



# INFOBYTES

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WEST CALDWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## Songs of the Season

Sunday, December 13 at 2:00 pm

A multi-cultural holiday concert titled **“Songs of the Season”** featuring Robin Greenstein and Cecilia Kirtland will be presented on Sunday, December 13 at 2:00 pm in the Community Room.

Celebrate such winter holidays as Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa while listening to carols sung in English, French, German, Hebrew, Ladino, Spanish and Swahili. The origins of each holiday will be explained and the performers will dress in Victorian costumes while playing guitars, pennywhistle, and various percussion instruments.



This concert, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Library at 973-226-5441.

## Great American Popular Standards

Sunday, January 10 at 2:00 pm

Acclaimed pop singer Danny Tarantino will present a concert titled **“Great American Popular Standards”**



on Sunday, January 10 at 2:00 pm in the Community Room.

He will perform classic hits by Berlin, Kern, Gershwin, and Hammerstein including *“Fly Me to the Moon,”* *“Autumn Leaves,”* *“Summer Wind,”* and *“Time After Time.”*

Tarantino has appeared at Dangerfield’s, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Trump Taj

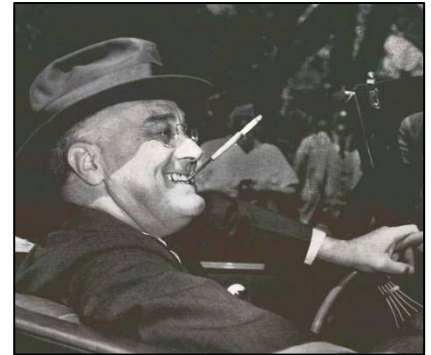
Mahal, and NJPAC. He has also recorded two CDs **“Danny Tarantino Sings Great American Popular Standards”** and **“Our Almost Perfect Love.”**

This concert is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Library at 973-226-5441.

## Nothing to Fear: FDR and the Great Depression

Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 pm

Dr. Raymond Frey will present a powerpoint lecture **“Nothing to Fear: FDR and the Great Depression”** on Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room.



The year is 1932. Almost 25% of American workers are unemployed. Industries are at a near standstill. President Herbert Hoover seems unable to get the economy moving again. People wanted change, and wanted it quickly.

Franklin D. Roosevelt would defeat Hoover that year, promising *“action, and action now.”* The first one hundred days of FDR’s presidency saw a blizzard of legislation and new, never before tried government programs designed to get America back on its feet and Americans back to work.

Join Dr. Frey as he retells the remarkable story of the Great Depression, and a president who revolutionized our federal government and our economy. He will also discuss the lessons learned that might help solve our present economic crisis.

Dr. Frey is a Professor of History at Centenary College in Hackettstown, NJ.

This program is jointly sponsored by the Historical Society of West Caldwell and the Friends of the Library. It is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Library at 973-226-5441.

## Glory and Praise

Sunday, February 7 at 3:00 pm

In honor of *Black History Month*, the award-winning bass/baritone Roosevelt Andre Credit will present **“Glory and Praise,”** a concert of gospel and spiritual music on Sunday, February 7 at 3:00 pm in the Community Room. He will perform such rousing selections as *“This Little Light of Mine,” “I Got Plenty of Nuttin,” “It Ain’t Necessarily So,” “Ol’ Time Religion,” “Ain’t a Dat Good News,” “Ol’ Man River”* and *“Down by the Riverside.”*

Credit has appeared on and off Broadway in Harold Prince’s Tony Award-winning **“Show Boat”** and has also sung at Carnegie Hall and Town Hall in NYC. He has also appeared in several operas including **“The White House Cantata,” “The Barber of Seville,” “Porgy and Bess”** and the lead role in **“The Marriage of Figaro.”** He was also a featured performer at Barack Obama’s 2009 Pennsylvania Inaugural Ball in Washington, D.C.

This concert is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Library at 973-226-5441.



## Senior Happenings

### @ West Caldwell Public Library

Have you checked out the new Savvy Senior Center? The Savvy Senior Center, located adjacent to the magazines and periodicals in the Reference Reading Area, features a low vision magnifying machine as well as a computer with larger type and computer instruction tutorials for those that want to refresh and/or expand their computer skills. There is also a Savvy Senior Spaces Blog for those that want to stay abreast of senior friendly activities at the library as well as locate reference and other information relevant to local seniors. The West Caldwell Public Library Savvy Senior Spaces Blog can be accessed online by clicking on the *Savvy Senior Spaces Blog* link on the Library’s homepage or directly at <http://savvyseniorspaces.blogspot.com/>.

If you would like register for a computer class or inquire about the Savvy Senior Center just visit the Reference Desk or contact the library at 973-226-5441.

