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Somerset County Library System of New Jersey has announced seven branch managers who took their new positions May 18: Rebecca Crawford, Mary Jacobs Memorial Library branch; Nanette Peterson, Manville Library branch; Hannah Kerwin, Watchung Library branch; Doug Poswencyk, Somerville Library branch; Carolyn Della Sala, North Plainfield Memorial Library branch; Cindy Mangel, Bound Brook Memorial Library branch; and Melissa Banks, Peapack & Gladstone Library branch.

"I see definite potential for attracting more community participation by reinvigorating the library layout," said Hannah Kerwin, who will be branch manager for SCLSNJ's Watchung Library branch. "The library needs physical space where adults, teens and children can meet and take part in designed. Comfortably activities. visually stimulating spaces will encourage people to visit the library and to return again and again."

In April, SCLSNJ announced three area managers: Central Area Manager Edward Hoag, who will manage the Bridgewater Library branch while also overseeing the Somerville Library and Peapack & Gladstone Library branches and the Branchburg Reading Station; South Area Manager Karen Pifher, who will manage the Hillsborough Library branch while also overseeing the Mary Jacobs Memorial Library and Manville Library branches; and East Area Manager Lauren Ryan who will manage the Warren Township Library branch while also overseeing the Watchung Library, North Plainfield Memorial Library and Bound Brook Memorial Library branches and the Washington Valley Reading Station.

"A successful library system is more



(above, l-r) Melissa Banks, Peapack & Gladstone Library branch manager; Cindy Mangel, Bound Brook Memorial Library branch manager; Carolyn Della Sala, North Plainfield Memorial Library branch manager; Doug Poswencyk, Somerville Library branch manager; Hannah Kerwin, Watchung Library branch manager; Nanette Peterson, Manville Library branch manager; and Rebecca Crawford, Mary Jacobs Memorial Library branch manager.

than a collection of branches -- it's a team effort at providing the very best library services in each community it serves," said Brian Auger, SCLSNJ county library administrator. "The changes we have made to the organization will make it easier to continue improving service and adapting to changing technologies."

"The system has changed dramatically in the past ten years," said Keith McCoy, SCLSNJ public services director. "We have added three branches to the existing seven. We are responding to the introduction of e-books, streaming music, and other electronic sources that the public is demanding. We are seeking to re-configure our spaces to make them more usable, as well as attractive, for county residents. We need to be more nimble in terms of providing technology to staff and public. All of this tells us that we cannot do business as we did when we had card catalogs and 33 RPM records in our collections. The Library needs to be an active participant in 21st century life."

Visit your local SCLSNJ library branch and say hello - these friendly faces want to hear from you and look forward to working with you to ensure that SCLSNJ is delivering the services and resources you need and want. For more information about SCLSNJ, visit SCLSNJ.org.

WATCHUNG LIBRARY

Watchung Library is located at 12 Stirling Road in Watchung. behind the Watchung Arts Center.

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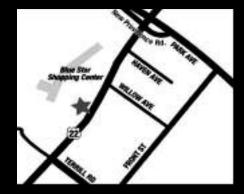
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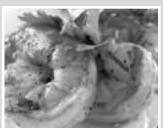
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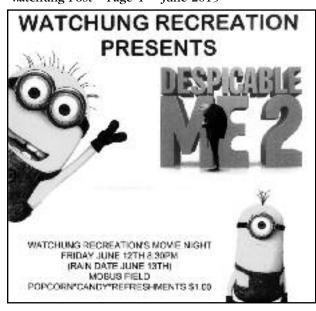
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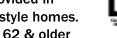


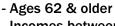
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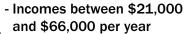
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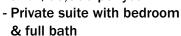
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WATCHUNG FAMILY HOMECOMING

The McGrath family, Jordan, Dennis and mom Mim, are in from Seattle to attend daughter Molly's graduation from Rutgers University. They stopped by SCLSNJ's Watchung Library branch while touring all the places that were part of their wonder years in Watchung. Molly, who will be working in the world of dance, and Jordan, who graduated last week with a film degree, came to the library every Monday when they were children and attended many of the library's children's programs. Most memorable program? Candle dipping – a program that has been offered at the library for 25 years. Congratulations to the Molly and Jordan -- and to the parents who made SCLSNJ's Watchung Library branch part of their family history!



(above, l-r): Molly, Jordan and Dennis McGrath

MAKING THEIR DAY

On Saturday, March 21, a creative and innovative community of individuals, groups and organizations came together to share their time, talents and resources at Watchung Public Library's Community Open House: Make Something @ Your Library. The event was part of the Somerset County Library System's celebration New Jersey Makers Day.

For two hours, twelve Maker Stations on three floors were available for families to Make a Heart-Shaped Topiary, Make a Fruit Kabob, Bake Cookies, Decorate a Cookie, Paint a Light Catcher, Feed a City (view Valley View School's Winning Future Cities Project), Make Seed Paper, Make Robots Work, Make a Move (Learn Chess) Go Fish! (Learn to Fish), Make a Feathered Friend, Make a Paper Robot. Thanks to Kings Food Market and Parker Gardens, and all the Maker Station presenters who donated the supplies and expertise to make this day possible.



