it also houses the "Young Adult" materials collection of the library. The room is a constantly filled with "tweens and teens" from Grades 5 and up each day. Here at the library, they have their very own room to do homework or work on school projects, gather with friends, enjoy an after school snack or participate in library programs or clubs – all the while being supervised by Library Staff. At the same time, the Youth Study Center continues to be available to the village for events and village sponsored programming.

Beyond these impressive deeds, Stephanie continued to add to and improve all areas of the library collections – fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, periodicals, audio books, movies, music and computer games/programs. She continued to work during her last days at the library to expand library services, ensuring that the library had wireless Internet access and purchasing a computer specifically designed for children 8 years and younger, which came fully loaded with age-appropriate educational software.

Wisely knowing the value of a cooperative spirit, Stephanie also worked tirelessly to establish mutually beneficial working relationships with our local politicians, village, schools and community groups in Greenwood Lake. She instilled in her staff a sense of freedom, confidence and pride in their work; her door was always open so that they might freely express their ideas on improving their own areas of expertise, whether it was a creative new program or a way to improve customer service. Although Stephanie was Director, she never hesitated to step back and give her staff any credit due them.

Stephanie's relationship with the Library Board of Trustees during her tenure was one of professionalism, cooperation and trust, sharing a mutual commitment to provide the taxpayers of the Greenwood Lake Union Free School District the very best in library service while remaining fiscally responsible. The Board of Trustees recognized and valued Stephanie's vision and pioneering spirit.

Stephanie will probably be best remembered by those of us who knew her well, not for her library management skills, but for her sense of loyalty and compassion. When you needed someone, she was there, doing whatever it was that needed to be done – no task was too big or too menial. While she may be replaced as Library Director, a better friend will never be found."

Children's & Young Adult Summer Reading Program

The Facts

- For children age 2 through Grade 12.
- In person registration is required.**
- Parents must** register children age 2 through entering Grade 6. Young adults entering grade 7 and up **do not** need a parent with them to register.
- Each child/young adult who registers must have **their own** library card and must have it with them to register.
- Separate registration is required for each of the programs/events** and can be done when you register for the overall program.
- The program runs from Tuesday, July 1st through Saturday, August 9th.

Registration Dates & Times

Scheduled registration was held from Tuesday, June 24th through Saturday, June 28th, but you may still register by coming to the library on one of our Reporting Days and speaking with Rose-Emma, Youth Services Supervisor.

Themes

"Catch the Reading Bug" – Age 2-Entering Grade 6
 "Metamorphosis" – Entering Grade 7 & Up

Reporting Days & Times

Thursdays – 12-7pm
 Fridays – 11am-4pm
 Saturdays – 10am-3pm

There was no reporting on Saturday, July 12th.
Last reporting day is Saturday, August 2nd.

Programs for Kids

Ages 2-Entering Grade 6
Ages may vary per program

Some of these programs have already run or may be filled to capacity.

Bugs, Bees, Spiders & Magic With Bob Conrad – 2 Shows

Age 2-Entering Grade 6
 Tuesday, July 1st
 2pm & 3:30pm

Limit 75 Registrants per Show
This program has already run.



Science Stories – 2 Sessions With Amy Gargiulo En Garde



Entering Grade 4-6
 Saturday, July 12th
 10:30am
 12pm

Crunch and Munch

Entering Grade 1-3
 Saturday, July 12th - 1-2:30pm
Limit 20 Registrants per Session
Both sessions have already run.

Poetry Workshop With Elizabeth Williams Bushey

Age 9-12
 Wednesday, July 16th
 6-7pm



Limit 25 Registrants

Mad Science Trip to Liberty Science Center with Tara Forte



Saturday, July 26th
 8:45am-5:30pm
 \$13 per person payable at registration – No refunds
 All children **must** be accompanied by an adult

Limit 48 Registrants

This trip is currently filled; we have a waiting list.

Ants in Pants – Time for a Story With Eileen Stelljes

Ages 2-8
 Saturday, July 26th
 10:30am-11:30am



Limit 25 Registrants

This program is full; the waiting list is also full.

Punch's Magic Lamp – 2 Shows With Fred Greenspan



Age 2-Entering Grade 6
 Wednesday, July 30th
 4pm & 6:30pm

Limit 75 Registrants per Show

Children under 7 **must** be accompanied by an adult.

Professor's Frederick's Flea Circus With Fred Greenspan

A walk through between shows – 5:30-5:55pm

Bugs, Bees, Magic & More With Steven Woyce

Age 2-Entering Grade 6
 Saturday, August 2nd
 2:30pm



Limit 75 Registrants

Children under 7 **must** be accompanied by an adult.

This program is full; the waiting list is also full.