## Please Renew Your Membership Now

People join the Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library for various reasons. One reason might be to keep abreast of the ongoing activities at the Library by means of the InfoBytes newsletters and publicity postcards published by the Friends. Another reason might be to financially support the Friends to allow them to fund better programs and/or purchases for the Library. Then there are those who really like libraries and want to be involved by volunteering for various activities at the Library.

Membership in the Friends must be renewed in January of each year. New members joining after October 1<sup>st</sup> are automatically renewed for the following year at no additional cost.

Although we run fundraisers during the year, our income comes primarily from dues and gifts. Whether you are a new member or a returning member, please consider joining as a “Library Lover” (\$25) or higher level to give us additional funds to support the library and provide premium adult programming. In this time of lean municipal budgets, the Friends will most likely be asked to provide a higher share of the costs of library programs. Please keep this in mind when you join or renew your membership.

Please complete the form below or the enclosed return envelope and send it to the library along with your tax-deductible contribution. Also, if you would like to volunteer some of your time to library, please check the box on the form and let us know your area(s) of interest.

**Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library**  
30 Clinton Road, West Caldwell, NJ 07006

### Membership Application

**Yes, I want to be a Friend! Enclosed is my annual contribution with a check payable to the Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library and mailed to the above address.**

New Member     Renewal    Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual/family \$10.00     Library Lover \$25.00

Bookworm \$50.00     Bibliophile \$100.00

Yes, I would like to volunteer my time to help the Friends of the Library.

Yes, my employer has a “ matching “grant” program. Please complete and return the enclosed employer form.

*The Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Your contributions are tax deductible.*

## From the President

It's not quite over, but 2009 has been an exciting year for the Friends. Of particular note is that our individual/family memberships have increased from 226 at the end of 2008 to 339 as of Dec. 1 of 2009. Much of this increase is a result of our January and November membership drives when we set up a table in front of the Circulation desk on a total of five Saturdays in January and November. This effort gained us 60 new memberships. A hearty welcome to our new members and a big thank you to the volunteers who staffed our recruitment table.



The Friends continued to publish its quarterly newsletter, *InfoBytes*, which highlights new and current services of the library as well as upcoming events. Also, postcard mailings were made as necessary to publicize additional events.

During 2009, the Friends provided funding for six major library programs with a seventh to be presented on December 13 entitled "Songs of the Season." We also co-sponsored six programs with the Historical Society of West Caldwell and presented an additional program at our Annual Meeting in November.

We also purchased folding tables and chairs for the library as well as refrigerator magnets showing the new library hours. The Friends also provided funds to support the Fun in the Park event in August.

During 2009, the Friends provided many volunteer services such as serving refreshments at many of the adult programs, organizing and staffing the library booth at the Caldwell Street Fair, staffing the Fun in the Park event, delivering books for the "Books-to-Go program, rearranging books on the bookshelves ("shelf reading") and working on many other special and ongoing projects.

**January is the time to renew your membership in the Friends.** Additional information and a renewal form are included on page 2 of this newsletter. Membership entitles you to the quarterly newsletter, *InfoBytes*, as well as periodic mailings listing special events.

The Friends' Annual Meeting was held on November 5<sup>th</sup> and included the election of officers. Two new officers were elected - Laverne Nelson as Treasurer and Sandy Grossman as Recording Secretary. The 2010 list of officers and executive board members is shown on page 6. Note that one additional Member-at-Large will be appointed in January.

Phil Hessinger is a 5-year veteran on the executive board who will be retiring this year. While on the board, Phil served as Member-at-Large, Vice President and Membership Chairman. The Board and I want to thank him for his years of dedicated service to the Friends.

I want to also thank the many members who have generously provided financial and volunteer support to the Friends. Let's keep up the good work in 2010!

- Ron Day

## Reader's Services

### @ West Caldwell Public Library

West Caldwell Public Library Saturday Matinee Book Club will return on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm to engage in a lively and thought provoking discussion of Julia Alvarez's *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*; a poignant story about the difficulties of assimilating into a new culture. Copies of the title are available for pickup at the Reference Desk. All are welcome to join this discussion. For additional information, please contact the library at 973-226-5441.

Saturday Matinee Book Club meeting schedule (all meetings are held at 2:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room):

Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> – *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents* by Julia Alvarez

Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* by Mark Dunn

Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – *The Devil and Miss Prym* by Paulo Coelho

The West Caldwell Public Library is also happy to announce a new Personalized Reader's Service for all readers looking for their next book. Simply fill out the short Personalized Reader's Survey online, click submit and a librarian will create a list of suggested reads based on your personal reading preferences. The online survey can be accessed from the library's homepage; <http://westcaldwell.bccls.org>. Click on the *Personalized Reading Services Survey* link on the left, fill out the survey and click submit! If you prefer to fill out a print form, please visit the Reference Desk or the Reader's Corner to pick up a form. For additional information please contact the library at 973-226-5441.

