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WORLD LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETIES INDUCTION CEREMONY

On Wednesday, November 14, 2018, a total of 59 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students were inducted into their respective world language honor societies during a ceremony replete with pomp and circumstance. Flag-bearing officers led their inductees into the auditorium as cultural music played. Senior Sophia Iacona, who served as Master of Ceremonies, introduced the various guest speakers of the evening.

Senior, Gianna Calligy, representing the Chinese program, talked about breaking through her language learning plateau by putting her language skills to use when ordering Chinese dinner for her family. She also shared that her Mandarin class is often the highlight of her stressful days in school and is thankful for the small, tight-knit learning community that her teacher, Mrs. Salewski, has provided.

In her speech, Senior, Sophia Iacona addressed her personal journey with learning French over the year. She thanked her teachers and classmates for always providing meaningful classroom discussions, interesting cultural lessons and providing an environment of French immersion on a daily basis. She spoke with passion about how her experiences as a host family to a French exchange student and her own visit to France as a junior have transformed her language abilities



(above) Italian Honor Society Inductees Antoinette Chango, Sarah Dill, Carly Dvorin, L. Gettler, Mason Glod, Christina Gubernat, Kyle Isolda, Lauren Kiltyka, Nicholas LaFerrara, Valeria Macchini, Amy Magrino, Lindsey Porchetta, Carly Spellman.

and love for everything “French.” She looks forward to hosting another exchange student this year and traveling to France once again.

Rachella Carlino spoke about the joy she experienced when traveling to Italy after studying Italian for a few years. Because of her experiences in the classroom she was proudly able to communicate with the locals. She congratulated this year’s Italian inductees and encouraged them all to continue their studies in Italian language and culture.

The last speaker of the evening, Brent Mankin, is a current Senior in the Spanish program at SPFHS. Brent spoke about how a family trip to Buenos Aires, Argentina allowed him to apply his years of studying Spanish in the classroom to real world situations. In just a short amount of time he felt comfortable ordering food, following directions and asking questions while on their tour of Iguazu Falls. In his speech he encouraged this year’s inductees to take advantage of every resource and guidance the

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French Honor Society Inductees
(above) Josephine Cerino, Carina DelCore, Michaela Genty, Vanessa Handy, Maria Schmidt, Meghan Taylor, and Juliet Trifiro.



(above) Chinese Honor Society Inductees Catherine Buren, Jake Hahn, Christopher Tsuchiya, William Robertson, Justin Verceles, Danielle Vuono, Chloe Yang, Keri Yang, Samantha Yip, and Julia Yu.

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World Language department has to offer. He urged students to take every opportunity in class to participate and to use language to communicate as best as possible. Brent ended his speech by saying, "We are living in a time where cultural division is sadly commonplace; yet, language has the ability to unify people across borders, and you represent the best of this district's Spanish speakers."

Representatives of each language program conducted the induction ceremonies for each language entirely in the target language. These representatives included: Robert Leonardo (Chiese), Isaac Wong (Chinese), Tierra Biussereth (French), Rachel Tang (French), Sara Barshap (Italian), Isabella Verga (Italian), Michael Dieu (Spanish), and Dominick Lamastra (Spanish).



(above) Spanish Honor Society Inductees Connor Alchus, Persis Baah, Alexa Chan, Katherine Chouinard, Jordan Clement, Nicole DeFrancesco, Sophie Drapkin, Jessica Eggert, Jennifer Fleck, Jessica Friebely, Jada Gomillion, Emelyne Johns, Nicole Kenny, Aleezah Madraswalla, Clara Masback, James McNichol, Athena Postlewait, Sophie Pritchett, Sarah Rata, Sarai Romero, Cheryl Schneider, Olivia Shih, Brandon Weinberg, Jovi Williams, Morgan Wilson, Elena Wollman, Tara Wolman, Kelly Zimmerman, Rachel Zucker

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In addition to the application, the Foundation requires a personal letter from the applicant, a letter of reference, and an official high school transcript, including SAT and/or ACT scores, or an official college transcript. Please see the application booklet for details. Applications should be mailed to Scotch Plains Fanwood Scholarship Foundation, PO Box 123, Fanwood,

NJ 07023 and must be postmarked by February 15, 2019. Applications postmarked after this date will be returned. Incomplete or unsigned applications may not be considered.

