A crowd of 400-plus food enthusiasts and a record-breaking 40-plus restaurants, bakeries and eateries gathered at the Lincoln Harbor Food Court this April to support the Library at the 15th annual Taste of Weehawken fundraiser.

“It was without a doubt one our finest evenings ever,” said Leona Nersessian, President, Weehawken Library Board of Trustees. “We have heard from so many that this was the best Taste yet!”

This year the event raised over $14,000 on behalf of the Library. “These funds will help sustain many of our programs: art exhibits, guest lectures and other events as well as many special children’s activities,” added Nersessian.

The Library extends its thanks to all those who came together to make the Taste such a success, including Hartz Mountain for donating the spectacular setting at the Food Court at Lincoln Harbor, the Weehawken Reporter for their continuing marketing support and Giannone Wine & Liquor Co. for hosting the wonderful tables of wine, craft beer and cordial tastings as well as for the design and printing of the Taste program.

Of course, there wouldn’t be a Taste without the amazing restaurants and proprietors who brought a fantastic array of food tastings to the event: Amanda’s, Ben & Jerry’s, Los Charritos, Chart House, Cremas Artisan Flavors, Flaming Burrito, G.P.’s, Gladis Homemade Cakes, Heaven Riverfront Restaurant and Bar, Houlihan’s, The Hudson Cakery, Ispiresso at Park, The Jamming Cupcakes, Karma Kafe, Kathryn’s Confections, Little Melly’s Cheesecakes, Lorraine’s Table, The Madison, Masina Trattoria, McLoone’s Pier House, Molos Restaurant, Paloma Negra Restaurant, Pier 115 Bar & Grill, Pizza Villa, Porto Leggero, Robongi/Hudson Blue, Ruth’s Chris Steak House, Son Cubano, Touch of Spice, El Unico de Elena, and of course the Weehawken High School Culinary Arts Program student chefs.

Be sure to visit these wonderful businesses throughout the year and thank them for their support of the Library. Plans are already underway for the 16th Annual Taste of Weehawken next year!

**1000 Books Before Kindergarten**

The Weehawken Library is participating in a national program with a very simple goal: to create lifetime readers starting at a very early age. Parents visit the library to register their infant, toddler, or preschooler. Then, they start reading! It’s as simple as that. They present their log at their library once they have read 50, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, and 1,000 books. Each time they achieve a goal, they get a stamp on the log and a sticker from their favorite librarian.

“The objectives of this organization are: to promote reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers and to encourage parent and child bonding through reading,” said Kelly Fitzgerald, Librarian.

**Summer Reading Programs**

Programs for preschoolers through adults; registration June 29

Summer is just about here, and the Weehawken Library is ready with free summer reading programs for all ages. Program registration takes place on Wednesday, July 1st for teens and on Monday, June 29th for children. Check for specific times for different ages here:

Every Hero has a Story Reading Program: Parents can sign up their children ages 2 to 5 for the “Read to Me Program” at 10 a.m. Children can join Ms. Donna and Ms. Kelly as they read summer-themed stories that morning as well. Then at 1 p.m. sign up for children ages 6 to 12 begins for the “Independent Readers.” At 1:30 p.m., the Library will host a screening of Big Hero 6.

Unmasked Summer Reading Program for Teens. Kicks off at 6 p.m on Wednesday, July 1st. Teens can sign up and afterwards enjoy a screening of Guardians of the Galaxy (start time 6:15 p.m.).

Escape the Ordinary Adult Summer reading program. Library members ages 18 and older need not let the kids have all the reading fun! Adult readers can submit a form for every book read at the 2nd floor circulation desk. All forms will be entered into a drawing to win a prize.

**STORY TIME PROGRAMS**

The Every Hero has a Story program is for ages up to 5 years old at 10 a.m. on Mondays, July 6 and 20, August 3, 17 and 31.

The Sleepytime Stories and Lullabies program is also for ages up to 5. Join Ms. Donna and Ms. Kelly for soothing bedtime stories and lullabies from 6:45 to 7:15 p.m., Mondays, July 13 and August 17.
Travel Plans?
Just in time for the busy summer travel season, eBCCLS now offers 25 unlimited access Lonely Planet travel books. These books can be borrowed by anyone at any time. No holds and no waits. Bon voyage!

See the eBCCLS OverDrive site for the featured collection or contact the Library 2nd Floor circulation desk for more information.

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EVERY HERO HAS A STORY: Tuesdays, July 7 and 21; August 4 and 18; September 1. Come craft with Ms. Donna and Ms. Kelly. Ages 2 to 5, from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Ages 6 to 11, from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Seating for both programs limited to 20.

