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NEWSLETTER

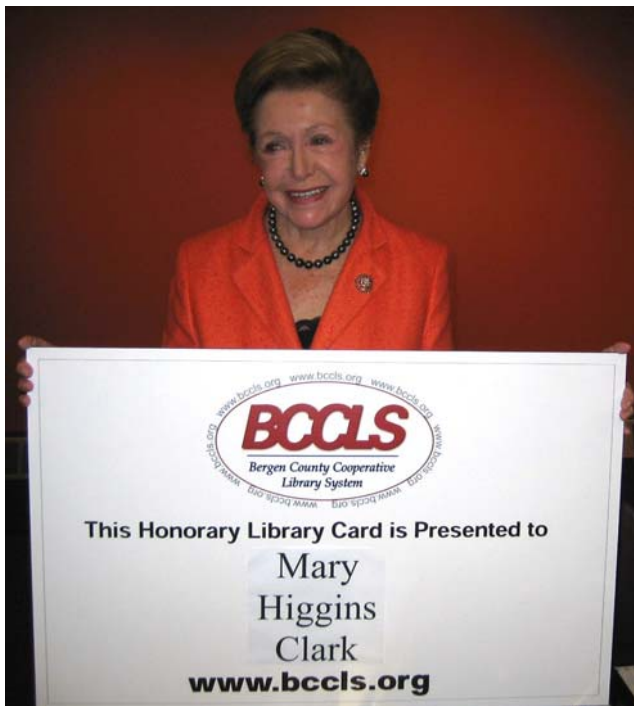
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## Mary Higgins Clark visits Library!

It was a dark and stormy night (it really was) as 120 brave Library patrons fought the driving wind and rain to listen to beloved author and native Township resident, Mary Higgins Clark, as she spoke at the Township of Washington Public Library on Friday September 15, 2006.

All were impressed by her warmth, sense of humor and her ability to weave a great yarn. Even more impressive was her own story and how she overcame great obstacles to achieve her childhood dream – to become a writer.

Ms Clark was presented with two awards that evening – one from Mayor Rudolph Wenzel and one from BCCLS President, Robert White, who presented her with an honorary Library card!



*Above:* Mary Higgins Clark was presented with an honorary BCCLS Library card to thank her for inspiring reading and Library use world-wide!



*Above right* - Ms Clarke appears with her husband, John Coheeney, and Library Director, Juliette Sobon



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PUBLIC LIBRARY

<http://washingtontwp.bccls.org>

### Full-time Library Staff

Juliette Sobon, *Director*

Maria Halzack, *Children's Services*

Janet Baker, *Head of Circulation*

Jane Kingsland, *Reference and Adult Services Librarian*  
*Newsletter Editor*

### Board of Directors

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## From the Desk of Juliette Sobon

Have you noticed that your local library has changed from a books and card catalog institution to a 21<sup>st</sup> century information center? Are you familiar with our diverse collection of materials? Have you recently borrowed feature films on DVD; listened to our music and audiobook CDs, and had your children enjoy our CD-ROMs and books-on-tape? Have you downloaded an audiobook to your MP3 player? Did you know that by typing <http://washingtontwp.bccls.org> on your pc you are entering a wide world of information and fun? And we are now wireless! Thanks to a generous subsidy from an anonymous donor, the library has state of the art audiovisual equipment. And there is more to come! Look for upcoming programs and art exhibits. Come in and see for yourself!

Have you yet met or spoken with Jane Kingsland, the library's new Librarian? You should. Don't let her soft voice, gentle demeanor and proper British accent fool you. She is a top notch professional who knows how to help you search and retrieve information. She also organizes all the programs for adults and maintains the library webpage.

Our main goal is to make your library a vital part of the community, welcoming all, and alive with activities. But we need your participation in this endeavor. Your advocacy on behalf of your library is essential. Join the Friends, come to our programs, use Library resources from your home information center. Realistic and constructive suggestions are always welcome! Be active! Be counted!

Again this is YOUR library! Visit us at: <http://washingtontwp.bccls.org>

*Juliette Sobon, Director*

## Need Help Using your Computer?



The Township of Washington Public Library is offering basic instruction for teens, adults and seniors who need help using the PC, Internet, Email and MSWord or the Library's online catalog.

The sessions are \$5 and will give you an introduction to some of the many practical ways to use a computer to navigate.

The one-hour classes are held on Wednesdays. Please stop by the Circulation Desk or call to register at 201-664-4586.

### TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mon., Tues. Thurs:	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m
Friday:	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m
Saturday:	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m
Sunday:	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m

## Happenings in the Children's Department

In-person registration for **Winter Story Time** will begin on December 18th. This 10-week program for Children ages 2 through 5, starts on January 2nd. The schedule is as follows:

- 2 year olds, Friday mornings 10:30 – 11:00 am (for children and their caregivers)
- 3 year olds, Wednesday mornings 11:00-11:30 am
- 3 & 4 year olds, Tuesday mornings 11:00-11:30 am
- 4 year olds, Tuesday afternoons 2:00-2:45 pm
- 5 year olds Wednesday afternoons 2:00-2:45 pm

**65 new CD-ROMS** have been added to our collection. You can borrow them for two weeks!

A computer will soon be added in the Children's area so that you will be able to play **computer games at the library!**

**Our Parent/Child Book Club** meets the last Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. Those aged 10 and older may attend with a parent. On December 21st at 7:00pm, we will be discussing *Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer.

