

## SNIPPETS

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"Don't join the book burners.  
Don't be afraid to go  
in your library and read every  
book."

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower ~

### *The Library and the Community*

Spring seems to have arrived  
without much warning this year.  
We have several new things to  
share with you.

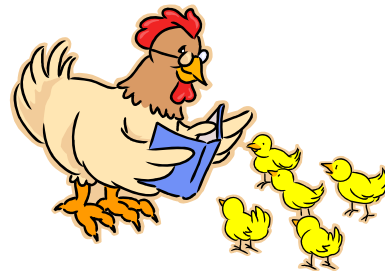
### **Seabrook Village**

The first is that we participated in  
the Volunteer, Group and Club Fair  
at Seabrook Village on March 12.  
We took with us applications for  
library cards and the cards  
themselves. Our trip was very  
rewarding. We made many new  
friends at Seabrook and  
registered many new library users.  
We are happy to provide Seabrook  
with personalized service by  
delivering books on request to

their residents who are unable to  
get to a public library. We were  
also able to provide Seabrook  
Village's library with some books on  
tape, which they purchased from  
us. We are so grateful to Mrs. Zita  
Nathans for arranging that  
opportunity.

### **Outreach to Goddard School**

Our second new community  
program is an outreach to Goddard  
School. Renee Fertig, the  
children's librarian supplied to us  
by the Monmouth County Library  
system, will be taking a storytime  
to the Goddard School every  
Wednesday morning. Miss Renee  
will rotate through the various age  
groups at Goddard with stories and  
songs. We're really excited by this  
opportunity and look forward to  
more fun with Goddard School!



### **Pennies for Peace Campaign**

Our library participated in a campaign to raise money for Greg Mortenson's Pennies for Peace program. Pennies for Peace raises funds to build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Most folks know of Greg Mortenson's first book, Three Cups of Tea in which he described his experiences in Asia and the need for schools in those countries. Brookdale Community College hosted Mortenson in February, where he received an honorary AA degree. We took advantage of the opportunity to get an autographed copy of his new book, Stones into Schools, which was awarded to NancyAnne Fama, for her contributions to the Pennies for Peace jar in our library. We raised \$51.78! The State Library informed us that this was more than some bigger libraries raised. It just goes to show how much our community is willing to reach out and help others in need. Our thanks to everyone who dropped a penny in the collection jar!

### **Governor's Proposed Budget Cuts and Our Library**

The Governor's proposed budget reduces funding for libraries in the state by 74%. This budget reduction would eliminate 50% of

state aid to public libraries. Our library receives only a very small amount of state aid, however, we receive a lot of technical assistance, software, computers, DVDs and books from the Monmouth County Library system, in addition to the "loan" of a children's librarian. If the proposed legislation, A2555, passes, the county library systems in our state will have to greatly reduce their support to small libraries like ours. Some libraries will have to close. The state library has provided petition cards for residents to sign in the hopes that this bill will be defeated. Please stop by the library and fill one out.

### ***Children's Library***



### **Vacation Reading Club 2010**

It is hard to believe but it is that time of year again; summer reading is ahead! This year's theme is "Make a Splash, READ!. Make a splash, catch a wave, water your mind, however you look at it, we've got an ocean of reading ideas for

the summer here at the Tinton Falls Library.

This year's Vacation Reading Club will begin on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and continue for 6 weeks, ending on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Participants will read to accumulate number of books read, time spent reading or page counts, depending on the age of the reader. More information will be available at the library at the checkout desk by the end of May. All readers' ages 2 through grades 5 who complete the program will be invited to our annual Vacation Reading Club Picnic scheduled to be held on Wednesday August 11 at 11:30.

This year we are once again having Piccirillo's Sciencetelling. Mr. Piccirillo will be telling us the story of: Pirates! The Curse of the Mutating Hand"! Plan for an entertaining and rousing experience! We will also be giving out 12 free t-shirts for lucky participants that are drawn from our summer reading raffle jars, making crafts, face painting, balloon making and eating lunch.

Qualified readers in grades 6-8 are welcome to attend the Sciencetelling experience too, and in addition will receive an invitation to the Kids' Choice Club party to be held on Thursday, August 12.

We will have a drawing for gift cards and t-shirts.

We will be having weekly special programs on Wednesdays during the summer. Miss Renee is still scheduling these but there are rumors that Rainbow Fish might just make an appearance on the puppet stage! Keep a watch out for summer information, as soon as we have our schedule firmed up, we will be posting it in the Children's Room.



### **Morning Glory Story Time**

On Wednesday mornings, Miss Renee has a new story time for children ages 10 to 36 months. Morning Glory Story Time is at 9:40 AM every Wednesday. Children are treated to a story, song and finger plays appropriate to the age group of the audience. Our Wednesday story time is particularly suited to the child who needs an intimate, distraction-free environment or who is just learning how to sit and listen for brief periods of time. We all know that some children do better in a small group than in a large one and our Wednesday Morning Glory Story Time is especially nice for such children.

