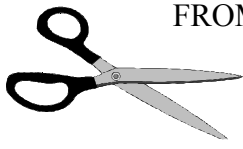


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FROM THE

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“The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.”

- Mark Twain

What's New at the Tinton Falls Library?



Staff News

Fall is here and we have some important staff announcements. As many of you know already, Ann Connolly retired after what seems like a lifetime of library service. A lovely dinner was held at Ninnette's in Shrewsbury with members of the Board, staff and friends in attendance. Ann worked every Saturday for years and mended the saddest books in our collection beautifully. We really miss her but Ann sure looks relaxed now!

Jayne Cleveland is also retiring. We believe she heard the “call of the wild” since she is going to be busy socializing kittens and volunteering for the Monmouth County SPCA. Jayne has been here over ten years,

working hard to make sure our children's and teens programs are a success. She has definitely succeeded in that! The kids will miss her and so will the staff!

All is not tears and sadness at the library though. We have two new staff members and some new volunteers to cheer us up.

Pat McVeety is a new employee. She lives in Little Silver. She has an MLS and has volunteered in the Little Silver Public Library and the Markham Place School library. Pat is married and has three children. She is a wonderful, good-humored addition to our team. Please come by the library and welcome Pat.

Teresa Cuesta is another new employee who lives in Loch Arbour. She is also married with children. Teresa has an MLS and has worked in several different libraries in New Jersey. Teresa will be assuming responsibility for some of our existing children's programs. She'll share some of the responsibility for the teen programs with Christine Anderson. Teresa teaches music and sings, an added bonus of skills! Please come to the library and welcome Teresa.

Volunteer News

We also have some new volunteers in the library that you may or may not have met. On Monday evenings, we have Valerie Andrewlevich, who lives in Tinton Falls. Valerie has experience in computers, grant writing and education. On Wednesday mornings, Joanne Walsh volunteers in the library. Joanne lives in Tinton Falls and retired recently from Fort Monmouth. Joanne also helps out as a volunteer reader in our popular Friday morning preschool program. Another Friday morning volunteer is Sheila O'Connor. Sheila lives in Ocean Township and has a background in social work. She is also a volunteer reader in the

Friday morning preschool program. Two Thursday nights a month, John Stampfel volunteers in the library as a computer coach. John is a physicist and Bell Labs retiree. John was driving past the library one evening with his wife and saw our illuminated signboard. He was intrigued by the idea of “computer coaching” sessions instead of computer classes and came in the next day to volunteer. (John was mentioned in the summer newsletter but has changed the nights he’s available.)

You may be asking yourself, how can I join this lively crew? We could use a volunteer on Tuesday mornings to help answer phones, assist patrons and shelve books! If you are interested, come by and fill out a volunteer form or get one from the website at <http://www.tintonfalls.com>.

Of course, you don’t have to officially volunteer to suggest books, music or DVDs that we might order for the library. We may not be able to get everything but we will try to purchase or borrow as many of your selections as we can!

Back-to-School Nights

This fall, the library was represented at not only the Tinton Falls Schools’ back-to-school nights but also back-to-school night at Monmouth Regional High School. Thank you to Jayne Cleveland, Christine Anderson, Sue Leanza and Brenda Walenczyk. We could never have done it without the support of Jackie Murphy, who kept the library open while we were busy in the schools. Now that’s team work!

Community Day

The library board and staff members both participated in Community Day. The board table featured two crafts for children: making birthday cards to celebrate the 50th “birthday” of the Tinton Falls Library and

cupcake decorating! We got a lot of cards and the kids got a lot of cupcakes! Chances on a beautiful table decorated by Carla Valentino were available for a five dollar donation. Chances were also offered on a lovely back-to-school basket donated by Inice Hennessy in exchange for a donation.

Over at the library table, children were offered their choices of pencils, stickers, “tattoos” or bracelets. Gently used books for all ages and types of readers could be had for a donation: “No donation too large or too small!” Even though the weather was chilly and overcast, a good time was had by all!

Fund-raising

Now that the weather is chillier, wouldn’t you like to buy one of our beautiful commemorative afghans? They are completely washable and are just the thing to snuggle up in while watching football on tv. Each afghan is woven with Tinton Falls’ landmarks in Williamsburg Blue, Hunter Green or Cranbury Red on a cream-colored background. They sell for forty dollars each and this money is used to support our library.

