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NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE
WEST CALDWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Summer 2005

From the President

Summer is here and as usual the use of the Library has slowed as the residents head for the shore or the mountains or that trip around the country. The Library will continue to show movies every Friday throughout the summer. However, most other adult meeting room functions like "Meet the Author" and "Beyond the Pages" will be postponed until the fall.

The one major exception is the "One Book New Jersey" program. This year's featured book is "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee. Books are available at the Reference Desk.



After reading the book, you're invited to view the Oscar award winning film based on the book on Tuesday, August 23 at 2:00 pm and then participate in a book discussion on Thursday, August 25 at 2:00 pm. This triple event sequence is certain to provide a unique experience to all who participate. Details are contained in a separate insert in this Newsletter.

On Saturday, September 24 at 7:00 pm, the Friends of the West Caldwell Library will be hosting "A Night in Old Seville." The event will be held in the Community Meeting Room in the Library and will feature a delicious Spanish buffet, sangria and a Spanish guitarist. Cost will be \$25.00 per person. Again details of this event are contained in a separate insert in this Newsletter.

The Friends continue to provide refreshments for most of the Community Meeting Room events including the weekly movies. We also run the Books-to-Go service and the Magazine Exchange and support the Library's Local History and Genealogy Room and Adopt-a-Shelf programs.

As we move into the fall, we hope to work with the Historical Society of West Caldwell to provide a series of programs based on the West Caldwell Centennial History Book that is about to be published.

I would again like to thank the Friends executive board and others who have worked many volunteer hours supporting our Library. We are making a difference!

Have a happy summer.

- Ron Day

Open Borrowing

Did you know as a resident or taxpayer in West Caldwell you are eligible to borrow books not only from libraries in the BCCLS system but also from most of the libraries in Morris, Passaic and Middlesex Counties. The New Jersey State Library has funded a grant that allows open borrowing between BCCLS libraries and PALS (Passaic County Library System), MAIN (Morris Automated Information Network) and LMxAC (Libraries of Middlesex Automated Consortium).

Who is eligible?

Any resident or taxpayer with a valid West Caldwell library card is eligible to borrow materials **in person** from any participating library. A list of participating libraries is included on the BCCLS website (go to "Buckles?", Links for Librarians, Open Borrowing). Patrons with non-resident pay and courtesy cards are not included in this program.

If you wish to participate in the open borrowing program, you must first get a sticker for your library card at the circulation desk that indicates that you are a member in good standing and eligible for open borrowing.

What can I borrow?

The program includes all materials, including media, owned for six months or more. Other restrictions may be imposed by individual libraries. For instance, West Caldwell does not allow rental movies or DVD's to be borrowed by Open Borrowing patrons.

Where do I return the materials?

Books can be returned at any participating library including West Caldwell. However, some libraries require that borrowers return media directly to the lending library.

What if I have a non-resident pay or courtesy card?

Although you cannot participate in the open borrowing program, you still can borrow materials from other libraries through the JerseyCat system as in the past.

Questions?

Ask the staff at the circulation desk or reference desk.

Know Your Library Staff

Katherine Marinaccio, Administrative Assistant

Kathy started her career with the West Caldwell Public Library almost ten years ago as a Library Assistant. Her primary duties were working in Technical Services and at the Circulation Desk. Today, Kathy functions as the Administrative Assistant to the Director, April Judge. Some of her responsibilities include maintaining a number of library bank and business accounts and preparing associated monthly reports for the Director and the Library Board of Trustees. In addition, Kathy communicates with approximately 125 vendors regarding order and billing issues, and she maintains library documents for the Library Auditors and assists them as needed. In addition, Kathy continues to work at the Circulation Desk and enjoys the opportunity to meet and assist the library patrons.



Kathy is also the hospitality coordinator for the library's many behind the scenes special events.

Kathy along with her husband Paul and their two children have been West Caldwell residents for twenty-three years. Kathy's daughter, a former high school English Teacher, is currently home raising her two children. Her son is a Police Officer.

