

Miller-Cory Set to Showcase 'Novelty Valentines' Sunday

WESTFIELD - Love and whimsy will be in the air as the Miller-Cory House Museum presents "A Collection of Novelty Valentines" this Sunday, February 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

These are not your standard Valentine's Day cards. Filled with tiny embellishments of cloth or metal; featuring puns, plays on words or silly rhymes; cut in unusual shapes, or made with materials other than paper, the valentines on display will be geared to all ages. The program also will include a craft for children and storytelling.

Admission to the program will be \$3 for adults, \$1 for students and free for children under age 4.

Upcoming Sunday programs at the museum include "Abraham Lincoln and the Old Schoolhouse" on February 12; "Maple Sugar Sunday" on March 4 and "Irish Dolls Through the Ages" on March 11. Open-hearth cooking demonstrations will resume in March as well.

The Miller-Cory House Museum is a nationally recognized living museum, listed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places and as a site on the New Jersey Women's Heritage Trail. The museum is available for tours for school groups during the week as well as for scout troops after school on weekdays. Special programs also may be arranged on site for schools and other community groups.

For more information, visit the museum's Facebook page, call the office weekday mornings at (908) 232-1776 or e-mail millercorymuseum@gmail.com. The museum website is millercoryhouse.org.



FORTY AND FABULOUS...The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library's Anniversary Planning Committee reviews upcoming events to celebrate the group's 40th anniversary this year. Pictured, from left to right, are: Back row, Lynne Hartzell, Jody Lipson, Jane Stepanki, Jane Curtis, Paula Long and Regina Dowd, and front row, Mary Orlando, Lynn Kolterjahn and Alice Dillon, chairwoman.

Library Friends Plan Events Marking 40th Anniversary

WESTFIELD - The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library will hold a series of five events to celebrate its 40th anniversary of volunteer service and advocacy to the community.

In honor of Black History Month, a one-act play, *Silvia Du Bois*, written by Audrey Palmattier and portrayed by Lisa G. Fleming, will be presented on Wednesday, February 8, at 7 p.m. at the library. The one-woman play is the story of a New Jersey slave born in 1798 who gained her freedom, dying at the age of 120.

On Saturday, March 24, at 2 p.m., artist Janice Nelson will conduct a workshop on making "Magical Dragon Puppets" in honor of the Chinese Year of the Dragon. It is designed for children in grades 3 through 6.

On Wednesday, May 30, at 7 p.m., Christa Clarke, Senior Curator, Curator of Arts of Africa and the Americas and Curator, Arts of Africa, will speak on her upcoming exhibition at the Newark Museum.

On Sunday, October 14, from 2 to 4 p.m., there will be a final celebration that will recognize past presidents of

the Friends. It will include refreshments and musical entertainment.

In the fall of 1972, members of the Westfield College Women's Club and the PTA Council organized the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library. Its purpose was to "foster interest in the Library and enlarge its service to the community." Membership in the Friends has grown to more than 500 in the years since.

Thanks largely to proceeds from the Friends' annual book sale, held each spring, the organization is able to continue to provide numerous services and programs to library patrons and the wider community, including children's educational programs, the museum pass program and sponsorship of lectures and opera trips. The Friends also provide scholarships to those students pursuing degrees in library science.

The Friends currently is holding its annual membership drive and invites new members to join. Membership applications are available at the front desk of the library. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street in Westfield.

POLICE BLOTTER

Westfield

Wednesday, January 25, Leonard Boyce, 41, of Melbourne, Fla. was arrested on an outstanding Newark warrant in the amount of \$350 pursuant to a motor vehicle stop at South and Central Avenues. Further investigation revealed an additional warrant had been issued for Boyce from Cranford in the amount of \$89. He was processed and released after posting bail.

Wednesday, January 25, a resident of Parlin reported an incident involving criminal mischief, burglary and theft. Someone smashed the front passenger-side window of the victim's motor vehicle with an unknown object while it was parked at a business on the 300 block of East South Avenue. A black leather purse, a wallet and \$50 in cash were removed from the vehicle. The approximate total value of the theft is \$170.

Wednesday, January 25, a Scotch Plains resident reported an incident of criminal mischief, burglary and theft. The front passenger-side window of the victim's motor vehicle was smashed with an unknown object while it was parked at a business on the 300 block of East South Avenue. A Coach purse, a Coach wallet, an iPod, two pairs of eyeglasses and \$500 in cash were removed from the vehicle. The approximate total value of the theft is \$2,050.