Sterling Forest Palisades Interstate Park System Bug Identifying & Collecting Slideshow/Presentation



With Doc Bayne
 Age 7-Entering Grade 6
 Wednesday, August 6th
 2pm

Followed by a hike around Library grounds to identify and collect bug specimens.

Limit 25 Registrants

This program is full; we have a waiting list.
Hey, Don't Forget Our Computer Programs for Kids
With Breanne Tempe

All computer programs are limited to 6 registrants.
Some of these programs may have run or are filled to capacity.

Bee Boxing and Bug on a Wire

Age 5-10

Thursday, July 10th

2-3pm OR 6-7pm

Sunday, July 27th – 1-2pm



Bug Poster

Age 7 & Up

Sundays, July 13th & August 3rd

1-2pm

Thursday, July 24th

2-3pm OR 6-7pm

Optical Illusion Test, Classify This and Word Search

Age 10 & Up

Sundays, July 13th, July 20th, & July 27th

2-3pm



Bee Movie Game and Make a Bug Mask

Ages 4-10

Thursdays, July 17th & August 7th

1-2pm

Online Bug Painting, Bug Hunt and Put These Bugs Back Together

Ages 4-6

Sunday, July 20th

1-2pm

Thursday, July 31st

2-3pm OR 6-7pm



Kids, Celebrate the End of Summer Reading With a Carnival & Ice Cream Party!

Age 2-Entering Grade 6

Saturday, August 9th – 11am-3pm

Enjoy carnival games, popcorn, snow cones and ice cream!

Children under 7 **must** be accompanied by an adult.



Programs for Young Adults

Entering Grade 7 & Up

Summer Fun Kick-Off With DJ Sal Corrado

Wednesday, July 2nd

6:30pm

Come dance, snack and just chill out with your friends to celebrate school break and summer fun!

Limit 50 Registrants

This program has already run.

Let's Make Sleepover Snacks With Gayle Oates

Wednesday, July 9th

6pm



Limit 20 Registrants

This program has already run.

Poetry Workshops – 2 Sessions

With Elizabeth Williams Bushey

Wednesday, July 16th

Age 9-12 - 6-7pm



Age 13 & Up

7:30-8:30pm

Limit 25 Registrants per Session



Mad Science Metamorphosis With Tara Forte

Saturday, July 19th

1-2:30pm

Limit 20 Registrants

French Memo Boards With Breanne Tempe

Wednesday, July 23rd

6-8pm

Limit 20 Registrants

Mad Science Trip to Liberty Science Center with Tara Forte

Saturday, July 26th

8:45am-5:30pm



\$13 per person payable at registration – No refunds

All children **must** be accompanied by an adult

Limit 48 Registrants

This trip is currently filled; we have a waiting list.

Karaoke Talent Show

Saturday, August 9th

2pm

Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Limit 15 Acts



Young Adults, Celebrate the End of Summer Reading With a Bus Trip!

Wednesday, August 13th

Every young adult who earns 100 points will be rewarded with a special library sponsored bus trip to the Bronx Zoo, followed by dinner. Points may be earned by reading, activity sheets or volunteer work. For further details, visit, call (477-8377 Ext. 19 or 20) or e-mail (rcalabrese@rcls.org) Rose-Emma, Youth Services Supervisor after September 8th for details.



Last, but not least... Our Supporting Players!

We have recruited young adult volunteers to help with our Summer Reading Program. Our volunteer program is restricted to 25 registrants and is currently full, but we do have a waiting list of volunteers who we may call upon if needed.

Preschool Storytime

Storytime for preschoolers (Birth to Pre-K) will resume in October; registration will be held in September. Dates/times for Storytime registration and classes will be available in September. Be sure to visit, call (477-8377 Ext. 19 or 20) or e-mail (rcalabrese@rcls.org) Rose-Emma, Youth Services Supervisor after September 8th for details.



Children's Program

Regular children's programming is on hiatus during the Summer Reading Program and will return in October, under the direction of Rose-Emma Calabrese. Watch the Library for flyers, the newspaper for news releases and your mailbox for our Fall 2008 newsletter for program announcements.

The Collectible Series

Questions?? Call Kelly Ext. 18

The Collectible Series

The Collectible Series is on summer hiatus. However, for the summer, we have a special display, featuring "The Early Days", three historical exhibits on local history, which will run from Tuesday, July 1st through Friday, August 15th.

The first exhibit features Greenwood Lake Library history, including the history of Friends of the Library and Junior Friends of the Library. This exhibit was assembled with the help of resident and artist, Sylvia Levy.

The second exhibit features "The Early Days of the Greater Washingtonville Area" which includes items from the E.J. McLaughlin III family estate, items relating to David Moffat and the Moffat Library, and memorabilia from Jaques Winery, now known as The Brotherhood Winery. This exhibit was assembled by Dorothy Szeft, a McLaughlin Family member, as well as the coordinator of Cultural Affairs at SUNY-Orange.