According to Mary Ball Cappio, President of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation, "Each year the Foundation welcomes new donors presenting fresh scholarships to our community. Last year we welcomed the Class of 1960 Memorial Scholarship, available to a student attending Rutgers University, which will fund on-campus room and board, plus all fees for four years and an incentive award upon graduation. This scholarship has its own application, specific criteria and can be accessed only on the Scholarship Foundation website."

Over the past 52 years, 3,104 students have received \$3,227,552 in scholarship aid. Scholarships are funded through a community-wide appeal in the spring and through Dollars for Students, our annual fund-raising event, taking place March 30th- 31st, 2019. Other scholarships are administered by the Foundation, but are funded by other community organizations; for example, every Parent-Teacher Association in the district funds at least one scholarship. Applications are reviewed by a Screening Committee consisting of four Trustees from the SPF Scholarship Foundation and PTA representatives from the public schools.

For further information, please access our website, spfscholarshipfoundation.org, or call Mary Ball Cappio at 908-889-8155.

FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS COLLEGE CLUB JANUARY PROGRAM

On January 28, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains welcomes Ms. Victoria Coglianesse, Registered Dietician from the Garwood ShopRite, to present a program on "Mindful Eating." Ms. Coglianesse will present non-weight related healthy eating tips so that her

listeners can develop a better relationship with food, resulting in lasting healthy habits.

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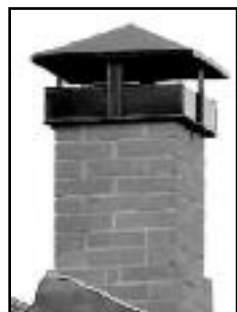
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School One celebrated Veteran's Day on Nov. 15 by recognizing active and inactive service men and women and inviting them to share their experiences and personal stories. Students in Kindergarten through Grade 4 had the privilege of meeting the people who have served or are

currently serving our country. Every year School One students look forward to this celebration where they can learn about those that keep our country safe. A gift of "Thank You" notes prepared by our students were provided to each guest as a small token of appreciation for their

service. The School One PTA also provided light refreshments.

School One recognizes Veteran's Day to remember those who have given their service for our country's freedom. We are grateful for each and every one of them.



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COLES KICKED OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH FOOD DRIVE

Submitted by Christine Schiumo

As Thanksgiving approached, students at the JA Coles Elementary School in Scotch Plains, NJ were busy helping others in need.

Students donated many different types of food which were used to provide meals and pantry items for 10 families this holiday season. Meals were distributed to local families as well as our neighbors in need. The generous donations filled many family tables this year at Thanksgiving.

Additionally, we were lucky enough to once again collect enough food to also feed local families through the holidays in December.

The Coles Kids Care program, sponsored by the JA Coles PTA, was created to give back to those in need in our community throughout the school year and continues to be so very successful thanks to our PTA committee leads and volunteers.

Students and parents at Evergreen Elementary have been steadily working to serve the local community this Fall. Serving others in our area ranks as a high priority on our list of things to do within the Evergreen community. Showing our children how to serve others is something we strive for on a continual basis.

On October 17, Evergreen's Fourth Grade students collected and organized an abundance of gently-used Halloween costumes for members of the Boys and Girls Club of Union County. The students also helped to make candy bags that were shared with these same children at the 2018 Fall Festival hosted by the Plainfield Club.

Just in time for the holidays, Evergreen students and parents through the leadership of the Kids Care Committee at Evergreen collected a huge and diverse inventory of clean and gently used toys to donate to Second Chance Toys on Tuesday, November 13. This organization rescues and recycles gently used plastic toys for children in need whilst keeping thousands of pounds of plastic out of our landfills. Second

Chance Toys (SCT) was founded in 2006 by Sasha Lipton, the daughter of Bronna Lipton who is a former teacher at Evergreen Elementary. SCT collected their 300,000 toy at the Evergreen Second Chance Toy drive!

On Thursday November 15, the Evergreen community rallied to collect food for our yearly Thanksgiving Food Drive. Also led by the Kids Care Committee, this food drive benefits families within our community by providing them baskets full of everything needed to enjoy a wonderful holiday meal including a turkey.

