

# COVER to COVER

The Rye Free Reading Room Newsletter

January/February 2010

## Two Winter Afternoons, Two Bestselling Authors

Sunday, January 24, at 2 pm



**James Bradley**, author of *The Imperial Cruise: A Secret History Of Empire and War*

Join acclaimed writer and Rye resident James Bradley, author of the bestsellers *Flags of Our Fathers* and *Flyboys*, for a revealing discussion about his latest book, which takes an eye-opening look at the historic event that set the stage for World War II, the Chinese Communist Revolution, and the Korean War.

In 1905 President Teddy Roosevelt dispatched Secretary of War William Howard Taft on the largest U.S. diplomatic mission in history to Hawaii, Japan, the Philippines, China, and Korea. During the trip, Taft concluded secret agreements that bully-confident Roosevelt thought would secure America's westward push into the Pacific. Instead, they lit the long fuse on the Asian firecrackers that would singe America's hands for decades to come.

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James Bradley's incendiary new book... is startling enough to reshape conventional wisdom about (Theodore) Roosevelt's presidency....  
— *The New York Times*

Sunday, January 31, at 4 pm

**David Grann**, author of *The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly Obsession in the Amazon*

Stumbling upon a hidden trove of diaries, *New Yorker* writer David Grann set out to solve "the greatest mystery of the twentieth century." What happened to the vanished Percy Fawcett and his doomed quest for the Lost City of Z?

Hear Grann, the library's featured guest speaker at this year's Annual Meeting, recount the story of the British explorer's 1925 venture to find the glittering Amazonian kingdom of El Dorado. Fawcett's fate – and the tantalizing clues he left behind – made headlines around the world and became an obsession for hundreds who followed him into uncharted wilderness. Many perished, were captured by tribesmen, or went mad.

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At once a biography, a detective story and a wonderfully vivid piece of travel writing... suspenseful... rollicking... fascinating...

— *The New York Times*

## Annual Meeting of The Rye Free Reading Room

The Board of Trustees of the Rye Free Reading Room invites members to the Annual Meeting at the library at 3 pm on Sunday, January 31, 2010. The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

At that time elections will be held for Officers and Trustees for the Class of 2013 as shown below. Trustees are elected for a three year period. Only members of the Rye Free Reading Room may vote.

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Expanded Hours for 2010!  
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# Live Jazz at the Library

Sunday, February 21, at 2 pm

Rye's own Jerry Roche presents the Ralph Lalama Quartet in a concert of "bop/swing" standards made famous by Charlie Parker, Sonny Rollins, Wayne Shorter and other jazz greats. His introductory remarks will feature photography by Francis Wolff, a partner in Blue Note Records, who chronicled many of the most historic sessions in jazz history.

Members of the quartet include tenor saxophonist Ralph Lalama, guitarist John Hart, bassist Rick Petrone and drummer Joe Corsello. Over the years these talented musicians have played with such legendary artists as Woody Herman, Buddy Rich, Jimmy Smith, Maynard Ferguson, Sonny Rollins and Benny Goodman.

The Quartet's latest CD, "The Audience," was released in the fall. ☞

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*This type of contemporary approach to traditional jazz is, in my opinion, just what the jazz world needs.*

— Dave Miele,  
Jazz Improv NY

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## Love the Library Annual Campaign a Success



**Lynn Callagy** and grandson,  
Matthew McCloskey



**Robert and Kate Niehaus**

With our 2009 Annual Campaign behind us, we thank all the donors who gave to this important library fundraiser. Especially in these difficult economic times, the library relies on private support as we continue to offer exceptional services to the community. Through your generosity we were able to add many new books, DVDs and music CDs to our growing collections, offer dynamic programs for adults and children, and begin to improve our historic facilities. We couldn't have done it without your help. Thank you!

Special thanks are due to Lynn Callagy, and Kate and Bob Niehaus who served as honorary co-chairs of the 2009 Love the Library appeal. As dedicated supporters and long-time friends of the Rye Free Reading Room, they understood and communicated the value the library brings to the community. By spreading the word, they were instrumental to the Annual Campaign's success.

The Annual Campaign needed to raise \$180,000, or about 16% of the library's budget for 2009. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we'll have accomplished this important goal and will be on to improving library services for the year ahead. ☞



## Gaming Friday

February 5,  
3-4:30 pm

Come by and try your skills at a variety of Wii and Playstation 2 games on the big screen in the Community Meeting Room. We've got a new batch, including *Sonic and the Secret Rings*, *Mario Party 8*, *Lego Indiana Jones: The Original Adventures*, *Lego Star Wars: The Complete Saga*, *Mario Super Sluggers*, and *Mario & Sonic Olympic Winter Games*.



