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President's Letter

Hello Friends,

Just a few weeks ago, myself and a group of the **Friends** received a "tour" of the new library under construction. In short, I was simply amazed and thrilled. It was not hard to look past the dust and dirt to imagine the endless possibilities that these new spaces bring! The new children's room is simply magnificent! The downstairs (new James Monroe room and more) is fabulous! I cannot wait until you all see for yourselves—it truly is a long-awaited dream come true!

I also want to point out that we are so very pleased with our new director, Mary Witherell, who is doing such an amazing job in her new role! We are all very busy planning for the grand opening, and have a few ideas to make it a little more special.

Please take advantage of the new "**Museum Pass Program**" that we just launched - it is a wonderful savings for you and your family. And, I hope you are as eager as I to sit at a computer in the library and check out **Ancestry.com**. I've always wanted to research my family's history, but never had the resources to do so—until now!



If you would like to share your ideas for other new programs, events or library selections, I invite you to email us at Wyckoff.friends@gmail.com.

Thank you all for your generous contributions to date, and if you would like to send in a donation, please visit www.wyckofflibrary.org and click on the **Friends** tab to access our membership form. Stay warm, and come visit the library to pick out a nice winter read! A good book will make these cold months go by a little faster!

Sincerely,

Beth Wharton, President

Words of Wisdom

*Let books be your dining table,
And you shall be full of delights
Let them be your mattress
And you shall sleep restful nights.*

~Author Unknown

Become a FRIEND!

To become a member of the **Friends of the Wyckoff Library** and help support our worthwhile community efforts, please send your tax-deductible donation to:
Friends of the Wyckoff Library, c/o Debra Rossi,
813 Charnwood Drive, Wyckoff, NJ 07481

From the Director's Desk

I had a good laugh when I saw what my column in the newsletter is entitled, because right now the direction all the paper on my desk is taking is TO the director's desk. Not much yet is heading out in the other direction! I am now entering my fourth month as director of the Wyckoff Public Library, and I have jumped into everything I possibly can, with both feet--hence the appearance of my desk. I am already in love with this library and this town, and I still feel the way I felt when I first won this wonderful position last October, that I am the luckiest librarian in New Jersey.



I am pleased to tell you that the renovation and expansion of our permanent space at 200 Woodland Avenue is proceeding on schedule. No unforeseen delays or problems have occurred since the construction began last spring. We are still targeting a late spring/early summer move-in date, though at this point we cannot be more precise. The building's exterior is largely finished and the contractor is now closing up the walls and ceilings inside. The children's room has been the first area to begin receiving paint because we have a beautiful and special ceiling treatment to install and all the walls need to be painted before the ceiling can be worked on. When it is done, the children's room ceiling will capture our youngsters' imagination and make them think they're looking right up through the roof at the sky. Maybe not quite as good as the enchanted ceiling of the Great Hall in Harry Potter's Hogwarts castle, but close!



My priority now is to plan and purchase all the technology we need to bring this library well into the 21st century. Naturally, I want to wow you with how beautiful the library will look, but it is even more important to meet all your needs as a community. Ample, modern computers, strong and stable wi-fi signals, and a versatile, robust audiovisual system in all our meeting rooms--these are the real reasons we have invested all this money and work in renovating this building. Libraries are not just about the bricks and mortar, but about how much of an asset they are to their communities. The Wyckoff Library will meet or exceed the technology at all our surrounding libraries and will become a wonderful place to do school work, business work or research just for fun. Our goal is to use our technology to help you expand your horizons.

I am proud to tout our new building, but even prouder to tout the part of the Wyckoff Library that has undergone NO renovation, because it needs no improvement, and that is the staff. They have been extraordinarily productive and professional through the difficult process of packing up 80,000 books and materials, moving 80 percent into storage and 20 percent into our small but cozy digs at 637 Wyckoff Avenue, and adjusting to a new space that required new procedures. Then they welcomed me with open arms and open minds, responding willingly to every new and/or wacky idea I have thrown at them. What they are doing is really working, and the proof is in our 2011 statistics. Despite having such a reduced collection, we still circulated more than 157,000 materials in 2011. For context, that is about 540 pieces a day for the number of days we were open, and it is better than two-thirds of all the libraries in our BCCLS consortium. And how's this for context: These figures are only about 60 percent of what we circulate in our "normal" years. That's how much usage this library's materials get. And in yet another example of the can-do attitude of this staff and our wonderful **Friends of the Wyckoff Library**, we have used venues all over town and our own multi-purpose back room to keep offering as many programs as we can for children and adults. 480 children participated in our summer reading program, and 2,964 children attended our 129 children's programs in the nine months since we arrived at 637 Wyckoff. Our **Friends** have chipped in with a diverse array of adult programming every month and continue this valuable library support with a slate of interesting winter programs in 2012.

