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From the President

This has been a great year for the Friends. So far this year, membership is up 30% over last year and currently stands at 174 members/families. Dues income is proportionately higher and many of our newer members have volunteered to donate time to help the library. I again want to thank the members of the Friends for their financial support and volunteer activities and look forward to a great year supporting the Library.



We are very proud of our director, April Judge, who will become the president of the New Jersey Library Association on July 1, 2005. The NJLA is the state's oldest and largest professional library organization. Besides offering continuing education and a job hotline for librarians, the organization also works on behalf of the state's public and university libraries, promoting library awareness and lobbying for public funding.

There was a very nice article about April in the Sunday Star Ledger on April 3 by Elizabeth Moore. In case you missed it, the article is on the West Caldwell website at www.westcaldwell.com/headline50403AprilJudge.htm.

The Friends continue to provide refreshments for most of the Community Meeting Room events including the weekly movies, "Beyond the Pages" afternoon entertainment programs and the evening "Meet the Author" programs. 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.

A new endeavor for the Friends is to provide help to the Storytellers during Story Time for 3 – 5 year old preschoolers. We are recruiting volunteers for this effort which is described in more detail on the next page.

Another big event that is being supported by the Friends is the formal opening of the Local History and Genealogy Room on Saturday, April 23. Beverly Crifasi from the Historical Society and Phil Hessinger from the Friends will make a presentation followed by a tour of our new room. Again, details are on the next page.

Did You Forget?

Membership in the Friends must be renewed in January of each year. The vast majority of our members have already renewed for 2005. However, there are still a few members who have not renewed. We would hate to lose you. Membership entitles you to receive the quarterly InfoBytes Newsletter as well as periodic mailings listing the planned library events in the Community Meeting Room. Members are also eligible to receive a 20% discount on all in-stock books at Book World in West Caldwell.

You were previously sent renewal forms. If you have misplaced them and need another, they are available at the Circulation Desk in the Library or on-line at: www.westcaldwell.com/friends-appl.htm. Please complete the form and return it to the library with your tax-deductible contribution. Also, please indicate if you would like to volunteer some of your time to help the library.

Local History and Genealogy Room

Grand Opening

Saturday, April 23, 2005 at 2:00 pm

A presentation of "Get to Know Your Ancestors: Adventures in Genealogy and Family History" followed by a tour of the Library's brand new Local History and Genealogy Room

Friends Executive Board - 2005

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- Ron Day

Know Your Library Staff

Karen Freda, Principal Library Assistant

Karen Freda, started her career as a library volunteer at Wilson School in West Caldwell. At WCPL, Karen first worked as a page, and later as a Library Assistant at the Circulation desk and in Technical Services processing and linking books and magazines.



After WCPL joined the BCCLS consortium, Karen began working full time in Technical Services overseeing the daily delivery of interlibrary loan materials. In December she celebrated her tenth anniversary at the West Caldwell Public Library.

Each week over 200 books, CD's, audios, DVD's and videos are unpacked and scanned as received for West Caldwell patrons. Karen fills almost 400 electronic requests monthly from other libraries in BCCLS, PALS, MAIN and JERSEYCAT (statewide) for items from our collections. These materials are checked out and packaged for the morning pickup.

Karen helps with the ordering of items for West Caldwell patrons and book clubs. She places reserves, reads incoming e-mails, makes bank deposits and works at the Circulation desk. Karen is also the Payroll Clerk for the Library.

When not working, Karen enjoys reading women's fiction and walking with friends. She is interested in pursuing her pastel and watercolor hobbies. Karen has lived in West Caldwell for twenty years with her husband Rich and children: Robert, a recent Montclair State graduate and Lauren, a junior at Marist College.

Volunteers Needed for Story Time

Each week through May 25, on Monday afternoon from 1:30 - 2:00 pm and Wednesday morning from 10:30 - 11:00 am, the Youth Services Department provides a Story Hour for preschoolers, ages 3 - 5. Caretaker adults, moms or grandparents, must be present in the Library but, with some exceptions, are generally not present in the Community Room during the program. Some of the children get restless, want Mommy, or the caretaker needs to be found to take a child to the bathroom. Children are not allowed to be wandering about alone in search of the parent and the Storyteller cannot leave the group unattended to do this. It would be a great help to the staff to have a group of volunteer Story Time Helpers to assist in this program. If you are interested in volunteering for the project please contact Linda Garfinkel at the Young Reader's Desk or the Director, April Judge.