Thanks to the Fourth Grade Service Project Committee led by RosaAnna Passucci and Christine Laudman as well as their awesome team for organizing and executing the Halloween service project with heart. Thanks also goes to Lindsay DeMasi and Kathleen Migliaccio for leading the Evergreen Kids Care Committee during these past few years - the Second Chance Toy Drive and Thanksgiving Food Drive are only some examples of the way parents help our children "do good" all year round!



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On November 16th and 17th Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School performed Peter and the Star Catcher play to the delight of their audiences. Peter and the Star Catcher explored how a young orphan ultimately became Peter Pan, the boy who would not grow up. From the

marauding pirates and jungle tyrants to unwilling comrades and unlikely heroes, Peter and the Star Catcher playfully explored the depths of greed and despair, and the bonds of friendship, duty and love. This play was a sheer delight and was exquisitely casted.

Photo by Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools



CHINESE DELEGATION VISITS SP-F SCHOOLS

On Friday, November 30, 2018, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District hosted 22 school administrators from China representing the Wenzhou School District. The visitors were visiting the United States through a two-week program with Kean university. During their stay in the United States, they participated in a variety of workshops at Kean University and visited three local school districts, including Scotch Plains-Fanwood.

They began their visit with a welcome from Superintendent, Dr. Margaret Hayes and the high school's Mandarin teacher, Li Salewski. They were also treated to a performance by the high school's acapella group, "The Sensations." High school students in the Mandarin program were then charged with the task of acting as tour guides for the Chinese visitors for the remainder of the day. The first stop of their visit was Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School where visitors were able to visit a variety of classes and ask students about their lives as high school students. After touring the high school, the Chinese visitors were then able to visit both Park Middle School and Terrill Middle School. At both middle schools, they were able to visit classrooms and tour the facilities. At noon, administrators from Scotch Plains-Fanwood joined their Chinese counterparts for lunch and conversation about their shared experiences. After lunch, the group of visitors were divided into three groups that were each able to visit one of the five elementary schools in the district. Staff and students at McGinn Elementary, School One and Evergreen Elementary welcomed guests into their classrooms with friendly smiles and greetings in Chinese and English.

At the end of the day, the Chinese school administrators shared that they enjoyed being able to experience a typical American school day and felt extremely welcomed by the students, staff and administrators of Scotch Plains-Fanwood. Both groups hope to establish a connection that will lead to a future intercultural partnership to benefit students in China and the United States.



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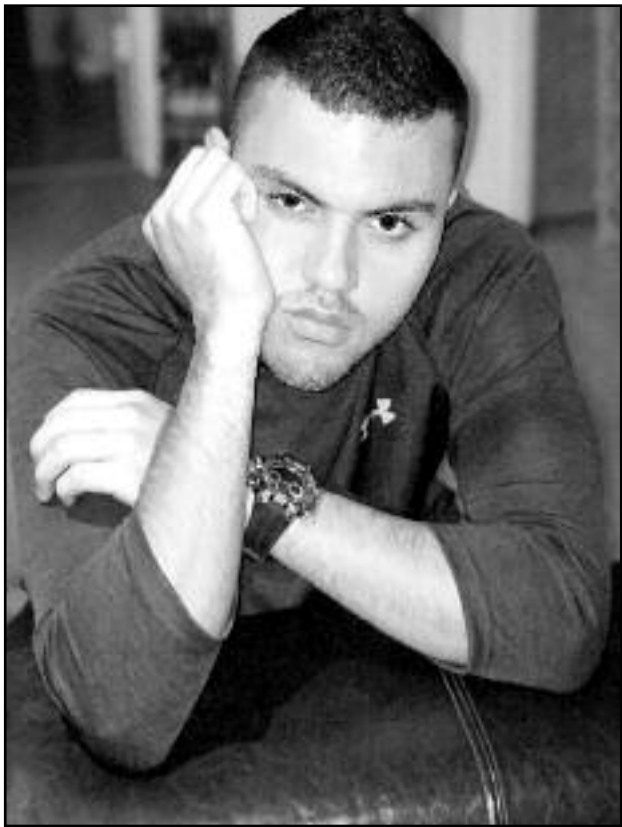
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Kester, age 18, has Asperger's, a form of Autism Spectrum Disorder. He is currently enrolled in the post graduate program at The Newmark Education High School and also a student at the UCVT in Computer Graphics. He



enjoys music, track, video games and modeling.