The third exhibit features "The Early Days of the New York and Greenwood Lake Railroad" that served Greenwood Lake starting around 1875. It includes images of the railroad and the stations that served Greenwood Lake, as well as original tourist brochures, advertisements, tickets, etc., that were produced by the Erie Railroad, which took over the line and ran it until 1935.



Stephen M. Gross, a Greenwood Lake historian and a 37-year collector of Greenwood Lake memorabilia, assembled this exhibit. Mr. Gross also writes regular features for the Greenwood Lake and West Milford News on topics of local history.

We would like to thank Sylvia Levy, Dorothy Szeft and Stephen M. Gross for donating their collections, time and expertise to these exhibits.

Adult Programs/Events

Ongoing Adult Programs

Registration is required for the following programs, either in person at the front desk or by phone at 477-8377 Ext. 10.

Adult Scrabble Night

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of Every Month – 6:30-8:45PM

Adult Independent Film Night

2nd Tuesday of Every Month – 7-9PM

Questions?? Call Theresa Ext. 11

Works of Art Gallery

Our Works of Art Gallery features a local artist's work each month. We also hold a "Meet the Artist" reception with each display.

The Works of Art Gallery is on hiatus for July and August. Our September artist will be Irene Corrado. Her exhibit is a collection of landscapes and still lifes done in watercolors and oils.

Questions?? Call Kelly Ext. 18

Adult Programs/Events Continued

Fall Preview

Defensive Driving

Saturday, October 25th – 10am-4pm

Reduce the liability and collision premiums on your car insurance, or have 4 points taken off your record by taking the class! This class is open only to those with a valid New York State driver's license. The fee is \$25.00 for all Greenwood Lake School District residents and \$35.00 for non-residents. Breakfast fare will be served. You may bring a bag lunch if you wish; there is no formal lunch break.



In-person registration is required. The fee is due at registration, but is refundable. Registration begins Monday, September 8th.

Our 2nd Annual 3-Day Sale of Library Materials

Friday, September 19th – 3-5pm

Saturday, September 20th & Sunday 21st – 11am-3pm

Don't miss out on this incredible sale of books, audio books (cassette), and videos. We offer great prices and a huge selection of materials from which to choose!



All proceeds benefit the library. We hope to see you there!

Library Materials Donation Policy

Donations of books, audio books, videos or DVDs, in reasonable amounts (no more than a box or bag full), will be accepted at the library. ***We do not accept textbooks, magazines, Reader's Digest condensed books or encyclopedias.*** The items donated, as well as the box or bag they are in, should be free of mildew and dirt.

All donations should be brought to the library during operating hours. Because of weather, morning dampness, insect and vandalism concerns, we ask that you do not leave donations outside the library after hours; anything left in this manner is immediately discarded.

As always, we appreciate your generosity!

General Information

Library Staff (845) 477-8377

Director – Ext. 13

Joan Carvajal

Reference/Circulation Supervisor – Ext. 15

Elizabeth Cisek

Circulation Assistant – Ext. 10

Brenda Downs

Adult Services/Special Programs – Ext. 18

Kelly Corrado

Computer Services Supervisor – Ext. 17

Breanne Tempe

Youth Services Supervisor – Ext. 19 and 20

Rose-Emma Calabrese

Youth Study Center Supervisor – Ext. 16

Tara Forte

Technical Services Supervisor – Ext. 11

Theresa Stevenson

General Information Continued

Accounting Services/Board Secretary – Ext. 12

Sandy Newman

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Laura Jean Stiesi Carolyn Maceda

Jill Cronin April Gonzalez



**Please call the Circulation Desk
Staff for Renewals/Holds**

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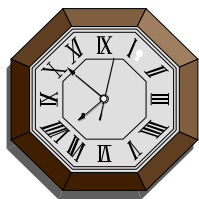
Junior Friends of the Library

Kelly Corrado, Advisor

**Please call Kelly Ext. 18 for questions about Friends or
Junior Friends of the Library.**

Library Hours

Sunday	11AM-3PM
Monday	9AM-5PM
Tuesday	9AM-9PM
Wednesday	9AM-9PM
Thursday	9AM-9PM
Friday	9AM-5PM
Saturday	10AM-4PM



**There is a Book Drop available,
24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

Our Thanks to...

Friends of the Library

We would like to thank Kelly Corrado, President of the Friends of the Library and her volunteers for their tireless efforts on behalf of the library. Most recently, Friends raised \$2000.00 from their "Senior" (as in Citizen) Prom fundraiser. The Friends have donated part of these proceeds to fund the cost of the bus for the Mad Science trip to the Liberty Science Center on July 26th. We sincerely thank the Friends, especially Kelly Corrado; without Friends, this special trip would not have been possible.

