

*My alma mater was books, a good library.  
I could spend the rest of my life reading, just satisfying my curiosity. – Malcolm X*



# BOOKENDS



The newsletter of The Montvale Free Public Library  
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Monday – Thursday	10am – 9pm
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Sunday	1pm – 4pm

No weekend hours August through Labor Day.

#### OFFICIAL CLOSINGS

New Year's Day  
President's Day  
Easter Sunday  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Columbus Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Day after Thanksgiving  
Christmas Eve  
Christmas Day  
New Year's Eve

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## CIRCULATION DESK IN FULL BLOOM

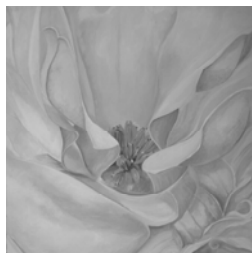
At noon on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Library will unveil its latest acquisition, a floral triptych (a painting consisting of three separate panels) that will hang on the wall behind the circulation desk. This elaborate oil painting will be the focal point of the Library and will add warmth and beauty to the entrance and circulation areas.

This new painting, entitled *Magnolias*, was conceived by Susan Trommler Donnellan, a 36-year resident of Montvale. A graduate of Parson's School of Design, majoring in graphics and advertising, she has been involved with many forms of creativity since she was a child. Among her many endeavors was SuGay Creations, a handcrafted wooden ornament business she owned for 17 years. These items were sold in Lord & Taylor, Bloomingdale's, and many gift catalogues. Her illustrations have appeared in children's books and on perfume and cosmetic packaging. After her family grew up, Ms. Donnellan pursued further study in the arts at The New School, Chinese Institute, and is presently taking classes in oil painting at Rockland Center for the Arts. She has studied Chinese brush painting for 12 years.

Susan cites Georgia O'Keeffe as one of her favorite artists who has inspired her to paint her "larger than life" floral paintings. An avid gardener, she started taking close-up photographs of flowers in her yard with her digital camera. This expanded to the Bronx Botanical Gardens and explorations around the Pascack Valley area. Last spring she became fascinated with an old magnolia tree on Spring Valley Road. "It was like watching a birth with the pure white-pink tinged petals reaching out and upward," she recalls. "Next thing you know, it looked like it had snowed a carpet of creamy petals." Donnellan felt sad when the flowers "turned brown and shriveled, totally exhausted from such an effort of being magnificent."

Ms. Donnellan was elated when Library Board member Irmgard Oelkers approached her to create a new painting for the wall behind the circulation desk. Donnellan envisioned a triptych for the large space and was inspired to immortalize "those magnificent magnolias that grew behind the wrought iron fence on Spring Valley Road." Donnellan calls her project an obsession and says, "a day couldn't pass without a few hours of painting, changing a petal shape or changing a color according to the light of day."

To catch a glimpse of *Magnolias*, see below. To experience the true color, beauty, and magnitude of *Magnolias* in person, come to the unveiling on February 3<sup>rd</sup> where you will also have an opportunity to meet Susan Trommler Donnellan.



## NAME THE NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Here is your big chance to make a permanent impact on your Library. The working title of our newsletter is *Bookends*, but we are counting on you, our loyal patrons, to suggest a new title that more appropriately represents our community.

The Library staff came up “Bibliophile” and “Verso.” We are convinced, however, that the perfect name is out there somewhere. If you have any ideas, please share them with Lorissa Lightman at (201) 391-5090 or [lightman@bccls.org](mailto:lightman@bccls.org). You may also submit your ideas at the circulation desk. Be sure to provide your name, Library card number, and phone number with your entries.

All entries will be reviewed by the Library Board of Trustees who will determine the name for the newsletter. The deadline for all entries is March 31, 2007. You may enter more than one suggestion. The winning entry will receive a gift certificate for a local bookstore.

## NEW OR NOTEWORTHY

### ONLINE ACTIVITY CALENDAR NEW IN 2007!

Check out our new user-friendly Activity Calendar on our website ([montvale.bccls.org](http://montvale.bccls.org)). This interactive, color-coded calendar provides information on all library events. Here is a color key to guide you through the calendar:

*Gold*—adult activities including book group meetings

*Orange*—children’s programs

*Green*—adult computer classes

*Blue*—Library closings

*Fuchsia*—Library Board meetings

### ALL IN THE FAMILY EXHIBIT: ROSEMALING

During January and February, a “Rosemaling” exhibit by Montvale resident Carol Ingraham will be displayed in the Library lobby. Rosemaling is translated from the Norwegian words “rose” and “maling” which mean “decorative” and “painting” respectively. It consists of colorful brush strokes, lines and splashes of color on many shapes and sizes of woodenware. The pieces on display include plates, boxes, mirrors, bread bowls, and more. The purpose of *All In the Family* is to showcase the work of Montvale artists.

