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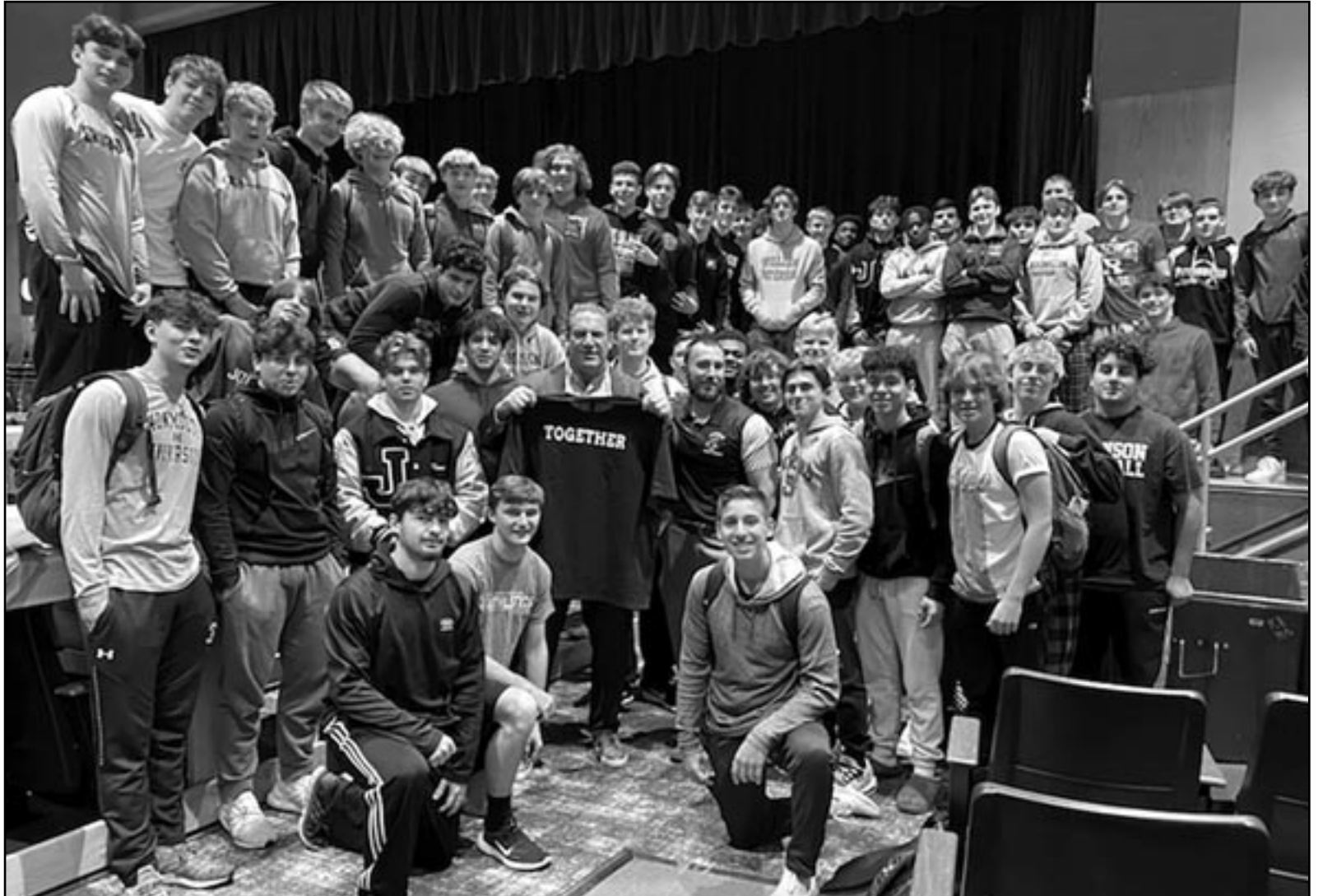
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## NFL PLAYER PAYS A VISIT TO ALJ HIGH SCHOOL

Submitted by Anthony DelConte



(above) Christian Peter and the ALJ Football Team

Photo by Clark Public Schools

On March 9, 2022, former two-time Nebraska Football National Champion, and former NFL offensive lineman Christian Peter made a stop by Crusader Nation at Arthur L. Johnson High School.

