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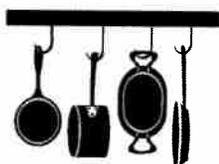


Crepe / Waffle Class



Ever wondered how to make delicate, delicious crepes? On Monday September 21st at 7 p.m., you'll learn how easy crepes can be – and you can sample them at the same time.

We'll explain what kind of pan to use, how to prepare the batter, and how to make a perfect crepe almost every time.



And you can try some peach-strawberry crepes and hazelnut-banana-chocolate crepes.

We'll also be making a very close relative of the crepe: the Belgian Waffle. This is a crisp deep-pocket waffle, served with fruit filling.

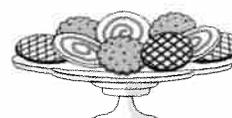
Admission is free but seating is limited, so come early and bring a knife and fork!

BOOK SALE COUPON

This coupon entitles you to \$1 off a \$5 purchase at the Friends of the Library Fall 2009 Book/Bake Sale.

Only one coupon per person, please; no cash value, no copies accepted.

Friends of the Library “Book & Bake” Sale



September 26, 2009
10 am to 2 pm

Children's books – 25¢/50¢
Adult paperbacks – 50¢
Adult hardcovers – \$1 each
New bestsellers – \$2 each
Oversized books – \$2 and up

**All book donations are tax-deductible
and are always greatly appreciated**

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Arriving Soon

FICTION

- Lost Symbol – Dan Brown
Last Song – Nicholas Sparks
Day After Night – Anita Diamant
Hothouse Orchid – Stuart Woods
Echo in the Bone – Diana Gabaldon

*These are just some
of our new books —
please come in
and see them all!*



NONFICTION

- On the Line – Biography of tennis star
Serena Williams
Dancing in the Dark – A cultural history of
the Great Depression
Stormy Weather – Biography of singer and
movie star Lena Horne & the path she blazed

Book Adoptions

- Deliciously Italian! – Collection of favorite
Italian recipes from restaurants nationwide
Hemo The Magnificent (DVD) – Classic 1958
Disney documentary about the human cir-
culatory system and the role of blood in life
The Scientists – The history of the science, as
told through the lives of its greatest inventors



A book adoption makes an unusual and lasting gift for someone, as well as for the entire Northfield community.

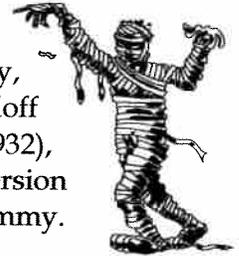
Since its inception in 2002, our Book Adoption Program has added over 175 books to the Library's shelves. For more information about adopting a book, please stop at the Main Desk or call the Library at 646-4476.



Halloween Movie Time

We proudly present two classic horror movies for Halloween, on our *NEW* digital projection system and 8-foot wide movie screen!

At 7 p.m. on Monday, October 26th, Boris Karloff stars in "The Mummy" (1932), the first and best film version about an evil, immortal mummy.



At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27th, Fay Wray and Lionel Atwill star in "The Mystery of the Wax Museum" (1933), about a very odd museum and its even odder owner.

Please join us for some spooky old-fashioned fun!

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday to Thursday
10 am - 8 pm
Friday and Saturday
10 am - 5 pm

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A Night in New Orleans with the Preservation Hall Jazz Band

Please join us at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 5th, for a toe-tapping concert with the Preservation Hall Jazz Band.

The seven-piece group plays traditional New Orleans jazz, which is a blend of ragtime and Dixieland. You'll hear "Panama Rag," "St. Louis Blues" and "Tiger Rag," as well as New Orleans favorites like "Just A Closer Walk With Thee."



This PBS documentary of the band was filmed live in New Orleans, and will be shown on the Library's new 8-foot wide movie screen and digital projection system.

To add some real "N'awlins" flavor to the evening, we'll also be serving snacks of Red Beans & Rice, a favorite New Orleans dish, along with lots of Sweet Tea (iced tea, that is).

There will also be a bonus short subject, "A New Orleans Jazz Funeral." You'll see some rare footage of actual jazz funerals, which are a unique New Orleans tradition.

Admission is free but seating is limited.



In order to view these video programs at the Library, we need to dim all of the lights in the Library, because we don't have a separate room for special events.

On these occasional evenings, the Library will be unavailable for traditional reading purposes after 7 p.m., although you will

always be able to return or check out books until 8 p.m.

We appreciate your understanding; we are working with City Council on a long-planned expansion of the Library. This project will include a "community room" for special events, club meetings, movies, tutoring, lectures and other presentations.

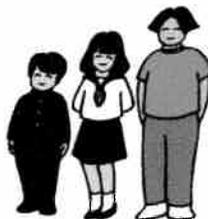
Great Children's Reading At The Library

By Josephine Reese, Library Assistant

For elementary grades

The Trellis And The Seed – An endearing tale of a seed planted in a jelly jar during the winter, and how it blooms when transplanted to the garden in Spring.

The Season Clock – Someone has been tampering with the Season Clock, and only Father Time can make sure the seasons are all released at the right time.



For middle schoolers

Lad, A Dog – The classic story of the courageous collie. This time, Lad prevents a disaster at the cattle show, along with other adventures.

Little Women – The story of the four March sisters: Jo, Beth, Meg and Amy, growing up in 19th century America, by Louisa May Alcott. This timeless classic shows the joys of growing up in a warm and loving family.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN MOVIE FESTIVAL

At 7 p.m. on Monday, November 9th, we'll have two classic Charlie Chaplin shorts, "Behind The Screen" (1916) and "The Rink" (1917).