Did you know that approximately 80% of individuals with autism are unemployed? Spectrum Works, a unique nonprofit that provides job training and employment to individuals with autism by building inclusive workforces at its partner companies, has set out to change this statistic. The program allows high school students with autism to enter a workplace as a paid trainee, work alongside neuro-typical coworkers, and learn the skills needed to be outstanding employees. Spectrum Works is currently partnering with Rent the Runway, Green Distribution, and F&M Expressions to build its job training program into their everyday operations.

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ROTARY CLUB WELCOMES MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN AS NEW MEMBER

Michael Goldstein is the newest member of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club. He was inducted during the December 19, 2018 meeting. After the ceremony he said “I am thrilled and delighted to have been invited to be a part of this great organization and I look forward to doing great work with you all.”

Michael has lived in Fanwood for over

seventeen years with his wife Carol. They have 2 children, Bess and Ella. He has worked at the JCC of Central New Jersey for fourteen years, and on November 1, 2018 he became their new Executive Director.

Members of the Fanwood Scotch Plains Rotary Club are from diverse walks of life – from business and professional roles in government

and non-profit organizations. Rotary is non-religious and non-political, open to members of any race, culture or creed. Members are committed to making their communities better places to live, as they enjoy the fellowship of Rotary with like-minded persons. They carry out a broad range of cultural, humanitarian, and education programs that touch people’s lives in the local and the global community. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at The Stage House Restaurant, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ. For more information please visit fsprotary.org or on Facebook: Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club.

ROTARY INTERACT CLUB

Interact Club, the student arm of the Rotary Club, members Antoinette, Evelyn, Lydia, and Alyssa were among the volunteers who spent time at the Fanwood/Scotch Plains YMCA on Saturday, December 8, 2018, selling hand-made

jewelry, and hand sewn items made by girls at a rehabilitation house in Uganda. 100% of the profits go to the non-profit Beads of Hope Angel House Project. A Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary supported charity which benefits Uganda women.



(above, l-r) Michael Goldstein was inducted into Rotary by Steve Goldberg.

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The Township of Scotch Plains sponsored the 28th Annual Mayor's Charity Gala on December 1, 2018 at Shackamaxon Country Club. The event honors Scotch Plains first responders. Approximately \$12,000 was raised and benefits the Scotch Plains Police Foundation, Scotch Plains Firefighters Association, and Scotch Plains

Rescue Squad. A portion of the proceeds will also be donated to the Scotch Plains Municipal Alliance which is a community-based organization dedicated to a comprehensive and coordinated effort to reduce and prevent substance abuse through prevention programs, activities, and education in the community.

SCOTCH PLAINS RESCUE SQUAD

Formed in 1937 by a small group of residents who saw a need in the community, the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad is the oldest volunteer squad in Union County and one of the oldest in New Jersey.

Today, the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad is comprised of 83 members, cadets, and the squad auxiliary. Active members are full Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's), certified by the State of New Jersey. EMT's can do everything from setting a broken leg to restarting a heart in

cardiac arrest.

Other than responding to emergency calls, the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad supports numerous Township activities and events such as high school sporting events, the Italian Festival, movies and concerts on the Village Green, and Trunk or Treat. Additionally, the Rescue Squad has a large assortment of wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, and other medical equipment which members of the community can use, free of charge.



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The Scotch Plains Police Foundation was established in 2009 and is registered with the IRS and has 501(c)(3) status. Its main purpose is to fund equipment and programs for the Scotch Plains Police Department which are not included in the town budget.

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SCOTCH PLAINS FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

The Scotch Plains Volunteer Firefighters Association (SPVFA) was originally organized to support the Township of Scotch Plains' volunteer firefighters. Today, SPVFA supports both the firefighters and the Scotch Plains Fire Department through equipment grants, scholarships, and training. SPVFA also takes an active role in community involvement by sponsoring and participating in various Township activities and events.

The Scotch Plains Fire Department operates

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Station #162 operates the Tower Ladder, which is an elevating platform that reaches a height of 95 ft.