### Did You Know?

This newsletter is available on-line at  
<http://www.westcaldwell.com/Infobytes.htm>

## Youth Services Winter Programs

The Youth Services Fall Series programming is winding down as we head into the December holidays.

But registration starts for our Winter Series of Programs starts on **Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. Patrons can either call the library or stop by when registration is required. The actual programs start on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

The *Rhyme Time Story Times* are held at 10:30 am Monday through Wednesday. This program is for babies and young children, ages 0 - 3 along with their caregivers. *Rhyme Time* uses rhymes and songs to help children get ready for reading. It helps develop familiarity and comfort with books and libraries. Due to the popularity of this program, early registration is **HIGHLY** recommended.

The *Fun Time Story Time* program is for preschoolers and meets Tuesday at 1:30 pm, Wednesdays at 4:00 pm or Thursday at 10:30 am. The children sing songs, listen to stories and make a craft. No registration is required for this program.

The *Book Beat* program is for children in grades K - 2 and meets on Mondays at 4:00 pm. The children listen to stories, appropriate to their ages, and participate in a wide variety of activities. No registration is required for this program.

*Library Sparks* is an evening program for children in grades 2 - 4. This program meets on selected Thursday nights. Registration is done on a program-by-program basis. During *Library Sparks* programs, children enjoy an array of different activities including trivia, listening to parts of chapter books and poetry, word puzzles, crafts and reader's theater.

In addition to these regularly scheduled events, the Youth Services Department also periodically offers single events including special performers, puppet shows and evening and weekend storytimes. Check out the library's website at [westcaldwell.bccls.org](http://westcaldwell.bccls.org) for up-to-date information.



## Genealogy & Local History @ West Caldwell Public Library

The West Caldwell Public Library is happy to announce a new genealogy club for local family historians and genealogy enthusiasts. The purpose of the West Caldwell Public Library Genealogy Club is to promote learning and sharing among those interested in genealogical and family history research in a friendly and casual setting. This is not an instruction oriented group, nor is it a classroom environment. The group is open to all interested in genealogy and family history, regardless of knowledge or expertise. Beginners to advanced researchers are all welcome. Members are encouraged to bring their own research and research questions, tips and techniques to aid their fellow genealogist in their family research journeys. Meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of the month at 2:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room. All meetings are open to the public but advanced registration is requested. For more information please contact the library at 973-226-5441.

Winter Schedule of Meetings:

1/27/2010 @ 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
2/24/2010 @ 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
3/31/2010 @ 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

### Did You Know?

The West Caldwell Public Library has an ongoing book sale. Books that are for sale are located on the first aisle to the left just after the Front Desk.

#### Prices

Hardcover Books	\$1.00
Softcover Books	\$0.50 or 3/\$1.00
Videos	\$2.00
Audios	\$1.00
Board Books	\$0.25
Children's Golden Books	\$0.25
Records	\$0.50 or 3/\$1.00

#### About Donations

The Library welcomes donations of gently used or new materials. The Library cannot accept magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias or any material with out-of-date information.

Receipts for tax purposes are available. Donations can only be accepted when the Library is open.

## Greetings from the Director

As 2009 draws to a close, the staff and Board of Trustees of the West Caldwell Public Library wish to thank you for your continued support. Library use has visibility increased during the past year and the staff who provide friendly, helpful service to everyone who walks in the door have enjoyed all their interactions with members of the community as well as visitors to the area.



The year was an extremely busy one for the staff as they planned and presented programs for children of all ages, teens and young adults. During the year, the library offered many cultural and historical programs in partnership with the Caldwell Public Library on its **Big Read** Program, the Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library and the West Caldwell Historical Society.

Children's author Dan Gutman wowed a packed meeting room as he told his audience about the trials and tribulations of breaking into the writing field.

Resident Diane Lockward was named the West Caldwell Public Library's Poet Laureate at the annual Poetry Festival. At its March meeting, the West Essex Women's Club honored its Women of Achievement for 2008 in a program celebrating Women's History Month.

In April, the library's National Library Week programs featured author, Concetta Bertodi, who enchanted the audience with her eerie but amazing and true stories of being a psychic.

Due to the generous financial support of the local businesses and Friends of the Library, the library was able to hold its second annual Family Fun Concert in the Park in late August. Look forward to another fabulous afternoon next summer!