BOARD GAMES: Wednesdays, July 8, 15 and 22, August 5 and 26 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Ages 4 to 12. Checkmate! Calling all board game fans for chess, checkers, Clue, Operation and other game play.

CELEBRATE HEROES: Firefighters: Thursday, July 9, from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Ages 2 to 6. Learn to tales of these real life heroes, then enjoy craft making. Registration required; seating is limited to 20.

CELEBRATE ENVIRONMENTAL HEROES: Thursday, July 14. Enjoy stories about heroes who take care of our environment, then make a craft. Ages 2 to 6, from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Ages 7 to 13, from 1 to 2 p.m. Registration is required; seating is limited to 20.

THE ART OF ZENTANGLE: Wednesday, July 15 from 7 to 8 p.m. Ages 12 to 18. Thursday, August 27, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Ages 6 to 14. Calling all doodlers! Learn the process of Zentangle, an easy-to-learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns. Zentangles are not only exquisitely beautiful, they are fun and relaxing to create.

STAR WARS DAY: Thursday, July 23 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. for ages 2 to 5. Seating limited to 20. 1 to 2:15 p.m. for ages 6 to 12, Seating limited to 25. The force will be with you at the Library as you celebrate Star Wars Day! Registration required for both programs.

SUPERHERO TRAINING CAMP: Wednesday, July 29 from 7 to 8 p.m. Ages 12 to 18. Thursday, July 30. Thursday, July 30, 10:30 to 11:15 p.m., Ages 2 to 6; Thursday, July 30, 1 to 2:15 p.m., Ages 7 to 13. Do you have what it takes to be a superhero? Come Superhero Training Camp to find out! Registration is required; seating is limited to 20.

SUPERHERO DAY: Thursday, August 6 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Ages: 2 to 6; 1 to 2:15 p.m. Ages 7 to 13. Test your superhero strength and powers! Registration is required; seating is limited to 20.

SUPERHERO FANFIC:  Wednesday, August 12 from 7 to 8 p.m. Ages 13 to 18. Enjoy writing FanFic? Want to learn about this unique form of fiction writing created by fans of that work rather than by its creator? Visit the Library and meet other FanFic writers to discuss writing ideas with a superheroes theme.

CENTER FOR AQUATIC SCIENCES AT ADVENTURE AQUARIUM: Tuesday, August 25 at 1 p.m. Ages 6 to 14. Ocean Planet: Animal Tales. Registration is required; seating is limited to 25.

BLACK LIGHT ART: Wednesday, August 26 from 7 to 8 p.m. Ages 13 to 18. Explore the use black light paint and see your color palette become brighter and more extraordinary.

‘Escape the Ordinary’ this Summer at the Weehawken Library

Inspired by the theme of the new summer reading program, the Library has planned a complimentary series of special events and programs aimed at helping adult patrons “Escape the Ordinary”.

Thursday, July 23, 7 p.m. Unique summer eats and treats are on the menu as part of a cooking demonstration and lecture by chef Lorraine WUilliamley owner of Lorraine’s Table which specializes in creative and eclectic menus using the freshest ingredients for events ranging from dinner parties to supper clubs to personal chef services. Ages 18 & up; Registration is required

Thursday, August 27, 7 p.m. Stop by the Library for a unique DIY Spa Night and learn how to create your own bath and body pampering preparations! Ages 18 & up

Free Movies at the Library

Toddlers Cinema: Mondays at 10 a.m. Ages up to 5: Perfect films for the youngest fans.

Daniel Tiger: It’s a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood, July 13; Bubble Guppies: The Puppy and the Ring, July 27; Babar: Ultimate Collection, August 10; Berenstain Bears: Summer Family Fun, August 24

Movie Mondays: Every Movie has a Hero, Mondays at 3 p.m. Ages 5 to 12: Come watch both newly released and classic hero movies. SpongeBob SquarePants Movie, July 6; The Incredibles, July 13; Penguins of Madagascar, July 20; Frozen, July 27; The Princess Bride, August 3; Song of the Sea, August 10; How to Train Your Dragon 2, August 17; Paddington Bear, August 24; The Lego Movie, August 31.

UnMasked Films for Teens: Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Ages 13 to 18. The Hobbit Part III: The Battle of Five Armies, July 8 (begins at 6 p.m.); Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, July 22; Jupiter Ascending, August 5; Maleficent, August 19; episodes of Marvel Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D (begins at 6 p.m.), September 2.

Movies for Adults @ the Library: The Imitation Game, Thursday, July 9 at 2 p.m. and Monday, July 20 at 7 p.m. American Sniper, Thursday, August 13 at 2 p.m. and Monday, August 24 at 7 p.m.

Happenings for Kids & Teens @ the Library

Cool off on hot summer days with free movies!