

❄ THE READER ❄

The Newsletter of the Cranford Public Library & The Friends of the Cranford Public Library
January – February 2018

New Library Director!

Michael Maziekien is the new Director of the Cranford Public Library! Michael succeeds John Malar, who served as Director from 1992 to 2017. Michael was an Adult Services Librarian at the Riverdale and Nutley Public libraries, then Head of Reference and Information Technology at the Rockaway Township Public Library, and, most recently, Director of the Kenilworth Public Library. He is currently President of the New Jersey Library Association. Speaking of his move to Cranford, Michael said, “I’m excited to be working alongside the library board, staff, and Friends to continue the tradition of excellent service in Cranford.” Please stop by and say hello to Michael if you have a chance.

The Readers’ Forum

The Readers’ Forum, the Library’s book discussion group, will consider *Radium Girls* (2017) by Kate Moore on January 22 and *Still Life* (2005) by Louise Penny on February 26. Both dates are Mondays. Sessions begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Fridlington Room. Registration is *not* required. New members are welcome at any time!

New Book Kits Available



The Library recently added *Before the Fall* by Noah Hawley and *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls to its collection of book club kits. Intended for use by book discussion groups, each kit contains ten copies of a single title. Other titles include *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng, *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd, *Family Life* by Akhil Sharma, *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin, *The Age of Miracles* by Karen Walker, *Canada* by Richard Ford, *Defending Jacob* by William Landay, *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain, *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed, *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich, *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline, *Tell the Wolves I’m Home* by Carol Rifka Brunt, *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrick Backman, *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson, and *The Light between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman. Each kit comes with printed discussion aids. The kits may be borrowed for six weeks by adult Cranford Library card holders and MURAL patrons who are 18 years or older. To see if a particular kit is available for borrowing, go to cranfordlibrary.org and search the Library catalog by title or author. To see all the book club kits, search using the words “book club kit.” If a kit is checked out, it may be reserved.

Florian Schantz Jazz Combo

The Library is pleased to present a performance by the Florian Schantz Jazz Combo on Wednesday, January 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. The Combo will be playing a selection of Dixieland music. Admission is free and all are welcome. This arts program is made possible in part by a HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Did You Know?

The Library sells postage stamps at cost at the main desk. . . . A scanner is available to the public free of charge. Inquire at the Reference Desk. . . . Fax service is available at the Reference Desk at a cost of \$1.00 per page. . . . The Library provides notary service free of charge. Please call ahead to be sure there will be a notary available at the time you plan to visit the Library. . . . The Library offers mobile printing service. Print to a Library printer from your home or office PC, laptop, or mobile device, and pick the job up at the Library Reference Desk. Printing costs 10 cents per page for black and white and 20 cents per page for color. To print from a PC or laptop, go to cranfordlibrary.org, click on *Online Resources*, then click on *Library Services*. To print from a mobile device, visit your device’s app store and search for the free PrinterOn app. You can also email print jobs to cpl-walnutavenue-bw@printspots.com for black and white jobs or cpl-walnutavenue-color@printspots.com for color.

From the Teen Zone

Chess Club – Chess players aged 8 and up are welcome to come and learn the rules and practice against our teen volunteers! Sessions will be held in the Raddin Room on: January 2, January 16, January 30, February 13, and February 27, all Tuesdays. To register as a volunteer, email Maddy at cranfordlibrary@gmail.com. . . .



Teen Advisory Board – Share ideas and talk about ways to improve the Teen Zone. Help plan programs, select new materials, and earn community service hours. Bring your Friends and make new ones. Snacks will be provided! Monday, January 8, and Monday, February 12, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Teen Zone. . . . **Gaming at the Community Center** – Open to all ages, these are open sessions. Bring and play your own or the library’s games. 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. on January 11, January 25, February 8, and February 22, all Thursdays.

