

# Library Matters

## Spring 2006 Newsletter

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### News from the Director...

In the Summer and early Fall of 2005, we asked you to complete a survey about your library. We offered the survey on-line, through the newsletter and also made copies available to you at the library. I am pleased to report that sixty-two people took the time to let us know how we are doing. The following are the results of that survey.

The first question we asked was, "How often do you visit the library?" We found that the majority responded that they visit the library at least once a week. Most visit the library for leisure, library programs and research/school projects. The majority "Always" found the staff helpful and courteous, although there were a significant amount of respondents that thought we were only helpful and courteous "Most of the Time". We will continue to strive to improve our customer service.

In the responses to the question, "Are you able to find what you need or have it sent from another library in a reasonable amount of time?", many of the respondents replied that they were "Always" able to get what they needed. However, a significant amount of people said that they got what they needed "Most of the Time". You can assist us in this area by letting us know if there is a subject in which you feel we are lacking library materials. Please be aware that, although this library may not have everything you seek, your library card, in good standing, allows you to request and borrow materials from forty-six other libraries.

We also asked you if the protectors (D-Skins) we put on the DVDs were helpful. The majority of you said that either you experienced no problems playing the movie with the protector in place or that you just removed the protector, played the movie, and then replaced the protector. Most of the respondents felt that the protector was at least helpful in that it prevented smudges and scratches during the handling of the DVD. We will continue to keep abreast of any new products on the market for protecting this media format.

The suggestions received regarding computer classes were as follows: more computer classes, more advanced classes, and offer a computer photo class. At present we do not have any computer classes scheduled. There is a small existing list of people who are interested in taking computer classes. If you are interested, you should speak with Joan Carvajal, Assistant Director, for further information.

Respondents that were aware of our newest space in the building, the Youth Study Center, responded that they were pleased to see that we had provided this space for our youth. The majority of the comments can be summed up with this quote: "Great place for kids to meet". Recently we have refined the time this room is available to different age groups so that the younger students have exclusive use of the room until 6:30pm after which high school age students are allowed in. We have also found the need to apply this to our public computers on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Of course, if a high school student has legitimate research or study needs, exceptions will be made on an individual basis.

I was surprised to learn that only half of the people responding to the survey were aware that we have a "Local History" collection. This collection is housed in our reference area with the irreplaceable items kept in locked cabinets. Through grants and bequests we have been able to digitize some of our collection and are, in fact, still in this process. Three people indicated that they had local history items that they would allow the library to borrow. Should you be one of these people, please contact me at your earliest convenience. Also located in our reference area is our "Coffee Bar" or "Morning Café", where hot beverages and a morning snack are offered for the enjoyment of library visitors. Many survey respondents were not aware that this amenity existed.

The final specific target question asked for suggestions of additional newspapers and magazines. There were many excellent suggestions and we have followed through on some of the most requested periodicals. We have added to our already extensive periodical collection *Outside, All You, Oprah*, and *Home Education Magazine*. We continually evaluate our periodical collection and will add other requests as space becomes available.

The remainder of the survey left space for respondents to comment and make suggestions. We have followed through on many of the valuable suggestions that were made. Thank you for letting us know what programs you particularly enjoyed and would like to see repeated. Suggestions for future programs included more programming of any type, an Internet program, a program for teens entering the working environment and offering more programs on days other than Saturdays. These are all great suggestions that will be taken into account as we plan future programs.

Thank you for your lovely comments regarding the staff. The "Collectible Series", displayed in the vestibule and front area of the library, ranked as a favorite. All respondents commenting on the Children's Area were pleased. A suggestion was received for additional science fiction/fantasy books. We have added these books as part of our Young Adult collection housed in the Youth Study Center. We have also purchased a collection of Graphic Novels appropriate for young to young adult readers.

Many of you thought that our "New Arrival" area (new fiction and non-fiction books) is sufficient. Several commented on the talents of our Reader's Advisor, Mrs. Ruth Miller expressing that they loved "Ruth's Picks" shelves. When ordering new books we do take into account reviews from various sources and our readership. We make every effort to order accordingly and will order additional copies of high demand best sellers. The same principle applies to the adult multimedia area. We have also added a subscription for downloadable audio books as a result of this survey and specific suggestions. Through a grant to the Ramapo Catskill Library System, downloadable E-books, additional audio books, and music are available to patrons. Please contact the library should you be interested in more information on these materials. In general, respondents found the rest of the areas

in the library useful, neat, clean and adequately accessible.

Finally I would like to share some of the overall comments that were made regarding your library.

- “Keep up the good work! Our library is one of the best places Greenwood Lake has to offer. We love how you can order books and look at the library online.”
- “A wonderful library that we use all the time and are very grateful for”.
- “I like our town’s library. A nice place to go to study or read”.
- “I am very proud of our library. I love seeing our children’s art projects displayed”.
- “The first time I went to the GWL library I was very impressed. I had heard a lot of good things about it and I was not disappointed. My kids and I just love going there. Keep up the good work”.
- “Keep up the good work. You have our support.”