When not working, Kathy enjoys gardening, gourmet cooking and traveling. Also, she does volunteer work for the Caldwell Rotary and Willing Hearts Consignment Shop.

"A Night in Old Seville"

Saturday, September 24, 2005
7:00 pm Cocktails, 8:00 pm Dinner
at the

West Caldwell Library Community Meeting Room
presented by
Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library
\$25.00 per person
See Insert for Details

One Book New Jersey

Read the Book

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Watch the Movie

Oscar award winning film, Tuesday, August 23, 2 pm

Join the Discussion!

Book discussion, Thursday, August 25, 2 pm

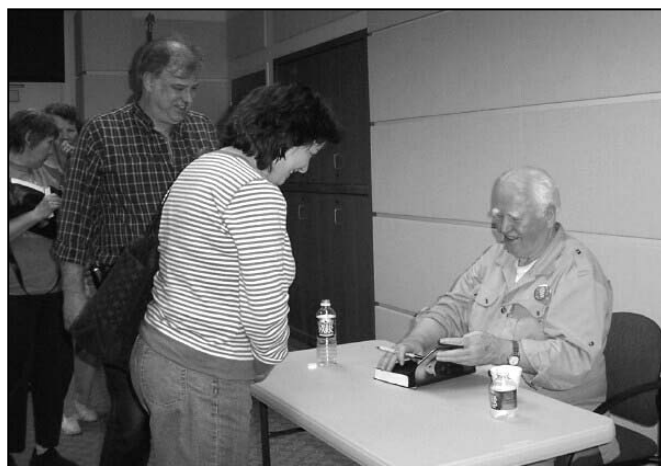
Books Available at the Reference Desk
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Adult Programs at the Library

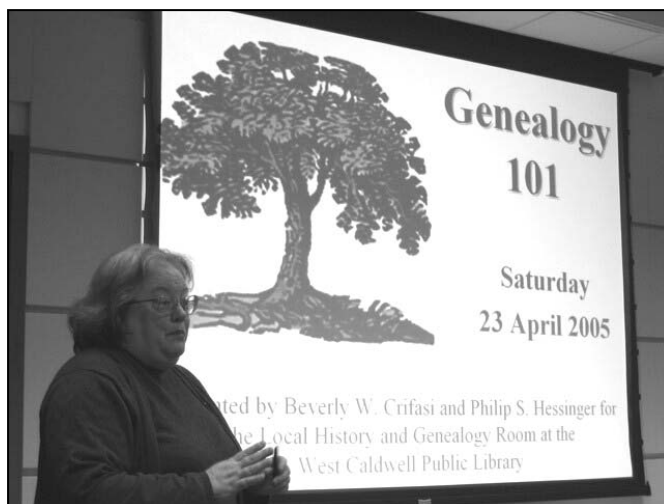
During the first six months of 2005 we saw our meeting room get a great deal of use with 26 Friday afternoon movies, four "Meet the Author" nights, four "Beyond the Pages" afternoons and two Music Appreciation nights. We also had four evenings of Health Education lectures, our Local History and Genealogy room dedication on April 23 and a Poetry Festival on May 15. Not only did we have a large number of events, but patron turn-out for the most part was very gratifying.

This was the second year that we have hosted the Poetry Festival and like last year it took over the whole library. About 200 people attended.

The Friday afternoon movies have become very popular with close to 30 people attending every week. Other popular programs included two "Meet the Author" nights: Malachy McCourt – *History of Ireland* (67 attendees), and John Cunningham - *Ellis Island: Immigration's Shining Light* (39 attendees). The Local History and Genealogy Room dedication had 20 attendees.



