

SNIPPETS

FROM THE



**TINTON FALLS
LIBRARY**

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From our house to yours:-

"I have often thought that nothing would do more extensive good at small expense than the establishment of a small circulating library in every county, to consist of a few well-chosen books, to be lent to the people of the country under regulations..."

(Thomas Jefferson, 1743-1846, third president of the United States, author and signer of the Declaration of Independence from The Jeffersonian Cyclopedia. Thomas Jefferson Collection. Electronic Text Center University of Virginia Library.)



Since this newsletter is being written in February and this is the month that we celebrate President's Day, we thought a quote about libraries from one of our presidents would be appropriate. This quote summarizes a lot of things about our library: we want to be a part of the community by

making a contribution to the entertainment and education of everyone (that's the doing good bit) and we want to operate at a small (for libraries) expense. Sometimes, these two things seem to be in conflict. We could do more for the community if we had larger quarters but to get those larger quarters, some money will have to be spent. Right now, we are hoping for the opportunity to build a temporary addition on to our library to replace the old trailer offered us by the borough. It can only be used for limited storage anyway due to code issues. DPW recently inspected the trailer and they feel that it is too old to spend money on. They suggested we may be able to use grant money to build a simple addition instead. Whether or not this will be possible is still being worked out. In the meantime, we are concentrating on our "well-chosen" books, DVDs and other materials so that we may continue to do "extensive good" in our community.

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Making it A better for you

Children's Room Shelving

We are constantly trying to make improvements in the space that we do have. Soon, we will install the new shelving in our Children's Room which was purchased last year with grant money. We are looking for volunteers to help us to take books off the shelves in proper order and move them out to the trailer while the

shelves are being installed by DPW. We'll also need volunteers to help us put the books back on the shelves!

Drive - Up Book Drop

So far, the new book drop has proven to be very successful. It is very important that folks remember not to park in front of the drop box, even though we do not yet have a No Parking sign nor have the parking space lines been covered up. Parking there interferes with the 24 hour a day convenience of the drop box. Our former drop boxes are still in place but please do not use them to return materials. They will no longer be checked on a daily basis for returns. In the future, they may be used for donations.

Other Changes

Retirement Congratulations!

As you may know, Rosemary Tunnicliffe retired at the end of 2009. Rosemary had worked at the library in various capacities for many years starting as a volunteer. She has been a source of encouragement and mentoring to many library students and new librarians. Rosemary oversaw many important changes at the library. She will continue to be a beloved part of the community we serve. Thank you, Rosemary, for everything you've done for the library!

Introductions All Around

Assuming the position of Director is Ellen O'Brien. Ellen is a former AT&T

employee who received her MLS from Rutgers' School of Library and Information Studies in 2003. She and her husband, Duane Bowker, have lived in Tinton Falls since 1992. Currently, Ellen is reading The Story of Edgar Sawtelle. Her husband just finished a novel by Donna Leon. Their black Lab/Basset mix, Sophie, hasn't enjoyed a book since she devoured Special Topics in Calamity Physics, a novel. Please come by the library and meet Ellen. Perhaps you have a library-related suggestion or request with which she can help.

New Jersey State Income Tax forms and NJ Transit Schedules

These forms are no longer available to libraries or other former distribution points. We do have New Jersey State Income Tax forms which we can copy for you. We can also point you to the New Jersey State Income Tax website and you can print out copies of forms and instructions. The website for tax forms is <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/forms.shtml> .

New Jersey Transit schedules may also be viewed online or printed out from <http://www.njtransit.com/> . We regret any inconvenience this might cause our patrons. The usual printing charges will be applied.

Our collections

World Languages Collection

We've embarked on a new adventure to make books in other languages

available to our community. We are beginning with books for adults and small children in Spanish and Chinese. We are very fortunate in Tinton Falls to have a very diverse community and this is another way in which we hope to serve all of Tinton Falls. The books that we have available come from the county library system. We can request other languages and would be happy to receive suggestions as to which languages we should add next. The World Language Collection is in the bookcase opposite the circulation desk and there are additional books in the Childrens Room.



Hold it!

