Raritan Public Library Newsletter

May 2018 Edition



Regular Hours

Monday	10 am to 8 pm
Tuesday	10 am to 8 pm
Wednesday	10 am to 8 pm
Thursday	10 am to 8 pm
Friday	10 am to 5 pm
Saturday	10 am to 3 pm









What's New...

The History of Raritan



Did you know that Raritan's history is available on a kiosk at the Library? You can easily access old maps of Raritan, various years of the Raritan Valley Newspapers, articles and photos on Sgt John Basilone, stories about mom and pop grocery stores, taverns, schools and the churches which were frequented back then. Brush up on the history of Raritan during its 70th Anniversary Year of becoming a town!

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Board of Trustees meetings are held on the **third** Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Library.

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Adult Programs



Registration is required - Call the Library or Sign Up for Programs at the Circulation Desk

Raritan in 1948

Thursday, May 3rd @ 6:30pm



As part of the 70th Anniversary Celebration of Raritan's Independence, John Pacifico will give a talk with a slide show presentation about what Raritan was like in 1948. Raritan back then was much different than today. There were many mom-and-pop grocery stores and coal and ice were regularly delivered to the home. If you lived in Raritan in 1948, it will be a wonderful trip down memory lane. John will talk about 5 businesses which were open at that time and are still operating today. After the talk, on hand will be a large detailed map of Raritan from 1948 and on the computer/kiosk in that room will be numerous newspapers from 1948 of Raritan's own newspaper the "Raritan Valley News." Registration is required.

Pallet Art Painting Project

Tuesday, May 8th @6:00pm

Are you looking to create a piece of beautiful art work for your home? Then sign up with Irene Mortko who will instruct you on how to make this special (fun and easy) painting on wood project. A \$15 fee applies to materials only and is due at time of registration.



Mother's Day Bath Craft

Thursday, May 10th @ 6:30pm

Join Michele Liana and Gayane in creating an elegant box filled with salt/botanical tub tea bags. Michele will explain the benefits of using various botanicals and salts, while Gayane will help you put the finishing touches on a beautiful box which you can gift for Mother's Day! A \$5 fee applies for materials only.

Mary Todd Lincoln Portrayal

Thursday, May 24th @ 6:30pm

Pat Jordan of the American Historical Theatre will give an insightful presentation on Mary Todd Lincoln, one of the most complicated and frequently misunderstood first ladies. Find out how Mary tried to nurture her family during the time of civil war even while she was deemed a spy by the North and a traitor by the South. This program is sponsored in part by the Raritan Historical Committee. Registration is required.



Adult:

- ~ Rocket Men by Robert Kurson
- ~ <u>The Italian Party</u> by Christina Lynch
- ~ Sunburn by Laura Lippman
- ~ The Girl With No Name by Diney Costeloe
- ~ <u>Down the River Unto the Sea</u> by Walter Mosley

Teens/YA:

- ~ <u>The Glass Town Game</u> by Catherynne M. Valente
- ~ I Have the Right To by Chessy Prout
- ~ Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds

Staff Picks



Juvenile:

- ~ <u>I Can Be Anything</u> by Diane Dillon
- ~ <u>The True Adventures of Esther the Wonder Pig</u> by Steve Jenkins
- ~ Granted by John David Anderson
- ~ Be Kind by Pat Zietlow Miller
- ~ Bear and Duck by Katy Hudson

DVDs:

~ Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle

~ The Shape of Water

~ Bullied

~ Coco