**Family Movie Matinees** will now be offered on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 3:30pm. On Wednesday, December 27th at 2pm, we will show *Prancer!* On January 10<sup>th</sup> we will show *Fantasia* and on January 24<sup>th</sup>, *Snow Dogs*. Free - all are welcome! Parents must accompany children.

**The Kidz Drama Club** will meet in January and February on Thursdays 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Ages 10 and up are invited. Our first meeting will be Thursday, January 4th. We will meet weekly to rehearse and perform in March for family and friends.

**Calling all Chocolate Lovers!** Children 6 and older are invited to a candy and chocolate making class on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM. Space is limited so registration is required.

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

## TRY IT - YOU'LL LIKE IT!

### Find articles in our databases!

By Jane Kingsland, Reference Librarian

Most libraries now provide their patrons with access to journal articles using only their library card number and the Library website. Most electronic articles are exactly the same as the printed article! EbscoHost is a popular and very large database for adults, kids and teachers.

#### EbscoHost How-To!

1. Go to <http://washingtontwp.bccls.org> and click on 'WHAT IS BCCLS?'
2. Then click on 'Magazines, Newspapers and More' on the upper left of the page.
3. Click on **EBSCO**
4. Click on **EbscoHost Web**
5. Choose the relevant database or databases (you can search more than one at a time).  
For example, to find information on volcanoes in Hawaii, you might select MasterFILE Premiere, Funk and Wagnall's New World Encyclopedia and TOPICsearch. Click the 'Continue' button (top or bottom).
6. In the search field, type in 'Hawaii and Volcano'.
7. Check the box "full-text" (below) and **Search**

Once you have a list of articles, look at the length of each to make sure you have substantial information. (Notice on the left of your list, there is a list of suggested subjects – click on the relevant subject to narrow your search results.)

Click on the title of the article you think you'd like to see, then check the length of the article, the subjects and read the abstract – a summary of the article.

#### For even better searching:

Full text articles are generally HTML format (where the text follows the article information) or PDF format (you have to click on the link to get it.)

(Notice on the left of your list, there is a list of suggested subjects – click on the relevant subject to narrow your search results.)

Ebsco is a very large database consisting of a number of smaller databases on various subjects. You can search any number of these all at the same time.

#### EbscoHost (Continued)

Check out the **Junior levels** – Searchasaurus, Kidsearch and Student Research Center are excellent for homework help!

**Teachers** can explore the Teacher Resources tab in KidSearch and Student Research Center.

### THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Congratulations to Don Cottrell, the winner of the delectable Trader Joes Gift basket! And a big thank you to all participants for helping us to raise funds for the Library!

The members of the Friends of the Library work to increase community awareness and use of library resources. We support programs and materials not covered in the regular library budget.

You have probably experienced the results of our efforts if you use the library on a regular basis. Have you asked for a handy magnet with Library opening hours available at the Circulation Desk? The Friends also fund plastic tote bags available for rainy days. And look for the Library float in the annual Township Memorial Day Parade!

Don't forget our ongoing gently-used book sale! And have you seen our chic canvas tote bags at \$10 each? Look out for the Annual Spring 50/50 Raffle and the Autumn Basket Drawing!

Perhaps our most ambitious undertaking has been the establishment of the Cheryl Todd History Room! Thanks in part to the Friends' Past President, Jean Milaschewski, the Friends obtained a grant to furnish this room with a computer, filing cabinets and other equipment. The room is open by appointment. Those interested are urged to 'check it out'.

If you have memories of the rich history of the Township of Washington, the historians in the group would love to talk with you. We are seeking old photographs, documents and items related to earlier times. The Friends are also seeking anyone who might be interested in helping to identify and catalogue old photographs and memorabilia.

Each year, the Friends invite Township residents to support the Library with a tax-free donation.

Any interested resident is welcome to join our group, which meets on the first Tuesday evening of each month at 7 P.M. at the library. Hope to see you there!

### HELP!

We are in urgent need of volunteers to teach English literacy skills. For more information, please contact Jane Kingsland at 201-664-4586.

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ADULT PROGRAMMING

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON AT  
THE MOVIES – 2PM FREE!

Theme for December is:  
Family, Festivals and Food.  
January is Travel Stories and in  
February, Love Rules!  
Bring your friends!

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LOOK OUT FOR:

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**Jewelry making** \* workshops with  
Lori Neels Tuesday and Thursday,  
Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Ages 11 to adult.

**Let's Get away from it all** \* –  
Songs of Travel with Karen  
Luschar. Sunday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 2 pm.

**A Visit from  
George Washington!** \*  
Saturday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.

**Humorous Celtic Tales** \* on  
Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.

\* Please register for these free  
programs at 201-664-4586



The Knitting Group continues in  
2007. The next meeting will be on  
Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Call  
201-664-4586 for information.

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ON DISPLAY

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**Are you a collector?**

Would you like to exhibit your  
collection in our display cabinet in  
the Library? Please contact Janet  
Baker at 201-664-4586. Cub-  
Scouts and Girl-Scouts welcome!

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

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

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

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BOOK DISCUSSION  
GROUPS

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

*Our **Young Adult Book group** is  
held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month  
for ages 10 and up. The library  
provides the books, a place for  
discussion, help with book reviews and  
author biographies – and sometimes,  
we screen the movie of the book!*

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**Promote Literacy - Read to a Child!**

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