Don't forget that you can place a hold on an item which is checked out. You can do this from home, from one of the library computers, or by asking us to do it for you. Access the catalog from home via

<http://mcls.sirsi.net/webtf.htm>

To renew an item or place a hold, have your Tinton Falls library card number ready. Please do not create a PIN to hold or renew materials. Place a hold by clicking "request". (Lists of current best-sellers and books we have purchased in the past month are posted next to the new fiction section in the library.)

Renew by going to "User Services". Look at the items you have out by going to "User Status Inquiry".

Look Spidey - You can find us on the Web...



You can find our web page with information on all the activities we offer under www.tintonfalls.com You have to go to the "Community" section and then find "library" in the sidebar. Copies of the monthly calendar and this newsletter are also available there.

Community

We pride ourselves on the very close connections we have with our community, including the following:

Government

We continue to enjoy the relationship with our newly elected council members, especially, **Nancyanne Fama**, who is the liaison between the council and the library. She has our needs at heart and is already being of help to us by reporting on library matters to the council.

Schools

Don't forget that we welcome students from all the schools in Tinton Falls no matter what the grade level. One of the reasons we started our World Language Collection is to benefit children (and their parents) who read other languages or who are learning a new language.

Children's Programs.

Aside from the schools, we will continue to offer a large number of

excellent programs for children this year. Therapy dogs will be back so that early readers can continue to practice their skills by reading aloud to "our" therapy dogs. Chess and checkers are enjoyed every week. Preschoolers of all ages came to free programs of books and crafts.

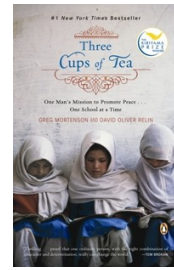


Mitten Tree

The mitten tree was a real success! Thank you to all our knitters and "crocheters" as well as those who bought donations. Next holiday season, we shall again be collecting new mittens, hats, scarves, gloves etc. etc for United Way to distribute to the needy. You can bring in your donation from the beginning of November.

Pennies for Peace

We are pleased to be participating in the Pennies for Peace program initiated by the State Library. The purpose of this program is to provide funding for the Central Asia Institute, founded by Greg Mortenson to build schools for girls in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Mr. Mortenson is the author of Three Cups of Tea and Stones into Schools. Please bring in your pennies!



Money and such

Shopping

We have tried to help our patrons in a small way by keeping a box of coupons for them to pick through before going to the supermarket. They are near the counter, so help yourself next time you visit us.

Book sales and so on

In spite of money being tight, people have been generous enough to buy from our book and plant sales. Of course, this is also a great way to save money. In 2009, these fundraisers have brought in around \$5, 800, all of which is being used for the library. Thank you for your support! We are currently looking for willing helpers who can continue the plant sale tradition. If you know of someone with a green thumb who'd like to get involved, have them contact the library at 732-542-3110. If you would like to suggest a new fundraiser, just let us know!

Friends (and helpers)

Every year we have a fund drive to become an "Association Member". This is equivalent to being a Friend of the Library, and the amount of your tax-deductible donation to us also contributes to the running of the

library. In 2009, over \$3,000 was raised in this way. If you are able to help us in 2010, a form is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Remember what Thomas Jefferson said at the beginning of this newsletter! Our expenses to the town are small because of the support of our "Association Members" and the generosity of others!

Volunteers

We are grateful to all who give freely of their time to volunteer at the library. We are going to make a brief departure from tradition. Instead of recognizing specific volunteers, we want to introduce our new volunteer application form. If you are new in town, have some time to spare during the day or are a high school student looking for an on-going community project, we would like you to consider volunteering with us. Registration for middle school volunteer positions begins in May. We have a variety of jobs that need doing and "the more, the merrier" is true at the library just as it is elsewhere.



2010 Holiday Closings

Mon. Feb. 15	Presidents' Day
Fri. April 2	Good Friday
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. 26	Thanksgiving
Fri. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve
Sat. Dec. 25	Christmas
Fri. Dec. 31	New Years Eve
Sat. Jan. 1, 2011	New Year

Don't forget:

March 2 is Read Across America Day !

