

In the Stacks

August 2017



Fabulous Fridays!

IN HARMONY...

Bad JuJu

Bad JuJu was formed in 2008. Their music is described as a blend of classic old school blues, sometimes with a twist, an edge and maybe even a little soul. Bad JuJu has opened for Chris Duarte, Bryan Lee, Moreland and Arbuckle, Chris O'Leary, Sean Chambers and Albert Castiglia to name a few. The groups members have changed, evolved, and remain fluid to this day, as a blues collective project which has included more great "Bluesicians" than we could ever begin to count! That is the beauty of real Blues Music, it isn't set in stone, and adapts itself to its surroundings. After all, isn't

that how it all began? **The performance is at Lookerman Way Plaza.**

Bring chairs or blankets & enjoy the First Friday festivities. Rain location, Dover Public Library.

Friday, August 4, 6:30 PM



FAMILY FUN: *HOOKED ON BOOKS*

Mark Lohr plays a mild-mannered Mr. Jones, who sits down one day to enjoy a television program. He is interrupted by a public service announcement that makes him aware of the epic battle that is raging between TV and books. Mr. Jones is jolted from the comfort of his easy chair into hilarious escapades. Fun for the whole family!

Friday, August 11, 6:30 PM

LAST FRIDAY

Going in Style

Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman & Alan Arkin step into the shoes of George Burns, Art Carney & Lee Strasburg in the updated film *Going in Style*, the story of friends who turn to robbery to get their retirement fund back from the bank that absconded with their money. The (UK) *Sunday Times* calls the film "an escapist delight," while *Rolling Stone* labels it a "cute-coot crime comedy." They might have added "caper." Christine Lemire of *RogerEbert.com* says the stars have "lovely chemistry with each other." A. Gillmor of the *Winnipeg Free Press* enjoyed "watching three old pros expertly and enjoyably playing off each other. They may not be quick, but they have skills and experience, a point that applies to acting as well as armed robbery." Others especially liked the flirting scenes between Arkin and Ann Margret's supermarket cashier. 1:37. Rated PG-13. **Friday, August 25, 6:30 PM**

DOVER COMIC CON 2017

Dover Comic Con is a FREE indoor & outdoor comic con festival!

Saturday, August 19

10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Beginning at the Dover Public Library in 2013 to help promote our graphic novel collection and as just a really cool teen program, Dover Comic Con has quickly grown from 120 teens attending the first year in just the Library, to over 10,000 attendees of all ages attending a variety of events citywide. Now we have partnered with more community groups to make the event even bigger & better. Dover Comic Con is unique festival event with artists, vendors, authors, cars, panels, crafts, gaming, fan groups and more!

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'These Books Can Help': Reading to Kids about Immigration & Refugees



By Jenn Gann

Soon after President Trump enacted his travel ban, the Upper West Side's Bank Street Book Store posted a photo of front-facing titles. "Don't be at a loss for words when explaining to children that the heart and soul of America is to welcome others to our country who need a safe place to make a home," the caption read. "Books like these help." The photo's titles include *Coming to America* (Bernard Wolf), *If Your Name Was Changed at Ellis Island* (Ellen Levine), and *How My Family Lives in America* (Susan Kuklin), each about topics frequently in the news and on the minds of America's families as.

For more titles like these, we talked to children's librarians, elementary-school teachers, and booksellers to ask for their recommendations, and to find out how books can be a gateway to discussing refugees and immigration with America's youngest citizens.

Rebecca Cowley, children's librarian at Brooklyn Public Library

"Lots of parents are asking for very specific books on what's going on right now; and well, those books haven't been written yet. But the experiences of refugees and immigrants, these are universal experiences, and they happen cyclically. What we're trying to do is give kids stories to tap into what it might be like to live these experiences. Teaching kids empathy, this is where it starts."

Rebecca recommends:

Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey by Margriet Ruurs

My Two Blankets by Irena Kobald

The Journey by Francesca Sanna

Two White Rabbits by Jairo Buitrago

Susan Ackerman, New York-area children's librarian

"As a school librarian in a largely immigrant community (or any community for that matter), being an advocate for kindness, anti-bullying, cultural acceptance, and empathy reminds students how we all wish to be treated. Certified school librarians are also the catalyst to help students conduct research and fact-check, evaluate their online sources, question and learn: all skills needed more than ever."

