



# INFOBYTES

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WEST CALDWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## Book A Trip @ West Caldwell Public Library Adult Summer Reading Club

Staying in town this summer? Need a good read for your summer vacation?

Join the West Caldwell Public Library Summer Reading Club and **Book A Trip @ West Caldwell Public Library!** Find great reads, entertaining programs and win great prizes, includes gift cards, luggage and more! Registration is currently open so drop by the Reference Desk and pick you your Summer Reading Passport to start traveling!

### Book a Trip to Europe @ West Caldwell Public Library – 1:30 pm, Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Travel to Europe for **FREE!** International traveler **Rick Steves** has traveled all over the world and guided other travelers to the best deals and sites in Europe. Join us for a free viewing of **Rick Steves' Austria and the Alps.** Vienna, Salzburg, Switzerland, the Alps of Austria, Italy and France are spotlighted. Please join the West Caldwell Public Library on the European adventure!

### Book a Trip with Travel Unlimited @ West Caldwell Public Library – 7:00 pm, Mon., July 14, 2008

Caldwell travel agency, **Travel Unlimited** will share cost saving travel tips, booking industry secrets and travel safety tips for summer travelers. If you are planning a vacation this summer, this is a must attend event. These experts will help you find great deals!

### Book a Trip to the Northwest @ West Caldwell Public Library – 1:30 pm, Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Please join us for a free viewing of **Northwest to the Max** and travel to San Francisco, Seattle and Vancouver

without paying a fortune for gas or airline tickets. Learn what travel to the northwest has to offer. If you are planning a trip to the West Coast this is a must attend event!

### Book a Trip to Hawaii @ West Caldwell Public Library – 1:30 pm, Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Travel to Hawaii for **FREE!** Travel to Maui, Oahu and Kauai and discover the magnificent sites of this popular summer vacation destination. If you are planning a trip to Hawaii or if you just want to learn more about “America’s Paradise” join us for a free viewing of **Hawaii to the Max** and travel to Hawaii!

### Book a Trip to Southeast Asia @ West Caldwell Public Library – 7:00 pm, Tuesday, August 12, 2008

Bergen County Professor **Win Win Kyi** will present a slide lecture on the New Year celebrations and festivities of Southeast Asia. Join us as we discover the majesty and cultural beauty of the region’s New Year, spiritual and religious rites and rituals.

If you have any questions or wish to register to attend any of the above programs, please contact the Library at **973-226-5441** or via email at **WCALRef@bccls.org**. Registration is **free** and open to the public. Donations of pens and pencils for underprivileged schools will happily be accepted. Refreshments will be served.

## Magill's Medical Guide Now Available from Home

The West Caldwell Public Library is proud to announce that card-holding Library patrons can now access Magill’s Medical Guide from their home computer.

Available from a link (**Magill’s Medical Guide**) on the Library’s homepage (<http://westcaldwell.bccls.org>), users simply enter their library card number to take advantage of an easily-searchable wealth of information on diseases, disorders, treatments, procedures, specialties, anatomy and biology.

Further information may be obtained by calling the Library’s Reference Desk at 973-226-5441.

## A Gift to the Library

With their twin children Laria and Justin approaching their sixth birthday in February, Pamela and James Bryant of Crane Avenue thought about an appropriate joint birthday party. The guest list was fast approaching 50 children and the thought of 50 additional toys in the house was a little overwhelming.

The civic minded Bryant parents had an idea. Let the family give Laria and Justin some nice gifts and let the birthday party guests donate money to area charities in lieu of gifts to the children. Laria and Justin liked that idea since they could choose where the money would go.

Justin chose the West Essex Emergency Squad for his gifts because he had a recent ambulance ride to the ER at Mountainside Hospital. Laria chose the Friends of the West Caldwell Library and Lincoln school because she was just learning to read and wanted to help the Library and her school.



Justin Bryant, friend Mary Sateary and Laria Bryant pose next to the books purchased with Laria's birthday gift money.

Lincoln school received gift cards for supplies and the Friends received cash and checks from Laria's party guests. Our director, April Judge, purchased seven age-appropriate books with the money and had nameplates added acknowledging the source of the funding for the books.

