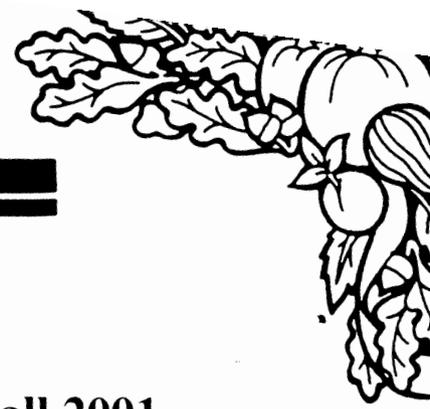


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Fall Festival Recap

Thanks to all of you who turned out for our Fall Festival on September 8th. It is estimated that between 300 to 400 people attended! The staff was delighted that everyone turned out for the day and that the weather cooperated. Erik Weihenmayer, the mountain climber who successfully climbed Mt. Everest described the effort it took to achieve this and how his blindness was sometimes a hindrance, sometimes an asset.

If you would like to listen to Erik's speech at the Festival, merely check off the box at the end of the Newsletter. Erik's book, *Touch the Top of the World*

(RC 51505, B 3495) may also be requested.

Daria, a musician billed as a female Pete Seeger, entertained children of all ages with songs and home made instruments. The audience responded wholeheartedly and participated in making and enjoying her music!

How not to become a victim of fraud was presented by Chomie Persson, an investigator with the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, Elder Fraud Unit. The Division has produced a book *For New Jersey's Older Citizens* (C2950) that includes information on how to avoid fraud in home improvement, telemarketing, health, and other areas.

Snake Party allowed people to handle live snakes and an array of vendors and organizations attended and demonstrated their products or shared their services with many interested attendees.

Our next Festival will be in the fall of 2003. We hope to see you then!

Holiday Mail

Although it seems early to already be thinking of the holidays, they'll be on us before you know it. While we will remain open during the holiday season, the mail can slow down a bit. To ensure that you have ample reading material, call us and ask us to send you extra books to see you through. Some of you may find the holidays are so busy that you need to put your service on hold for a short time. Remember, you can always reach us on our toll free number, 1-800-792-8322 twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week and leave us a message when we're not physically here to take your call.

“There’s Something About Rosalie” Bookworm by Patt Thrash

Due to your incredible response to Rosalie Hinton’s recommendations of “anything by Ken Follett,” I’m sticking with a good thing and going back to Miss Rosalie for more like Ken Follett: try Robert B. Parker’s Spenser novels and several of the short series by Lawrence Sanders. The great news from Robert B. Parker is two-fold: NLS is re-recording much of his early work, and he has 2 new character series featuring law enforcement officials in suburban Boston. Two books are available in both series. Neither Jesse Stone or Sunny Randall is quite as engaging as Spenser, but that’s probably because we’ve known him longer. These four stories are not as gritty or meaty as the Spenser novels, but they are a good look at the suburban crime scene today. Sunny Randall’s a female Spenser clone. She’s a private investigator newly divorced

from a man with ties to the Boston Mafia. Divorced Jesse Stone is an oddity, a Westerner moving East to be police chief of an affluent community.

For Lawrence Sanders, I have listed on the checklist many of the books that are NOT in series. All are well narrated and have multi-layered stories. Rosalie's favorites are the Archy McNally series which "keeps you on the edge of your seat." The first of the eight total, *McNally's Secret* (RC 34017, LT 17823) is listed.

Rosalie also greatly enjoyed *The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand, a tale of two architects and how their careers differ (RC12251). Taylor Caldwell is also a favorite author. *Great Lion of God* (RC 8038, LT 2000), *Testimony of Two Men* (LT 5532) and *The Captains and the Kings* (RC 17083, LT 715) all made deep impressions. Several of these are narrated by Patrick Horgan. "He is fascinating! I could listen to him all day!" says Rose. Horgan has recorded over 300

titles, ranging from *Histories* by Herodotus (RC 15123) about ancient Greece and Persia to *Tender Rebel* (RC 30473), a steamy romantic best seller. He is probably best known as the narrator of the J.J. Marric "Gideon" books and the "Children of the Lion" series by Peter Danielson. Gideon is a Scotland Yard inspector who can't seem to catch a break. Sometimes the narrator slips into a heavier British accent and speaks rather quickly. The "Lion" series currently has 17 chapters detailing the early history of Israel from Sodom through Saul and David. Sometimes you learn more than you want to about the minutiae of daily life and the violent battles but it's a vibrant slice of ancient history in the way that Jean Auel's *Clan of the Cave Bear* series made prehistory seem real.