Susan recommends: *Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman

Linda Pechin, elementary librarian at Campbell Hall in Los Angeles

"You can use picture books for K-12th grade. I know it might sound strange for these high-school AP students, but picture books are an excellent entry point for everyone on topics like these, because they distill things."

Linda recommends:

Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai

The Madolenka books by Peter Sís

Hannah May, fourth-grade teacher in Los Angeles

"Especially when it comes to younger children, books are one of the best ways to talk about difficult social issues and the uglier parts of history. Kids come to school with all sorts of different information and personal experiences, and getting them engaged in a narrative is a really good way to figure out what they know and also how to focus the conversation. Kids can usually understand more than we assume; they really care about fairness and knowing right from wrong, and have a capacity for empathy that a lot of adults lack."

Hannah recommends:

From Far Away by Robert Munsch

Ann Levine, Asst Manager at Bank Street Book Store

"When discussing an unfamiliar topic, it's our general belief to introduce books to young readers in the safety and company of a familiar grown-up. Children then feel comfortable and secure discussing how they feel, and how they identify with characters and settings."

Ann recommends:

When Jessie Came Across the Sea by Amy Hest

Angel Island by Russell Freedman

Alison Gies, children's librarian in Michigan

"Books are a great way to explore complex subjects. They often give kids a way to identify by making the event or idea come to life with relatable characters and problems. They allow a problem to become personal."

Alison recommends:

Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Lost and Found Cat: The True Story of Kunkush's Incredible Journey by Doug Kuntz and Amy Shrodes

Rebecca Johnson, lower school librarian, Saint Ann's School

"We use books like these to start conversations with and among our students, helping them connect current events with the United States' history as a nation of immigrants."

Rebecca recommends:

I'm New Here by Anne Sibley O'Brien

Their Great Gift: Courage, Sacrifice, and Hope in a New Land by John Coy

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All the Way to America by Dan Yaccarino

Life-Wide Learning

Affordable Care Act

Get your questions answered about this important program.
Wednesdays, August 2, 16, 23, 30, 3:00 PM

Film & Discussion: *Before Stonewall*

Join us for a screening of the documentary "Before Stonewall: the Making of a Gay and Lesbian Community." Guest speaker, Nancy Maihoff of the Barbara Gittings Stonewall Group, will lead and moderate the discussion following the film. **Saturday, August 5, 6:00 PM**

Seeking Safety Support Group

Find your voice, group support, be heard and understood, share your hopes and dreams. For anyone who would like a safe place to be listened to and share. Led by June Lambert of DSAMH/MHA. **Thursdays, August 10 & 27, 1:30 PM**

Solar Energy

Interested in how solar energy can lower your electric bills and is more environmentally friendly than traditional energy sources? Join Delaware Sustainable Energy for answers to your questions. **Sunday, August 13, 2:00 PM**

Purl-Fectly Knit Club

Share your love of needlework with others! Bring in your current knitting, crochet, or other needle project; get help with questions; exchange patterns & tips; or just come to craft and socialize. All skill levels are welcome from novice to epic knitter. Beginners will get help with their projects from more experienced members.

Mondays, August 14 & 28, 6:00 PM

Beach Crafts

A trio of beach-themed upcycling crafts! We'll make our own "sea glass;" decorate picture frames with seashells; and convert old t-shirts into handy beach tote bags! Bring your own glass, shells, & t-shirts or help yourself to some of ours! Registration is preferred. Call 302-736-7030 for more details. **Tuesday, August 15, 6:00 PM**

Coverage to Care

Westside Family Health Care leads a workshop to help the consumer understand common health insurance terms.

Wednesday, August 16, 5:00 PM

COPE Van Outreach & Prevention Services

COPE is the statewide medical RV staffed with a Registered Nurse, Medical Case Manager, and Community Wellness Advocate, to offer a range of medical screenings & referrals to services. COPE offers life-saving screenings & turns no one away. Services to those over 18, insured, uninsured or underinsured. Screenings include: Blood Sugar; Blood Pressure; Vision Screening; Body Mass Index; HIV; Hep C; Pregnancy testing; & more.