Library to Introduce Local History and Genealogy Facilities

On Saturday, April 23, 2005, West Caldwell Public Library's Local History and Genealogy Room will be available for access by area residents and researchers who wish to gain knowledge of the history of West Essex towns, or examine genealogical information related to former or present area families. Reference materials and databases will be made available for use by patrons. These will include source material either in the local facility, through the BCCLS library network, county, state and federal archives or from on-line databases.

The library has received large collections of local history and genealogical publications donated from the estate of William Young Pryor, as well as books that are a gift from Elwood C. (Woody) Walker of North Caldwell, which have aided in building the Library's reference sources. This material contains historical publications related to various area towns, New Jersey archival records, and compilations of genealogies, from both American and European sources, as well as how-to research publications. The Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library, the West Caldwell Public Library and the Historical Society of West Caldwell have cooperated on this project.

On Saturday April 23, 2005 at 2 PM in the Library's Community Meeting Room, a program will be held to introduce library users to the Local History and Genealogy Room and to provide guidance and advice in organizing and starting a genealogy research project.

Entitled "Get to Know Your Ancestors: Adventures in Genealogy and Family History", presentations will be given by Beverly W. Crifasi of the Historical Society of West Caldwell and Philip S. Hessinger of the Friends of the Library, both experienced in genealogical and historical research. The program will include recommendations for the use of family source material, state, county and local library reference books and documents, national or state census records, wills, military and church records, as well as official town and city records. Actual experiences will be presented in how to collect the information needed to assemble a family history and genealogy. Information will be provided on the use of on-line programs available for family genealogy research and also the resources available at the West Caldwell Public Library.

The presentations will be followed by a question and answer period. Following the discussion period, refreshments will be provided.

For further information, please call the Library's Reference Desk (973)226-5441.

Greetings from the Director

Celebrations abound during the month of April. April is National Poetry Month and in honor of this annual event, borrow some poetry collections and sample and savor the reading of a poem a day. Poems are best when read aloud even if you're just reading to your cat or dog. Poems depict a vast variety of topics and emotions. They speak from and to the heart. And after reading 30 poems of your choice, you will be geared up to attend two very special programs highlighting poetry.



On Monday, April 18 at 7:30 PM local poet Diane Lockward will read from her latest poetry collection "Eve's Red Dress". And a "Poetry Festival: A Celebration of New Jersey's Literary Journals" to be held on Sunday, May 15 from 1-5 pm. Throughout the afternoon, twenty-six NJ poets will read from their works in our Community Meeting Room. Editors of thirteen literary journals will also be available to answer questions about their publications.

Each year during National Library Week, libraries across the country celebrate the contributions that libraries, librarians and all other library workers throughout the country make to enrich the lives of all citizens. "something for everyone @ your library" is the theme of this year's National Library Week, April 11-April 16. During this week, visit the West Caldwell Public Library and discover that we really do have something for everyone! Books, magazines, DVDs, books on tape, videos, reference service, databases and programs for people of all ages. You name it and we most probably have it or can get it for you.

A new service that is now being offered is the sale of stamped envelopes for \$.50 each. These stamped envelopes may be purchased at the Circulation Desk.

Our webmaster, Linda Garfinkel, has been working diligently on updating our website with exciting, extensive and eye-appealing changes. She is off to a great start and her efforts to date can be seen on-line at www.bccls.org/westcaldwell. Visit the website often to see how she is progressing. She hopes to have the website in full operation by late spring or early summer.

Look for details about the 2005 Summer Reading Programs, "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds" for children, ages three through grade 5, and "Joust Read" for young adults that both begin on Monday, June 27.

Best wishes for a season filled with blossoming flowers and springtime delights.

All my best,

April L. Judge

Friday Afternoon at the Movies

Showtime 2:00 pm

April – Patrons' Picks

4/8/05 Kiss Me Kate. 1953. Comedy/Musical. Rated G. Kathryn Grayson, Howard Keel. Fred and Lilly are a divorced pair of actors who are brought together by Cole Porter who has written a musical version of The Taming of the Shrew.