These silent comedies show Chaplin at the top of his form, and have been favorites of audiences for over 90 years. Both are accompanied by period music and sound effects. Antique nickelodeon slides will be shown before and during the program.



Please join us for a fun evening!

Astronomy Night



At 7 p.m. on Monday, November 23th, rain or shine, we'll be showing a National Geographic video documentary, "A Grand Tour of the Solar System," on our new 8-foot wide movie screen. Narrated by Alec Baldwin and filled with breathtaking images from the Hubble Space telescope and computer-generated graphics, it's sure to amaze you.

Weather permitting, you can also go into the Library's parking lot at 8 p.m., to use several powerful telescopes and view the moons of Jupiter and the craters and ancient volcanoes on our own Moon.



The Friends of the Library



The Friends are a volunteer nonprofit organization that provides time, services and funds to the Library, to enhance and enrich the Library. It's our pleasure to be of service to the Library and the Northfield community; please support our efforts with an annual contribution.

The Library's quarterly newsletter is mailed to all Friends members. **Note: if you already subscribe, the due date for your**

annual dues is printed right above the mailing address on the mailing label.

If you enjoy books and would like to participate in a worthwhile community activity, consider joining our group. We meet at the Library on the first Thursday of the month, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Help make a difference in your community!

For more information, call Jean Lawless at 272-1142.

I'd like to be a Friend of the Library! (new members and/or renewals)

\$5/year – Single member

\$10/year – Family membership

\$25 - Sponsor

\$3/year – Senior citizen

\$100 — Lifetime membership

\$50 - Patron

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Mail or return to the Northfield Public Library, 241 Mill Road, Northfield, N.J.

Inspiration and Perspiration

Without discoveries and inventions, the world would never progress. Yet inventors are not always recognized or appropriately rewarded for their efforts.



As Colin Beavon explains in *Fingerprints* (Hyperion, 2001), there was no such thing as “forensic evidence” in the early 1800’s. For that matter, there was no reliable way to confirm a person’s identity. People accused of crimes were convicted or acquitted solely on the basis of eyewitness testimony, which is not always reliable.

Enter Henry Faulds, who in 1880 discovered fingerprints, the most important advance in crime detection in centuries. Yet due to stubborn and unbelieving police forces, the discovery remained unused for decades, and he died forgotten in 1930.

Boston dentist William Morton discovered general anesthesia in 1846. Through years of patient and dangerous research, he found that ether safely permitted surgery without pain, something that physicians had sought for centuries. But instead of being honored, he was forced to spend the rest of his life defending his discovery against others who claimed priority and a share of his patent.

Morton’s battles for recognition and compensation drained him financially and ruined his health. His patent, infringed and appropriated by the U.S. Army for use during the Civil War, became worthless. Morton died penniless and forgotten in 1868. This is an amazing story of dedication, greed, jealousy and tragedy – and it’s all in Grace Woodward’s *The Man Who Conquered Pain*

(Beacon Press, 1971). Another good account of the story can be found in *Ether Day* (HarperCollins, 2001) by Julie Fenster. It’s interesting to compare the two books; we may never know the complete truth about the discovery of anesthesia. Read both and decide for yourself!

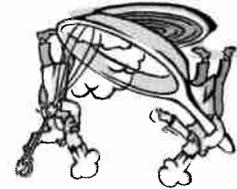
In the 1930’s, a young patent attorney named Chester Carlson saw firsthand the drudgery of copying documents by using messy carbon paper, ditto machines or expensive photostats. He singlehandedly dreamed of a simpler way to make copies, using the properties of static electricity and light. His invention of the Xerox machine would revolutionize copying and make him a millionaire. Yet it was initially rejected by every major U.S. corporation, including Kodak and IBM. Fortunately, as detailed in David Owen’s *Copies In Seconds* (Simon & Schuster, 2004), Carlson persisted and eventually obtained funding to perfect and produce his amazing invention.

No discussion of inventors would be complete without Thomas Edison, who gave us the light bulb, the duplex telegraph and the phonograph. But as recounted in Robert Conot’s *Streak of Luck* (Seaview, 1979), Edison had his share of aggravation and failures, too. Having begun with direct current (DC), he refused to see the value of alternating current (AC), which was much safer and far more practical for widespread public use.

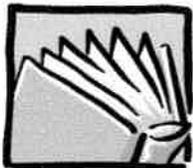


As explained in *Empires of Light* by Jill Jonnes (Random House, 2003), Edison’s lack of foresight meant he would eventually be overtaken by General Electric and Westinghouse. But Edison was still an amazing pioneer, and he was right when he said “genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration.”

Don't miss the Crepes & Waffles Cooking Class on September 21st! See Page 1 for details



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Around the Library

The Library recently installed a state-of-the-art digital projection system, complete with an 8-foot wide movie screen. This will allow us to project movies, PowerPoint presentations, Internet web pages and more, to an audience of up to 45 people.

We will be using the system for classes in Internet usage, Excel and Microsoft Word training, and of course, for recent and classic movies, documentaries and some other very interesting surprises. So keep watching our newsletter!



Halloween Party

The Library's annual Halloween Costume Party will be held on Saturday, October 31st from 1 to 2 p.m.



In addition to a Spooky Story Time, there will be games and refreshments, including apple cider, donuts and candy corn for all of the trick-or-treaters.

There will also be a costume parade, so bring your camera for some great photos.