### NEW PERIODICALS IN 2007!

We welcome TOWN AND COUNTRY and WEIGHT WATCHERS to our periodicals collection. Enjoy these new magazines along with your old favorites.

### DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT YOUR LIBRARY CARD.

You will need your card each time you take out or renew materials at the Library or pick up materials charged out to you (or another family member) from other libraries. You will also need your card to renew items over the phone.

### PINS

Would you like access to your Library card account any time of day? Stop by the circulation desk with your favorite four digits, and we'll show you how to use your new PIN.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



*Rabbi Gerald Friedman of Temple Beth Sholom lights the Menorah at the Hanukkah party.*



*Ms. Giulia welcomes Santa, direct from the North Pole, to the Christmas party.*

## UPCOMING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### Special Story Hour with Mrs. MacDonald.

January 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:45 p.m. Register now.

Join us for a special story hour with local artist and author, Carolyn MacDonald. Mrs. MacDonald created the beautiful mural in the Children’s room and wrote JUPITER, THE 3-LEGGED DRAGON and THE ORANGUTAN WHO WAS SICK OF HIS FRIENDS.

*Crafts* (the following crafts are for children ages six and up)

*Groundhog Day Craft*, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:45 p.m.

Registration open January 15<sup>th</sup> – January 30<sup>th</sup>

*Valentine’s Day Craft*, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 p.m.

Registration open January 29<sup>th</sup> – February 9<sup>th</sup>

*St. Patrick’s Day Craft*, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 p.m.

Registration open February 26<sup>th</sup> – March 12<sup>th</sup>

Please check our website ([montvale.bccls.org](http://montvale.bccls.org)) for updated information on new story hours and activities. Our online Activity Calendar (see adjacent column) will provide you with our most current information.

Registration for all Children’s programs can be done in person in the Children’s Room or by e-mail ([bombace@bccls.org](mailto:bombace@bccls.org)). Please be sure to include your child’s name, age and the program he or she wishes to attend in your e-mail.

*The Library reserves the right to cancel or modify any program at any time for any reason.*

## BOOK GROUP BASICS

The Montvale Library has two monthly book groups for adults—a Monday afternoon group and a Thursday evening group. The members of each group decide which books to read and take turns leading the discussions. The Library provides the meeting space for the book groups and orders copies of the monthly selections for all of the members. We also provide book discussion guides and author biographies when desired.

Our two book groups are enormously popular. In addition to their regular meetings, the book groups are beginning to sponsor public events at the Library. The Monday book group is sponsoring a screening of the film *BALZAC AND THE LITTLE CHINESE SEAMSTRESS* followed with a discussion led by Ellen Falk (see the adjacent column for more information on this event), the media specialist at Memorial School. A visit from an author is in the works and will be sponsored by the book groups. To learn more about our book groups, visit the Library webpage ([montvale.bccls.org](http://montvale.bccls.org)) where you can view the book selections for the upcoming meetings.

The Thursday group is accepting a few new members. The Library is also considering offering additional book groups with themes such as “Great Literature” and “Young Adult Literature.” If you are interested in joining our Thursday book group or in starting a new book group, please contact Lorissa Lightman at 201-391-5090 or [lightman@bccls.org](mailto:lightman@bccls.org).

## INTRODUCING NEW COMPUTER CLASSES

Are you tired of the same old rotation of computer classes? Here are some new classes we’ve added into the mix:

*Library Databases: Proquest.* Here you will learn how to find magazine and newspaper articles online in the Library or in the comfort of your own home. This class is ideal for people who are doing research papers. *January.*

*Googling!* This class is different from our “Search Engines” class which broadly covers several search engines. Here we will delve into Google and show you all kinds of interesting features of our very favorite search engine. *March.*

*Downloadable Audiobooks.* BCCLS has hundreds of audiobooks on its website that are anxiously awaiting listeners. You will learn how to download these books to your computer or MP3 player. Now you won’t have to wait months to read that hot new bestseller or the classic novel your teacher assigned for summer reading! *May, November.*

*E-mail Basics: G-Mail.* Our previous e-mail classes focused on Yahoo mail. This class will teach G-Mail instead, which is the free e-mail service offered through Google. *July.*

The remainder of our 2007 calendar will be filled in with old standbys such as *Learning the BCCLS Catalog* and *Microsoft Word Basics*. Additional information on all computer classes can be found on our new online activities calendar.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS

*New Jersey Ratepayer Advocate*

Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

Ms. Seema M. Singh, Esq., appointed by Governor Corzine, will show you how to understand your utility bills and save money on your monthly utilities. Register now.

