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Playaways @ Your Library

by Jeanne Sylvester, MLS, Supervising Librarian

Opera @ the Library

February 14th at 1:30 p.m.

Donizetti's "L'Elisir D'Amore"
Recorded live at the Metropolitan Opera starring Luciano Pavarotti



Celebrate Women's History Month in March

Save the Date!

Friends of the Library Book Sale
May 15-16 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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Playaways are the newest and simplest way to listen to audiobooks, and the Nutley Public Library has recently added more than 50 current, popular and classic titles to its collection. These self-playing digital audiobooks are half the size of a deck of cards, weigh only two ounces, and have clearly marked buttons. This makes them easy to use, hold and transport for listeners of all ages. No more cassettes or CDs to juggle, no downloading required, just plug in and listen.

Playaways are also used by students to enhance their reading, listening and learning skills. They have been featured in "The New

York Times," "People" and "USA Today."

When you borrow a Playaway from the library, it will come strung on a lanyard, with one AAA battery installed, in a durable case labeled with easy to understand instructions. Its universal headphone jack works with almost any type of headphone, mobility accessory, portable speaker or FM transmitter. They may be borrowed and enjoyed for two weeks with a valid library card.

"Playaways are a great way to catch up on my reading while I'm running errands or doing chores" Gioya McRae, Nutley Public Library, Administrative Assistant



Recent Additions

"1776" by David McCullough

"Ten Big Ones" by Janet Evanovich

"A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini

Timeless Classics

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl

"The Outsiders" by S.E. Hinton

"The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Jeanne is listening to "Thank You Power" by Deborah Norville

President's Message

As we begin 2009, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a year filled with health, happiness and peace. This new year will be filled with exciting activities at YOUR library. Our fascinating author's tea, annual book

sale, stimulating musical presentations as well as a bevy of programs for our young readers are but a few examples. Of course we will put on our traveling shoes for excursions to plays at various venues as well as some surprise treks. I look forward to

greeting you as you participate in these functions. Please remember that a good place to keep warm and receive a special welcome is THE NUTLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY. Barbara Hirsch, President, Friends of the Nutley Public Library

Join the Monday Night Book Club

by Kiran Patel, MLS, Supervising Librarian

New members are always welcome at our friendly book club meetings.

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

February 2 "Little Bitty Lies" by Mary Kay Andrews

Mary Bliss must stage her husband's death to claim his insurance money.

March 2 "Tell No One" by Harlan Coben

Beck receives information that his murdered wife may still be alive, and he becomes a suspect in a number of crimes.

April 6 "Into the Wild" by



Book clubs are fun!

Jon Krakauer

Christopher McCandless's two-year odyssey ends tragically in the Alaskan wilderness.

May 4 "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" by Junot Diaz
One Book New Jersey 2009

A Dominican American and his mother try to recover their lives in New Jersey, after living under a dictatorship.

June 1 "American Woman" by Susan Choi

This novel looks at issues of race, class, war and peace during the 1960s.

July 6 "Kleopatra" by Karen Essex
Enjoy a fictional account of the charismatic queen from childhood, through exile and her rise to the throne of Egypt.

Many copies of each book are available at the library. Professional Development Credit is available for educators. Join us for lively discussions!

Websites for Book Lovers

www.bookpage.com

www.readinggroupchoices.com

www.readinggroupguides.com

www.whichbook.net

Kiran is reading "The American Journey of Barack Obama" by the editors of "Life"

Films on Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

February

6 "Leatherheads" *G. Clooney*
13 "P.S. I Love You" *Hillary Swank*
20 "Man On Wire"

27 "Get Smart" *Steve Carell*

March

6 "The Incredible Hulk" *E. Norton*
13 "What Happens in Vegas"

20 "The Duchess" *K. Knightley*

24 "Mad Money" *Queen Latifah*

April

3 "The Librarian: Quest for the Spear" *Noah Wyle*

17 "Baby Mama" *Tina Fey*

24 "American Farm"

May

1 "Hancock" *Will Smith*

8 "Mamma Mia!" *Meryl Streep*

22 "Young at Heart"

29 "The Secret Life of Bees"

June

5 "National Treasure 2" *N. Cage*

12 "Made of Honor" *P. Dempsey*

19 "Nights in Rodanthe" *D. Lane*

23 "Eagle Eye" *Shia LaBoeuf*

July

3 "Swing Vote" *Kevin Costner*

10 "Beverly Hills Chihuahua"

17 "Traitor" *Don Cheadle*

24 "The Women" *Meg Ryan*

31 "Journey to the Center of the Earth" *Brendan Fraser*

August

7 "The Dark Knight" *H. Ledger*

14 "High School Musical"

21 "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" *H. Ford*

28 "The X-Files: I Want to Believe"

Saturday Business Breakfasts

by Michael Maziekien, MLIS, Senior Librarian

Join us for dynamic discussions and light refreshments.