To order any of these items, check off those you'd like to receive and return them to the Library.



NJ Ease

Special Benefit Programs For the Aged & Disabled

Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled (PAAD), Lifeline and Hearing Aid Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (HAAAD) are three state-funded programs providing assistance to individuals and families that meet the following guidelines:

1. You are a New Jersey resident.
2. Your income is less than \$19,238 if you're single, or less than \$23,589 if you are married.
3. You are at least 65 years of age, OR at least 18 years of age and receiving Social Security Disability benefits.
4. The income limit will increase each January by the amount of the Social Security cost-of-living increase.

To find out more information about these programs or to be sure of your eligibility, call toll-free, 1-800-792-9745.

New Jersey Ease, or NJ Ease as it is known, provides toll-free phone information about senior services.

NJ Ease provides trained and knowledgeable staff to answer your call and can provide you with answers on where to obtain various services such as healthcare, insurance, home care services, long term care options, transportation, social activities nutrition, and so on. For more information call 1-877-222-3737.

Senior Property Tax Rebate Program

You may be eligible for a reimbursement of the difference between the amount of property taxes you paid in the base year (the year you first became eligible) and the amount paid in the year for which you are applying for a reimbursement if:

- You are age 65 or older, or receiving Social Security benefits **and**

- You have lived in New Jersey for the last 10 years or more, and have owned and lived in your current home for at least the last 3 years **and**
- You have paid the full amount of the property taxes due on your principal residence **and**
- You meet certain income limits for both the base year and the year for which you are claiming the reimbursement.

Call 1-800-822-6597 to see if you qualify for the senior citizen property tax freeze.

ID Mate Identifies Items Using Barcodes

ID Mate is a portable electronic device that allows you to associate a recorded voice message with the bar code on any product. It can be used to identify cans, jars, boxes, bottles, files, anything that already has a bar code, or anything that you put a bar code on. Some people have used it for clothing, and one gentleman has bar coded his electric fuse box enabling him

to identify which circuit controls what area in his home. Its uses are limited only by need and imagination.

Any blind veteran can request this item and receive it from the VA by showing that they can hear and understand it and demonstrate that after training, they will be able to use it. ID Mate is also for sale to anyone interested in purchasing and using it. For more information contact En-Vision America, 1013 Porter Lane, Normal, Illinois 61761, telephone, 1-800-890-1180 or visit the web site: www.envisionamerica.com

Audio-Described Theater Performances

On Wednesday, November 21, Saturday, November 24 and Sunday, November 25 the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, NJ will perform Cole Porter's *Red, Hot and Blue* with audio description. Audio description provides narration whenever one needs to see to understand what is happening on stage. This is the show that produced tunes

such as "I've Got You Under My Skin," "Just One of Those Things," and "It's De-Lovely." Who else but Cole Porter would team up debutantes and convicts for a rousing good play! Tickets are \$22 each. For more information call the Paper Mill Playhouse at 973-376-2181.

The American Repertory Ballet is also offering two audio described performances of the holiday favorite, *The Nutcracker*. The first will be held at McCarter Theater in Princeton Saturday, November 24th at 1:00 p.m. at \$38 or \$32. The second will be at the State Theater in New Brunswick Sunday, December 16th at 1:30 p.m. at \$32 or \$36. Audio described patrons of the American Repertory Ballet get a special buy one, get one free offer. Each performance is preceded by a FREE Sensory Seminar one hour prior to curtain. The American Repertory Ballet strongly urges attendance at the seminars to help in the understanding of the performance. For information and

reservations call 732-249-1254 ext. 16.

Ski for Light

The 2002 Northeastern Pennsylvania Regional Cross-country Ski for Light event will take place during the first week of February in Sherman, PA, near Binghamton, NY. Sighted guides are in great demand to assist with this program. First-time visually impaired participants receive priority acceptance. For an application or further information, contact Bary or Louise Wood at 201-868-3336

Hadley School

The Hadley School for the Blind offers tuition-free courses to blind and visually impaired individuals. Hadley offers everything from high school diplomas to continuing education to adjustment to vision loss. For more information, contact: Hadley School for the Blind, 700 Elm St., Winnetka, IL 60093-0299 or visit them on the web at www.hadley-school.org.

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We have been overwhelmed by your generous donations this time. Many thanks to all of you!

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Captains and the Kings RC17083 ___ LT 7714 ___

J.J. Marris "Gideon"

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Gideon's Power LT 906 ___
Gideon's River RC32302 ___ LT1194 ___ BR 8360 ___
Gideon's Day LT1377 ___ BR 4618 ___

Peter Danielson "Children of the Lion"

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