Christian is a fellow New Jersey bread football player from Middletown South High School. He took the time to come in and motivate the Crusaders and send a positive message to them to help prepare them for their upcoming testing, as well as pump the football team up as some extra motivation as they continue through their off-season.

Christian is a current NJ resident that is a member of the NFL Alumni association, in addition to owning his own insurance company. Christian is involved with numerous charity organizations to help give back to communities out of

the goodness of his heart. In addition, he is heavily involved with numerous municipalities, schools, and athletic teams as a motivational speaker to help support and guide them on a successful path in life.

The Clark Public School District's Parent University Program presents Former NFL Player Christian Peter. Come hear Peter's story of hard work, strength, and perseverance as he shares the lessons he learned both on and off the field.

Please join us April 12th at 6 p.m. in the Arthur L. Johnson High School Auditorium. To register for this event, contact Christine Broski at [cbroski@clarkschools.org](mailto:cbroski@clarkschools.org) or (732) 574-9600 x3355 by April 8th. Open to all parents and students attending the Clark and Garwood Public Schools. All students must be accompanied by a parent.

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# ARTHUR L. JOHNSON ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT WINTER ATHLETIC AWARDS

## Clark Public Schools

The Arthur L. Johnson Athletic Department held its 2021 - 2022 Winter Athletic Awards Ceremony. The evening, sponsored by the Crusader Athletic Booster Club, was held in the Arthur L. Johnson Auditorium.

All the Winter Athletic Teams and their seasons were highlighted by their coaches while handing out letters and awards to the student athletes. Over 166 varsity athletic letters were handed out throughout the evening, as participation in athletics at Arthur L. Johnson High School (ALJHS) continues to grow.

The Student Athlete Award, presented by ALJHS Athletic Director Gus Kalikas, is given out each athletic season to a student athlete that is not only a champion on the field, but in the classroom as well. This year's winter recipient is Dominika Kosiek who currently has a 4.63 GPA and is ranked fifth in her senior class.

The Crusader GPA Challenge is awarded to the team that finishes with the highest overall GPA amongst athletic teams for the winter season. The recipients are presented with certificates, have their team memorialized on a plaque, and are invited for a "Breakfast with the AD" to celebrate their actions both in the classroom and on the field.

The GPA Challenge winners for this winter season currently have a GPA of 4.134. They are: Sophia Argenziano, Dominika Kosiek, Sarah Scepkowski, Sofia DiProfio, Vittoria Grady, Eva Puentes, Ashley Samsel, Georgia Sebok, Kaileigh Nettland, Lacey Vill, Isabella Ciccotelli,

Alexandra Gonzalez, Alyssa Martucci, and Mackenzie Thompson.

The Best Teammate Award is given out seasonally to one member from each athletic team who has an upbeat attitude, who positively influences teammates, who is supportive, promotes team unity, and has outstanding character. The Best Teammate Award Winners are: Boys' Basketball: Aidan Hund; Girls' Basketball: Sophia Argenziano; Ice Hockey: Zachary Silverstein; Boys' Winter Track & Field: John Brighthouse; Girls' Winter Track & Field: Kelly Krupski; Swimming: Sean Brophy; Bowling: Gary King; and Cheerleading: Lisa Karnaugh.

The evening culminated with the

announcement of the Most Valuable Players (MVP). The MVPs are: Boys' Basketball: Joseph Carney; Girls Basketball: Dominika Kosiek; Ice Hockey: Shaun Applin; Boys' Winter Track & Field: Aidan Ford; Girls' Winter Track & Field: Tatum Dobbins; Swimming: Jakub Szulimowski; Bowling: Kyle Perednia; and Cheerleading: Leila Thompson.

Athletic Director Gus Kalikas, commented: "Once again, our Winter Awards Program was a successful evening as it allows the District, Administration, and Coaches the opportunity to acknowledge a wonderful Winter Sports Season as well as recognize both student athletes and their parents alike for all that they have accomplished this past winter athletic season."

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(above, l-r) Winter MVP Award winners; Best Teammate Award winners; Dominika Kosiek wins the Student Athlete Award and the MVP Award.

