



Violet's Porch

The Newsletter of the Jefferson Township Public Library

From the Director's Desk: The Little Free Library

Have you heard about the little free library? These "libraries" are appearing throughout the United States and other countries. These "libraries" are literally little – they are the size of a bird house. And the idea behind them is quite simple. A person builds one of these birdhouse sized libraries, and places it outside their house and then fills it with books that they believe other people may be interested in reading. Then anyone going by your house can take one of the books, so long as they replace it with another.

According to the founder of the Little Free Library movement, these "libraries" are a great compliment to public library service in rural areas,

such as Sussex County. In that county the entire population is served by five small branch libraries and a local library in Sparta. The distance between branches in that area is a substantial impediment to convenient and easy use of the library.

Some people have used a Little Free Library to build informal communities of people who share similar interests. One person built a Little Free Library next to their garden to promote growing your own vegetables. A bird-watcher built one and filled it with bird watching books.

As long as it promotes and encourages reading and leads to using the public library, perhaps a Little Free

Library could work in Jefferson.

If you have an interest in opening a Little Free Library in your yard let us know and we'll help you get started. You can contact the library by e-mail itpl@jeffersonlibrary.net or by calling us at 973-208-6245.



"fill it with books...other people may be interested in reading."



Karen Pinoci and Claudia Baumgaertner Lemmerz

The Moonlight Duo: They're classic!

The Moonlight Duo will perform at the library on Friday, Sept. 28 at 7 PM. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cellist and conductor Karen Pinoci is the Co-founder, Associate Conductor/Director and a cellist in the New Philharmonic of NJ. She is also Principal Cellist of the Baroque Orchestra of NJ. She received her BA and MA at Montclair, and her DMA at the American Con-

servatory of Music in Chicago. She studied at Tanglewood and at the Pierre Monteaux School.

Claudia Baumgaertner Lemmerz graduated from the Music Conservatory in Cologne, Germany with a BA in organ/piano, voice and choral. She is also a violinist in the New Sussex Symphony and the Baroque Orchestra of NJ.

The musicians speak about the composers, histo-

ry and culture that surrounds the pieces they perform. Their repertoire is based on a wide range of classical chamber music pieces from the Baroque through the Romantic eras to folk music.

Come enjoy classical music at the library. The Moonlight Duo concerts are truly a special treat: beautiful music wrapped around an historical journey.



“...where all will know sweet freedom’s way”

Poem: *I Dream a World*

I dream a world where man
 No other man will scorn,
 Where love will bless the earth
 And peace its paths adorn.
 I dream a world where all
 Will know sweet freedom’s way,
 Where greed no longer saps the soul
 Nor avarice blight our day.
 A world I dream where black or white,
 Whatever race you be,
 Will share the bounties of the earth
 And every man is free,
 Where wretchedness will hang its head
 And joy, like a pearl,
 Attends the needs of all mankind —
 Of such I dream, my world!

—Langston Hughes

The library will be closed for the **Labor Day** holiday on Sunday, 9/2 and Monday, 9/3.



CONNECT
to the
Internet @ the Library—
a WiFi Hot Spot!

- NEW DVDs**
@ the library
- Abduction
 - Anonymous
 - Dirty Girl
 - The Ides of March
 - In Time
 - The Iron Lady
 - Jack and Jill
 - Killer Elite
 - Mirror, Mirror
 - My Week with Marilyn
 - Prairie Love
 - Sherlock Holmes: Game of Shadows
 - The Son of No One
 - The Three Musketeers
 - Melancholia

Classic Corner: *The Age of Innocence*



...the story of a man grappling with his passions.

In this tale, Edith Wharton elegantly captures the buttoned-down, upper-crust society of 1870s New York. Her depiction of close-knit families provides an icy, unforgiving backdrop for the story of a man grappling with his passions.

Newland Archer and May Welland’s engagement is con-

sidered to be a “perfect match,” until May’s cousin, Countess Ellen Olenska, arrives. Ellen awakens Newland’s heart and leads him to question whether following “the rules” is worth it. The love triangle shows the struggle between individual desire and the rules of social order.

With this novel, Edith

Wharton became the first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, in 1921.

(And don’t miss the wonderful 1993 film of the same name, directed by Martin Scorsese, and starring Daniel Day-Lewis and Michelle Pfeiffer!)

Who Done It?

Each year the Mystery Writers of America select winners for their “Edgar Award,” named after Edgar Allan Poe, who invented the modern mystery genre in the mid-nineteenth century. The award honors the best in mystery fiction published during the year. The following are their 2012 winners and nominees (for books published in 2011.)