Thursday, August 17, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Energy Conservation: a How-To Workshop

Learn ways to save energy in your home. Participants will receive an Energy-Savings Kit. **Registration is requested.** Please call 736-7030. Sponsored by DE Sustainable Energy Utility, the First State Community Action Agency, and the Dover Public Library. **Monday, August 21, 10:00 AM**

Cutting the Cord 101: Cable or Streaming?

Explore the possibility of eliminating your traditional cable bill from your budget by replacing it with new streaming services. Find out how much each service costs, what equipment is needed, and whether it is the right fit for you. There's never been a better time to cut the cord! **Tuesday, August 22, 6:30 PM**

Tuesday Talks: *Extraordinary Uses of Ordinary Objects: Magic, Popular Spirituality, and Identity in Antebellum Philadelphia*

A talk presented by John P. McCarthy, RPA, Cultural Preservation Specialist, Cultural Resources Unit, DNREC. "Two cemeteries used in the early 19th century by the First African Baptist Church of Philadelphia, the FABC, were excavated due to the need to remove human remains from the path of the proposed construction of a six-lane depressed-grade highway (The Vine Street Expressway). The excavations revealed that, for the most part, both cemeteries reflected traditional Christian organization with the graves arranged in rows aligned east to west. The deceased, within the graves, were arranged supine on their backs with hands together on the abdomen or to the sides of the body with the head to the west. However, the excavations also revealed evidence of several non-Western/non-Christian burial practices that made unusual use of ordinary material objects. These non-Christian practices appear to have been influenced by beliefs about the afterlife and the spirit world developed from African and possibly other sources. Thus, burials at these cemeteries reflect the persistence of magic-based beliefs and behaviors in the context of Christian religious rites. Of interest was the considerably greater occurrence of these practices at the later of the two cemeteries." **Tuesday, August 29, 6:00 PM**

Color Me Stress-Free

Join us as we color our way to being stress-free. Supplies are provided or you may bring your own.

Thursday, August 31, 6:30 PM

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FilmFans

Saturday Matinees

August 5, 2:00 PM: *Dirty Rotten*

Scoundrels. 1:52. Rated PG.

August 26, 2:00 PM: *Ghost in the Shell*. 1:47. Rated PG-13.

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August 1: *Educating Rita*. 1:50. Rated PG.

August 8: *Hannah and Her Sisters*. 1:43. Rated PG-13 for adult situations & language.

August 15: *Deathtrap*. 1:56. Rated PG.

August 22: *The Cider House Rules*. 2:11. Rated PG-13 for thematic elements, sexuality, substance abuse & violence.

August 29: *Is Anybody There?* 1:34. Rated PG-13 for language & disturbing images.

Last Friday

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An outside festival

A rain or shine event

A free event fun for the whole family

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Readers' Corner

Adult Book Group

The Taming of the Queen by Philippa Gregory
Reimagines the story of Henry VIII's sixth wife, Catherine Parr, who after being forced to marry the king struggles against dangerous adversaries to observe her own faith and promote religious reforms.

Sunday, August 13, 2:00 PM

Other Worlds Book Group

A new book group! Join us for food, drink & book discussion at the Grey Fox Grille! This month we'll discuss **American Gods** by Neil Gaiman. Food & drink specials will be available to book club attendees. Copies of the book may be picked up at the Library. Ages 18+. Registration is requested, please call 302-736-7030.

Wednesday, August 16, 6:30 PM

History Book Group

World War I has been characterized ironically as the "War to End All Wars." This year is the centennial of the United States' entrance into the fighting. Barbara Tuchman immortalized World War I in her book as "The Guns of August," and this is an entirely appropriate month to consider this groundbreaking conflict. In the end, the map of Europe was redrawn, and the seeds of World War II were planted. All are invited to share books, articles and memories as well as to listen, ask questions and participate in the History Book Club, the "Best Talk of Dover." Please contact Larry Koch for questions at (302) 335-8344 or by email, larry.koch.2008@comcast.net. For assistance with locating materials, please visit the Library or call 736-7030.

Thursday, August 17, 4:00 PM

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The Dover Public Library connects people to a variety of resources and services that inform, educate and entertain!