## Teen Knitting/ Project Linus

Saturday, February 13, 2-4 pm

Knit for hurting kids with Project Linus coordinator Adele Shapiro. Beginning and skilled teen knitters are invited to bring yarn and needles and learn simple techniques and stitches for making a security blanket for a child in need of solace. Registration is required for this event. Please sign up in person or by phone at 231-3161. Limited knitting supplies will be available if needed.

Project Linus is a national all-volunteer organization named after the Peanuts character who carries his blanket everywhere. Inspired in 1995 by a hospitalized child who was comforted by a handmade afghan, its members create and collect cozy blankets for ill, traumatized or grieving children.

**Project ♥ Linus**  
*Providing Security Through Blankets*

Many Project Linus blankets have also been made by the Rye Free Reading Room's Spin-a-Yarn knitters who meet at the library from 4 to 5 on Tuesday afternoons to work on their own and charity projects. All interested handcrafters are welcome to join them weekly for knitting and crocheting tips, camaraderie and conversation. ☞



## ACT vs. SAT: Free Kaplan Workshop for Teens

Saturday, January 30, at 2 pm

What are the differences between the SAT and ACT tests? A Kaplan Test Prep instructor discusses the two college admission testing programs and describes the format and content of each. Examples of various question types will be explained.

Registration is required for this event. Please sign up in person or by phone at (914) 231-3161. ☞

### James Bradley

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One hundred years later, the author traveled in the wake of Roosevelt's mission and discovered what had transpired in Honolulu, Tokyo, Manila, Beijing and Seoul. Now, he tells what he learned about this fateful mission and how it impacted United States foreign relations for most of the century. ☞

### David Grann

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And, as the author himself learned as he delved ever deeper into the mystery, it was all too easy to become drawn into the jungle's "green hell." Grann's quest for the truth and his stunning discoveries about Fawcett's fate and "Z" form the heart of an enthralling narrative. ☞

## TEEN MOVIE

### Whip It (PG-13)

Friday, February 19,  
at 2 pm

Drew Barrymore makes her directorial debut with this rollicking tale of an indie-rock-loving teen misfit who finds a way out of her small-town misery when she joins a roller derby team. Juno's Ellen Page stars alongside Marcia Gay Harden and Daniel Stern.



## Friday Fun Club

Stories, Crafts & Movies For kids ages 5 & up  
Every other Friday, 3:30-4:30 pm

Visit our website at  
[www.ryelibrary.org](http://www.ryelibrary.org)  
for details about the  
library's story hours for  
younger children.

### Let It Snow

January 15

Enjoy stories, short films and a craft about snowmen and other winter friends.

### Full Wolf Moon

January 29

Learn about the Native American names for the year's full moons and listen to stories about January's wolves. Make a moon craft.

### Let the Games Begin

February 12

Get ready for the Winter Olympics with stories about winter sports and make an Olympic mascot craft.

### Happy Birthday, Buffalo Bill

February 26

Listen to stories about cowboys and cowgirls and make a Wild West craft.



## Paws-a-While To Read!

Sundays, January 17 and  
February 21, 2-4 pm

Children of all ages are invited to read with Charley and Nettie, Bernese Mountain dogs who are certified TDI Therapy Dogs.

Animals are ideal reading companions because they create a relaxed, comfortable, and safe environment.

This program is designed to give kids the chance to practice their reading skills to a non-judgmental listener. ☞

## Annual Chess Tournament

Saturday, January 23

Registration at 10:15 am; Play begins at 10:30 am

Chess champion Tom Levine, who has conducted the library's popular January tournaments for more than twenty-five years, will once again referee round-robin play and award prizes to the top three players. Participants should bring a chess set and snack and expect to play four rounds.

Players of all skill levels are welcome to enjoy this fun event. The tournament is open to kids ages 6-14. ☞

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### WINTER VACATION ACTIVITIES

#### Just-Released Films

- \* Tuesday, February 16, at 3 pm  
*Tinkerbell and the Lost Treasure (G)*
- \* Wednesday, February 17, at 2 pm  
*G-Force (PG)*

#### More Fun for Kids

- \* Thursday, February 18
  - Board Games at 12 noon
  - Book Swap at 2 pm
- \* Friday, February 19
  - Drop-In Crafts at 12 noon

## Homework Help For Elementary Students

### Teacher in the Library

Monday – Thursday afternoons, 3:30-5 pm, in the Children's Room

Rye teachers assist children attending local public and private schools with assignments and study skills. Program sponsored by the Auxiliary Board of the Rye Free Reading Room, Woman's Club of Rye/Children's Philanthropy Section, and the Rye Schools' PTOs.