These are just a few of the gratifying comments we received. The few less than glowing reviews we received came with suggestions on how we might improve library service and we are using these to guide us in implementing practices and procedures that will help us serve you better. On behalf of the staff and Board of Trustees of the library, I would like to thank all that took the time and effort to complete this survey. We look forward to the continued support that this community shows for its library. Please keep in mind that you may continue to show your support by voting on the library’s budget for fiscal year 2006/2007 on Thursday, May 18, 2006 from 2:00pm – 8:00pm at the library.

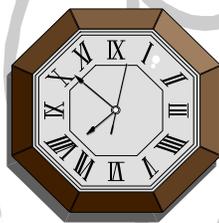
**Sincerely,**  
**Stephanie Thiel**

### **Statistics for Fiscal Year 2004/2005**

- 111,598 – Library visits
- 32,614 – Books borrowed
- 53,455 – Paperbacks, periodicals, audio books and movies borrowed
- 23,807 – Reference questions answered
- 1,589 – Adults attended programs
- 655 – Children attended Young Adult programs
- 4,172 – Children attended Children’s programs
- 1,300 – People attended Family programs
- 4,242 – People are registered borrowers
- 6,429 – Library materials were borrowed from other libraries
- 10,961 – Library materials were loaned to other libraries

### **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. We will be closed Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> for Easter, Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.**

### **Staff**

**Phone #: (845) 477-8377**

**Director – Ext. 13**

Stephanie Thiel

**Assistant Director**

**Reference/Circulation/Adult Services – Ext. 15**

Joan Carvajal

**Computer Services – Ext. 17**

Elizabeth Cisek

**Children’s Services – Ext. 19 or 20**

Rose Emma Calabrese

**Youth Study Center – Ext. 16**

Breanne Tempe

**Programming Assistant – Ext. 18**

Kelly Corrado

**New Books Coordinator**

**Adult Reading Advisor – Ext. 21**

Ruth Miller

**Accounting Services/Board Secretary – Ext. 12**

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**Circulation Desk Staff – Ext. 10**

Brenda Dagele

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### **Board of Trustees**

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### **Adult & Family Happenings/News**

#### **Special Notice**

As mentioned in our Winter newsletter, Joan Carvajal, our Assistant Director and Adult Program Coordinator, is currently undergoing some health treatments. As a result, our adult programs for the Spring will be lighter than usual.

Temporarily, we will not be presenting an Independent Film on the second Tuesday of each month; however, these films will be available to borrow. See Page 4 for the titles of the current new independent film. Also, for those of you who have registered for computer classes, there will be no computer classes until Fall 2006 at the earliest.

#### **Ongoing Programs**

##### **Scrabble Club**

Don’t have anyone to play Scrabble with - join our **ADULT** Scrabble Club! Enjoy dessert & coffee with other Scrabble enthusiasts and play at the library the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of every month from 7-8:45PM. Register in person or by phone (477-8377 Ext. 10).

##### **The Collectible Series**

The Collectible Series is open to both children and

adults. These collections are on display at the library on a rotating basis, with new collections exhibited every two weeks. Recently, we showcased exhibits by Stephen Kilduff, Joey Russi, Carolyn Campagna, Sarah Gordon, Matt Van Houten, Kelly Gerhardt, Alison Toscano, Harry Tresca, Cady Cirbes, Hal Weinstein, Connie Campion, Brittany Mazzi, Michelle Chen, Brian Tresca, Jessica Jones, Tara Forte, and the Girl Scouts. We are planning an exciting lineup of collections for the Spring. Stop by the library to view them all. If you are interested in exhibiting your collection or need additional information, please call Kelly Corrado (477-8377 Ext. 18).

### Local Artist's Display

You may have noticed the artwork that has graced the walls of the library. The Works of Art Gallery at the library features a local artist's work each month. We hold a "Meet the Artist" reception where you can meet the current month's artist and view more of his or her work. Recently, we showcased the extraordinary artwork of Jodi Whitsell, Paula Eaton, Sylvia Levy, the late Francis Brown, Cyra Green, and the Tuxedo High School art students. If you are a local artist and would like to have your work shown, please call Kelly Corrado at the library (477-8377 Ext. 18).

### Getting to Know Tofu with Norma Chang Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 1-3PM

Let Norma Chang show you how to prepare delicious dishes combining tofu with meat and poultry. You and your family will be pleasantly surprised at the delicious results!

Weaving time-saving tips and helpful hints into her presentation, Norma Chang introduces participants to practical and easy-to-prepare tofu recipes with the emphasis on low fat, high flavor and nutrition.

This **ADULT** program is free, but registration is required, either in person or by phone (477-8377 Ext. 10).

