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## Lego in the Aisles!

There were Legos everywhere that you could imagine at our annual Lego Contest in July. Thankfully, we have long aisles and many open spaces for the imaginative buildings and large monsters made of building blocks! Family members of all ages worked together to come up with the most creative ideas and make them a reality!

The Summer Reading Program rewards children all across the country for continued reading throughout the Summer. Mrs. Halzack arranged some great programs this year: Sunset Storytime – in your pajamas, Finger Print Art workshop, Wizard of Oz Puppet Show, a magic show with Richard, the Magician, a celebration of National Dog Day – decoration of a doggie treat, and a wonderful Kidz Theater performance of Folktales on Stage.

And we showed numerous movies including a Harry Potter all-nighter - well.. until midnight anyway!

We would like to thank our very generous donors who offered incentives and prizes for good readers: Westwood Theater, Domino's Pizza, Applebee's, McDonald's, and, of course, the Friends of the Library!

**Below:** Clare and Melissa did a great job helping with the Summer Reading Program! And they cheerfully served pizza and donut Munchkins at the annual End of the Summer Pizza Party. We thank you both!



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## From the Desk of Juliette Sobon

Hello all!

Another September, another generation entering academia!

Summer time at the Library was anything but indolent and peaceful. Regular feature films for young adults, children, and adults were shown weekly, and children's programs were offered daily. The place was bustling with patrons of all ages borrowing books, periodicals and especially DVDs, audio books and music CDs - ideal for traveling. Many "stayed put" and took advantage of the comfort of our air-conditioning while getting their "Internet fix".

For me summer is for reassessing existing policies and procedures and planning new activities. And I try to catch up on my "guilt file." We were able to replace many outdated non-fiction publications especially in critical areas such as legal, science and medical information.

Well, after that, of course, thoughts of R & R and vacation were not far from my psyche. So I took off for a few days to get myself re-energized.

Coming up: Numerous activities for people of all ages are scheduled for the next few months. For up to date information please check the Library website at: <http://washingtontwp.bccls.org>. Or call us at 201-664-4586.

One change that I should mention - "Facts on File", the history database, is no longer available. Instead, we suggest using JerseyClicks on our website on the right sidebar, or EbscoHost from the "Online Databases" tab. (See next page for details.) You will need your Library card barcode number if you want to search from home.

Use the multitude of available resources - see what your investment dollars have bought you!

*Juliette Sobon, Director*

## Stay tuned - Playaways are coming to TWPL!!

This Fall, we will have dedicated MP3 players loaded with your favorite titles. Until then, check out an audio book! Adults, how about Janet Evanovich or Michael Crichton on CD? For younger people, Harry Potter and Lemony Snicket on CD or Ribsby, PeterPan, Amelia Bedelia, Gary Paulson, or Beverly Cleary titles on cassette. Great for traveling and great for your vocabulary!



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Monday: 10:00am - 9:00pm  
Tuesday: 10:00am - 9:00pm  
Wednesday: 10:00am - 6:00pm  
Thursday: 10:00am - 9:00pm  
Friday: 10:00am - 5:00pm  
Saturday: 10:00am - 3:00pm  
Sunday: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the earth as the Free Public Library, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration. ~Andrew Carnegie~

### HAPPENINGS IN THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

**Check out our new parenting section!** Are you interested in learning more about your teen's development or the tantrums of your two-year-old? How will you encourage literacy in your infant? Is someone in your family in need of some extra guidance with their homework? What about health and talking about sex? See what the experts have to say - look in the Children's room. Do you have some special interests? Why not suggest a book for us to purchase for you? Chances are that other parents will find that same book as useful as you do!

**Parent/Child Book Club** meets the last Thursday of the month, 7:00pm. For all those aged 9+ - with a parent. October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, we will discuss 'Sammy Keyes and the Skeleton Man' by W. Van Draanen. Copies available at the Library. Refreshments will be served.

**Family Movies** - Free! All are welcome! Parents must accompany children. Treats **not** tricks for those who attend!  
- Hallowe'en double feature: **Halloweentown** at 4pm and **Halloweentown II: Kalabar's Revenge** at 7pm.  
Tuesday October 30<sup>th</sup> - both are rated PG.

**Homework Help** Need to find information for school assignments? Head on over to the Library for assistance - Thursdays 3:30-5:00pm. For ages 10+. Parents will need to sign our Internet permission form.

Please check our website: <http://washingtontwp.bccls.org> for upcoming programs or call 201.664.4586.

## TRY IT - YOU'LL LIKE IT!

### GENEALOGY ONLINE

#### CHECK OUT YOUR FAMILY TREE!!

Thanks to the State of New Jersey, you can use your library website to access two online sources to investigate your family's roots!

1. First go to the Library home page at: <http://washingtontwp.bccls.org>
2. Next, click on the JerseyClicks icon on the right.