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# ALJ AWARDS CRUSADER FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIPS

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The Arthur L. Johnson Crusader Football Team recently held its annual post-season awards banquet. Head Football Coach Anthony DelConte presided over the event as all athletes were honored for their contributions to Crusader Football. Additionally, numerous scholarships were awarded to deserving student athletes throughout the evening. The night culminated with the showing of the 2021 Crusader Football Team's highlights. It was a wonderful evening to celebrate both past and present Crusaders in the tradition of Crusader Football.

## THE DON LAPENNA III MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

The Don LaPenna Leadership Memorial Scholarship recipient receives a scholarship and a plaque. It is presented to the senior football player who, like Don, overcame odds and had a true love of Crusader Football. The athlete must be a great role model who displays excellent leadership qualities and is dedicated to his team. The 2021 Don LaPenna Leadership Memorial Scholarship recipient is Jason Hernandez.

## THE HENRY A. VARRIANO MEMORIAL AWARD

Henry R. Varriano presents this award to a senior player who displays determination and a never-give-up attitude. The recipient of this award always puts the team above himself, sacrifices individuality for the team, pushes himself to achieve greater heights, and overcomes adversity. The Varriano Award includes a scholarship and plaque. The 2021 Varriano Award winner is Dante Montuori.

## THE DENNIS CARPINI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Dennis Carpini Memorial Scholarship recipient receives a scholarship and a plaque. It is presented to the senior football player who, like Dennis, overcame odds and had a true love of Crusader Football. The athlete must be a heart and soul competitor, a unifier, and a positive role model. The 2021 Dennis Carpini Memorial Scholarship recipient is Nick Pingor.

## ALJ Crusader Football Scholarship Recipients: THE COLLEGIATE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

The Collegiate Athlete of the Year honors a former Crusader that has gone on to succeed both in the classroom and on the athletic fields. The 2022 recipient is Vincent Crisafi, who played collegiate football for Caldwell College.

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The Sanguiliano family presents the Century 21 JRS Academic Achievement Award annually to our Senior Football player with the highest GPA. The Award includes a scholarship and plaque. This year's 2021 Academic Achievement Award recipient is Matthew Vill.

## THE THOMAS SANTAGUIDA "SAINT OF THE YEAR" AWARD

The loss of Thomas Santaguida devastated all of us. We lost a man we all loved and admired. When Mr. Santaguida came to Johnson in 1993, he had to replace one of the most respected and loved men in ALJ history in Lou Paragallo. He won everyone over with his dignity, professionalism, confidence, and most of all—

sense of sportsmanship and fair play. As a high school player at Plainfield, Mr. Santaguida played football and basketball. His coaches and teammates say his fiery stile and zest for competition stood out even then. These are the qualities that are celebrated in naming the 2021 Johnson Football "Saint of the Year." The 2021 "Saint of the Year" is Jason Hernandez.

## THE COACH SEYMORE "RED" KELIN MOST IMPROVED PLAYER SCHOLARSHIP

The Most Improved Player Scholarship recipient receives a scholarship and a plaque. It is presented to the senior football player who, through dedication, hard work, and perseverance, has shown a tremendous improvement in the sport of football throughout his high school career. The 2021 Most Improved Player Scholarship recipient is Dante Montuori.

## THE WILLIAM WATERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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(above, l-r) Vincent Crisafi named 2022 Collegiate Athlete of the Year; Dante Montuori receives the Coach Seymore "Red" Kelin Most Improved Player Scholarship and the Henry A. Varriano Memorial; LJ Crusader Jason Hernandez receives the Thomas Santaguida "Saint of the Year" Award; Nick Pingor is the recipient of the William Waterson Memorial Scholarship; Matt Vil is awarded the Century 21 JRS Academic Achievement Scholarshi.; The 2021 Don LaPenna Leadership Memorial Scholarship recipient is ALJ Crusader Jason Hernandez; Nick Pingor is awarded the Dennis Carpini Memorial Scholarship.

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Director Peter Nevargic is extremely excited for this production to hit the stage as ALJ has not had a live musical on its boards since Mamma Mia! in 2019.