Business Survival in Tough Times
February 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Do you have what it takes to stand up in a major economic downturn? A speaker from SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business, will visit the library to discuss the best

business practices in hard times.

Fifteen Financial Myths Demystified
March 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Insurance, investments, retirement, estate planning and more can make handling your finances seem overwhelming. Nick Mauro of AXA Advisors will provide the basic facts you need to succeed, while debunking

common misconceptions about financial planning.

On the Web

www.business.gov

www.sba.gov (Small Business Admin)

www.score.org

Michael is currently reading "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson

“Alex and Me: How a Scientist and a Parrot Uncovered a Hidden World of Animal Intelligence and Formed a Deep Bond in the Process” by Irene M. Pepperberg Reviewed by Nick Van Dorn, Library Associate

This memoir tells the story of Dr. Irene Pepperberg, comparative psychologist at Brandeis University and her research and interactions with an intelligent African Grey parrot named Alex. Similar to the works of Jane Goodall or James Herriott, the reflections throughout this book highlight the bond that is formed between humans and animals and the power that animals have to affect our lives. Dr. Pepperberg highlights more than 30 years of experiences with Alex.

Throughout this book we see Alex’s development from a timid parrot to one who is able to count and describe shapes, colors and textures. His vocabulary grows to more than 100 words, and we learn of his ability to understand the meaning of words, not simply mimic words that he hears. Paralleling the cognitive growth of Alex is the strengthening bond between Dr. Pepperberg and Alex. Alex’s last words to Dr. Pepperberg before he passed away

were, “You be good, see you tomorrow. I love you.”

This book offers a glimpse into the world of an animal’s mind and I would recommend it to anyone who has felt a strong bond with an animal, or who want to learn more about animals.

Related Reads

“Dewey: The Small Town Library Cat Who Touched the World” by Vicki Myron 636.8092 MYRON

“Nim Chimpsky: The Chimp Who Would be Human” by Elizabeth Hess 636.9885 HESS

“The Story of Edgar Sawtelle” by David Wroblewski FIC WROBLEWSKI

“Wesley The Owl: The Remarkable Love Story of an Owl and His Girl” by Stacey O’Brien 598.97 O’BRIEN

On the Web

www.alexfoundation.org
www.birdadoption.org
www.pbs.org/lifeofbirds/brain/



Sign up for NextReads, an electronic list of recommended books that gets emailed to you monthly. The link for NextReads is on the library’s homepage, <http://nutley.bccls.org>. Newsletters include “History and Current Events,” “Fiction A-Z,” “Kid’s Books,” and “Thrillers and Suspense.”

Independent Film Festival

Enjoy award-winning independent and foreign language films not released to local theaters screened on the library’s large screen theater system. The library offers a large collection of award-winning independent films on DVD through its collaboration with Film Movement, Inc.

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

February 12 “Under the Bombs”
98 min (in Arabic with English subtitles)

A Shiite woman and a Christian taxi driver discover that they have much in common during a trip through the desolate war-torn countryside of Lebanon. *Winner-Best Film and Best Actress, Dubai International Film Festival 2007*

March 9 “The Pope’s Toilet”
97 min (in Spanish with English subtitles)

A small Uruguayan town awaits the visit of Pope John Paul II and 50,000 visitors. A petty criminal builds a bathroom in front of his house, charges for its use, and the unexpected results surprise everyone. *Winner-International Jury Award, San Paulo International Film Festival 2007*

May 11 “Arranged”
89 min

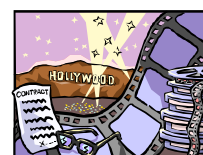
Two young women, an Orthodox Jew and a Syrian Muslim, become friends as they begin their careers as teachers in Brooklyn and go through the arranged marriage process together.

Winner-Best Feature Film, Brooklyn International Film Festival 2007

June 8 “Eldorado”
80 min (in French with English subtitles)

After a 40 year-old vintage car dealer surprises a young man trying to burgle him, they develop a friendship and both begin journeys of self-discovery.

Winner-Best European Film, Film Directors’ Fortnight Cannes Film Festival 2008



Live Performances @ Your Library

The Calvin Hill Jazz Trio Celebrate Jazz History Month

Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

We celebrate Jazz History Month with a concert by the Calvin Hill Jazz Trio. Calvin, on bass, will be accompanied by a pianist and a drummer in a performance of many jazz standards and arrangements from his recording "I Can't Give You Anything But Love." Calvin has taught at public and private schools in New Jersey and New York, and performs throughout the area with a variety of musicians.



