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ORADELL PUBLIC LIBRARY



Year in Review: 2024

This year has been one of growth and transformation for the Oradell Public Library. In 2024, we welcomed several new staff members who have brought fresh energy and ideas to our team. Additionally, an unexpected challenge turned into an opportunity for renewal when water damage necessitated a renovation of the main floor and Junior Room circulation areas.

We want to thank the Borough of Oradell for the use of the All-Purpose Room and the Senior Center during that time. We additionally want to thank the Reformed Church of Oradell for so generously allowing us to use their space for our programs. And, of course, we want to thank you, our community, for bearing with us through all the ups and downs.



2024 by the Numbers



69,670
physical items
borrowed



22,821
digital content
downloaded
and streamed



1,214
puzzles and
cake pans
borrowed



49,802
library visits



\$1,049,680
saved by Oradell library users
\$648
saved per patron on average

301
programs
6,722
attendees



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Free Language Learning with Mango



MANGO

Now available with your library card! Mango is a personalized and adaptive language-learning experience that provides the tools and guidance you need to expand your language skills wherever and however you learn best.

Choose from over 70 world languages on desktop or mobile, from anywhere, at any time. Enjoy native speaker audio and cultural context that will fully immerse you in the language.

You'll get there in no time. All you need is an Oradell Library card to get started. Learn any (or many!) languages for free at oradellpubliclibrary.org/mango

Create an account online and learn on your computer or mobile device with the Mango Languages app.

You can also use Mango to learn American Sign Language (ASL)! Launch lessons right from the Mango app and get started by modeling native ASL signers.

More Essential Library Apps:



Libby



hoopla



Kanopy

Stream and download eBooks, audiobooks, music, movies, and more!



Use the BCCLS app to search for items, place requests, and check your account. You can use the app's digital barcode instead of your library card!

Upcoming Events



April 30, 2025

Hit the road with confidence, courtesy of the newly updated, award-winning AARP Smart Driver course. Learn more and register: bccls.libcal.com/calendar/oradell/SmartDriving

- Monday, March 24, 2025
- 9:30am to 3:30pm
- Lower Level Meeting Room
- Registration required.

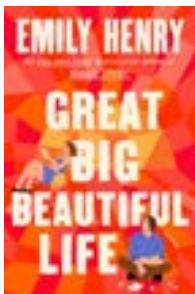


June 8, 2025

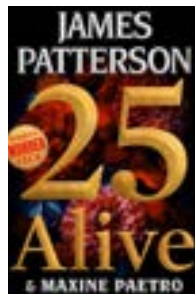
The Monroe Quinn Trio will be playing a jazz concert at the library as part of the Oradell Arts Fest.

- Sunday, June 8, 2025
- 3:30pm to 4:30pm
- South Reading Room
- All are welcome to attend.

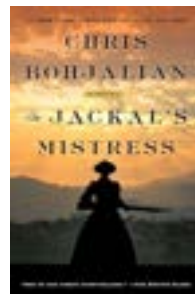
Coming Soon



Great Big Beautiful Life
by Emily Henry



25 Alive
by James Patterson



The Jackal's Mistress
by Chris Bohjalian



Marble Hall Murders
by Anthony Horowitz



Make Magic by Brad Meltzer



Strangers in Time by David Baldacci

Junior Room in 2025: Including Maker's Day March 21-23

Hi Oradell families!

Happy New Year from the Junior Room at Oradell Public Library. We are so excited for 2025, and all of the innovative programs and outreach events for our young patrons.

Special events for the first quarter include:

A stuffed animal sleepover, a Lunar New Year celebration, and an action-packed Maker's Day weekend event in March, all sponsored by the generous donations from the Friends of the Oradell Public Library.

Also, our favorite monthly programs include:

Yoga with Ms. Shelley, storytimes with Ms. Alyssa, and Ms. Chris, craft sessions, teen movie nights, Bergen County Zoo visits, art & poetry events, holiday parties, book clubs, and so much more.

We are reinvigorating the Teen Advisory Board to offer additional programs and community service opportunities. And we are happy to highlight our monthly Junior Librarians, providing books selections and reviews for fellow young patrons.

Please keep an eye out for our updated website, calendar, emails, and posts. They will highlight our upcoming storytimes, playtimes, family events, and additional programs.

Our summer reading program is also not too far away!

I look forward to seeing you at the library! If you have any questions or comments, please reach me at christen.governale@oradell.bccls.org.

Thank you,
Ms. Chris

Weekly Programs in the Junior Room



Mondays

Yoga with Miss Shelley

Yoga and storytime for toddlers with Ms. Shelley of Every Little Thing Yoga.

10:30am to 11:00am
Ages 18 months to 5 years
Registration required.



Tuesdays

Craft Corner

After-school arts and craft club. Get creative!

3:30pm to 4:00pm
Ages 5 to 9 years-old.
Registration encouraged.



Wednesdays

Story Hour

Toddler storytime with Ms. Alyssa. Books, music, movement, and fun!

10:30am to 11:00am
Ages 18 months to 3 years.
Registration encouraged.



Thursdays

After School Storytime

Join Ms. Chris for a fun-filled half hour of afternoon stories and a craft.

4:00pm to 4:30pm
Ages 5 to 7 years-old.
Registration required.





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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday through Thursday	10:00am to 9:00pm
Junior Room	10:00am to 7:00pm
Friday & Saturday	10:00am to 5:00pm
Sunday	1:00pm to 5:00pm
July & August: Open Saturdays from 10:00am to 3:00pm, closed Sundays.	

Library Director: John J Trause
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To All Members of the Library Community:

Now is the time for all good Friends to come to the aid of their library. This is the most challenging time for our Friends group. We are down to a very precious few. We have had many successful years at our lovely library, and we would like to continue doing our good work. But now we are in quiet mode. What will it take to get us out of this downward spiral? Only one thing: You joining us and becoming an active member of the Friends group. Quiet is good in the library, but not when we are putting on programs!

We want lively, interactive afternoons and evenings. We want discussion, singing, and dancing. Yes, dancing in the library. We would like to continue our reputation as a "happening place". We can all do our part to go full steam ahead.

We are not resting on our laurels. We have some great ideas for our future, but we welcome new ideas as well. Feel free to suggest a program that you would like to see or an activity that you think would be valuable. On that note, we have finally found a

canasta teacher. This is how it works: You ask to have an activity and we make it happen.

All this sounds ambitious, doesn't it? Well, we can't continue to do it without you. We need help setting up for programs, bringing out equipment, serving refreshments, posting announcements, and spreading the good word.

Want to see something at the library? Suggest it. Join us and make it happen. If interested, please contact the Library.

Thank you,
 Dianne Daniele, Programming Chair
 Friends of the Oradell Public Library

Friends Officers:
 Elaine Franek-Materon, President and Recording Secretary
 Leah Carter, Treasurer
 Shasta Clinch, Membership Secretary
 Dianne Daniele, Program Committee Chair

LIBRARY MEETINGS

Board of Trustees: Second Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm, Lower Level Meeting Room
Friends of the Library: First Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm, Zoom