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## KENILWORTH GIRL SCOUTS RECEIVE GOLD AWARD

On June 1, 2014, four Kenilworth Girl Scouts received their Gold Award. This is the highest award in Girl Scouting. Senior Christine Grispart, Troop 40793; and three Sophomores from Troop 40407: Melissa Ryan, Alicia Gaines, Emma Lucadema.

Christine Grispart is a Senior at David Brearley High School. Christine's project benefited Locks of Love, a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada under age 21 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis.

Melissa Ryan is a Sophomore at David Brearley High School. Melissa cleaned up DiMario Park in Kenilworth, by improving the softball field there, and cleaning out the DiMario park garage and also fixing up the bathroom.

Alicia Gaines is a Sophomore at David Brearley High School. Alicia made a book of



photographs, documenting places in Kenilworth. She donated a copy to the Kenilworth Public library.

Emma Lucadema is a Sophomore at Union County Magnet High School. Emma's project was titled United in Service to God for the 1st United Methodist Church of Scotch Plains. They have both an English and Chinese Sunday service. She made a puppet stage, bookmarks for the hymnals and a banner in both English and Chinese.

## ATLANTIC FEDERAL CELEBRATES GRAND RE-OPENING

Atlantic Federal Credit Union held a grand re-opening celebration on Saturday, June 28th to celebrate their recent renovation of their Kenilworth branch located at 37 Market Street.

It was a fun day and lots of people turned out. Visitors were invited to take a spin on the prize wheel, enjoy some refreshments, and hang out with the crew from NJ's own 101.5 Big Yellow Prize Van. Grand prizes included a 50-inch flat screen TV, an Xbox One system, an iPad Mini Air, and several \$25 Visa gift cards.

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## MEMO FROM THE MAYOR



The longest day of the year is behind us and the end of the school year is past. We are now in the summer season. I am sure everyone has summer plans. Here are some of the events the town has planned.

There will be two town meetings scheduled for the remainder of the summer. One will be on July 9 and the other will be August 27. Both meetings will begin at 8:00 pm. Each town meeting has a work session the day before at 7:30 pm.

August 7 will be the annual Kenilworth Library fest which will run from 5:30 to 7:00. There will be a magician, juggler, and a balloon artist. The Bard on the Boulevard program at the Kenilworth Library will continue on Monday July 28 with Cymbeline and Pericles on Thursday August 14. Both programs start at 7:30 pm.

The Kenilworth Fire Department and Rescue Squad will hold their annual Carnival in the Saint Theresa school parking lot. It will run from August 18 through August 23 weather permitting. I remember during my school years that the arrival of the carnival was bittersweet. I loved going there with my family but I knew that the start of the school year was very soon. Yet I would have a summer full of memories to get me through the school year.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer. May many fond memories be created.

*Mayor Scott Klindero*



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## BARD ON THE BOULEVARD RETURNS

Bard on the Boulevard, our annual Shakespeare series, returns to the library this summer. The Hudson Shakespeare Company will join us for three performances, each held at the Kenilworth Public Library at 548 Boulevard, Kenilworth, NJ 07033.

This year's performances are:

Twelfth Night - Thursday, June 19 at 7:30pm

Cymbeline - Monday, July 28 at 7:30pm

Pericles - Thursday, August 14 at 7:30pm

Please call (908) 276-2451 for more information, or contact the Library Director Michael Maziekien at maz@lmxac.org.

Funding for "The Bard on the Boulevard" has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs. Funding has also been provided by the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce.

## SCHOOLS MEETS 2013-2014 GOALS AND ESTABLISHES NEW TARGETS

Dr. Scott Taylor, Superintendent, Kenilworth Public Schools (@KenilworthSuper)

Did you know that the Kenilworth School District attained its 2013-2014 goals to improve student achievement? I reported to the Board of Education and the community that Harding and Brearley School students improved their NJASK and HSPA test scores in eight out of 14 categories. We regressed in five areas so there is still much work to do as we approach the next school year.

Kenilworth's 2014-2015 district goals will be even more specific and target two particular areas that speak to the New Jersey Department of Education Performance Report. The first objective will be to have all three schools show growth in one or more of the three areas listed in the report. These three areas include, "Academic Achievement," "College and Career Readiness," and "Student Growth." You can download the reports from the Superintendent's Page of the district web site.

The second goal we will work to attain is to

have at least 80% of the students in each grade, K-12 show growth on benchmark assessments we've incorporated into the program. These assessments include, but are not limited to, mid-term and final exams.

Finally, recognizing that assessment performance is but one measure of school effectiveness, the third district goal will rely on the ability of teachers, leaders, and support staff to provide the most personalized learning experiences for each K-12 student possible by offering such programs as Student Learning Plans (SLPs), ACE, Middle-High School Academies, and lessons that differentiate instruction to address individual student's academic, social, and emotional needs.

I update the Board and the Kenilworth community each month on the progress we make toward attaining these unifying objectives. You can see my reports on Channel 36.