From the Children's Room

iDiscover Coding - Students are invited to learn the basics of coding. Each class will acquaint children with a coding concept through the use of fun, educational apps. Students will create interactive stories, animation, and even video games! *Registration is required* and begins two weeks before each program. *Please register for only one session per month.* Sessions for children in grades one to three will take place on January 2 and February 6, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and on January 30 and February 27 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sessions for children in grades four to six will take place on January 2 and February 6 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dates are Tuesdays.



Sessions are held in the Raddin Room. This free program is sponsored by a grant from the Union County Freeholders.

. . . **Critical Thinking Hour with Eye Level** - Eye Level helps students develop their critical and analytical thinking skills by developing depth perception, problem solving, and reasoning skills. Participants will use materials such as numerical figures, clear paper, colored blocks, and mirrors to solve problems. The program is for children ages four and up and will take place Saturday, January 6, January 27, and February 10, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Raddin Room. . . .

"Paws" to Read - Emerging readers are invited to hone their reading skills by reading to certified therapy dogs. Participants reserve a 10 minute spot from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. *Registration is required* and can be done two weeks before each event. Upcoming dates are Tuesday, January 9 and February 13. . . .

Sensory Library Time - This after-hours program was created for children with autism and their families. Families will enjoy browsing the collection in a space that minimizes unnecessary stimulation while encouraging socialization. Toward the end of our time together, we will hold two sessions of a small group program. Ashrams for Autism will be leading yoga programs from 6:30 to 7:00 and from 7:00 to 7:30. Tickets for the small group programs will be given out on a first come, first served basis beginning at 6:00 on the day of the program. Friday, January 12 and February 9. Registration is *not* required. This free program is sponsored by a grant from the Union County Freeholders. . . .

Big Jeff Music - Children's musician Big Jeff DeSmedt will be leading a morning of song to celebrate another year of "1,000 Books before Kindergarten" on Saturday, January 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Hear some classic tunes and learn a new song or two! Children ages two to five and their families are welcome to join us. Participants do not need to be enrolled in the "1,000 Books" program. Registration is *not* required. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library!* . . .

Lego Club - Children in grades one to six are invited to join us as we free-build and share our work on Tuesday, January 16 and February 20, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration is *not* required. . . .

Family Mess - Children ages two to six and their families will explore educational stations together, where they will be introduced to scientific concepts, solve problems, and have fun! Saturday, January 20 and February 17, from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. Admission is free and all Cranford residents are welcome. *Registration is required* and begins two weeks before the program date. *Please arrive on time!* . . .

3-4-5 Story Time - This early literacy story time was created for our preschool-aged friends! Children ages three to five and a caregiver are welcome to join us at 10:15 on Monday mornings. Registration is *not* required but please arrive on time. This ten-week program begins on January 29. . . .

Toddler Story Time - Our two-year-old friends and their caregivers are invited to join us for some simple stories on Tuesday mornings at 10:15. This 10-week program begins on Tuesday, January 30. Registration is *not* required. . . .

Lapsit Story Time - Children ages three to 12 months are invited to join us for a short, lively story time, followed by free play on Wednesday mornings at 10:15 a.m. from January 31 to March 21. . . .

Baby Story Time - Children ages 13 to 23 months and their caregivers are invited to join us for a short, lively story time, followed by free play on Thursday mornings at 10:15 from February 1 to March 22. Registration is *not* required, but please arrive on time!

News from the Friends of the Cranford Public Library

Bargains Abound at the Friends' Used Book Sale!



Choose from thousands of adult and children's books, CDs, DVDs, and recorded books on Wednesday, January 10, 4:00 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, January 11 and 12, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, January 13, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the Library's Friendly Book Cellar. Most items are priced between \$.25 and \$2.00. On Saturday, fill a bag with books for just \$8.00! The sale is wheelchair accessible. Proceeds benefit the Library.

Foreign Films

The Friends' foreign film series continues with *Carol's Journey* (Spain, drama, 2014, 119 minutes) on Monday, January 8, and *The Salesman* (Iran, drama, 2016, 124 minutes) on Monday, February 12, 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.

LIBRARY HOURS & CLOSINGS

Monday to Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Thursday & Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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