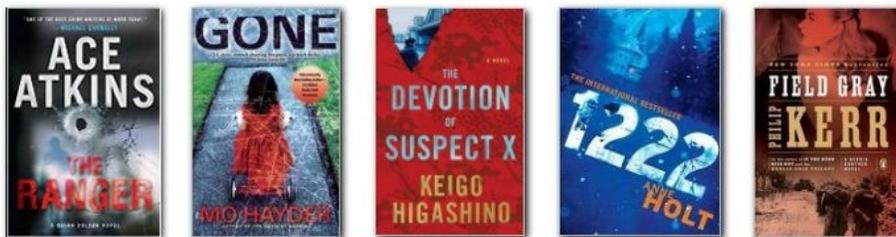
The best novel award went to *Gone* by

Mo Hayder, a “thrilling and horrifying investigation of a brilliant and twisted car-jacker with a disturbing game to play.” Runners up were *The Ranger* by Ace Atkins, *The Devotion of Suspect X* by Keigo Higashino, *1222* by Anne Holt, and *Field Gray* by Philip Kerr.

The best first novel went to *Bent Road* by Lori Roy. In heartland Kansas, secrets of Eve’s death return to haunt her broth-

er when a local girl disappears. Runners up were *Red on Red* by Edward Conlon; *Last to Fold* by David Duffy; *All Cry Chaos* by Leonard Rosen; and *Purgatory Chasm* by Steve Ulfelder.

Mysteries are one of the most popular genres in the library, so our legions of mystery readers will want to move these titles to the top of their summer reading lists!



Did you know...

Violet's Porch is named in honor of the library's founder, Violet S. Riker. The oft-told story goes that prior to 1960, the library had many homes including a school, a hotel, a church basement, and Violet Riker's house. When she couldn't find a home for the library's collection, she set up the library on her front porch. If you wanted to borrow a book, you visited *Violet's Porch*!

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12 Ways Libraries Are (still) Good for the Country



Libraries...
build community

From an article in *American Libraries*, December 1996:

1. Libraries...inform citizens. Libraries make democracy work by providing access to information.

2. Libraries...break down boundaries by serving every type of population and group in a community.

3. Libraries...level the playing field by making resources equally available to all members of the community.

4. Libraries...value the individual by offering alternatives for independent thinkers.

5. Libraries...nourish creativity by stimulating curiosity.

6. Libraries...open kids' minds by offering passage from the commonplace to the extraordinary through books.

7. Libraries...return high dividends for small per capita tax dollars.

8. Libraries...build communities by

linking people with information and providing a community space.

9. Libraries...make families friendlier because families use the library together.

10. Libraries...offend everyone because they purchase books that look at all sides of an issue!

11. Libraries...offer sanctuary as a place to be alone with one's private thoughts.

11. Libraries...preserve the past by guarding the record of civilization.

And the Winners Are...



Scholarship recipients
David Swerzenski and
Rebecca Messano.

Each year the Trustees of the library offer two small scholarships to two graduating seniors from Jefferson High School. The scholarships were created to honor the contributions of Jeanne Craig and Rose Lange, two long time trustees of the library who have made numerous contributions to it's growth.

This year's winners are David Swerzenski, who will be attending the Rochester Institute of Technology, and Rebecca Messano, who will be attending Caldwell College. The winners were selected by the Trustees of the library because of the quality of the essays they submitted on the role the public library plays in their lives.

David relies on the library for "college information, educational publications, audiobooks to help understand difficult material, periodicals for entertainment as well as schoolwork, and even the internet when we were without power for four days!" For Rebecca, the library "is like my second home." She appreciates that the library "provides an opportunity for every member of the community to make learning...a pleasurable and fun experience."

David and Rebecca are wished much success in their future endeavors.

Tops for Teens

Teens who love to read need look no further for a guaranteed great book! The Young Adult section of the American Library Association chooses their *Garden State Book Award* winners based on quality of writing and teen appeal. The 2012 winners are:

Fiction: Grades 6-8: **The Maze Runner** by James Dashner.

Thomas finds himself in the "Glade," with no memory of who

he is or why he's there. Thomas might be more important than he could ever guess. If only he could unlock the dark secrets buried within his mind.

Fiction: Grades 9-12: **Fire** by Kristin Cashore. In King City, Young King Nash clings to the throne, while rebel lords build armies to unseat him. War is coming, and the forest are filled with spies and thieves. This is

where Fire lives, a girl whose beauty is impossible to resist.

