

CF Library Reveals Programs for March

CRANFORD — The Cranford Public Library, located at 224 Walnut Avenue, has a full calendar of family programs for Spring 2019. The following activities are scheduled to take place during the first half of March.

Story time sessions will continue during March through April 11. The library has weekly offerings for children ranging from 3 months up to age 5. All story times are at 10:15 a.m. Babies ages 13 to 23 months can join Baby Story Time every Monday morning. Two-year-olds are welcome to attend Toddler Story Time every Tuesday morning, and children ages 3 to 12 months can come on Wednesday mornings. Preschoolers ages 3 to 5 are invited to 3-4-5 Story Time on Thursday mornings. No registration is required, but participants are asked to arrive on time as space is limited and the library may be unable to accommodate latecomers.

The library will continue to offer

iDiscover Coding, a monthly introduction to the logic of computer programming. Each class will acquaint children with a coding concept through the use of fun, educational apps. Students will create interactive stories, animation and even video games. Children in grades 1 to 3 are invited on Tuesdays, March 5, March 26, April 2, April 30, May 7 and May 28, at 6:30 p.m. Students in grades 4 to 6 are welcome to attend on March 5, April 2 and May 7 at 7:30 p.m. Registration is not required, but space is limited. This free program is sponsored by a grant from the Union County Freeholders.

The library will present its Second Annual Picture Book Palooza on Saturday, March 9, at 10 a.m., in Room 200 of the Cranford Community Center. Picture book authors and illustrators will share books and crafts with children ages 4 to 8 and their families. All attendees will have a chance to win copies of books by featured

authors and illustrators, and additional books will be on hand for purchase and autographing. Registration is not required. Admission is free.

Independent readers are invited to hone their skills by reading to therapy dogs at the "Paws for Reading" program on Tuesdays, March 12, April 9 and May 14, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration is required and begins two weeks before each program. To reserve a spot, call (908) 709-7272 or stop by the library.

Students in grades 4 to 6 are invited to a fun series called Unquiet Library, which will meet on Thursdays, March 7, March 21, April 4 and April 18, from 4 to 5 p.m. This drop-in program will feature movie days, robots, video games and much more.

Additional activities will be announced for the second half of March, along with April and May. For more information, visit cranfordlibrary.org.

Local Synagogue Plans Trivia Night

CRANFORD — Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim will present Trivia Night on Saturday, March 9, beginning at 7:30 p.m. It will take place at the synagogue, located at 338 Walnut Avenue, Cranford.

Participants are invited to form teams of four to eight people to compete, or be matched with others. The event also will include Tito's Vodka Tasting Bar, a tricky tray, silent auction and snacks. Local businesses are welcome to donate items for the auction, tricky tray or a giveaway.

Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. Interested persons may order tickets online at tbemc.org/trivianight/ or reserve their seat by calling (908) 276-9231.



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FAMILIES TAKE A TOUR...Garwood Police Officer Scott Eriksen shows kids the holding cells in the borough's police station as part of Saturday's "Breakfast with the Mayor."



BE THE CHANGE...Cranford's Walnut Avenue School bathrooms received a facelift recently. Pictured is the boys' bathroom featuring positive messages. The girls' bathroom also had a fresh update with inspirational messages to lift the students up. Principal Celine McNally thanks all of the volunteer parents who worked together to design and paint the bathrooms to brighten up the school.

Local Letter to the Editor

Garwood Driver Thanks Good Samaritans

Wednesday, January 30, was a particularly cold night as I found out after departing from a wrestling match in Westfield. As I drove down Second Avenue in Garwood between Oak and Cedar Streets, my car shut off as I drifted to the corner of Cedar Street.

After mumbling a multitude of unpleasant words to myself, I stood out in the cold hoping that a car would come by. After approximately five minutes, a woman in an SUV stopped and said she would call for help. After she left, a couple of men in a truck stopped and asked me if I needed help but they did not have jumper cables. They stayed

with me, however. A few minutes later a man and his wife arrived and did have jumper cables and the foursome managed to get my car started.

I was entirely grateful but my brain seemed to be as frozen as my hands, so I forgot to ask them their names. I also believe that they may have been happy just to get back into their warm vehicles. In any event, I would sincerely like to thank those individuals for the much needed assistance.

Thank You!

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