Wednesday, January 25, a Scotch Plains resident reported an incident of criminal mischief, burglary and theft involving a motor vehicle that was parked at a business on the 300 block of East South Avenue. Someone smashed the front passenger-side window with an unknown object and removed a cloth purse, wallet and \$40 in cash. The approximate total value of the theft is \$160.

Sunday, January 29, Stephanie Avalos, 19, of Carteret was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana following a motor vehicle stop at North Avenue and Tuttle Parkway. She was released on her own recognizance with a summons with a court date.

Scotch Plains

Monday, January 23, a resident of Front Street reported that a classmate continually yells obscenities at her.

Wednesday, January 25, the owner of a Route 22 business reported that sometime overnight, someone scratched the side of her motor vehicle.

Wednesday, January 25, Brandon Dunn, 27, of Newark was arrested and charged with possession of suspected marijuana after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Thursday, January 26, a resident of Woodland Avenue reported that a former friend had sent him several hundred text messages.

Thursday, January 26, a resident of Haven Avenue reported that sometime overnight, someone scratched the side of her motor vehicle.

Thursday, January 26, Gary Jones, 27, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with obstruction of justice after a motor vehicle stop on East Second Street, at which time Jones gave several different names and identification to the officer, according to police. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Friday, January 27, Christopher Andrews, 29, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with possession of suspected marijuana after a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Saturday, January 28, Jose Constanza-Ortiz, 34, of Elizabeth was arrested on an outstanding \$1,185 warrant issued by the Linden Court. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Saturday, January 28, Mark Hand, 26, of Harrison was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 on an outstanding \$1,445 warrant issued by the Mantoloking Court. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Sunday, January 29, Angel Martinez, 21, of North Plainfield was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Martine Avenue on an outstanding \$500 warrant issued by the Metuchen Court. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Sunday, January 29, Shanell Smith, 29, of Linden was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue on an outstanding \$189 warrant issued by the Westfield Court. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Fanwood

Tuesday, January 24, Leonard Madison, 21, of Plainfield was arrested on an active warrant out of Hillside after a field investigation into a suspicious person at Terrill Road and Mary Lane. He was processed and turned over to the Hillside Police Department.

Tuesday, January 24, Jorge Martins, 26, of Union was arrested on an

active warrant out of Clark after a motor vehicle stop at Westfield Road and Morse Avenue. He was processed, posted bail and released.

Tuesday, January 24, a resident of the 60 block of Paterson Road reported that his unlocked motor vehicle, which was parked in his driveway, was entered and ransacked. Compact discs, valued at approximately \$100, were removed.

Wednesday, January 25, a resident of the 20 block of North Avenue reported his unlocked motor vehicle, which was parked in his driveway, was entered and ransacked. Nothing was reported missing at this time.

Wednesday, January 25, a resident of the 100 block of Tillotson Road reported that her house was burglarized after an unknown person entered and took an undetermined amount of jewelry.

Thursday, January 26, Christopher Clinton, 43, of Plainfield was arrested on an active warrant out of Jersey City after a motor vehicle stop on the 200 block of Terrill Road. He was processed and turned over to the Jersey City Police Department.

Friday, January 27, a resident of the 10 block of Waldon Road reported that he heard a noise coming from the rear window of his residence, and when he went to investigate, he saw a white teen wearing a red shirt by his window. According to police, the teen started to run towards Linda Place, where other teens were waiting. According to police, officers and a K-9 unit checked the surrounding area, with negative results.

Sunday, January 29, a resident of the 300 block of Terrill Road reported that his unlocked motor vehicle, which was parked in his driveway, was entered and that a pair of sunglasses and a GPS unit, with a total value of \$200, were removed.

Sunday, January 29, a resident of the 70 block of Waldon Road reported that her fence was targeted for criminal mischief. According to police, the value of the damage to her fence is unknown at this time.

Monday, January 30, Roberto Trinta, 33, of North Plainfield was arrested following a motor vehicle stop at South Avenue and Old South Avenue on an active warrant out of North Plainfield. He was processed and released by the North Plainfield Municipal Court.

Monday, January 30, Brian Cordeiro, 18, of Scotch Plains was arrested following a motor vehicle stop at Martine Avenue and Watson Road on charges of possession of suspected marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was processed and released pending his court hearing.