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The David Brearley High School Student of the Month for June is senior Tommy Mazzeo. His teachers all have positive things to say about Tommy, including "He's hardworking, upbeat, and always participates. He's just the ideal student." Tommy's high academic standing has earned him membership in the National Honor Society and provided him the knowledge to be a successful Peer Tutor. He is Vice President of the Student Council, as well as a member of the Brearley Varsity Baseball team. Congratulations, Tommy!

The Middle School June student of the Month is Lia Marabella. She is a very focused student always working to achieve her very best. She is very active in Bruins That Care and has contributed to every project she has worked on this year. In addition to her role in Bears that care, teachers feel that Lia is an excellent student. She tries hard to complete all of her assignments to the best of her ability. She is so



(above, l-r) Lia Marabella and Tommy Mazzeo

kind to her peers which makes her an excellent role model in the middle school. Congratulations Lia on being June Middle School Student of the Month!

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Mary Michitsch, president of Social Concerns, the nonprofit group that runs the pantry within St. Theresa's Church, feels that due to the downturn in the economy and soaring food prices the need to feed the hungry has been greater than ever. The pantry services mostly Kenilworth residents, but no one is turned away.

No appointment is necessary to make a donation. Nonperishable goods and gift cards to any supermarket can be left in the Crying Room in the Church on Sundays. Monday through Friday donations can be dropped off at the

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Nationally, one out of three children lives in a home without their biological father, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Societal factors such as unemployment, work-life balance or a lack of resources can affect fathers' ability to seek support in strengthening their parenting skills and more fully engaging in the lives of their children. A leading nonprofit in fostering positive youth development, the Y remains dedicated to providing resources and opportunities for fathers to further involve themselves in the well-being and development of their children.

"One way to improve child well-being is to increase the proportion of children growing up with involved, responsible, and committed fathers and adult male role models," said Krystal R. Canady, CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "Father's Day reminds us why it's important to provide fathers with the support they need to be the best parents and caregivers they can be."

Studies show that children with close relationships with their fathers and other adult male role models have more self-confidence and exhibit less depression, perform better academically and engage in significantly less

drug and alcohol use.

The Gateway Family YMCA offers a variety of programs that foster understanding and companionship between children and their caregivers such as Early Learning Readiness, parent-child swimming lessons and family programs. In communities across the country, the Y is committed to ensuring that the 9 million children and teens in YMCA programs reach their full potential by helping them grow—physically, mentally and socially—from young

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## SUMMER READING CLUB CRAFT

Children recently participated in a summer reading club craft at The Kenilworth Public Library. Children created and decorated box cameras, and a tornado in a bottle.

Craft programs are held at the library on Fridays during the month of July from 11:00 – noon, for children ages 4 and up.

Additional crafts will be presented on Friday, July 11, 18 and 25 from 11:00 – noon.

Registration is required for all special events. Kenilworth residents may register one week prior to each craft. Out of town residents may begin to register two days prior to each craft, space permitting. Children must be registered for the summer reading club in order to register for crafts.

To register or for more information call (908) 276-2451 or visit 548 Boulevard.



(above) Children display their decorated box cameras, and their tornado in a bottle.

## OVEREATER'S ANONYMOUS TO MARK 40TH YEAR

In October, 2014, the Central Jersey Intergroup of Overeater's Anonymous (serving seven counties) will celebrate 40 years of providing non-profit service to people suffering needlessly from compulsive overeating in its many manifestations: obesity, anorexia, bulimia and combinations of these diseases.

Overeater's Anonymous (OA) is a 12-Step program modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous. OA is a worldwide non-profit organization founded in 1960. The Central Jersey Intergroup of Overeater's Anonymous was founded in 1974 and is one of five Intergroups each serving multiple counties in NJ.

The only requirement for OA membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. There are no dues, no fees and no weigh-ins. Whatever problem you may have with food you are welcome at our meetings.

Below is a list of meetings in Union County. Visit our Central Jersey Intergroup's website at [www.oa-centraljersey.org](http://www.oa-centraljersey.org), our information hotline at 908-253-3464.

**PRAYER & PRAISE FELLOWSHIP** Tue. at 7:30pm

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## AN EVENING WITH PULITZER FINALIST MARK DI IONNO

Visit the Kenilworth Public Library on Monday, August 11 at 6:30pm for a book signing with award-winning journalist and author Mark Di Ionno. Di Ionno's 2012 novel, *The Last Newspaperman*, was recently selected as one of NJ350's "101 Great New Jersey Books."

Mark Di Ionno is a lifetime newspaperman and a 2013 Pulitzer Prize finalist in news commentary, primarily for his work on Hurricane Sandy. He is also a four-time winner of the New Jersey Press Association's first-place award for column writing. His columns appear regularly in *The Star-Ledger* and its online partner, [nj.com](http://nj.com).