4/15/05 Sense and Sensibility. 1995. Drama/Comedy. Rated PG. James Fleet, Tom Wilkinson, Kate Winslet, Hugh Grant. Rich Mr. Dashwood dies, leaving his second wife and her daughters poor by the rules of inheritance. Two daughters are the titular opposites.

4/22/05 Sleepless in Seattle. 1993. Comedy/Romance. PG. Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan. A recently-widowed man's son calls a radio talk show in an attempt to find his father a partner.

4/29/05 To Have and Have Not. 1944. Thriller/Romance. Not rated. Humphrey Bogart, Walter Brennan, Lauren Bacall. Harry Morgan and his alcoholic sidekick, Eddie, are based on the island of Martinique and crew a boat available for hire.

May – Just for Fun

5/6/05 Finding Neverland. 2004. Drama. Rated PG. Johnny Depp, Kate Winslet. The story of J. M. Barrie's friendship with a family who inspired him to create Peter Pan.

5/13/05 Under the Tuscan Sun. 2003. Comedy/Drama. Rated PG-13. Diane Lane, Sandra Oh. While on vacation, a just-divorced writer buys a villa in Tuscany on a whim, hoping it will be the start of a change for the better in her life.

5/20/05 Secondhand Lions. 2003. Drama/Comedy. Rated PG. Michael Caine, Robert Duvall. A coming-of-age story of a shy, young boy sent by his irresponsible mother to spend the summer with his wealthy uncles in Texas.

5/27/05 Seabiscuit. 2003. Drama. Rated PG-13. The true story of the undersized Depression-era racehorse whose victories lifted not only the spirits of the three-man team behind it but also those of the nation as well.

Poetry Festival: A Celebration of New Jersey's Literary Journals

Sunday, May 15, 1:00-5:00 pm

An afternoon of continuous reading in
our Community Meeting Room

13 literary journals will be on display and for
sale, along with subscription and submission
information. Editors will be available to answer
questions about publication.



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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

April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27

Read It! A Friendly Book Discussion Group 7:30 pm

April 14 – Poetry Readings May 5 – Vinegar Hill

Beyond the Pages – An Afternoon of Entertainment 1:00 pm

April 12 – Pianist Marty Yospe plays classical & popular tunes

May 10 – “Mark Twain: Wit and Wisdom” David G. Kennedy

Meet the Author – 7:30 pm

April 18 – Diane Lockward reads verse from Eve in a Red Dress

April 19 – Malachy McCourt – M. McCourt’s History of Ireland

May 16 – Dorothy Lanzara Godlewski – Many Paths to Success

May 23 – Author John T. Cunningham on New Jersey history

Local History and Genealogy Room Grand Opening
Saturday, April 23

West Caldwell Public Library Programs for Adults - April and May 2005

Meet the Author

Author lecture followed by book signing.
Books available for sale.

Monday, 4/18/05, 7:30 pm. Celebrate National Poetry Month with poet Diane Lockward who will read from her latest book of verse, Eve in a Red Dress.

Tuesday, 4/19/05, 7:30 pm. Malachy McCourt will talk about his book Malachy McCourt’s History of Ireland.

Monday, 5/16/05, 7:30 pm. Dorothy Lanzara Godlewski, The Many Paths to Success. A collection of inspirational biographies.

Monday, 5/23/05, 7:30 pm. Renown New Jersey historian, John Cunningham, will speak on his latest title: Ellis Island: Immigration’s Shining Light

Beyond the Pages:

An Afternoon of Entertainment

Tuesday Afternoons, Showtime 1:00 pm

4/12/05 Pianist Marty Yospe in concert playing a wide repertoire of classical and popular tunes.

5/10/05 “Mark Twain, Wit and Wisdom” performed by David G. Kennedy, in costume and character.

Read It! A Friendly Book Discussion Group

Books are available at the Reference Desk.

Thursday, 4/14/05 at 7:00 pm. In honor of National Poetry Month, bring several of your favorite poems to read

Thursday, 5/5/05 at 7:30 pm. Vinegar Hill written by A. Manette Ansay

Health Education at the Library

A lecture series presented by Mountainside Hospital

Monday, 4/11/05, 7:30 pm. Introduction to Sleep Disorders. Lecture by Dr. Mete DiKengil

Monday, 5/9/05, 7:00 pm. Dr. Michael Kane speaks on Genetic Testing

WWII Veterans Oral History Project

Thursdays at 2:00 pm

April 14 and 28, May 12 and 26