So as you can see, the Wyckoff Library is definitely thriving, our staff and volunteers are full of vitality and more excited than you can imagine about what 2012 will bring for us, and for you. Please come in, see how we roll, and keep checking our web site (www.wyckofflibrary.org) for construction updates. And that red-headed woman running around like a nut, that'll be me! Give me a wave, and I'll wave back....

Mary Witherell, Library Director

Children's Programming

Storytimes

Please inquire about our ongoing storytimes and don't miss our next in-person registration on Wednesday, February 29th.

Rhyme Time

(children ages 12-30 months & caregiver)

February 6, 13, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9
@ 10:30 am

Toddler Tales

(children ages 30 mos—3 years & caregiver)

February 3, 10, 17, March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 13
@ 10:30 am

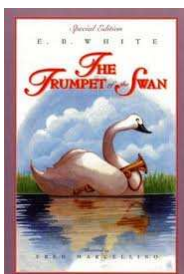
Storytime Fun for 4's & 5's

(children attend independently)

February 2, 9, 16, March 8, 15, 22, 29,
April 5, 12 @ 10:30 am or 1:30 pm.

Book Discussion Groups

Come join your peers in a lively book discussion while enjoying some light refreshments! Copies of book are available at the Children's Desk.



3rd Graders are invited to discuss ***The Trumpet of the Swan*** on Wednesday, February 15th at 3:40 pm.

4th & 5th Graders are invited to discuss ***The Magic Thief*** on Thursday, February 9th at 3:40 pm.

Library Hours & Location

637 Wyckoff Ave, Wyckoff, NJ

Mon, Wed, Thursday—	10 am—8 pm
Tuesday -	10 am—6 pm
Friday—Saturday -	10 am—5 pm
Sunday -	Closed

Adult Programming

Choosing the Right College

Speaker: Joshua Marber, MS.Ed

February 13 at 7pm, Activity Room

- When should I start my search?
- Tips on filling out applications and writing a good essay.
- Should I take the SAT's or ACT's?

Space is limited, so please register by calling the library (201-891-4866) or emailing Debra Rossi (debrarossi@optonline.net).

Christian Health Center Outreach

We continue to service the CHCC with the delivery of library books once each month. The residents always welcome receiving the books and chatting with ***Friends!***

We visit on the first Wednesday of each month. If you would like to help with this outreach service, please call Diane at 201-891-8275.



Diane Ulrich and Irene Montella prepare the books for delivery to the residents at Christian Healthcare Center

Past president and longtime director, Ms. Diane Ulrich, has been delivering books to the residents of CHCC for decades. She is a true, library champion, helping many people enjoy a good read during their stay at the center. Kudos to you, Diane!



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Wyckoff Readers

All are invited to join the discussion of **Please Look After Mom**, by Kyung-sook Shin, on Tuesday Feb. 21st at 7pm at the Library.

The novel, translated from Korean, examines the life of a 69 year old woman who becomes separated from her husband at a Korean train station and is missing. During the search for their mom, her children realize they don't really *know* their mother.

Our March 20th selection is **Old Filth**, by Jane Gardam. Copies of the selected books are available several weeks in advance at the library reference desk.

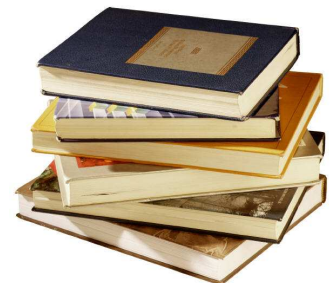


This ***Friends'*** sponsored book club always welcomes new readers. Give it a try!

Teen Programs

WRITING GROUP—meets the first Thursday of each month from 5:00-6:30 pm in the Activity Room. Wyckoff teens 7th grade and older are encouraged to bring their writing to share with peers.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP—meets the third Thursday of each month from 5:00-6:00 pm. Wyckoff teens in 7th-10th grades are invited to participate.



Snacks of course, but RSVPs are always required. Contact Barbara (Teen Librarian) at 201-891-4866 or wyckteen@bccls.org.