Di Ionno is also the author of three nonfiction books: *New Jersey's Coastal Heritage*, *A Guide to New Jersey's Revolutionary War Trail* (which received the New Jersey Academic Alliance Award) and *Backroads, New Jersey* (which was named among the most notable New Jersey books (1995–2005) by the New Jersey Center for the Book).

Di Ionno's first novel and most recent publication, *The Last Newspaperman*, explores the roots of tabloid journalism and the rise of celebrity media culture. *Kirkus Reviews* described the novel as "a creative double-edged, historically inspired debut." *The Last Newspaperman* and *A Guide to New Jersey's Revolutionary War Trail*, were selected for NJ350's list of essential New Jersey literature by librarians from Rutgers University and the New Jersey State Library.

## LEGO IN THE LIBRARY

Lego In The Library was recently presented at The Kenilworth Public Library. Children ages 4 – 12 years old had an opportunity to design their own Lego creations. The theme of this session was Lego Zoo, where children created real and imaginary animals, which are currently on display in the Children's Department. At the conclusion of each program, children were invited to check out books related to the Lego theme.

Lego in the library will be presented on Wednesday, July 9, and July 23 at 3:30 – 4:30pm. A new theme will be presented at future sessions. Registration is required.

Kenilworth residents may register for these programs one week prior to each session. Out of town residents may begin to register two days prior to each session, space permitting. Children must be registered for the summer reading club in order to register for these special events.



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## KENILWORTH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Located at 548 Boulevard. Library website is [www.kenilworthlibrary.org](http://www.kenilworthlibrary.org).

Registration for programs may be done in person at the library or by calling 908 276-2451.

The library's regular schedule of operation: Mon, Tues and Thurs: 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM, Wed: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Fri: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Sat: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The Kenilworth Public Library is handicapped accessible.

[facebook.com/kenilworthworth.public.library](https://facebook.com/kenilworthworth.public.library)

## SUMMER DANCE CLASSES AT THE LIBRARY

Arthur Murray Dance Studio recently presented a dance class for children ages 4 - 12 years old at the Kenilworth Public Library led by dance instructor, Colleen. This interactive program offered children an opportunity to gain confidence, manners, exercise, good posture, poise and FUN!

Children ages 4 - 12 years old are invited to register for the next Arthur Murray Dance class which will be held at the library on Thursday, July 10 at 11:00 - 11:30am.

Registration is required.

Kenilworth residents may register one week prior to this event. Out of town residents may register two days prior to this event. Children must be registered in the summer reading club in order to register for this program. To register or for more information, please call 908-276-2451 or visit 548 Boulevard.

*(below) Children practice dance steps with Arthur Murray Dance instructor, Colleen.*



## AMAZING SCIENCE PRESENTED AT THE KENILWORTH LIBRARY



Amazing Science was recently presented at The Kenilworth Public Library.

Ken Fink, president of Wondergy educated and entertained children and their families about the use of various types of energy.

Science experiments and activities provided an opportunity to explore renewable energy sources.

The program concluded with children learning how solar energy can provide enough heat to roast marshmallows.

This program was funded by a Clean Communities Grant given to the Borough of Kenilworth from the NJDEP Clean Communities Fund.

The Kenilworth Public Library will be presenting additional special events on the following Thursday evening for children ages 4 - 12 years old.

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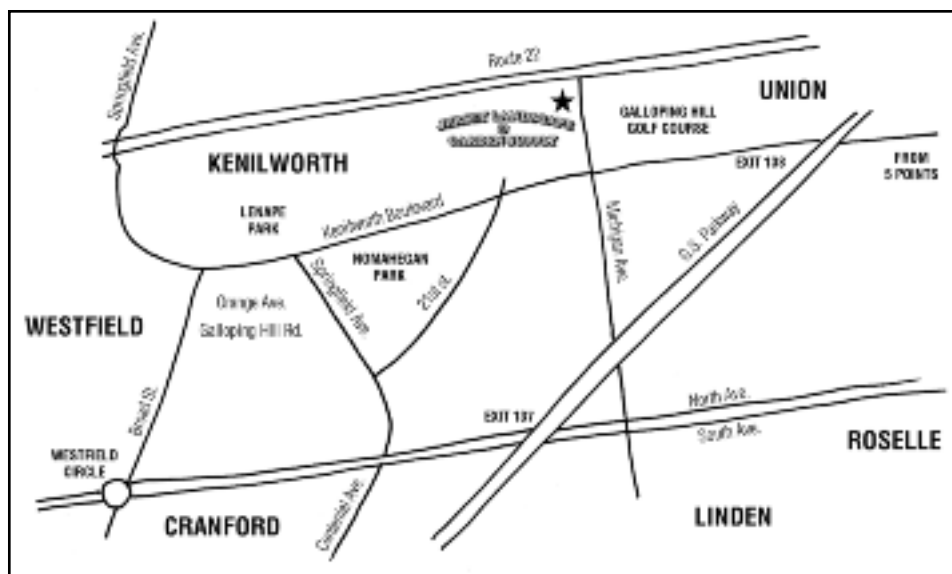
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