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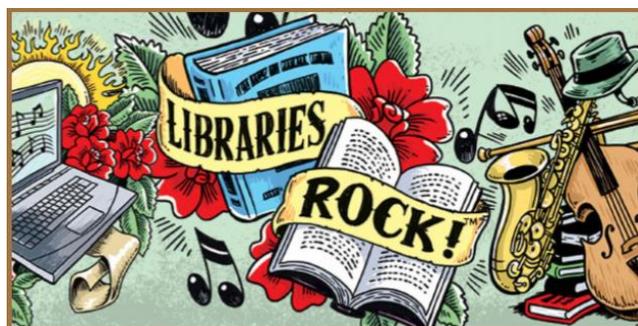
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Smooth Travels

Libraries Rock! is the theme of the 2018 Summer Reading Program for everyone. Register free on the OCL website in one of the three categories - Kids (birth-12), Teens (12-18), or Adult - and keep track of the books

you read or listen to beginning June 15. **Libraries Rock!** runs through September 10. Check with the branch for prizes.



Register at

www.theoceancountylibrary.org

Bus Trip a Success



The Friends of the Island Library's bus trip to the New York Botanical Garden was a sell-out. Membership Chair and trip organizer Ann Barkey (on left) with her husband Alan Ravit, and Sandy Freeman enjoy a mural describing Georgia O'Keeffe's trip to Hawaii.

Callanan Chosen Friends' President

Bernadette Callanan, resident of Beach Haven Gardens, was elected President of the Friends of the Island Library earlier this year. She succeeds Judy Bouton, who served in the Friends' top position for more than four years. Also elected as Friends' Vice President was Laura Arluna.

Callanan, a retired educator and art therapist, previously served as Vice President, and as Chair of the Friends' Program Committee. She is also a past President of Amergael, an Irish-American cultural organization.

"The legacy of Judy Bouton included her commitment to bring the Friends of the Island Library out into the community, a trend I want to continue," Callanan said. "After the successful author's luncheon last May, we're holding a second one this July. Also, we sponsored a trip to the New York Botanical Garden earlier this month.

"We're also blessed with Board members who are very enthusiastic, creative and forward-looking," she added. "We invite all library patrons to join the Friends of the Island Library to support a great library."



Konchan's a Constant on LBI

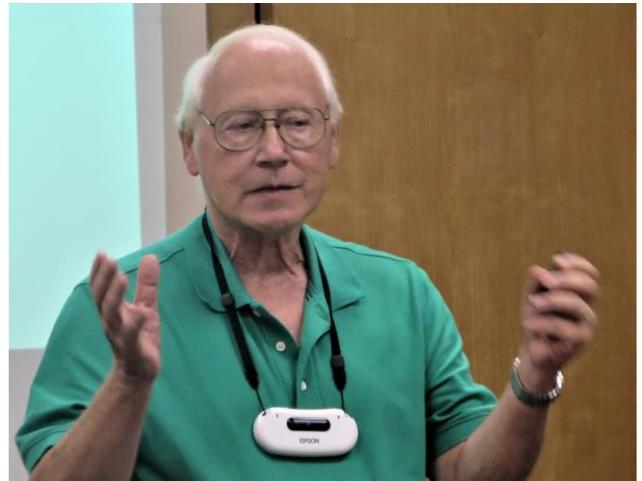
This September, Ken Konchan returns to Long Beach Island to share his knowledge and wisdom with patrons of the LBI Library. For more than a decade, Konchan, a native of the Cleveland area, has traveled east to deliver lectures on the lessons from the Holocaust. For the past seven years, he has also presented lectures on subjects of Irish literature and lore at the library.

These were subjects that Konchan, a university professor, studied in undergraduate and graduate school, and about which he shows continued enthusiasm. His commitment to deliver these annual talks began years ago when he read that a book club meeting at the LBI library would discuss *The Reader* by Bernhard Schlink, a novel about Nazi Germany and the war crime trials that followed the war.

Konchan attended the meeting and eagerly took part in the conversation. "He knew so much about the subject," remembered Joanne Levine, an LBI resident and a regular attendee of library programs. "I suggested that he might present talks on the Holocaust. I thought it would be great for a Christian scholar to address this subject."

The professor was intrigued with the idea of presenting information on the Holocaust and other human rights issues to older adults. He arranged a schedule with then-Branch Manager Linda Feaster, and began a new tradition.

During the week of September 10, Konchan's offerings will include a lecture about Holocaust survivors, and the varied paths they took after the war was over, and a presentation of a documentary, *The Unimaginable Journey of Peter Ertel*, about a German forced into Hitler's army who helped rebuild his country after the war. After living in a POW camp in America, Ertel got a job in a Jewish-owned company in Cleveland, and was soon considered "like family" by the owners.



His Irish Heritage lecture will investigate the development of Ireland from the Easter Rising in 1916 to the peace treaty in Northern Ireland in 1997.

"The lectures have been very rewarding to me due to the comments and questions of those who attend the talks," he said. "One of the regular attendees at my Holocaust lectures told me he used to leave the Island right after Labor Day. Now, because of my talks, he waits until mid-September to depart. Attendance at the two human rights talks have seen steady growth, and attendance at the Irish programs has grown "exponentially," he reported.

"I'm very appreciative of Joanne Levine and Linda Feaster, who got the ball rolling on this," he added.

"Professor Konchan's lectures have become perennial favorites," Feaster said. "His knowledge and insights contribute to our lifelong learning initiatives at the library, and give us all a larger perspective on the events and impact of the Holocaust. Similarly, his lectures on Irish literature, history and mythology expand the knowledge of some, and enlighten many."



Friends Scholarship Winners Named



Sherri Taliercio with Friends
President Bernadette Callanan

Sherri Taliercio has been named the winner of the Eleanor Smith Memorial Scholarship by the Friends of the Island Library. The one-time \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a resident of Ocean County or an employee of the Ocean County Library pursuing a Master's degree in Library Science. In accepting the scholarship, Taliercio called the library "the best show in town."

Taliercio is currently attending Clarion University for her MLS degree while working as an Administrative Clerk for Sara Siegler, Assistant Director of the Ocean County Library, who said, "[Sherri] manages an incredibly busy schedule with grace, professionalism, and an upbeat personality." Siegler added that she was confident that Taliercio will be able to handle any challenge given her as a librarian. "At each opportunity I know she will shine."

Caitlin Marie Behr, a graduating senior at Southern Regional High School was awarded the Kay Jones Memorial Scholarship. Behr, a National Honor Society member, ranked in the top 10% of her class and posted more than 75 hours as a library volunteer.