Triple Play All Stars Catchy Country Concert

Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

Enjoy a concert of old-time country music flavored with bluegrass, gospel and blues with this fun trio. Rich Rainey (banjo and vocals), Drew Smith (autoharp and vocals), and Robbie Wedeen (guitar and vocals) will perform songs from their recording "Having A Ball" as well as some new and original works. Members of the group perform at music festivals and concerts throughout area.



E-Loans: As Convenient as a "Drive-Thru" Window

by Trina Staropoli, Senior Library Assistant

One of the many advantages of a Nutley Public Library Borrower's Card is the convenience of using it in person at any of 75 public libraries through our membership in the Bergen County Cooperative Library System (BCCLS). However, did you know you can also request materials from these libraries, including the Nutley Public Library, and have them waiting for you right here at the Nutley circulation desk? You can just come in and pick them up. Check the BCCLS catalog at <http://nutley.bccls.org> to search for the items that you want to borrow and just follow these steps:

- 1-Input your library card number in the "Place a Request for this Book/DVD/CD" feature at the right side of the screen
- 2-Click "Continue"
- 3-Verify the accuracy of your phone number and/or email address
- 4-Click "Submit"
- 5-That's all there is to it! The items will be sent to Nutley and you will be called or emailed upon their arrival

Sharing resources is the foundation of BCCLS service and the Nutley Public Library is an active participant. Take advantage of this excellent service that so many other patrons have come to enjoy!

Delivery Service for the Homebound by Kiran Patel, MLS, Supervising Librarian

The Nutley Public Library provides a town-wide service that delivers your favorite books, audiobooks, DVDs, and/or music CDs directly to your home, and it's absolutely free! Nutley residents who are physically unable to travel to the Nutley Public Library are eligible to have materials delivered by caring and dedicated library volunteers.

To register, fill out a "Nutley Public Library Delivery Service Request" and mail it to the library. Request forms are available to print out on the library web site at <http://nutley.bccls.org> or through the mail by calling 973-667-0405 ext. 2604. It's that easy.

To talk with a librarian about having materials delivered to your home, telephone 973-667-0405 ext. 2604.



National Library Week Celebrate April 12-18, 2009

Worlds connect @ your library®

National Library Week is an annual celebration of the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians. All types of libraries—school, public, academic and special—participate.

National Library Week 2009 will be celebrated with the theme “Worlds connect @ your library.”

Monday, April 13: Celebrate Library Customers

To say thank you to the thousands of Nutley residents who have library cards, everyone in town is invited to visit the library for books, movies, music, games and refreshments. It will be Library Customer Appreciation Day all day! If you are new to the library, this is the perfect time to get a library card.

Tuesday, April 14: Camp Out @ the Library 1:30 p.m.

Join us for a “Camp Out” as we welcome multi-talented singer and songwriter Ken Galipeau for an afternoon of songs, stories and campfire treats.

Wednesday, April 15: A 3D Movie Experience @ the Library 1:30 p.m.

“Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert Tour” with the Jonas Brothers is playing on the library's big screen. 3D glasses will be supplied.

Thursday, April 16: Guitar Hero Book Challenge 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Celebrate with teenagers who love the library. Learn to play Guitar Hero or challenge the teens with your own skill at the game. Win books as prizes.

Friday, April 17: What Does the Nutley Public Library Mean to You?

Play a word association game with us. When you visit the library, one of our staff members will say “LIBRARY” and you'll say _____ ?

Saturday, April 18: Because of You 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Celebrate library Friends and volunteers at the Recognition Reception. Learn how you can volunteer or become a Friend. Light refreshments will be served.



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Exhibits @ Your Library

By Trina Staropoli, Senior Library Assistant

February

Showcase: The annual exhibit by the League of Women Voters is featured in the showcase.

Gallery: Oil, watercolor, and acrylic paintings by Nutley artist Kristen Ambrosi hang in the gallery.

March

Showcase: The annual Women's History Month exhibit of The Women's Initiative of Nutley is displayed in the large case.

Gallery & Showcase: "Nutley Women Artists Celebrate Women's History Month" is featured in the gallery and one



showcase.

April

Showcase: The Nutley Chapter of UNICO, the Italian American Service Organization, displays memorabilia celebrating 50 years of service to the Nutley community. (April 20-May 31)

Gallery: "Picturing America, a project from the "We the People" program of the National Endowment for the Humanities in cooperation with the American Library Association, hangs in the gallery.

May

Showcase: Nutley Unico's "50 Years of Service to the Nutley Community" contin-

ues to be displayed in the large case.

Gallery & Showcase: The Nutley High School Fine Arts Department annual exhibit hangs in the gallery and is featured in one showcase.

June

Showcase & Gallery: The artwork of Wallington artist John Kary is featured.

July

Showcase: Nineteenth- and early twentieth-century christening gowns from the collection of the Meadowlands Museum are displayed.

Trina is reading "Outliers: The Story of Success" by Malcolm Gladwell