

# Scotch Plains Library Slates Crafty Mondays In July

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library is celebrating "A Universe of Stories" this summer. The staff, along with the library's special guests, will explore the depths of outer space and share stories from around the world. To register for summer reading, patrons can visit [scotlib.readsquared.com](http://scotlib.readsquared.com), where they can earn points for reading, attending programs and other activities.

In addition, Scotch Plains and Fanwood adult cardholders, and Scotch Plains and Fanwood teens entering grade 8 and up who attend with an adult, are invited to register for these upcoming creative events on Mondays during July:

"Crafty Mondays will begin with "Cross-stitch Constellations" on July 1 at 10 a.m. Participants will learn simple techniques to create a piece of constellation art. Beginners are welcome and all supplies will be provided.

Adults and teens are invited to join the library staff to "Make Your Own Notepad" on July 8 at 11 a.m., right after Bagels & Books. Participants will use the library's bookbinding machine to make a pocket-sized notebook and decorate the cover to match their personal style.

"Create a Button Moon Mosaic" will be offered on July 15 at 4 p.m. Participants will arrange colorful buttons in the shape of a crescent moon.

Attendees can learn a simple technique for Paper Marbling with elegant results on July 22 at 10 a.m.

Readers of any skill level are invited to make a Solar System Bracelet with Perthea Brown on July 29 at 10 a.m.

Interested persons are encouraged to check the library's website, [scotlib.org](http://scotlib.org), and stop by the Reference Desk to learn more about the library's summer reading programs. This year's theme will incorporate art, music, science, reading and prizes.

For more information or to register for programs, go to [scotlib.org](http://scotlib.org), email [library@scotlib.org](mailto:library@scotlib.org), call (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204, or stop by the Reference Desk. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue in the center of the township.

## Scotch Plains Library Plans Bagels & Books

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library will host Bagels & Books, where book-lovers share their recent reading experiences with other bibliophiles and pick up suggestions for future reading. It will take place Monday, July 8, at 10 a.m. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is required.

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Photo courtesy of Susan M. Dougherty

**TEENS CONFIRMED...**Fourteen teenagers, pictured with their program mentors, were confirmed in May at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. They all met weekly over several months for instruction, guidance, questions and reflection. At the end of the series of classes, each student wrote a statement of faith which he or she shared aloud with Elders of the church. The anointing with oil of the teens in the service included: Spencer Brown, Sam Cerino, Ella Conover, Adelaide Cummings, Harrison Grom, Sabrina Harrison, Avery Hoeft, Ella Johnson, Mia Johnson, Trinity Koetje, Liana Kosinski, Catherine Korins, Margaret McCauley and Megan Sandstedt. Confirmation leaders pictured are Lisa Black, Jessica Cerino, Chris Hoy and Emily Parkinson.

# Garwood Library Posts Early July Programs

GARWOOD — The Garwood Public Library has revealed multiple activities scheduled for the first half of July. Further events will be announced for the second half of the month.

"Kid's Craft" will take place every Tuesday in July, at 2 p.m., for children in second grade and up. Youngsters can make "out-of-this-world crafts" with Linda the Librarian. Registration is required and participation limited to 20.

Starlab Planetarium will be held on Tuesday, July 9, at 1 p.m. Children ages 4 and up will travel across the solar system and experience the night sky in an inflatable dome planetarium. Registration is required. There is a limit of 30 inside the dome.

SpaceShip Fly-in Movie is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, at 10:30 a.m. Children will create a spaceship out of cardboard boxes, then watch *Space Buddies* in their spacecraft. Popcorn will be provided. This activity is for children entering second grade and younger. Registration is required and participation limited to 12.

"Binary Name Bracelet" will be presented on Thursday, July 11, at 2 p.m. Children in second grade and up will use binary code to code their name into jewelry. Registration is required and participation limited to 20.

Additionally on July 11, the Thursday Night Book Club will

meet at 7 p.m. for a lively discussion of "Ladder of Years" by Anne Tyler. No registration is required.

"Out of this World Magic" will be featured on Monday, July 15, at 1 p.m. Steve Woyce will entertain families with a space-themed magic show. Volunteers will help make moon rocks appear and go on an amazing magical adventure in this high-energy comedy magic show. Registration is required and participation limited to 30.

"Astronaut I Spy" will take place every Friday in July. On Fridays, a plastic astronaut figure will be hidden at Garwood landmarks, such as Hartman Park, the Gazebo. Pictures will be taken of the astronaut and posted on the Garwood Library's social media. A library backpack will be near the astronaut with index cards. The cards must be returned by Garwood residents to the library for a prize. Participants are asked to take only one card.