Seniors who will be making their final bows on the ALJ stage include Aaron Bloom, Shannon Heaning, Josh Moreira, Bella Manto, Leo DeSantis, and Gianna Ortiz.

Be sure not to miss Pippin on Thursday April 7th, Friday April 8th and Saturday, April 9th. All shows start at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$5 for students & senior citizens and \$10 for adults and can be purchased at the door.



## GARWOOD YOUTH ACADEMY NOW RECRUITING CADETS

The Garwood Youth Academy is now recruiting for the Summer 2022 session that runs from August 15 thru 19, 2022. Through activities, demonstrations, and lectures, this six-day program, hosted by the Garwood Police Department and the Garwood Municipal Alliance, gives youngsters entering Grades 5-8

the opportunity to learn what a career in law enforcement entails. Applications are available at [garwoodpd.org/Forms.html](http://garwoodpd.org/Forms.html). The submission deadline is June 3, 2022 and the cost is \$30 per cadet. The program is also open to non-residents, although Garwood residents get preference.

Photos by Garwood Police Department



(above) Garwood Youth Academy cadets salute superior officers in a six-day training program that covers a variety of aspects of law enforcement.



(above) Garwood Youth Academy cadets learn CPR, a lifesaving emergency procedure that all law enforcement personnel must know.



(above) Garwood Youth Academy cadets get a lesson from the NJ State Police NorthStar Medevac Helicopter team during the summer Youth Academy program.

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# ALJ WELCOMES THE CLASS OF 2026 AND 2027

## Clark Public Schools

Crusader Pride was strong on Tuesday, March 15th at the Arthur L. Johnson High School Seventh and Eighth Grade Open House. Students of the Class of 2026 and 2027 and their parents were invited to learn about the ALJ experience. Students were greeted by the ALJ Marching Band. They then received Crusader shirts and listened to a panel of ALJ freshmen share their experience at the school. The panel discussed their transition to ALJ as well as some tips for success. The ALJ freshmen explained all of the opportunities available at ALJ including AP/Dual enrollment courses and electives ranging from marine biology to speech and debate in addition to the many extracurricular activities and athletics offered. They encouraged all incoming students to get involved because there is something for everyone at ALJ!

Students then received a sampling of all of the extracurricular activities and athletic programs ALJ has to offer. Representatives and advisors of the clubs and sports offered at ALJ were available to meet students, provide them with information, and answer any questions. Class of 2026 and 2027 parents also attended a panel discussion led by ALJ parents who shared the successes of their children both in and outside of the classroom as result of the ALJ experience.

Athletic Director Gus Kalikas stated, "It was a

wonderful night that gave our future Crusaders, the classes of 2026 & 2027, an opportunity to see what lies ahead for them and all of the tremendous opportunities that they have to look forward to in the upcoming years."

Principal Jennifer Feeley stated, "'I couldn't be more proud of our school community, students, staff, and administrators coming together to highlight what makes ALJ so special. Our goal was to get our middle schoolers fired up about ALJ, performances from our percussion, jazz band and cheerleaders set the tone of excitement

and pride. We look forward to seeing Class of 2026 and Class of 2027 coming to ALJ and continuing the tradition. Go Crusaders."

Superintendent Edward Grande stated, "The event was a great opportunity to give our seventh and eighth-grade students from CHK and Lincoln School in Garwood and their parents a view into ALJ, with a special emphasis on our extracurricular offerings. We hope that these students and parents keep the lines of communication with us open regarding any questions about ALJ that they might have."


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# MICHAEL ALAN PFAHLER 1966 - 2022

Submitted by Carol & Ed Pfahler

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Mike was known by just about everyone in Cranford, and Garwood, because of the time he spent on his trusty bike. Every parade, as well as street fairs, found him at those events. Most

serving on the police and fire departments, and rescue squads, as well as store owners, and everyday residents knew him. He so enjoyed those times riding around the towns.

His wake was held at Dooley Funeral Home on February 13, 2022. It was attended by family, and friends, and it would have been Mike’s shining moment meeting all those who attended.

He will be missed by everyone who knew him, and his bright smile. Pedal on “Mike the Bike”.