(above)Danae Churchill with topiary

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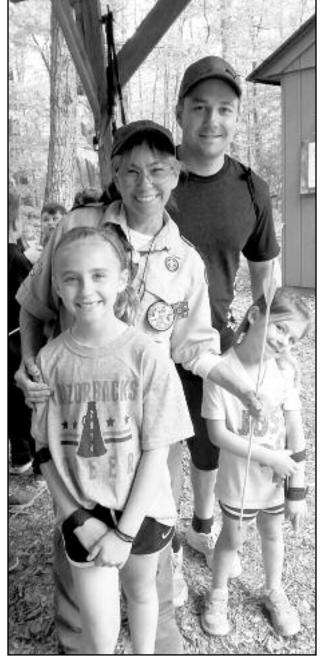
CUB SCOUT CAMPOREES ALWAYS A FUN EVENT

Cub Scout Pack 32 recently participated in the Watchung Mountain District Spring Cub Camporee up at Camp Winnebago in Rockaway, NJ. The threatening weather could not even deter these campers from enjoying a wonderful weekend. The scouts had a great time during the day shooting BB guns at the rifle range, making and stomping rockets, shooting in the archery range, swinging away in a batting cage, hiking, and especially participating in a fishing derby on Durham Pond. Some brave adults even took a ride over the pond on an 1000-foot zip line. Cub Scout Camporees are always a fun event, no matter the weather.



(above) Lots of scouts were fortunate to pull in fish during the derby. These Bear Scouts, Cristopher Zwirko and Joshua Cheng, worked together to hook this sunfish, held up by Fred Mancini.

(right) Cub master Joanne Cort stands with her son, Ryan Martin, and his daughters, Rory and Parker, who enjoyed their first camping trip ever.



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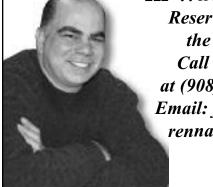
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BARK FOR LIFE RAISES FUNDS FOR CANCER SOCIETY

Submitted by Wilson Memorial Church

More than 25 dogs, along with their human companions, braved the cold of an otherwise beautiful morning on April 25 to take part in "Bark for Life" at Watchung Lake. Sponsored by Mary E. Wilson Memorial Church, the fundraiser for the American Cancer Society raised a total of \$5200.

Michael Droege, the church's Director of Youth and Family Ministry, welcomed the crowd and introduced Brandy Engleburger, from the ACS's Somerset County office. She thanked the church and the participants for one of the most successful "barks" the ACS has done, and told the group that the money raised in this event would be used to help those with cancer within Somerset County. Watchung Mayor Steve Pote then spoke of the cooperation between the church and the Borough of Watchung that had made this event a success.

After the participants (mostly from Watchung but also from Basking Ridge, Martinsville, Berkeley Heights, Warren, South Plainfield, Greenbrook, and Bridgewater) had signed in and received T-shirts for the humans, and bandannas and goody bags for the dogs, they took off for the 1.1 mile walk around Watchung Lake.

The top fundraising team was Divine Davis Dogs, which raised a total of \$1268. Team organizer Pam Davis of Watchung was the top fundraiser, bringing in \$1000. Sadly, Pam's dog Mocha had passed away due to cancer in March.

Watchung resident Lisa Shpunder walked with her daughters, Ashley and Alexis and their dog Tucker. Nine-year-old Alexis had set up a lemonade stand the previous weekend and raised \$91 which the family brought to the event.

Even those without dogs took part, including

Daniel and Karen Hauck of Watchung and their daughter Emily, who brought two stuffed dogs.

When all the walkers had returned to the starting point, 14 members of the group and six dogs adjourned to Rolf's Restaurant in Warren to enjoy a "Yappy Hour" of food, games and prizes. Among the games was a version of musical chairs, with the last dog to "sit" in each round being eliminated until a winner was chosen. Prizes were awarded in categories that included largest dog, smallest dog and "Most Stuffed" dog, won by Emily's pair.

Wilson Memorial Church is located at 7 Valley Road in Watchung, at the intersection with Hillcrest Road.

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(above) Coda Possein accepts a donation from Alexis Shpunder as sister Ashley, mom Lisa and Tucker look on

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WATCHUNG STUDENTS PLAY BRAIN GAMES WITH SENIORS

By Jasmine Cui and Ariana Huang

In celebration of Older Americans Month, 6th grade students in the gifted and talented program at Valley View School visited Warrenbrook Senior Center last week to play "brain games" with the seniors.

To prepare for the visit, students conducted research on the types of activities that help "train" the brain, then created games that focused on strengthening different thinking skills. For example, Jasmine Hwang created a list of word puzzles, such as "Sta4nce". The elders were then asked to take their knowledge for puzzles, and find out what unraveled, to become "for instance."

Another group, Olivia Volpe, Tristan Sampedro, and Wesley Tseng, created a game to spark the seniors' creativity. Olivia, Tristan, and Wesley started by drawing a simple circle on a sheet of paper, and then asked the seniors to use their own imaginations and create an image.

Olivia shared, "When the seniors first got the papers with the shapes on them, they weren't sure of what to do. But once we were able to get them started, they showed a lot of creativity and imagination, that shows anyone can do anything

if they try."

By visiting the senior center, not only did the seniors get a chance to expand their creativity and knowledge, it also helped the students get a chance to interact with older, wiser people. This trip was a benefit for everyone, full of fun and learning.



(above) Valentin Soliven and Nita Soliven from Watchung with Valley View student Marshall White



(above) Betty Miksa from North Plainfield with Valley View student Jasmine Hwang



(above) Sabina Hanriot from Somerville with Valley View student Anthony Roca









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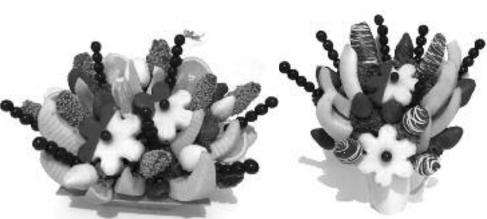
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