COPING WITH GRIEF

The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, 11 Springfield Ave, will hold their eight-week seminar "Journey to Wholeness- Healing the Grieving Heart" on Sunday evenings from January 13, 2019 to March 3, 2019.

Patti Williams, R.N. and certified pastoral bereavement counselor, and Virginia Waters, Ph.D. and psychologist, will lead the sessions from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Prime Time Room at the church. This location is handicapped accessible.

Williams and Waters have offered this seminar for over 18 years, and have helped 2,800 people experience healing, find a new purpose for their lives and feel joy once again. "This is an experience like no other," states Williams.

The sessions include learning about the stages of grief and understanding the tasks of the grieving process, coping strategies, dealing with loneliness, building a support system and more.

The seminar is dedicated to Williams's late husband, the Rev. Dr. Bruce D. Williams who had a vision for this program, wanting to help others deal with their pain and suffering during their time of loss.

One participant, Joan, states, "I have learned more along this heartbreaking journey than I ever thought possible. I have learned that you will never ever forget your love and that you are changed forever, but you need to give yourself permission to heal. I have learned that I can revisit the past, but I cannot live in it, because it undermines my present and all that I have is just today. I have learned that love never dies and my love is with me always because he sends me signs to tell me so. These are my greatest treasures. I have learned that by keeping his memory alive with stories, photos etc. it makes me smile and brings me a kind of peace. I believe that your loved one only wants the best for you and you will be reunited one day."

Both of the leaders and all of the facilitators have experienced loss within their lives and share from the inside out. "It does not matter if the loss is divorce, death or job loss; loss is loss, it must be grieved. It does not matter how long ago you experienced loss. Bring family members and friends," states Williams. All faiths are welcome. To register for this event, call Williams at 908-709-1341. No fee is charged, though registration is required.



(above, l-r) Patti Williams,, RN, certified pastoral bereavement counselor, and Dr. Virginia Waters, Ph.D., phycologist, have been running the Grief Seminar for 18 years.

CAU TO HOLD OPEN AUDITIONS FOR "HAIRSPRAY, JR." IN JANUARY

Holy moly, welcome to the '60s! The CAU Community Players, an integrated theater troupe that brings together performers with and without developmental disabilities, is holding open auditions for an upcoming production of "Hairspray, Jr." Auditions will be held January 22, 24 and 26, 2019.

Community Access Unlimited (CAU), a Union County-based human services agency, created the troupe in 2012 to create a space for people of all ages and abilities to perform and demonstrate their unique talents. The productions also allow individuals from the greater community to interact with people with disabilities and further the agency's mission of community integration. CAU strives to integrate people with disabilities and at-risk youth into the general community through housing, vocational and life-skills training, education, advocacy, recreation and more.

The CAU Community Players stage a three-day production that draws hundreds of attendees each year. This year, the troupe chose "Hairspray, Jr," the Tony Award-winning musical about one girl's inspiring dream to dance and change the world, for its themes of overcoming adversity to achieve integration and equality.

Spunky, plus-size teen Tracy Turnblad has one big dream – to dance on the popular "Corny Collins Show." She finally gets her shot and is transformed from social outcast to sudden star. Balancing her newfound power with her desire for justice, Tracy fights to dethrone the reigning Miss Teen Hairspray and integrate a TV network in the process. With the help of her outsized mom, Edna, and guest DJ, Motormouth

Maybelle, the rhythm of Tracy's new beat proves unstoppable.

The CAU Community Players select a play that is representative of the agency's message of inclusion, acceptance and believing in oneself, as well as everyone's worth regardless of their circumstances, according to troupe director Marguerite Modero.

"The message of this play is really important to me – embracing who you are and celebrating uniqueness," Modero said. "The subplot about the racial discrimination that took place in the '60s also fits our cause. Tracy and her mom also know what it's like to be discriminated against due to their size. People with disabilities often are discriminated against, so this message resonates with our members and their families."

Auditions are open to people of all ages and

abilities. No registration or acting experience is required.

"We meet everybody where they start, and we grow from there," Modero said. "I think new cast members will find this is one of the most rewarding experiences of their lives, to work together with others to produce something that is so heartwarming and has such an important message."

For more information about the CAU Community Players visit caunj.org and click on Recreation/CAU Community Players.