(above) Mike the Bike at the May 26, 2008 Cranford Memorial Day Parade

## TWOSDAY DANCE PARTY

On “Twosday” 2/22/22 at 2:22PM, Lincoln School students participated in a school-wide dance party. An opportunity was provided for all classes to stand and enjoy a “brain break” while getting some physical activity as they danced in their rooms. A pretzel treat was provided to each student compliments of the Student Council. Pictured is ELA teacher Victoria Sherby who helped bag over 400 pretzels.



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(above) When Mike’s bike was stolen in 2011, the Cranford Police Department replaced it.

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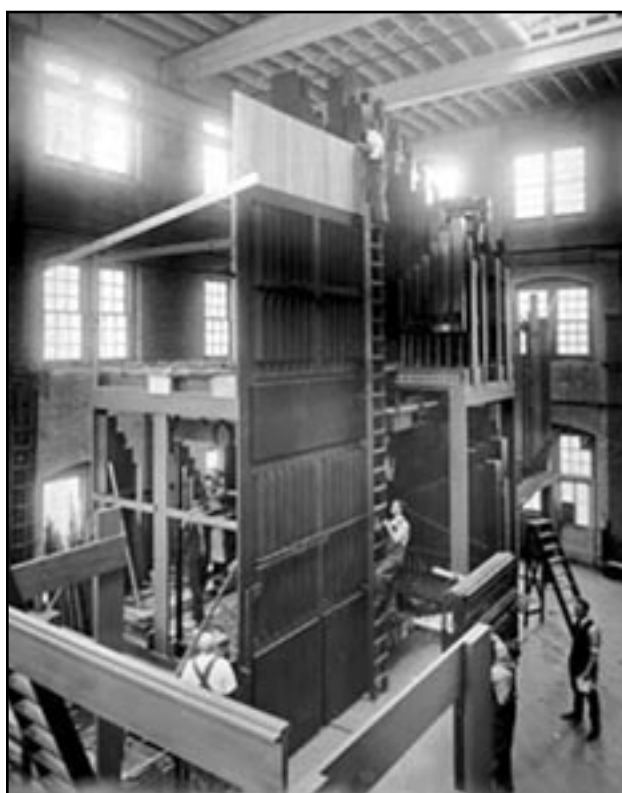
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## GARWOOD HISTORY:MANUFACTURING MAKES MUSIC



*(above) A postcard featuring the Aeolian, Weber Piano and Pianola Co. building in Garwood circa 1900.*

Courtesy photos



*(above) The organ designed by Firmin Swinnen—here a work in progress circa 1925—graces Longwood Gardens.*



*(above) A view of the 10,010 pipes of the organ designed by Firmin Swinnen and built at the Aeolian factory in Garwood circa 1929.*

and Pianola Co. Its water tower and tall obelisk-like chimney dominated Garwood's skyline for many years.

At the Longwood Gardens, in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, you can experience a beautifully restored Aeolian Organ that was custom built here in Garwood in its factory on North Avenue.

In 1929, the great ballroom in Longwood Gardens was built by Pierre du Pont to house a new organ and to protect it from any temperature changes. Organist Firmin Swinnen designed the organ that was then handcrafted at the Aeolian factory. The organ had 10,010 pipes set up in 146 ranks, making it one of the largest Aeolian organs ever built. At that time—1929—the organ cost \$122,700. Mr. Swinnen was the concert organist in residence at Longwood from 1923 to 1956 where he played regularly on the 1930 Aeolian Organ.

For more information about the Garwood Historical Committee, contact Carol Lombardo at [garwoodhistory@garwood.org](mailto:garwoodhistory@garwood.org).



*(above) A reminder of Garwood's manufacturing history: The Aeolian Co. A.D. 1900.*

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER FOR CRANFORD FIREFIGHTER

The Final Four Charity Fundraiser to support Cranford Firefighter Robert Hurewitz, whose career was cut short by physical injuries sustained on the job, will take place on Saturday, April 2 from 6:00 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Columbian Club of Garwood at 37 South Ave., in Garwood. Tickets are \$35 per person and include beer, wine, soda, and food.