Monday, January 30, Jack Poffenberger, 46, of Garwood was arrested following a motor vehicle stop at South and Martine Avenues on an active warrant out of Elizabeth. He was processed and released by the Elizabeth Court.

Mountainside

Wednesday, January 25, Daniel R. Black, 28, of Newark was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 for allegedly driving with a suspended license. He was processed and released at the scene.

Thursday, January 26, Humberto Argueta, 26, of Rahway was arrested and charged with aggravated assault after police responded to a fight at a Route 22 restaurant. According to police, two cooks at the restaurant were arguing over uniforms in the basement of the establishment when it escalated into a fight. The victim stated that Argueta struck him multiple times in the face and back of the head before coworkers broke up the fight, police said. Argueta fled the scene but later called 9-1-1 and turned himself in, claiming the victim also struck him and he fought back in self-defense, authorities reported. The suspect had defensive wounds that were consistent with his story, police said. The victim was transported to University Hospital in Newark and treated for his injuries; the suspect declined medical attention.

Thursday, January 26, Ruhul Islam, 35, of Paterson was arrested and charged with simple assault after engaging in a fight with a co-worker.

Friday, January 27, the mother of a child at a New Providence Road facility reported that items have been stolen from her daughter, who is a patient at the facility. According to police, the mother also stated that her daughter's hair was cut without her permission and without being medically necessary, and that no one could provide an explanation as to who had cut her daughter's hair and why.

Sunday, January 29, a patron at a Route 22 restaurant reported that she had her cell phone, described as a 16GB, white iPhone 4S, next to her on her seat when a little girl distracted her by tapping her on the shoulder. According to police, when she turned back around, the phone was missing.

Monday, January 30, Wycliffe M. Nyambati, 24, of Jersey City was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 for allegedly driving with a suspended license. He was processed and released.

College Club Offers Scholarship Forms

FANWOOD - The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains has announced that its 2012-2013 scholarship application forms can be obtained from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Counseling Office or at spfk12.org or collegeclubfsp.org.

Scholarships are awarded annually to women who either are high-school seniors or college students and who plan to pursue a baccalaureate degree at a four-year college. Scholarships totaling \$31,500 were awarded for the academic year 2011-2012.

To be eligible for consideration, high-school applicants must be residents of Fanwood or Scotch Plains. College applicants must have been residents of Fanwood or Scotch Plains at the time they graduated from high school. Scholarships are awarded based on three primary characteristics: 1) financial need, 2) academic achievement and 3) character of the applicant.

Application materials must be post-marked on or before Thursday, March 1, to be eligible for consideration.

Therapy Can Help People Build Healthy Relationships

WESTFIELD - Difficult issues surface in every relationship, and how we resolve them is important. Some people use weapons of emotional destruction such as anger, blame, criticism, denial, guilt, rejection and withdrawal, just to win an argument. Relationships using such tactics hardly survive emotionally or end up in divorce. Turning a toxic relationship into a healthy one requires patience, flexibility and a new vision. When facing conflicts in your relationship, an experienced therapist might be of significant help.

Basically, people do not change. The hope is that they will mature and behave humanly. True love and patience is what holds hearts together when minds disagree.

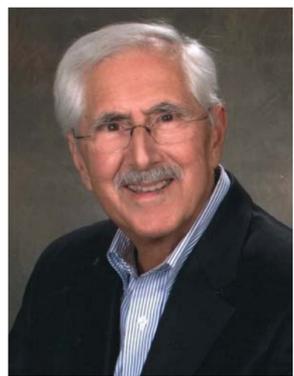
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The Westfield Memorial Library presents
**"The Story of Silvia Dubois—
A Slave Who Obtained Her Own Freedom"**
Wednesday, February 8 7:00 pm

Lisa G. Fleming performs a one-woman, one-act play about Silvia Du Bois, a New Jersey slave who was born in Hunterdon County in 1798 and who lived to be 120. After her birth, she was sold to a family who moved her to New York. She obtained her freedom and moved back to New Jersey where she spent the rest of her life in the Hunterdon area. She had six children and ran a tavern she inherited from her grandfather. Ms. Du Bois obtained her freedom and was interviewed on her 116th birthday. Lisa tells her fascinating story at this point. Playwright Audrey Palmattier and Lisa will take questions post-show. Don't miss it!

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