The Cranford Public Library wants to hear from you! The Library Board of Trustees invites the public to participate in the development of our new three-year strategic plan. Please join us on Friday, September 14 from 10:30 am to 11:00 am, Monday, September 17 from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm, and/or Monday, September 24 from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm to take part in the conversation and share your ideas. Topics of discussion will include a proposed expansion to the Children’s Room. Children are welcome.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING OPEN HOUSE**

Veterans and dependents of veterans: The Cranford Public Library presents a valuable health care information session on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 pm. David Brimmer, MS, of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs New Jersey Health Care System, will visit the Cranford Community Center to speak about health care benefits available to veterans and dependents. He will also discuss the process for filing a claim for VA Service-Connected Disability Compensation.

**BENEFITS FOR NJ VETERANS**

429 children completed our annual Summer Reading program, logging a total of 18,493 hours and beating last year’s record by over 2,000 hours! We’re so proud of all of our readers, and were delighted to have 560 people show up to celebrate at our carnival! Also, author Laura Sassi will be sharing her new book, *LOVE IS KIND*, and delving into the world of book jackets on Saturday, October 20th at 10:30 am. Participants (ages 5+) will have a chance to design book jackets and meet the author.

**CHILDREN’S ROOM—VISITING AUTHOR**

Hi! My name is Kate-Lynn Brown, and I’m joining the Cranford Public Library as the new Young Adult Programming Librarian. I just received my Masters of Information from Rutgers University in May 2018, and before that received a Bachelors in English and Creative Writing from Drew University. I like reading thrillers, and *One of Us is Lying* is my latest favorite. Keep your eyes out for lots of teen programming and volunteer opportunities starting this fall!

**RESOURCES FOR CAREER TRANSITION**

For those preparing for job change or reentering the job market, the Cranford Public Library offers the resources you need. *Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors USA*, a cost-free, grassroots job search support and networking organization, meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the library. Their next meeting will take place on September 12. Also available: *Learning Express Job and Career Accelerator*, an online database that offers personalized, step-by-step assistance for job seekers. Ask your librarian for details!
The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite you to visit their used book sale on
Wednesday, October 10, 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Thursday and Friday, October 11 and 12,
10:00 am to 4:30 pm, and Saturday, October 13, 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. Items for sale
include more than 10,000 adult and children’s books, as well as CDs, DVDs, and recorded
books. Prices range from $.25 to $2.00, except for a few specially marked items. On
Saturday, fill a bag with books for just $8.00. Enter through the side door.

COMING TO AMERICA: THE GREAT WAVES

The Friends bring you a timely and informative presentation on Wednesday, October 17
at 7:30 pm at the Cranford Community Center. Lecturer and photographer Walter
Choroszewski will present the history of immigration to America from the first Colonial
wave through the second mid-1800s wave of frontier expansion, culminating with the
third Great Wave that passed through Ellis Island Immigration Station in the late 19th
and early 20th centuries.

STORYTELLER LINDA HOWE (NEW DATE)

Multimodal storyteller, artist, writer, and educator Linda Howe will bring her many talents
to the Cranford Community Center on Tuesday, November 27 at 7:00 pm. A member of
the NJ Storytelling Network, Ms. Howe blends the oral tradition with visual art and poetry,
captivating audiences with tales and myths from around the world while designing
creative illustrations. Note: This program has been rescheduled from its original date of
Tuesday, October 23.

FOREIGN FILMS AND THEATER PROJECT

Join the Friends for captivating films and theater! On Monday, September 10 at 2:00 pm
and 7:00 pm, join us for a new drama about interconnected lives in North Africa. On
Monday, October 15 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm, return for a South Korean romantic
comedy in which the heroes try to recapture first love. The Theater Project also returns,
with a readings of original plays on Saturday, September 15 and Saturday, October 13 at
2:00 pm. All events will take place in the Cranford Community Center.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

The library’s ongoing book discussion groups will meet in the library this September. The
Readers’ Forum will meet on Monday, September 24 at 7:00 pm to discuss The Good
Earth by Pearl S. Buck. The Literary Café will meet on Saturday, September 15 and
Saturday, October 13 at 10:15 am. Bring your favorite books you’ve read recently, join
the discussion and enjoy refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Cranford Public
Library!

HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Monday to Thursday, 10 am—9 pm · Friday and Saturday, 10 am—5 pm
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