### Planting Trees and Shrubs Successfully with Cornell Cooperative Master Gardeners Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> - 1-3PM

Choosing trees and shrubs to match site and soil conditions is an important part of successful landscape planning. Tailored specifically for our Orange County landscape, you will walk away with countless ideas and a plant list of disease and insect resistant trees and shrubs available year-round. This is a slide/lecture presentation.

This **ADULT** program is free, but registration is required, either in person or by phone (477-8377 Ext. 10).

### Lovely Lavender and Other Useful Herbs with Cornell Cooperative Master Gardeners Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> - 1-3PM

Discover all the wonderful uses of lavender and herbs in this lively and informative talk. Culinary, historical and craft ideas are presented and demonstrated. Don't be surprised if lavender cookies are a part of this orientation. This program is in lecture format.

This **ADULT** program is free, but registration is required, either in person or by phone (477-8377 Ext. 10).

### Works of Art Gallery Art Extravaganza! Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> - 12-2PM

The library's Works of Art Gallery is hosting an Art Extravaganza featuring the local artists who have previously

exhibited their artwork at the library. The public is invited to view the works of art from these extraordinary artists. Artwork will be available for sale during the event. Light refreshments will be served. Please join us for an exciting afternoon of art.

This is a **FAMILY** program; however, all children **must** be accompanied by an adult. For additional information or questions, please contact Kelly Corrado at the library (477-8377 Ext. 18).

## Children/Young Adult Happenings/News

### Storytime Fridays Ages 0-5 Years

Our Storytimes will continue through April and May. They will be hosted by our new Children's Librarian, Rose Emma Calabrese. Registration, by a parent/caregiver, is required and registration is ongoing.

0-18 Months Accompanied by Parent/Caregiver

Fridays - 10AM-10:30AM

18 Months-3 Years Accompanied by Parent/Caregiver

Fridays - 11-11:30AM

3-5 Years

Fridays 1-1:30PM

### 2006 Summer Reading Program

#### "Books: A Treasure"

### Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

Registration is required for the program and will be held as follows:

Thursday & Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

10AM-12PM & 1-2PM

Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>

11AM-3PM

Monday-Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

10AM-12PM & 1-2PM

All children aged 2-10 years are invited to register. Children must be 2 years old by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Pre-teens, teens and young adults from 11-18 are invited to register for our Teen Program. All who register must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian and must show a library card in his or her own name as proof of residency.

Details on the points, rewards and programs will be given in our Summer newsletter. Information will also be available in local newspapers and flyers which will be handed out during our local school visits in June. See you then!

## School Projects

Teachers, parents and students...When a school project is assigned, which requires library research, please let us know. We will gladly pull the appropriate material needed and put it on our School Project shelves. You can contact Rose Emma Calabrese, Elizabeth Cisek, Joan Carvajal or Stephanie Thiel with this information. *Please help us to help you more efficiently.*



Keep your eyes and ears open for news of more Children, Young Adult, Adult, and Family Programs. Watch for flyers in the library and schools or ads in the Greenwood Lake News.

## Ruth's Picks



### Mystery

*Turning Angel*

By Greg Iles

*Hear No Evil*

By James Grippando

*Vendetta*

By Fern Michaels

*Bitter End*

By Christine King

*Sea Change*

By Robert Parker

*School Days*

By Robert Parker

*Sunstroke*

By Jesse Kellerman

### Fiction

*Dreamboat*

By Judith Gould

*Otherwise Engaged*

By Eileen Goudge

*The Forever Instinct*

By Barbara Delinsky



## New Young Adult Books

### Graphic Novels

*Faeries' Landing*

By You Hyun

*Dragon Ball & Ball Z*

By Akira Toriyama

### Fiction

*Are We There Yet?*

By David Levithan

*Not the End of the World*

By Geraldine McCaughren



## Independent Films

### DVDs

*Anytime USA*

*Hawaii Oslo*

(Norwegian with English Subtitles)

*The Forest for the Trees*

(German with English Subtitles)



## Helpful Internet Links

### Tax Time

Federal Tax [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

NY Tax [www.tax.state.ny.us/](http://www.tax.state.ny.us/)

NJ Tax

[www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/index.html](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/index.html)

### College Time

FAFSA [www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)

College Board

[www.collegeboard.com/](http://www.collegeboard.com/)

FinAid [www.finaid.org/](http://www.finaid.org/)

FastWeb <http://fastweb.com/>

### Homework Help

Kids Click! [www.kidsclick.org/](http://www.kidsclick.org/)

IPL KidSpace

<http://ipl.si.umich.edu/div/kidspace/>

Ask Jeeves Kids [www.ajkids.com/](http://www.ajkids.com/)

Librarians' Internet Index <http://lii.org/>

Yahooligans!

<http://yahooligans.yahoo.com/>

AOL@SCHOOL

<http://school.aol.com/students>

B.J. Pinchbeck's Homework Helper

<http://school.discovery.com/homeworkhelp/bipinchbeck>



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