Nonfiction: **Anne Frank: Her Life in Words and Pictures from the Archives of the Anne Frank House** by Menno Metselaar and Ruud van der Rol.

Anne Frank and her family hid from the Nazis for more than two years, and throughout that time she kept a diary. This book is an indispensable visual guide to her tragic, but inspiring story.

Enjoy, discover,
listen, meet,
discuss, pursue,
read, learn, grow
— all at your
library this
summer!

What's Happening @Your Library: Programs for Adults

Sisters Day: A Celebration

Celebrate the spirit of sisterhood by creating a hand-crafted card for your biological sister, sister-in-law, or sisterly friend. *Practical Magic*, a modern fantasy film about two sisters from a family of witches, will play for your enjoyment. (August 5 at 2 PM)

To Your Health Film Series: King Corn

A documentary featuring two best friends and the subsidized crop that drives our fast-food nation. They plant and grow a bumper crop of corn, and encounter troubling questions about how we eat — and how we farm. Hosted by Audrey Dworak, and followed by a Q&A session. (Tuesday, August 7 at 6:30 PM)

Aloha Hawaii!

A Hawaiian history and culture presentation by Gail, Mahealani Small, who was born in Oahu, Hawaii. See and hear about the history, diversity, handicrafts, music and volcanoes of Hawaii, and enjoy Gail's hula performance to wrap up the show! (Wednesday, August 8 at 7 PM)

Film Noir: The Stuff That Dreams Are Made Of

Chris Messineo of the NJ Film School shares scenes from classic films such as "The Maltese Falcon", "Double Indemnity", and "The Killers", where we meet men and women living in the shadows and the underbelly of society. He dissects these films with wit and insight into the craft of filmmaking. (Wednesday, August 15 at 7 PM.)

The Story of Versailles and Its Music

A 90 minute presentation covering the history of

Versailles, the prestigious palace of the "Sun King" and the music composed and performed over 150 years, from 1623 through the French Revolution. Includes over 30 clips of music performed live in the Hall of Mirrors, and a virtual tour of the Royal Chapel at Versailles. (Sunday, August 19 at 2 PM)

Fabric Flowers

In this afternoon workshop, learn to make five or six different three-dimensional fabric flowers to use as an embellishment on a quilt, a hat, a dress or a gift card. You will receive a supply list after you register. Space is limited and REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. (Saturday, August 25, 2 to 5 PM)

Orchid Care for Beginners

Orchids are not difficult to grow, according to Joe Heydel of the Jersey Highlands Orchid Society. Learn how to get started growing and caring for this colorful and fragrant flowering plant. (Wednesday, September 12 at 7 PM)

Moonlight Duo: A Classical Concert

Friday, September 28 at 7 PM
(See front page article)

Become a "Bearsmart" Community

Got bears? Get to know NJ black bears at this free presentation by the Bear Education and Resource Group. Find out about the true nature of one of our most magnificent animals, and learn how we can peacefully coexist. (Sunday, September 30 at 2 PM)



Get to know New Jersey's black bears

Chris's *Can't Miss* fiction (a highly subjective list!)

Waiting for Sunrise
William Boyd

Heft
Liz Moore

The Invisible Ones
Stef Penney

Home
Toni Morrison

The Song of Achilles
Madeline Miller

The Lock Artist
Steve Hamilton

Wayward Saints
Suzzy Roche

The Book of Jonas
Stephen Dau

Arcadia
Lauren Groff

The Devil She Knows
Bill Loehfelm

5 Ways the Library Can Save You Money

Use your library's free resources and save a bundle!

Books in all formats—Whether you're looking for an eBook, an audiobook, or an actual physical copy, the library carries multiple versions.

Music—A steady supply of CDs and Freegal, a free downloadable music service.

Movies—Check out the large selection at

the library and forego rental fees, subscription fees and theater prices.

Research—Ask questions and get answers at the library. Use library reference books, magazines, newspapers and databases.

Programming—Story times, reading, writing and poetry groups, speakers and presentations throughout the year provide free activities for everyone.

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is a sound public investment that exists
to improve the lives of residents through
self-education, recreation and
the exchange of ideas.

Did you lose something?



Here's a list of some items currently in our **Lost and Found** box:

A driver's license	DVDs
A birth certificate	Books
A cell phone	Magazines
Flash drives	Hats
Earphones	Toys
Coffee mug	Yarn
Sweatshirt	Photographs

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