Our Barnes and Noble Book Fair is another fund-raising effort. Last year’s Book Fair was quite a success. This year, we’ll be at Barnes and Noble on December 10. A delegation from the Board will pick out our “signature” beverage which will be sold in the coffee shop there. Vouchers and voucher numbers to use during our book fair will be available in the library. Don’t forget that you can use our Book Fair vouchers when you order online. A portion of every purchase, including food and beverages purchased at the Barnes and Noble café will be donated to the library. You will find the flyer for this event with the voucher on it as the last page of this newsletter.

It is not too early to mention our annual Book Sale in June because we are now collecting gently used and new books for the sale. Please bring them to the library during our regular hours of operation. We do not accept donations of encyclopedias, dictionaries or text books.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for ADA Improvements

Sadly, the Borough of Tinton Falls was ineligible to apply for the Community Development Block Grant that we had hoped would provide funding to make our building ADA compliant. Currently, the plan is to make an application in 2012.

Children's Events

Santa Party

Our Santa Party is coming up! Yes, Santa Claus will be here the afternoon of December 21. Please plan to join us! Refreshments will be served and Santa will read a story.

Mitten Tree

Don't forget that when we think of the Santa Party, we also think of our Mitten Tree. This is a library tradition that has been going on for many years. Our holiday tree is decorated with donated or handmade scarves, hats and mittens that are then given to charity organizations in our area to keep others warm during the winter. We love seeing the various items for babies, children and adults that make our tree so special, so please consider dropping something off any time from December 3 to the end of the month.

Continuing Programs!

You can check out our continuing programs on our pages on the Borough website at www.tintonfalls.com and then by clicking on the library link or by looking us up on

Facebook. (You don't have to sign up to be on Facebook in order to find us. Just Google "Tinton Falls Library and Facebook".

Teen Advisory Council

We have some great new volunteers in grades 6-8 for our Teen Advisory Council! Christine Anderson and Teresa Cuesta have been working hard to continue their training. You will be seeing some of these teens changing the illuminated sign board outside, helping at the circulation desk by putting books away and generally keeping the library collection in order. These middle-schoolers truly are the future of the library! Many of these students continue to volunteer when they reach high school. The high school students who come on Saturdays are critical to the functioning of the library, so we are very grateful to them. If you have an opportunity, ask Christine or Teresa about the TAC and offer to make a donation to support them.

Annual Holiday Social

The Tinton Falls Library Association Annual Holiday Social will be on Sunday, December 4, 2011 from 1-3PM. If you are a member of the Association, you may be familiar with this traditional open-house event to thank our Association members for their support, celebrate the year and welcome new members, staff and volunteers. If you are not a member of the Tinton Falls Library Association, you can attend this event if you join. Membership applications are available in the library. The cost is \$25.00 for a family membership, \$15.00 for a Senior Citizen membership and \$50.00 for Book Sponsor memberships.

Miscellaneous

Display cabinet: Do you have a collection you'd like to share with others? If so, please let us know. We're always looking for items

of interest to display in our lobby. The display cabinet is locked, so items are safe. Please call us if you'd like to display your collection.

Gifts for now....

One of our major sources of funding comes from those who join our "Association". The base cost is \$25/year for family membership. For this you receive a copy of the Newsletter, personal invitations to library events, the opportunity to attend the annual General Meeting of the Board usually held in May and a magnetic sticker for your car bumper. Did you join this year? If not, there are forms at the library, or you can just send a check marked "Association Membership".

.... And for later

Have you ever thought of leaving money to the Library in your will? The Library is a non-profit organization. You can benefit the entire community with your gift!

Suggestions: If you have an idea for a program or activity for anyone of any age, or items that we should add to our collection, please don't hesitate to contact the library. We also welcome any group that would like to make use of our meeting room. There is no fee!

Volunteering: Another Gift... Another gift to the library is the gift of your time. The library currently has a real need for high school students and adults to provide assistance in shelving books, assisting patrons at the circulation desk and performing other tasks around the library. Students can get community service credit for volunteering. Adults can get a new sense of involvement in their community. Two hours a week is all we ask! Daytime and evening hours are available. If you have

some spare time and would like to help, we'd appreciate it!

2012 Holiday Closings

Mon. Jan 16	Martin Luther King Day
Mon. Feb 20	Presidents' Day
Fri. April 6	Good Friday
Mon. May 28	Memorial Day
Wed. July 4	Independence Day
Mon. Sept 4	Labor Day
Mon. Oct 8	Columbus Day
Mon. Nov 12	Veterans' Day
Wed. Nov 21	Close at 1:00
Thurs. Nov 22	Thanksgiving
Mon. Dec 24	Christmas Eve
Tues. Dec 25	Christmas Day
Mon. Dec 31	New Years Eve