The library held its first annual Read Across West Caldwell in October to celebrate National Reading Group Month. This community based reading program featured the novel, **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society** written by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. This month of events was highlighted by an On the Homefront Ration Recipe Cookery Contest and an author presentation by Elizabeth and Michael Norman, authors of **Tears in the Darkness: the Story of the Bataan Death March and its Aftermath**.

A special tribute to Abraham Lincoln was held in October featuring readings of his famous speeches and poems about him. These were eloquently read by local officials and community leaders. This program was sponsored by a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

The library staff is looking forward to 2010 in anticipation of implementing many new services for the benefit of the patrons.

With the demise of the video and books on tape collections, reconfiguring the media area is under consideration. This major change will add more shelving units for the young adult collections and provide them with their own computer station complete with Internet access. The music CDs will be re-located to a more prominent location giving patrons more browsing space and easier accessibility.

If you have ideas or suggestions regarding things that we could be doing better or things that we should be doing in a more efficient manner, please feel free to send them to me or email them to me at [bookdirector@yahoo.com](mailto:bookdirector@yahoo.com) I welcome all suggestions.

Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season and the very best of years to come.



With Joy - April Judge



## Become a Library Champion

In this time of economic uncertainty, libraries across the state and the nation are facing new challenges each year. As part of its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, BCCLS has initiated a Library Champions program that encourages library patrons to become active library advocates.

Library Champions are patrons who love their libraries and want to be in the know about issues that may affect them. Library Champions' email addresses will be entered into a distribution list. When important library issues arise, BCCLS will email the Library Champions. The Champions can then take appropriate action such as phone calls, emails to legislators or simply talking up the library to their neighbors.

Libraries are facing a myriad of challenges and budgets are tenuous at best. People are needed to act as library advocates and stand up for the libraries that have come under increased pressure because of the economic crisis, security concerns in the wake of 9/11, Internet access issues and more. Now more than ever, those who believe most strongly in the importance of our libraries are needed to be advocates for us.

Please join in this effort.

To become a Library Champion, access the BCCLS website ([www.bccls.org](http://www.bccls.org)) and click on "Become a Library Champion" in the center of the page. You will be asked to enter your email address and hometown. If you do not have an email address, you can supply your phone number instead.

# WEST CALDWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am– 5:00 pm (9:00 am – 1:00 pm in summer)

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## Friends Executive Board Members – 2010

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Member-at-Large	Jane Berisso
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Library Director	April Judge

## READ IT!

### A Friendly Reading Group

Come to a lively book discussion. Programs are being held at both Crane's Mill and the West Caldwell Library. Copies of the books are available at the WCPL Reference Desk. Members of the general public are invited to attend.

Thursday, Dec. 10 – 10:30 am Crane's Mill Library  
*Charming Billy* by Alice McDermott

Wednesday, Jan. 13 – 6:30 pm West Caldwell Library  
Thursday, Jan. 14 – 10:30 am Crane's Mill Library  
*Housekeeping* by Marilynne Robinson

Wednesday, Feb. 10 – 6:30 pm West Caldwell Library  
Thursday, Feb. 11 – 10:30 am Crane's Mill Library  
*Away* by Amy Bloom

Wednesday, Mar. 10 – 6:30 pm West Caldwell Library  
Thursday, Mar. 11 – 10:30 am Crane's Mill Library  
*House on Fortune Street* by Margot Livesey

The Crane's Mill Library is in the Town Square Building at 459 Passaic Avenue in West Caldwell.

## Friday Afternoon at the Movies

### Showtime 1:00 pm

- Dec. 4 "Is Anybody There?" (PG-13, 2009) 95 min.  
Dec. 11 "My Sister's Keeper" (PG-13, 2009) 110 min.  
(Film discussion will follow)  
Dec. 18 "Nothing Like the Holidays" (PG-13, 2008) 98 min.  
Dec. 25 NO MOVIE (Christmas, Library Closed)  
Jan. 1 NO MOVIE (New Year's Day, Library Closed)  
Jan. 8 "Cheri" (R, 2009) 93 min.  
Jan. 15 "Julie and Julia" (PG-13, 2009) 123 min.  
Jan. 22 "Angels & Demons" (PG-13, 2009) 139 min.  
(Film discussion will follow)  
Jan. 29 "Up" (PG, 2009) 96 min. (Animated film)  
Feb. 5 "Beyond a Reasonable Doubt" (PG-13, 2009) 106 min. (Film discussion will follow)  
Feb. 12 "500 Days of Summer" (PG-13, 2009) 95min.  
Feb. 19 "The Taking of Pelham 123" (PG-13, 2009) 105 min.  
Feb. 26 "Funny People" (R, 2009) 146 min.

These movies are subject to change. Please check the Library's monthly movie schedule.