### Online Assistance

Click on "Homework Help" in the Online Services menu on the library's website to access educational resources for elementary and middle school students. They include *LearningExpress Library* - an interactive learning system of practice tests and tutorials, *Searchasaurus* - a dictionary, encyclopedia and image database, and *NoveList K-8* - a reader's advisory database designed to help readers in kindergarten through eighth grade find books they may enjoy. ☞

## Valentine Cupcake Decorating Challenge

Saturday, February 13,  
10 am-12 noon

Kids ages 4 and up are invited to decorate cupcakes to eat or give away.

Enjoy listening to Valentine stories, and then show us your skills at decorating a scrumptious cupcake. Vote on your favorites. Prizes awarded. Register in person or by phone at 231-3162.

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# In the Gallery

**Isabel Becker**

*Fabric Play Arts*



January 5 THROUGH February 12

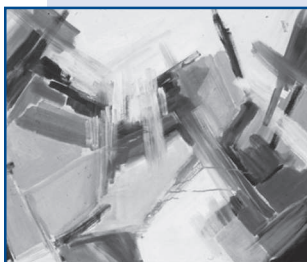
*Artist's Reception*

*Sunday, January 10, 1-3 pm*

Originally inspired by fabric collage illustrations in a children's book, the artist draws upon nature, the built environment, literature and personal hobbies and interests to create one-of-a-kind fabric appliqué pictures she exhibits in juried shows and sells at craft fairs and other venues. She credits her mother for surrounding her with art, encouraging her to try anything and teaching her to sew.

**Joseph Bostany**

*Abstract Expressionism*



February 17

THROUGH

March 31

*Artist's Reception*  
*Sunday, March 7, 1-3 pm*

Describing the process by which he translates pure emotion into explosive art, the artist says "Painting for me is a hypnotic state that guides the colors and forms that I eventually place on the canvas. My aim is to give pleasure to the beholder." He is a national award-winning textile design stylist as well as a fine artist and has exhibited his work in many solo and group shows in New York, Connecticut and Florida.

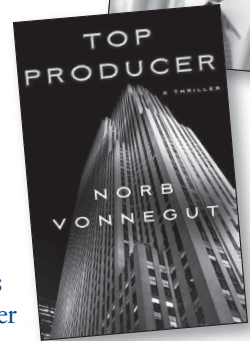
# Author! Author!

*Two writers discuss and sign their recently-published books.*

**Norb Vonnegut,**  
author of *Top Producer*

Thursday, February 11, at 7 pm

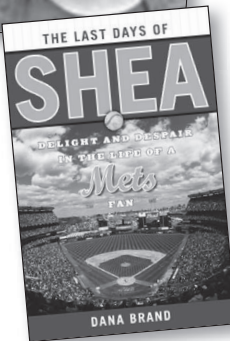
**P**enned before tumultuous revelations and scandals rocked the financial world in late 2008, this thriller draws on an insider's solid knowledge of the tricks that the industry's real top producers pull on each other in their frenzied pursuit of billions. The author is from a military family and spent his formative years in Charleston, SC, before heading to Harvard College and Business School. Before becoming a full-time writer, he worked at Silvercrest Asset Management as a Managing Director responsible for equity and fixed income portfolios. He has also worked for Morgan Stanley, Paine Webber, Kidder Peabody, and Chase Manhattan. ☞



**Dana Brand,** author of *The Last Days of Shea: Delight and Despair in the Life of a Mets Fan*

Tuesday, February 23, at 7 pm

**L**ong-time celebrating and suffering Mets fan Dana Brand shares his memories of and affection for the old Shea Stadium in an account that Mets broadcaster Ron Darling says "chronicles the ending of a ballpark but, even more importantly, reveals the spirit and resoluteness of Mets fans as they bring their gotta believe attitude to their new home." The author is a professor of English and American literature at Hofstra University. He received his Ph.D. from Yale, where he often talked baseball with A. Bartlett Giamatti, the Yale president who would go on to become the Commissioner of Baseball. ☞



# Rye Storytellers' Guild

Tuesdays, January 5 & February 2, at 6:30 pm

**E**njoy a good story? The Rye Storytellers' Guild offers adult storytellers the opportunity to meet with other tale-spinners and listeners to share traditional tales and personal stories. Evenings often focus on a pre-announced theme. ☞



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 www.ryelibrary.org  
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Chase the winter blues away during an informal,  
 fun-filled night of music and mingling at Rye's favorite  
 down-home restaurant, The Rye Roadhouse.  
 Live music, open bar, and buffet of Cajun and  
 other specialties are all included with admission.

Saturday, March 6, 8pm - Midnight

## Spring Fundraiser for the Library

# Rye Free Reading Room ROCKS the Rye Roadhouse

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| Thursday  | 9:30 am-5:30 pm  |
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