Audition schedule:

Tuesday, Jan. 22 – 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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Book Clubs offered in January include Bagels & Books on Monday, January 7 at 10 a.m., where book-lovers share their recent reading experiences, and pick up suggestions for future reading. Registration is required. This program is open to any adult who enjoys reading. The library’s longstanding evening and afternoon book clubs will meet on January 14 and 15th respectively. Check the library web site for titles slated for discussion. Next Chapter Book Club for teens and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities resumes on Tuesday, January 8. For more information, call Pam Brooks at (908) 322-5007, ext. 204.

Adult art workshops continue with the January meeting of the Jewelry Club to be held on Monday, January 14 at 10 a.m. Leah Zara-Acevedo returns with a Let’s Monet! painting project. Both workshops fill up quickly. Priority is given to Scotch Plains and Fanwood residents.

For football fans, the time between the NFL Conference Championships and the Super Bowl can be uneventful. Come to the library for your football fix! Prize-winning chef Jennifer Bridgeman returns to the library on Saturday, January 26 with health conscious recipes to wow your Super Bowl party crowd. Step-by-step demos, samplings and advice included. Sports writer, blogger, and documentary film producer Jerry Barca will be at the library on Sunday, January 27 to discuss our local teams and the kinds of leadership shown over the decades that built, re-built and led winning teams. Jerry is a huge Notre Dame fan, so don’t be surprised to hear something about the Fighting Irish, as well. Both programs will begin at 2 pm, registration is required and is open to all adults and high school students.

Friday noon films will feature Julia Roberts. No registration required.

We offer daily after school programs for middle schoolers on days when school is in session, as well as monthly evening cooking classes and college prep programs. There will be a Mario Kart tournament in January. Programs are for students in grades 5-12 unless otherwise noted. Some events require advanced registration. Please see the online calendar for specific dates and times.

In addition to our regularly scheduled weekly story times, there are some exciting new programs for children of all ages this January. Students in Kindergarten to 2nd grade are invited to join our new Early Reader Book Club. The Union County 4H STEM Club and the Montclair Learning Center will be hosting

STEM-themed workshops for older elementary and middle school students. A new monthly cooking program for children 8 and older is also beginning this month. All programs require registration, please check the website for exact dates and registration information.

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The Scotch Plains Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue in the center of town. Sign up for programs that require registration on the library’s web site, scotlib.org. Check the web site for cancellations due to inclement weather, and more information.

ARTIST LANA LIDDY-LAPADURA EXHIBIT AT LIBRARY

Fanwood resident and award-winning abstract artist Lana Liddy-LaPadura will be featured in the downstairs gallery space of the Scotch Plains Public Library. The exhibit will run from January 6-29, 2019. A reception will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2019 from 2-3:30 p.m. To preview some of the work that will be shown visit lanaliddylapadura.com



Sunday Sounds 2019

<p>JANUARY 6- 1pm Songs from the Million Dollar Quartet presented by Einstein Alley Musicians Collaborative, in celebration of Elvis’ birthday. Cake will be served!</p> <p>FEBRUARY 3 - 2pm Motown Learn and Listen, with Stephen Fuller, in honor of Black History Month.</p> <p>APRIL 7 - 2pm Sing of Spring: An Afternoon of Gershwin, with pianist Gil Scott</p> <p><i>No registration needed.</i></p>	<p>Chapman on keyboards and Lauren Scales, vocalist.</p> <p>MAY 5- 2pm Ed Goldberg and the Odessa Klezmer Band, in honor of Jewish American History Month.</p> <p>JUNE 2 - 2pm David Bowie Learn and Listen, with Rob Fusari, in anticipation of Space-themed Summer Reading.</p>
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STORY TIME WITH BRUNNER PRINCIPAL

Students and their families were invited to a special story time with Brunner School’s Principal, Scott Bortnick on Wednesday, November 28th. This “PJ/sleeping bag optional” event coincided with the PTA’s Fall Book Fair. Parents and children enjoyed Mr. Bortnick’s narration of “Drawn Together” by Minh Le with illustrations by Caldecott Medalist, Dan Santat. The engaging book tells the story of a boy and his grandfather discovering a shared love of art, helping to overcome language and generational barriers. It was a wonderful event to end the day for students (and parents, too!)

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