3. Choose "Custom Search" and enter your Library barcode number when prompted.
4. Scroll down to Genealogy and click on "Family Search" to enter a name or click on "ProQuest HeritageQuest" to search census records, articles, revolutionary war records or the Freedman's Bank (African American family histories).

### MORE HISTORY

#### Use JerseyClicks

1. Follow the steps above.
2. When you get to the search page, enter your search terms eg. "Eleanor Roosevelt."
3. Click on the "clear checkmarks" button - top left corner.
4. Scroll down and check the History box. You will have about 140 articles for all reading age levels!

#### Try Ebsco's History Reference Center

From the Library home page:

1. Click Online Databases - choose EBSCOhost.
2. Enter your ID number - select EBSCOhost web.
3. Scroll down and select **History Reference Center**.
4. Enter your search words eg "Jesse James"
5. Now you have over 50 articles on your topic!

*And don't forget - you can always call us for help! 201.664.4586*

Jane Kingsland, Reference Librarian.

## THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library have been pretty busy, as usual, over the past few months!

May was Local History Month and the Friends set up a month-long display of local treasures in the History Room. On Thursday, May 31, the History Room held an Open House throughout the day and in the evening, Ned Barber gave a slide-show presentation and brief discussion on the history of the Pascack Valley. Audience participation was essential to the success of the program - many fascinating anecdotes were contributed by a group of more than sixty people! Nobody wanted to leave and everyone came away having discovered some interesting facts about their hometown. Definitely an event to be repeated!

In June, The Friends raffled off "The Bountiful Container" and on June 28<sup>th</sup>, Kathy Vinci's name was drawn as the winner! Congratulations to the Vinci family! And a big thank you to all who contributed!

The Friends also supported the Library's Summer Reading Programs - "Get A Clue @ Your Library" for under age 10 and "You Never Know @ Your Library" for those aged 10+. The Friends contributed movie tickets and pizza for the end-of-program party in August.

#### COMING UP:

This Fall, come to the Library for our **Antiques Appraisal Program, Sunday October 28, at 1:00pm** It's our version of "The Antiques Road Show"! Items will be appraised and a history provided where possible. \$5 per item - maximum two items please.

**Our Used Books Sale racks are full to overflowing!** Pick up a gently used book, audio-book or videotape - for children and adults! Bargains galore! Call 201.664.4586 for details.

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**Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest. - Lady Bird Johnson**

#### Library jokes

Librarian: Knock knock

Kid: Who's there?

Librarian: Winnie Thupp.

Kid: Winnie Thupp who?

Librarian: He's in the juvenile fiction, and so is Piglet!

Why didn't the burglar break into the library?

Because he was afraid he'd get a long sentence.

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ADULT PROGRAMMING

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON AT  
THE MOVIES – 2PM FREE!

**OCTOBER – CREEPY MOVIES**

10/11 -The trouble with Harry  
10/18 – Phantom of the Opera  
10/25 – To Catch a Thief.

**NOVEMBER + DECEMBER –  
MUSIC AND DANCE**

11/1 - The Turning Point  
11/8 – Zeigfeld Follies  
11/15 – Shall We Dance  
11/29 – Strictly Ballroom  
12/6 – Funny Girl  
12/13 – Duke Ellington’s  
Sophisticated Ladies  
12/20 - Funny Lady  
12/27 – The Company  
*Bring your friends!*

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LOOK OUT FOR:

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**ATTENTION KNITTERS of all  
levels!!** Julie Keating’s knitting  
group meets the second Monday of  
each month at the Library, 7pm.

"Today a reader,  
Tomorrow a leader."  
Margaret Fuller



**ICHABOD CRANE VISITS THE  
LIBRARY** just in time for  
Hallowe'en! Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>  
1pm. Free and creepy!

**HOW TO PAY FOR COLLEGE!!**

George Iannacone returns with his  
very popular and informative  
presentation on how to fund your  
college student’s education. Free.  
Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm.

**LISA LUTTER AND CANTANOVA  
CHOIR IN CONCERT** – Sunday  
November 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. A world  
traveled group from Ramapo  
College. Free!

**TRASH OR TREASURE?!?!  
Antiques Appraisal Program,**  
Bring in up to two items per  
person for valuation and  
background information where  
possible. Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>,  
at 1:00pm. \$5 per item.

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BOOK DISCUSSION  
GROUPS

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The Township of Washington Public  
Library hosts two **adult book groups**  
on the fourth Monday of each month –  
one at 10:30am. and the other at  
7:30pm.

**Young Adult Book group** - 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday of the month . Ages 10 +.

Ask us for help with book reviews  
and author biographies – and we can  
screen the movie of your book!

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

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**The Friends of the Library** meet on  
the first Tuesday of the month –  
7:00pm. in the library.

The Library’s **Board of Trustees**  
meets in the library on the third  
Tuesday of the month - 7:30pm.

*Promote Literacy - Read to a Child!*

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