The Garwood Public Library is located at 411 Third Avenue. For more information and to register for programs, call (908) 789-1670. Library information also is available at [yousemore.com/garwood](http://yousemore.com/garwood).

The library is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The library will be closed on Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day and on Saturdays in July and August.

# Fireworks, Canoe Races, Firecracker Run Are Due

Cranford — The Township of Cranford will hold two special events to celebrate Independence Day this year.

The first event is the annual fireworks display, which will be held on Tuesday, July 2, followed by a second celebration, which will take place on Thursday, July 4.

The July 2 celebration will be held at Cranford's Nomahegan Park, beginning at 5:30 p.m., featuring food vendors, amusement rides and games. The finale will be the fireworks, which will start at 9:15 p.m. Limited parking will be available across from the park at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Avenue. However, residents are urged to walk if possible. In the event of cancellation due to inclement weather, there will be no rain date.

The July 4 festivities will begin at 9 a.m., with canoe races scheduled at the Cranford Canoe Club, 250 Springfield Avenue, Cranford. Registration at the Canoe Club will be immediately before the races at

8:30 a.m.

Also on July 4, the Jaycees will conduct their Annual Firecracker Run, beginning with a one-mile Fun Run at 8:30 a.m., followed by a four-miler at 9 a.m., at Nomahegan Park. For more information regarding registration and the race, go to [cranfordjaycees.com](http://cranfordjaycees.com).

For other information, call the Cranford Recreation and Parks Department at (908) 709-7283.

# Miller-Cory Dedicates New Colonial Kitchen Garden

WESTFIELD — Earlier this month, the Miller-Cory House Museum dedicated its new colonial kitchen garden, an enhancement made possible through the generosity of descendants of the museum's original owners. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield.

In late 2016, the museum received a surprising telephone call. Siblings Hal Struck and Sharon Sullivan from California wished to arrange a tour during their visit to the east coast. Mr. Struck and Ms. Sullivan had discovered a very special connection to the museum through extensive research on their family tree: Samuel Miller and Sabra Clark, who built the farmhouse in 1740 that is now the Miller-Cory House Museum, were their sixth great-grandparents.

The brother and sister visited their ancestral home in 2017 and noted the importance of preserving one's early American heritage. Their bond with the museum resulted in very generous donations from the Harold Struck Charitable Fund, which supported a major project — the renovation of the

colonial kitchen garden. The newly-completed garden, with its bigger size, new picket fencing and raised beds, has the authentic look of the 18th century and will enhance the museum's educational programs.

On June 15, the new garden was officially dedicated in a special event at the museum. During the ceremony, multiple speakers, including Mr. Struck, Ms. Sullivan and Lowell Schantz, chairman of the Miller-Cory House Museum Board of Governors, spoke about the value of the museum and its critical role in educating young generations, now and in the future, about early American history.

On a warm and sunny day, the guests enjoyed music provided by members of the Florian Schantz Jazz Band, open-hearth cooking demonstrations, museum tours, and, of course, a visit to the colonial kitchen garden. The dedication ceremony provided a special thank you to Mr. Struck, Ms. Sullivan and all of the volunteers of the Miller-Cory House Museum entrusted with its care and preservation.



WARM WELCOME...Sharon Sullivan and Harold Struck are pictured in front of the Miller-Cory House Museum's new welcome sign. In addition to the museum's new colonial kitchen garden, the sign was made possible through the Harold Struck Charitable Fund. The sister and brother are descendants of the farmhouse's original owners.



# Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Cares Donates \$15,500 to 12 Westfield Area Charities

WESTFIELD, N.J. — The Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Westfield East real estate office presented checks totaling \$15,500 to 12 local charities during its annual Day of Giving Back on April 30. The funds, donated through Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Cares, were raised at the Westfield East office's recent annual live auction and tricky tray event. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Cares is the philanthropic arm of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in New Jersey and Rockland County, N.J.

Affiliated sales associates from the Westfield East office planned and organized the annual event to give back and help their local communities. This year, the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Westfield East office chose to distribute the 2019 funds to the following organizations via Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Cares: Brendan's Meadows Rescue; Caring Contact; Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA); Children's Specialized Hospital; Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad; Furniture Assist; Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss; Mobile Meals of Westfield; NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness; St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center; Westfield Food Pantry and Westfield United Fund.

"For many years, the Westfield community has rallied to make our Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Cares fundraiser a success. We have been able to support the

invaluable work of numerous local charities thanks to Coldwell Banker agents and staff, local businesses and our generous guests," said John Bradley, branch vice president of the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Westfield East office.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Westfield East can be reached at (908) 233-5555. The office is located at 209 Central Avenue, Westfield, N.J. 07090. Listings can be viewed online at [www.ColdwellBankerHomes.com](http://www.ColdwellBankerHomes.com).

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