### **Friday Story Time**

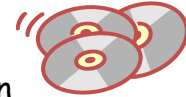
This group, from 10:15-11:00 AM on Fridays is for the older, more outgoing child. The group is still fairly small and the stories and crafts are intended for preschool children aged 3yrs and up. For Mother's Day in May, these children will have a special craft while their mothers listen to author Stacey Crew talk about her book, The Organized Mom. You can get more information about Stacey and her book on her website: <http://staceycrow.com/>. Our thanks to Stacey for bringing her useful tips to the library.

### ***Information, information***

#### **Web Site**

We would like to remind you that you can look up what is happening in the library by going to the town web site [www.tintonfalls.com](http://www.tintonfalls.com) choosing "Community" from the top bar, and "Library" from the side bar. As our sign outside the library indicated, we also are on Facebook, Twitter and have a blog. On Twitter, we are **@TFlibrary**. If you search for the blog or on Facebook, just look for Tinton Falls Library. We are now posting lists of our new books purchased each month for children and adults as well as new DVDs.

#### **Music CDs**



As the result of an unexpected windfall, the library is able to buy some new CDs. Please help us out by making suggestions to our staff. We are especially interested in music from other countries or music that has popular appeal. If you have some CDs that you no longer listen to, give them to us: you can always borrow them back again!

#### **Missing Items**

Many people do not realize the pain that books or DVDs which go missing cause. We try to select items that will appeal to folks. When books or DVDs go missing, not only does the library lose the money spent on that book but the community also suffers by being deprived of a good read or a free evening's entertainment. Sometimes our materials just walk right off of our shelves and into someone's home! Sometimes our items are checked out and not returned. We can bill our patrons for those but we would much rather have the book or DVD back than create stress for anyone. Please be considerate about returning our materials. If one of our items has wandered into your home by accident, just drop it in

the book drop and we'll all be much



happier!

### ***Book Sales 'n' Things***

#### **Book Sales**

We are busy getting ready for our big book sale in June! Even though that is a couple of months away, we are collecting books until the end of April. When you donate a good used book, it goes down into our basement where volunteers and board members sort the books into categories for the sale. This is a real labor of love and our hat is off to the Basement People. After the books are sorted, the job isn't over. Signs have to be created, publicity has to go out, price stickers are applied and tents and tables have to be readied for the big day. This year we are having a Preview Night on June 4, the Friday night before the big sale. This is something new. It will give our Association members a chance to look over the books before the sale opens, enjoy a coffee bar and goodies, and check out our gift baskets which are up for raffle. Association memberships can be purchased in the library with different levels being offered. The main book sale will be held

outside on the porch and in the temporary tent, beginning June 5.

Don't forget that we always have new books and DVDs for sale just beside the front door for \$5.00.

#### **"Things"**

The "things" part of the heading refers to another fund-raiser - the Plant-and-Bake Sale. We've scaled this sale down a bit this year to give our hard-working staff a break. Small potted annuals and baked goods will be for sale from May 5<sup>th</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Even though the scale is reduced, our need for funds isn't, so please drop by and make a purchase! We are especially grateful to our volunteer, Beth Nelson, who has offered to do a lot of baking for us!



#### ***Premises!***

#### **Permanent**

No, that word is "premises" not "promises", though it is tempting...! The new library building promised us in 2000 and again in 2001, has

not materialized. However, just because we don't have a new building doesn't mean we can't work with what we have at the moment! Thanks to Brian Perry and Bob Sandberg and other members of our "Green Committee", both official and unofficial, the library now has a big, beautiful rain barrel installed on the south side of the building.



The rain barrel will allow us to save the town money on water and to keep our plants green!

**Not quite permanent**

While we are waiting for a new building, we continue to improve the one we have with the installation of new shelves in our children's room. These shelves are paid for by grant monies awarded last year. Part of the grant money paid for the new book drop and the baby-changing table in one of our bathrooms. We were able to order new shelves for the children's room but they weren't delivered until 2010. A "test" section will be put together before our summer reading program starts and the rest of the shelves will be installed in the fall. Our thanks to the

hardworking fellows from the Tinton Falls Department of Public Works and their supervisor, Mark Shaffery.

**2010 Holiday Closings**

Mon. May 31	Memorial Day
Mon. July 5	Independence Day
Mon. Sept. 6	Labor Day
Mon. Oct. 11	Columbus Day
Thurs. Nov. 11	Veterans' Day
Wed. Nov. 24	Close at 1:00
Thurs. Nov. 25	Thanksgiving
Fri. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve
Sat. Dec. 25	Christmas
Fri. Dec. 31	New Years Eve
Sat. Jan. 1, 2011	New Year