Hurewitz suffered heart and kidney damage in the line of duty last year. The effects have been lasting and deleterious. Proceeds from the April 2 fundraiser will be donated his family.

Please help this family of three by participating in the April 2 event or by donating directly to the GoFundMe campaign started by Hurewitz's wife Amanda: [GoFund.Me/e460a236](https://gofund.me/e460a236). You can also mail a donation check made payable to the Cranford Knights of Columbus, PO Box 501, Cranford NJ 0701 – write in the check note: For Hurewitz Family.

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*(above) Help raise funds on April 2 for Firefighter Robert Hurewitz whose injuries sustained in the line of duty prevent him from working.*



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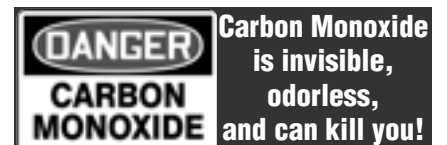
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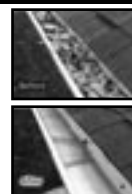
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Thur from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. • Fri 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. • Sat 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Library will be closed on Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16 for the Easter Holiday.

### Storytime in the Library

Tuesdays, April 5, 12, 26

at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Join Miss Maryanne for stories, bubbles, and more at 10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. in the Library.

Registration required. Limit: 10 per session

### Virtual Kid's Craft

Tuesday, April 5 at 3 p.m.

Pick up supplies for the craft and then watch the craft tutorial on the Library's Facebook page at 3 p.m. The video will be available for viewing thereafter. Registration required for craft kits.

Limited: 15. Sign up on the Library website's events calendar or by phone.

### Library Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Garwood Library Board of Trustees will take place in the Library. Open to the public.

### New Jersey State Parks

Thursday, April 7 at 7 p.m.

As the weather warms, our thoughts turn to the outdoors. It is the perfect time to join author and lecturer, Mark Vogel, as he discusses New Jersey State Parks. The lecture will include original photographs of many of NJ's beautiful state parks, plus vintage maps, and historic images of people, places, and events. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A. Once registered, a Zoom link will be provided.

### Classic Movie Friday

Friday, April 8 and 29 at 12 p.m.

Join us for the first in a series of Classic Movie Fridays featuring memorable movies from the 50s and 60s. Light refreshments will be served.

### Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, April 9 from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

The Library will be one of the stops on the town-wide Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt. Come by and take home an egg and a bunny hat.

### Virtual Adult Craft

Tuesday, April 12 at 3 p.m.

Pick up your craft supplies from the Library and then watch the Facebook tutorial at 3 p.m.

Registration is required for craft kits. Limit: 10.

Sign up on the Library website's events calendar or by phone.

### Three Steps to Get and Stay Organized with Jamie Novak

Wednesday, April 13 at 7 p.m.

If you can't open your drawers, if clutter topples out of closets, and paperwork covers your tabletops, then log on for this must-see program. Join organizing humorist and bestselling author of Keep This, Toss That as she shares her laugh-out-loud funny approach for what to do with all that stuff—without getting overwhelmed. Once registered, a Zoom link will be provided.

### Book Discussion Group

Monday, April 18 at 1 p.m.

Join us in the Library for a lively discussion of this month's book Kiss Carlo by Adriana Trigiani.

### Union County Libraries Speaker Series

Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m.

The UCL speaker series presents a virtual evening with award-winning author Raquel Vasquez Gilliland. Join us for a Q&A with Gilliland the author of the 2022 Pura Belpre winner for her YA novel How Moon Fuentez Fell in Love with the Universe. Register at bit.ly/3ofNAWT.

### Film: Bag It

Saturday, April 23 at 10:30 a.m.

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Members of the Student Council who bagged the items are pictured in front of some of their

towers of soup cans. Tamara Benc is the SC advisor. The Garwood Knights of Columbus Food Drive Team includes the following members: Jack Leary, Tom Karmol, Gene Kobliska, Tony DiFabio, Paul DeNigris, Aaron DeNigris, Ron Snyder, Ray Nierstedt, Tony Villano, Nick Trezza, Mike Cuozzo, John Salmon, Manny Lopez, Keith Gallagher, Patrick Virgili, Mark Koch, and Brad Bisset.



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