At the Friends executive board meeting on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Laria was publicly thanked for the books that were purchased with her gift money. She also received her very own West Caldwell Library card.

The Friends and the library staff would like to again thank Laria and her family for supporting our Library in this special way.

## Get Rhythm with Squeaky Clean

Sunday, September 7, 2008 at 2:00 pm

Bassist Suzanne Smithline and guitarist Glenn Paul Manion have been making music together since the late 1970s. On Sunday, September 7 at 2:00 pm, they will present a Doo-Wop musical concert entitled "Get

Rhythm with Squeaky Clean." They will be joined by their daughter Addison playing alto saxophone. The program will include favorites from many decades of rock and roll by artists such as Buddy Holly, Patsy Cline, the Beatles and the Beach Boys, as well as songs from their "Pull Together" CD such as "Downtown," "To Sir With Love" and "Build Me Up Buttercup."



This program will be sponsored by the Friends and is scheduled to be held in the Community Meeting Room. However, the location is subject to change. Check with the Library reference desk at (973) 226-5441 if you are interested in attending. This program is free and open to the public.

## Along Yesterday's Bloomfield Avenue

Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 7:00 pm

Phil Jaeger is back with a new slide lecture program that should be very interesting to West Caldwell area residents – "Along Yesterday's Bloomfield Avenue." Phil has previously provided us with a number of excellent local history programs.



"Along Yesterday's Bloomfield Avenue" starts in Newark and heads west through Bloomfield, Glen Ridge, Montclair, Verona, Caldwell, West Caldwell, Fairfield and ends in the Morris County section. It includes Branch Brook Park, railroads, rivers, vanished or changed town centers, Grover Cleveland in several ways and many other scenes along the road including old friends like the Morris Canal, the trolley and Caldwell Railway. Many of the scenes are presented in a "Then and Now" format.

This presentation is jointly sponsored by the Historical Society of West Caldwell and the Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library. The program is free and open to the public but advance registration is requested. For more information or to register, call (973) 226-5441.

## From the President

The Friends have had a very busy and productive spring. We co-sponsored three programs with the West Caldwell Historical Society in the April – June timeframe. They were “New Jersey’s 200-Year History of Aviation,” “Preserving the Hudson River Battlefield” and



“Remembering Palisades Amusement Park.” All three events were very well attended. In addition, we provided funding for a library program “Wallis: Duchess of Windsor,” another popular program.

On Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be co-sponsoring another program with the Historical Society entitled “Along Yesterday’s Bloomfield Avenue.” Further information about this event is included on page 2 of this newsletter

Also on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, the Library will present a musical concert “Get Rhythm with Squeaky Clean.” This program will be sponsored by the Friends. For more information, see page 2 of this newsletter.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> annual international dinner will be held on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. This year’s theme is French cuisine. Additional information and a sign-up form are in the adjacent column.

Effective June 20<sup>th</sup>, the refreshment service for the Friday afternoon movie has been suspended. The Library Board of Trustees has decided to discontinue the serving of coffee (or any other colored beverage such as tea or cider) at the movies because of excessive spills on the carpet. The executive board of the Friends then decided to cancel all refreshments at the movies but will reconsider limited reinstatement in the fall.

On a positive note, the Library has renewed its subscription to Ancestry.com (Library Edition). This computer database is accessible from our Local History and Genealogy Room and is a great resource for genealogy buffs. A substantial amount of the funding was provided by the Historical Society of West Caldwell for this year’s subscription.

Again, I want to thank all the Friends for their volunteer efforts and financial support. Membership is at an all-time high. Let’s continue to help make the West Caldwell Public Library the best library possible. Have an enjoyable summer!

- Ron Day

## Did You Know?

The InfoBytes Newsletter is available on-line at <http://westcaldwell.com/Infobytes.htm>.

Save the date for . . . .

## Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual International Dinner “Tour de France”



Saturday, October 18, 2008

6:00 pm Social Hour

7:00 pm Dinner

at the

West Caldwell Public Library  
30 Clinton Road, West Caldwell

\$45.00 per person

presented by the

Friends of the West

Caldwell Public Library

Wine, Beer & Soda

Delicious French Buffet

Seating is Limited

For information and reservations contact:

Lila Rubin - 973-575-1380

or sign up below:

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Tour de France - October 18, 2008

Name(s) -----  
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Number in party \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to the Friends of the West Caldwell Public Library and send to 30 Clinton Road, West Caldwell, NJ 07006

Reserved seating for groups of 4 or more

I (we) would like to sit with -----  
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## Catch the Reading Bug

This summer, children and teens are saying, "Don't bug me, I'm reading!" because they are reading as participants in the Library's Summer Reading Clubs. Children will **Catch the Reading Bug**. For every hour read, a child gets a ticket for a prize drawing. Eight specialty baskets will be raffled off throughout the summer. Children may sign up in the Library's Youth Services Department.



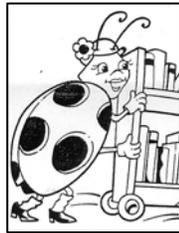
## Lunch Bunch

At the Buggy Diner

Listen to stories and poems, participate in fun-filled activities and do craft projects. Bring a brown bag lunch to each program. The Library will supply juice & dessert.

**Wednesdays at 12:30 pm  
For Children in Grades 2-4**

July 2 - Ugh! It's an Ugly Bug  
July 16 - Ants in Your Pants  
July 23 - Creepy, Crawly Critters  
July 30 - Wiggly Worms  
August 6 - It's a Bug Blast



## A Visit from the Real D.W.

Kim Brown, Sister of Author Marc Brown

**Wednesday, July 9 at 1:30 pm  
For children entering Kindergarten and up**



Kim Brown has lots in store for you on this fun filled afternoon. Get an inside scoop about who the real characters of the Arthur stories represent. Listen as Kim reads a story and learn how to illustrate like Marc Brown! Come join the fun!

Registration is required for this free program.

## Rick Mikula, The Butterfly Guy!

**Tuesday, July 29 at 2:00 pm  
For children 3 and up with a caregiver**

Rick will teach you all about the butterflies from the rainforests to those right outside your door. He will have "live" butterflies for you to observe as well!



## Metamorphosis @ Your Library

**A Summer Reading Program for Students  
in Grade 6 and Up – Through August 8**

A **metamorphosis** is a change of form, shape structure, character, appearance or condition. You can witness your own metamorphosis this summer by reading, learning, having fun and growing smarter @ your library.

**Read to Win!** - Fill out a short book review each time you read or listen to a book. These reviews will automatically enter you for a chance to win weekly prizes. The winner's name will be posted on the Teen Space bulletin board each week. Each review you submit also equals a chance for you to win the end-of-the-summer prize basket. The more you read, the more chances you have to win!



**I Remember That! Weekly Trivia Contest** - See what you remember about the fads, fashions and other interesting changes of the recent past. Each week a trivia question will be posted on the bulletin board in the Teen Space. Write down your answer, and put it in the trivia box. A weekly winner will be selected from all of the correct answers received. The winner's name will be posted on the Teen Space bulletin board each week. Good luck!

## Talk It Up and More!

Talk It Up is a series of 6 programs for students entering grade 6 and up. There will be 3 book discussions, 1 reader's theater session, 1 internet scavenger hunt, and 1 movie night. Join us for conversation and fun!

Tuesday, June 24 – book discussion  
Tuesday, July 8 – reader's theater session  
Tuesday, July 22 – book discussion  
Tuesday, July 29 – internet scavenger hunt  
Tuesday, August 5 – movie night  
Tuesday, August 19 – book discussion

All meetings will take place from 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm in the Library's meeting room

There will be a wrap-up party in the Fall for all participants who attend 3 or more sessions!



For further information about any of these fun-filled programs, please visit the Young Readers Desk in the Library's Youth Services Department.

## Greetings from the Director

You might think that summer is a slow time at the Library. Everyone is on vacation or at the pool. Children attend camp or participate in the Recreation Department's summer programs. Families take special day trips to places like the Turtle Back Zoo, Great Adventure or the Liberty Science Center. But you would be very wrong in your thinking.



July and August are the busiest months at the Library. In July 2007, the Library circulated 15,823 items and the figures for August were not far behind at 15,446. In 2007, an average month's circulation was 13,619. In July of last year, the Library had 13,512 visitors. This number is 2,289 more than the Town's entire population of 11,223!