Malachy McCourt signing his *History of Ireland* book



Beverly Crifasi from the Historical Society of West Caldwell (above) along with Phil Hessinger presented their genealogy tutorial as part of the Local History and Genealogy Dedication

Greetings from the Director

If you're a booklover as I am then you might know that the BookExpo America trade show returned to NYC during the first weekend of June. When the trade show was known as ABA (American Booksellers Association) and primarily geared towards booksellers, librarians were discouraged to attend. I never understood the reasoning behind this attitude since libraries purchase millions of dollars worth of books each year. But this year the organizers decided to welcome with open arms librarians from all over the county. State library associations from New Jersey Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and New York were offered discount registration prices for librarians in their states. And the NJ Library Association even had a booth where library related items were sold to profit the association. Cheryl Smith, Catherine Adair and myself attended this exciting, awesome event. More than 1000 authors from over 1000 publishing houses were present. And more than 30,000 attended the event lining the aisles to get autographed copies of books, see the fall lines, pick up lots of freebies including advance reading copies of books, bookmarks and other unusual fare. Cheryl was lucky enough to get Maurice Sendak's autograph of his newest children's books, Bears. And I saw Jack Klugman from a distance. For those who revel in books, authors and anything book related, this was an ideal place to spend a day or two.



Because we are readers and because we enjoy reading groups and discussing books, Cheryl and I are working with local author, Martha Burns to develop a special program for reading groups and their members to be held in October in honor of National Reading Group Month. Although the details have not been finalized, if you are a member of a local reading group, please let Cheryl Smith know so we can keep you informed of the logistics of the program.

As an attendee at the annual American Library Association Conference in Chicago in June, I participated in a special program presented by FOLUSA (Friends of Libraries USA). This program discussed how Friends' groups can enhance their advocacy, promotion and fundraising efforts. Participants learned how to increase membership and participation. A report of this program and how the WCPL Friends can use these ideas in their planning process will be included in the Fall newsletter.

As of July 1, 2005, I am proudly serving as the NJLA President. I look forward to working in this capacity as I travel throughout the state promoting libraries and all that they stand for and all that they do for a community. I'll give you updates on my work as President throughout the coming year.

Don't forget to pick up a copy of our annual "Shore Bets", an annotated list of good summer reads. Pat Heyer, Reference Librarian, compiled this bibliography.

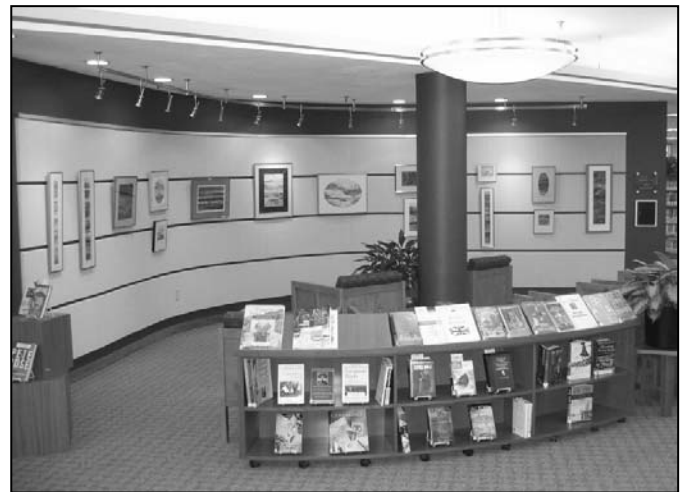
Keep reading!!! Have a wonderful summer.

My best,

- April Judge

The Richard R. Cass Art Gallery

Named for the long-time director of the West Caldwell Public Library, the art gallery was upgraded during the building expansion and renovation. The gallery is a first-class exhibition space in which the Library is pleased to host the photography, water-colors, oil paintings, pen and pencil drawings, etc., of local and regional artists.



The Richard R. Cass Art Gallery in the West Caldwell Public Library

The displays change monthly, affording Library patrons an opportunity to view many diverse subjects and techniques of art. The artists benefit from the exposure given to their work and from publicity in *The Progress*, on the Library website and on the local access cable TV channel.

