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Leonia Public Library

The library is a unique gateway to knowledge and information for the entire community... a crucial educational, recreational, cultural, and archival center.

2014

Annual Report

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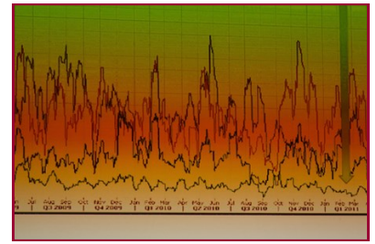
Morning Light **by Nanda van Ginkel**



James Leynse, Photography

Leonia Library By the Numbers

Visits to the Library

136,335 people

Circulation

Adult Fic & Non-Fic	30,494 books
Young Adult	3,962 books
Adult Media	22,328 DVDs, CDs, Audiobooks and Playaways

(DVDs, CDs, Audiobooks, Playaways, MP3s)

Children's books	36,280 books
Children's Media	9,621

(DVDs, Wii games, Audiobooks, CDs)

Dowloadable audio, e-books 1,844 downloads

Reciprocal Borrowing

Leonians borrowed 22,217 items from other BCCLS libraries

Leonia Library lent 30,631 items to other BCCLS libraries

Hits to Website 13,826

Notarizations over 150

Leonia Local History Photographs are Online!

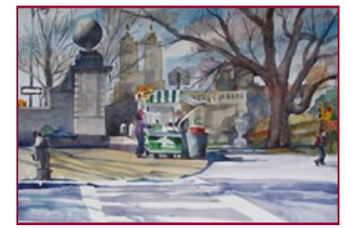
Go to our website: http://leonia.bccls.org, and click on Local History, then collections.

Message from the Director

It's been my privilege to serve the community in my tenure at the library for the past 18 years. Since 1996 we've renovated the library, created a reading garden, and offered hundreds of programs and thousands of new materials.

Above all, I've enjoyed working with a dedicated staff, board, and people in town who all care about the library and their community.

I have no doubt that the library will continue to be the town treasure and heart of the community. *Deborah Bigelow*



Fifth Avenue and 91st Street by Pameloa Fenwick

The Art of Giving

Through your support, the Friends of Leonia Library earned $1,506 through their Annual Books Sale. $750 went to 1/2 membership MOMA, 750 sponsored the Summer Reading Program, and $500 went towards Large Print Books.

The Community Chest gave the library $500 for English as a Second Language materials.

Rachel Stern sponsored a new bench for the patio, and 1/2 membership to MOMA., in memory of her late husband, Fred Stern.

The library received $17,454 through our annual appeal and donations throughout the year. In 2014 we spent the money in these areas: 26% - books, audiobooks, and CDs, 27.5% - building and grounds, 19% - programs, 15% - technology, 4% copy costs, 5% - misc.

The Leonia Library

Music

The library was pleased to offer performances by: the NJ Verismo Opera singing popular arias from La Traviata, La Boheme, Carmen and Aida with special Met Opera Star Lucine Amara.

The *Still Standing Band* played a noon time gig and kicked off our fall Sunday hours with a Sunday patio concert,

The library offers more than 1,600 music CDs for your listening pleasure.

Running Horse *by Marcia Wilson*

Dance

The BALAM Dance Troupe presented *Dancing Warriors* on a wintry Saturday afternoon.

Spoken Word

Joan Comiskey read from her book, *Ballylin, Life in a Small Irish Village*, in the spring, and Steven Swank read from his new poetry collection, *A Horse Knows,* in the fall.

Carol Karels and Barry Sheinkopf presented their ever-popular program on self-publishing.

The library has more than 1,000 audiobooks available for loan not including the dowloadable books available on bccls.org.

Visual Arts

Leonia artists exhibiting their work include Bob Birmelin, Etta Ehrlich, Richard Howell and Nanda VanGinkel.

The Library, in tandem with Leonia Arts, sponsored *Meet The Artists*, an annual event showcasing the talent of our community.

Ordinary Lives—An Allegory by Bob Birmelin

Profusion of Reds by Marsha Heller

The Art of Community

Many people in Leonia think of the library as the Center of the Community. Groups and Organizations who have met here this past year include: The Community Chest, 3 Girl Scout Troops, Boy Scouts, the Leonia Police Department, The Annual Senior Luncheon,, the Writers' Group, Leonia Democratic Committee, League of Women Voters, Women's Club award luncheon, Youth Football, baseball registration, and more. The Board of Health provided low cost flu shots.

Through a grant from the State, the Bergen County Technical Schools and our own tutors offered ESL classes to over 50 adults from a variety of countries.

The staff marched in the Memorial Day Parade with a float celebrating New Jersey's 350th birthday

Exhibits

The Local History Department hosted 2 major exhibits: *When We Served: Selections from the Military Archives.*

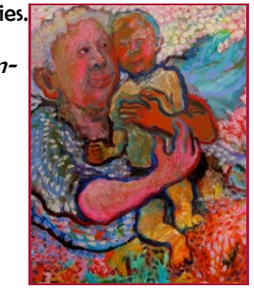
Borough Scenes, 1859—1949

We became home to *Cornfields,* sculpted by Susan Buroker , courtesy Sclupture for Leonia.

Learning Arts for Children

Programs for children feature prominently in the library's offerings to the community. Besides the four age levels of story times (one in Korean) offered, the children's department offered a Lunar New Year Celebration, Dr. Seuss's birthday party, the Harvest Festival, and the ever-popular Friday night Halloween party for families.

Our summer reading program titled *Fizz-Boom-Read* offered activities with a science theme, and offered opportunities to earn prizes. 260 children registered, and read over 60,000 minutes over the course of 8 weeks.



Granny Loves Baby by Marcia Wilson

Tweens/Teens

Fifteen teens participate in the Teen Advisory Group, run by Shinae. TAG members help with children's programs and other tasks in the library. Popular tween/teen programs this year have been Thanksgiving pie-making and the summer cooking series. Students learned about different cuisines and had a chance to make their own versions.

Adult Services & Programs

The library continued to offer friendly, personalized service, and through an upgrade in the BCCLS system, could obtain the books you requested faster than ever.

We offer 2 adult reading groups and a poetry forum every month. Special programs included a workshop on de-cluttering and another on Social Security. Armchair Travel led participants through the *Grandeur that was Rome.*

A highlight was *A Day in the Life—Leonia,* run by Paul Leibow, which featured storytelling, poetry, and music by Hector Morales, Matt Kuric, and Dimitri Ehrlich.

Section of TV Clinic Mural on Broad Avenue
Paul Leibow