Whether you want to join a Summer Reading Club, see a Friday afternoon movie, relax with a magazine, type up a resume, use our many databases, attend a program, use the Local History Room, ask a librarian a question, look at the art displays in our popular art gallery or simply borrow a book, audio book, DVD or music CD, be one of the thousands of people who visit the Library this summer. You've Got It All @ Your Library.

While you're visiting, please pick up a copy of this year's **Shore Bets**. This annotated bibliography includes a variety of books selected and recommended by staff members for your summer reading enjoyment. These titles are perfect for reading by the pool, at the beach or in the comfort of your home.

Several of the books that I hope to read this summer include **The Alice Stories** written by Jess Lee Kercheval, Penny Vencenzi's **Sheer Abandon**, **The Journals of Joyce Carol Oates 1973-1982**, Rita Mae Brown's **The Sand Castle** and **T is for Trespass** written by Sue Grafton. (Although **War and Peace** has been one of my summer reading goals for many, many years, I have not put it this year's list!) I will also re-read two classics, **Summer** by Edith Wharton and Emily Bronte's **Wuthering Heights** for the Library's July and September book discussion groups that will be held at the Crane's Mill Library. You are invited to join us! It's a lively group and the book discussions are always most interesting!

Happy Reading!  
Happy Summer to All!

April Judge

## Know Your Library Staff

### Angala Connors, Library Assistant

Angala Connors is a New Jersey native who grew up in Sussex County and attended Newton High School. She then went on to William Paterson University and graduated in May of 2000 with a B.A. in Psychology. Shortly thereafter, she moved to Atlanta, Georgia where she worked in the banking industry for seven years.



Angala recently returned to live in Verona, New Jersey with her husband Matthew. She is currently enrolled in a Masters of Education program at Caldwell College where she is pursuing her teaching certification as well as a Masters Degree as a Reading Specialist.

Angala will have worked for the West Caldwell Public Library as a library assistant at the circulation desk for a full year this August. Angala enjoys spending time with her husband and puppy Hogan at Verona Park, or inside baking when the weather does not allow her to get outside. She also enjoys reading nonfiction books and recommends the book **A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier** by Ishmail Beah. She says it is a must read.

## New at the Library - Covers on Current Magazines



The next time you visit the magazine reading area of the Library, you will find plastic covers on the latest issues of all the magazines. The covers serve two purposes – they protect the magazines when they are new and receiving maximum usage, and alert the patrons that these issues do not yet circulate. These covers slip on and off the magazines and are reusable.

The Library has 130 magazines in its collection. The funding for these covers was supplied by the Friends of the Library.



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**InfoBytes Editor – Ron Day**  
**Library Hours**

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am – 9:00 pm**  
**Wednesday & 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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**READ IT! A Friendly Book  
 Discussion Group**

Come to a lively book discussion club. All programs begin at 10:30 AM and are held at the Crane’s Mill Library. Copies of the books are available at the WCPL Reference Desk.

- Thurs., July 10 **Summer** by Edith Wharton
- Thurs., Aug. 14 **On Beauty** by Zadie Smith
- Thurs., Sep. 4 **Wuthering Heights**  
by Emily Bronte

**Friday Afternoon at the Movies**  
**Showtime 1:00 pm**

- July 11:** “The Bucket List” (PG-13, 2007) 97 min.
- July 18:** “The Other Boleyn Girl” (PG-13, 2008) 115 min. (Film discussion to follow)
- July 25:** “Definitely Maybe” (PG-13, 2008) 112 min.
- August 1:** “Vantage Point” (PG-13, 2008) 90 min.
- August 8:** “P.S. I Love You” (PG-13, 2007) 126 min.
- August 15:** “The Kite Runner” (PG-13, 2007) 122 min. (Film discussion to follow)
- August 22:** “The Game Plan” (PG, 2007) 110 min.
- September 5:** “Starting Out in the Evening” (PG-13, 2008) 111 min. (Film discussion to follow)
- September 12:** “Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day” (PG-13, 2008) 92 min.
- September 19:** “The Golden Compass” (PG-13, 2007) 113 min.
- September 26:** “Elizabeth: the Golden Age” (PG-13, 2007) 114 min.

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 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.**

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