Artists are invited to leave price lists for those items they would be willing to sell. The Library currently does not charge a commission on sales. Artists desiring to exhibit may submit samples of their work for approval. Please call Joe McHugh at 973-226-5441.

Did You Know?

The West Caldwell Public Library now provides faxing service upon patron request. Charges vary between \$2.00 and \$6.00 depending on the page count and destination (NJ or out-of-state). There is a six page maximum limit per visit. The Library will not receive incoming faxes.

This service will be performed by the reference staff using the office fax machine.



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Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

(Saturdays in Summer 9:00 am – 1:00 pm)

Activities at the West Caldwell Public Library

The Friday Movie 2:00 pm

July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, Sep. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

One Book New Jersey – To Kill a Mockingbird

Read the book, Watch the Movie, Join the Discussion

Movie: Tues. Aug. 23, Discussion: Thurs. Aug. 25 (2 pm)

Read It! A Friendly Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, September 6 at 7:30 pm

Middlemarch written by George Elliot

WWII Veterans Oral History Project

Thursdays at 2:00 pm

July 7 and 21, August 4 and 18, September 1, 15, 29

Friday Afternoon at the Movies

Showtime 2:00 pm

July

7/15/05 Master and Commander. 2004. PG-13. Action / Drama. Russell Crowe, Paul Bettany. During the Napoleonic Wars, a brash British captain pushes his ship and crew to their limits in pursuit of a formidable French war vessel around South America

7/22/05 Shall We Dance? 2005. PG-13. Drama/Romance. Richard Gere, Jennifer Lopez. A romantic comedy where a bored, overworked Estate Lawyer, upon first sight of a beautiful instructor, signs up for ballroom dancing lessons

7/29/05 Mona Lisa Smile. 2004. PG-13. Comedy/Drama. Julia Roberts, Kirsten Dunst. A free-thinking art professor teaches conservative 50's Wellesley girls to question their traditional societal roles.

August

8/5/05 The Aviator. 2004. PG-13. Biography/Drama. Leonardo DiCaprio, Cate Blanchett. A biopic depicting the early years of legendary director and aviator Howard Hughes' career, from the late 1920's to the mid-1940's.

8/12/05 Hotel Rwanda. 2004. PG-13. Biography/Drama. Xolani Mali, Don Cheadle. Don Cheadle stars in the true-life story of Paul Rusesabagina, a hotel manager who housed over a thousand Tutsis refugees during their struggle against the Hutu militia in Rwanda.

Movie Synopses Courtesy of IMDb

8/19/05 Ray. 2004. PG-13. Biography/Drama. Jamie Foxx, Kerry Washington. The life and career of the legendary popular music pianist, Ray Charles.

8/26/05 Million Dollar Baby. 2004. PG-13. Drama/Sport. Clint Eastwood, Hilary Swank. A hardened trainer-cum-manager works with a determined woman in her attempt to establish herself as a boxer.

September

9/2/05 De-Lovely. 2004. PG-13. Biography/Comedy. Kevin Kline, Ashley Judd. Inspecting a magical biographical stage musical, composer Cole Porter reviews his life and career with his wife, Linda.

9/9/05 The Phantom of the Opera. 2004. PG-13. Drama/Musical. Gerard Butler, Emmy Rossum. A disfigured musical genius, hidden away in the Paris Opera House, terrorizes the opera company for the unwitting benefit of a young protege whom he trains and loves.

9/16/05 National Treasure. 2004. PG-13. Adventure/Action. Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger. A treasure hunter is in hot pursuit of a mythical treasure that has been passed down for centuries, while his employer turned enemy is onto the same path that he's on.

9/23/05 Girl with a Pearl Earring. 2003. PG-13. Biography/Drama. Colin Firth, Scarlett Johansson. A young peasant maid working in the house of painter Johannes Vermeer becomes his talented assistant and the model for one of his most famous works.

**All movies are free of charge and open to the public.
Refreshments served courtesy of the Friends of the Library.**