*Herbal Medicine Cabinet with Cathy Lauer, MS, LCSW*

Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Learn how to use herbs safely and join us for handouts, demonstrations, and door prizes. Register now.

*New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Chamber Players*

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Shake off the winter doldrums with Garth Greenup on trumpet, Chris Komer on French horn, and Charles Baker on trombone. Register now.

*The Art of Ukrainian Pysanky (Easter Eggs) with Patty Wiszuk-DeAngelo.*

Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. or

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Back by popular demand, Ms. Wiszuk-DeAngelo will teach two classes in the art of Ukrainian Pysanky. Her art has been exhibited at the White House, featured in U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT and on the Food Network, and is on permanent display in private collections worldwide. Registration begins February 1<sup>st</sup> and requires a nonrefundable fee of \$20.00 for materials. Limited seating.

*Hail to the Ladies featuring Judy Bernstein*

Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Bernstein will share behind-the-scene tales of America’s first ladies, from Martha to Laura. She has performed at the White House Visitor Center, several Presidential libraries, and the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y. Registration begins March 1<sup>st</sup>.

*BALZAC AND THE LITTLE CHINESE SEAMSTRESS: a film by Dai Sijie*

Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a screening of this film set during the Chinese Cultural Revolution and a comparative discussion of the film and book of the same title led by Ellen Falk, media specialist at Montvale’s Memorial School. Ms. Falk has shared her love of reading and world travel with the students at Memorial School for 20 years. She is a language arts specialist with a Masters in Education and a media specialist certificate. We recommend that you read the book prior to the event; copies can be obtained through the Library.

*Unless otherwise specified, all programs will be held in the Council Chambers on the second floor of the Borough of Montvale Municipal Complex. Registration may be done by phone (201-391-5090) or in person, except where there is a fee for materials. When there is a fee, registration must be done **IN PERSON**. The Library reserves the right to cancel or modify any program at any time for any reason.*

# WHAT'S HOT AT THE MONTVALE LIBRARY

## ADULT

### Books

STALEMATE by Iris Johansen  
NATURE GIRL by Carl Hiaasen  
THE AUDACITY OF HOPE by Barack Obama  
I LIKE YOU by Amy Sedaris

### Books on Tape/CD

DEAR JOHN by Nicholas Sparks  
WILD FIRE by Nelson DeMille  
SAVING GRACES by Elizabeth Edwards  
JIM CRAMER'S MAD MONEY by Jim Cramer

### DVDs

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA  
LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE  
WORLD TRADE CENTER  
24: SEASON 5

### Compact Discs

A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION (motion picture soundtrack)  
THE INFORMATION by Beck  
AN OTHER CUP by Yusuf Islam  
AINADAMAR by Osvaldo Golijov

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## CHILDREN

### Picture Books

CHICKENS TO THE RESCUE by John Himmelman  
SHIVER ME LETTERS: A PIRATE ABC by June Sobel  
SHEETZUCACAPOOPOO by Joy Behar  
DON'T LET THE PIGEON STAY UP LATE! by Mo Willems

### Easy Readers

CARLO AND THE REALLY NICE LIBRARIAN by J. Spanyol  
BUT, EXCUSE ME, THAT IS MY BOOK by Lauren Child  
UNO'S GARDEN by Graeme Base  
WINTER WISHES by Apple Jordan

### Fiction

THE BOOK THIEF by Markus Zusak  
THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PYJAMAS by John Boyne  
VALENTINE PRINCESS by Meg Cabot  
THE LOOKING GLASS WARS by Frank Beddor

### Video

CARS  
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL  
HOOT  
FRAGGLE ROCK: SEASONS 1 AND 2

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## YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

SKINNY by Ibi Kaslik  
FAR FROM NORMAL by Kate Klise  
KID B by Linden Dalecki  
THE REAL QUESTION by Adrian Fogelin

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