



# Violet's Porch

The Newsletter of the Jefferson Township Public Library

February / March 2015

## NEW TRUSTEE MEMBER

Welcome to the newest Library Board of Trustees member Donna DeGennaro.

Donna was appointed to the position, for a five-year term, by Mayor Felter on January 7, 2015.

A resident of Lake Hopatcong, Donna is a recent graduate of Rider College. She was a library volunteer during high school, and was one of the library's first scholarship recipients.

Welcome aboard!

*Tell me,  
what is it you plan to do  
with your one  
wild and precious life?*

-Mary Oliver, poet

## Event Spotlight: Bridge Builder in Petticoats



### *Emily Roebling and the Brooklyn Bridge*

March is **Women's History Month**, and the library is shining the light on a fascinating women that history has forgotten!

On December 12, 1881, people in New York City would have witnessed a strange sight. High above the East River, men in business suits were walking cautiously along a narrow path of wooden boards laid across the steel frame of a huge bridge. Strangest of all, the line was led by a woman, her long skirt billowing as she showed them details of the construction. When they reached the New York side, everyone toasted her with champagne. It was the first official crossing of the Brooklyn Bridge.

In 1881, women could not vote in most state and federal elections. Their minds and bodies were considered weak and fragile. very few colleges accepted female student and, though poor women worked, it was unthinkable for respectable middle and upper-class women to do so. They most certainly would not be helping to supervise the greatest construction project of the age!

But Emily Warren Roebling was doing just that. Carol Simon Levin tells her fascinating story on **Tuesday, March 24 at 7 PM.**

## Library Story Times

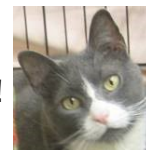
Sessions run throughout the year for

- Lapsit (Aged 2 1/2 and under)
  - 3 Year Olds
  - 4+ Year Olds
  - Kindergarteners
  - Pajama Story Time
  - Drop-in Crafts

Winter Story Time runs from January 5 through March 26, 2015



## Random Acts of Kindness—for the Cats!



February 9 to 15 is Random Acts of Kindness Week. The library has reached out to the Municipal Pound to provide some kindness to the shelter cats.

**During the week, we'll be collecting any of the items below.** Your donations are greatly appreciated. *Thank You!*

*Cat food — kitten food — treats — kitty litter— towels — small paper plates — paper towels — antibacterial soap — disinfectant wipes*

## Coming Up for Adults...

- February 11, 1 PM  
**A Taste of Poetry: African American poets**
- February 11, 7 PM  
**Mood Management with Essential Oils**
- February 19, 11 AM  
**Jersey Boys: Coffee, Donuts & a Movie**
- February 24, 7 PM  
**Jack the Ripper: A Mystery of Mysteries**
- March 8, 2 PM  
**Live Music: The Crooked Road**
- March 11, 1 PM  
**A Taste of Poetry: Mary Oliver**
- March 24, 7 PM  
**Bridge Builder in Petticoats: Emily Roebling and the Brooklyn Bridge**

### New DVDs

Dawn of the Planet of the Apes  
Downton Abbey: Season 5  
The Everyday Gourmet  
The Giver  
Guardians of the Galaxy  
Homeland: The Complete Third Season  
How to Train Your Dragon  
The Hundred Foot Journey  
If I Stay  
Jersey Boys  
Maleficent  
Million Dollar Arm  
Mr. Peabody & Sherman  
The Musketeers  
Neighbors  
The November Man  
Tim's Vermeer  
To Kill a Man



## FREE Help with Tax Returns

The Jefferson Township Public Library is pleased to once again offer the popular and convenient AARP Tax Aide program on Wednesdays from February 4 through April 8, 2015. Appointments may be scheduled from 9:30 AM to 1 PM.

AARP Tax-Aide is the nation's largest, free, volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service. Volunteers can answer most of the tax questions faced by low- and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older.

To schedule an appointment, or for further information, please call the library at 973-208-6244.



*The library will be closed on Monday, February 16 for*

***President's Day***

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