

THE READER

The Newsletter of the Cranford Public Library & The Friends of the Cranford Public Library
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Adult Summer Reading Program



Why should kids have all the fun? The library's eighth annual adult summer reading program is underway! The program is open to Cranford Public Library card holders and MURAL patrons 18 years and older and runs through August 4. There are random drawings for weekly prizes—\$25 gift cards to the Tablespoon Café, A Toute Heure, Garlic Rose, Pairings, The Thirsty Turtle, Trader Joe's, Dreyer Farms, Café Paris, Ciao Bello, and the Cranford Theatre—as well as for two grand prizes, which will be awarded at the end of the program. The grand prizes are \$75 gift certificates to the Ambeli Greek Taverna and Kilkenny House. Whether you read a little or a lot, stop by the library and join the fun. Registration is *not* required. Just turn in the titles of books you have read or listened to. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library.

Meet Local Author Elizabeth Caissie

Local author Elizabeth Caissie will appear at the Cranford Community Center on Tuesday, July 18, at 7:30 p.m. to talk about her recently published memoir, *The Place of a Father*. The memoir spans 45 years as it follows the journey of a woman separated from her father and her country at a very young age. Elizabeth Caissie studied philosophy and literature in France, before moving to New York City in 1987. She worked as a commercial photographer for five years and, after moving to New Jersey, she worked as a photo stylist for twenty years. Ms. Caissie will have copies of her book available for purchase and for signing. Admission is free and all are welcome.

A Word about Automatic Renewals



We have heard great things from our patrons about our automatic renewal service, but we have also heard that there may be some confusion about the service as well. So here is a brief primer on the library's renewal policy. Most items in the library collection may be renewed twice. *After having been renewed twice, an item reaches its renewal limit and will not be renewed again, either automatically or by any other means.* Also, if an item is on reserve, it cannot be renewed. Exceptions to the two renewal limit are: book club kits and DVDs, *one* renewal; interlibrary loans, adult magazines, and museum passes, *no* renewals. To see if an item you have out has been renewed, you can access your account by going to cranfordlibrary.org and clicking on *Account Login*, or call the library at 908-709-7272. In order to view your account online, you will need your library card number and PIN (personal identification number). If you don't have a PIN, please call the library at 908-709-7272.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden Added to the Library's Museum Pass Program

The library recently added the Brooklyn Botanic Garden to its museum pass program. Fodor's online site describes the Brooklyn Botanic Garden as "a gem even among New York's superlative botanical sites, this verdant 52-acre oasis charms with its array of 'gardens within the garden'—an idyllic Japanese Hill-and-Pond garden, a nearly century-old rose garden, and a Shakespeare garden." The library lends passes to thirteen institutions. For more information about the library pass program, visit the Library page and click on the *Museum Passes* tab or pick up a flier in the library. The program is funded by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library.

From the Teen Zone

Teen Summer Reading Program

Teens between the ages of 11 and 18 are encouraged to participate in the teen summer reading program by attending programs and/or logging the time they spend reading. To begin, sign up and select a reading goal. Participants can stop by the library each week to record their progress and pick up a prize. Don't have time to stop by? No worries, log your progress online! Each book read will earn a raffle ticket that can be used to win epic prizes at the End-of-Summer Reading Party! Attending programs and logging volunteer hours will also earn tickets. The program will begin with a kick-off party on June 27 at 2:00 p.m. and will also feature films on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. from July 11 to August 3, "Game-On!" game sessions on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., plus other special events. The special events are listed on the library Teen Page at cranfordlibrary.org/teens.php. To register for the summer reading programs and for the special events, visit the Teen Page or stop the library Reference Desk. For more information about all things teen at the library, contact Teen Librarian Maddy at cranfordlibrary@gmail.com.

From the Children's Room



Children's Summer Reading Program – Children old enough to read or to be read to are invited to participate in this year's summer reading program. This year's theme is "Build a Better World!" Children who live or attend school full-time in Cranford and children of Winfield residents with Cranford library cards are eligible. Registration runs through July 28 and must be done in person. Children are encouraged to report the amount of time they have read each week in exchange for a small incentive. For every five hours a child reads or listens, they will receive a ticket to be used at the carnival held at the conclusion of the program. The summer reading program also features a series of special Wednesday evening family programs running from July 5 to August 2. Please see the library calendar at cranfordlibrary.org for a list of the programs. The children's summer reading program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cranford Library! . . . **Budding Builders** – This enhanced story time will focus on some simple STEM concepts and will be followed by an open-ended, hands-on activity. Children ages two to five and their caregivers will have fun learning together at a pace that works for them! Monday mornings at 10:30 through July 31. . . . **Maker Mondays** – Children ages six and up are invited to create something new each week. We'll be directing stop motion movies, taking on the egg drop challenge, playing with our food, and more! Drop in between 3:30 and 5:00 on Monday afternoons through July 31. . . . **Music & Movement Story Time** – This short, lively story time is perfect for babies and toddlers! Children ages three to 24 months are invited to join us for a morning of books and songs followed by free play. Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. through August 3. . . . **Read to Therapy Dogs** – Independent readers are invited to hone their skills by reading to certified therapy dogs on Tuesday, July 11, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration is required and can be done in person or by phone up to two weeks before the event. . . . **iDiscover Coding** – Children in grades one to three are invited to join us as we learn the basics of coding with Mr. Chris on Tuesday, July 25, and Tuesday, August 1, at 7:00 p.m. Registration is required and space is limited. Call or stop by the Children's Department to reserve a spot.

News from the Friends of the Cranford Public Library

Radiance Chamber Ensemble

The Friends of the Library invite you to enjoy the Radiance Chamber Ensemble on Thursday, July 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. The Ensemble features Joan Baldwin on piano, Lea Karpman on violin, Peggy Reynolds on viola, Oliver Shapiro on cello, and Michael Schneider on violin. The performance will include works by Telemann, Mozart, Gershwin, Scott Joplin, Mendelssohn, and Granados. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Foreign Films

The Friends' foreign film series continues with *The Butterfly* (France, drama, 2003, 85 minutes) on Monday, July 17, and *About Elly* (Iran, drama, 2009, 119 minutes) on Monday, August 21, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Films are shown in the Cranford Community Center. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Harpist Kim Robertson

The Friends will welcome harpist Kim Robertson to the Cranford Community Center on Thursday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Robertson combines an improvisational spirit with a passionate sense of tradition, bringing a contemporary touch to a centuries-old instrument. Admission is free and all are welcome.

The Belle Tones



The Friends are very pleased to sponsor an appearance by the Belle Tones on Monday, July 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Often referred to as "the twenty-first century Andrews Sisters," the Belle Tones specialize in close-knit three part harmony with a repertoire that includes pop standards, jazz, show tunes, patriotic and holiday music. They have performed extensively in New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Admission is free; all are welcome.

Friends of the Library One-Day Used Book Sale!

It's not too late to stock up on your summer reading! Choose from thousands of adult and children's books, CDs, DVDs, and recorded books on Wednesday, August 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the library's Friendly Book Cellar. Most items are priced between \$.25 and \$2.00. The sale is wheelchair accessible. Proceeds benefit the library.

LIBRARY HOURS & CLOSINGS

Monday to Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Thursday & Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. *Closed Saturdays in the summer through September 2.*
Closed Tuesday, July 4, for Independence Day, and Monday, September 4, for Labor Day.
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