The Family of Ann Langan

Former Circulation Desk Staff member, Ann Langan passed away last year. Ann's Family directed donations to be made to the Library in Ann's name. We would like to announce that the donations made to honor the memory of Ann will be used to support our Mad Science program for children. Remembering Ann's love for children, we felt this would be a most appropriate remembrance. We thank the Langan Family for their graciousness and hope that they will be pleased with our designation for the donations.

Assemblywoman Annie Rabbitt

We would like to express our thanks to Assemblywoman Annie Rabbitt for her assistance in securing a grant for our 2008 Annual Summer Reading Program.

Throughout her years as Assemblywoman for the 97th District, Annie Rabbitt has been an ardent supporter of

Our Thanks to... Continued

libraries, be it her help in securing grants for various library projects or her gracious presence at library events. She is an invaluable friend to libraries and their patrons.

The Friends of the Greenwood Lake Public Library, Greenwood Lake American Legion Post 1443 and the Greenwood Lake Lions Club

Greenwood Lake Public Library, as part of the Orange Library Association (OLA), representing all libraries in Orange County, plans to participate in "The Big Read" this fall. "The Big Read" is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. It provides citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within their communities via grant monies from the NEA, which, in turn, must be matched by the participating libraries. Because of this, we sought out local community groups to commit to a partnership with our library in support of this program.

We are happy to announce the Library was very successful in our quest for such community partners! Thank you to the members of the Friends of the Greenwood Lake Library and its President, Kelly Corrado, to the members of the Greenwood Lake Lions Club and its President, Sam Yuppa and to the members of the Greenwood Lake American Legion Post 1443 and its Commander Walter Kittle for their generous commitment to this program. We would also like to issue a special thank you to American Legion member Frank Farrell for being so instrumental to our cause.

These three organizations have repeatedly shown their commitment to support our library, and with this, their most recent pledge, to reversing the decline in reading as well as improving access to the art of literature. Through the years, these groups have not only supported the library, but also many local non-profit organizations and people in need. They truly represent and define the very spirit of the word "community".

The Greenwood Lake Union Free School District Taxpayers

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Staff, I would like to thank the residents of the Greenwood Lake Union Free School District for approving the 2008-2009 Library budget. We are very much aware that this is a difficult economic time and are very appreciative of your vote of confidence.

The most effective way to truly show our gratitude is to provide the Greenwood Lake community with the very best in quality library materials, educational and entertainment programs, customer service with a smile and the promise that your library will continue to serve as a valuable and much needed community center. Be assured that these goals are not only for 2008-2009, but every year!

Summer Reads

Fiction

Where Memories Lie
By Deborah Crombie
Fearless Fourteen
By Janet Evanovich
Twenty Wishes
By Debbie Macomber

Non-Fiction

*You Can Observe a Lot by
Watching*
By Yogi Berra
Medical Myths that Can Kill You
By Nancy L. Snyderman

News from Friends!

"Senior" Prom News

Our May "Senior" (as in Citizen) Prom Fundraiser was a huge hit! The Friends' group raised \$2,000.00 for the library. Seniors from Greenwood Lake and Warwick joined together and enjoyed a seven-course meal, danced to the music of DJ John Corcoran, and left with a fully loaded goody bag, all for only \$13.00 per person (or \$25.00 per couple). Raffle tickets for over 80 door prizes and a 50/50, which netted the winner \$700.00, were sold at the event.

Harry Tresca and June Fahey were our King and Queen of the Prom. They were the epitome of elegance and grace as they accepted their crowns and danced in celebration.

Local restaurants and merchants throughout Greenwood Lake, Warwick and West Milford donated all of the food and door prizes. DJ John Corcoran again donated his time. We thank everyone for donating to this event for the second year in a row and for their unwavering support of the library. Whenever you shop or dine out, please remember the generosity of these businesses that have contributed not only to this event, but to many other Greenwood Lake events as well.

We would also like to thank our adult and Junior Friends of the Library volunteers. Please know that without a supporting core of enthusiastic, energetic, hard-working people like you, this fundraiser would not have been possible.

Annual Scholarship Awards

On behalf of The Friends of the Library, Kelly Corrado, President, presented the 2008 Outstanding Student Reader Scholarship Award to Rachel Baresel, a graduating senior at George F. Baker Tuxedo High School, and the 2008 Outstanding Student Writer Scholarship Award to Kaitlyn Ratsep, an eighth-grade graduate at Greenwood Lake Middle School.

On behalf of The Junior Friends of the Library, Lee Stanton, President, and Alexandriah Sabarese, Vice- President, presented the 2008 Outstanding Student Writer Scholarship Award to Brynn Trusewicz, a graduating senior at George F. Baker Tuxedo High School, and the 2008 Outstanding Student Reader Scholarship Award to Nicholas Korkosz, an eighth-grade graduate at Greenwood Lake Middle School.

Our congratulations on a job well done!

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