



Ocean County Library

# Programs and Events Guide

## February 2024



**BARNEGAT**  
609-698-3331

### T – 2/1, 3 pm – 5 pm, Thursday Teen Volunteer Hours

Earn community service hours. Learn about the library. Registration and a current Teen Volunteer Application is required. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

### TW – 2/1, 6 pm, Thursday Simple Sewing: DIY Tic-Tac-Toe Board

Learn beginner sewing techniques and create your own tic-tac-toe board. Ages 8 – 11. **REG**

### A – 2/2, 10 am, Friday Impressionists: Monet and Cézanne

(NR) 47 min. **REG**

### CH – 2/3, 2 pm, Saturday Valentine's Day Card Mailbox

Design and create a Valentine's Day card mailbox from a recycled cereal box. Ages 5 – 12. **REG**

### A – 1 pm, Mondays Monday Movie

2/5: *Gran Turismo* (PG-13) 134 min.  
2/12: *Roman Holiday* (PG-13) 118 min.  
2/26: *Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning* (PG-13) 163 min.

### CH – 2/6, 10 am, Tuesday Preschool Storytime

Come for stories, songs, and a craft. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

### T – 2/7, 6 pm – 8 pm, Wednesday Crochet 101 for Teens

In this 2-hour class, participants will learn all the basic stitches and how to read a pattern and will leave with the confidence to continue practicing their skills at home. Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

### A – 2/8, 2/22, 1 pm, Thursdays & 2/10, 2/24, 10 am, Saturdays EWE Knit and Crochet

Drop in with your own supplies.

### CH – 2/8, 6 pm, Thursday Perler® Beads

Make a Perler® bead creation. Ages 6 – 11. **REG**

### BHM/A – 2/10, 2 pm, Saturday Pitching Man Documentary

(NR) 54 min. **REG**

### CH – 2/13, 10 am, Tuesday Toddler Time

Join us for stories, rhymes, and play. Ages 18 – 36 months with a caregiver. **REG**

### BHM/A – 2/13, 7 pm, Tuesday The Tuskegee Airmen:

**America's First Black Pilots**  
Join us as we welcome back author, history professor, and founder of the World War II Era Studies Institute, Paul Zigo, who will present on the Tuskegee Airmen, the first group of black American pilots and airmen who fought in World War II. Learn about their wartime accomplishments, as well as how they helped racial and social equality move forward in America. **REG**

### CH – 2/16, 10:30 am, Friday Homeschool STEAM: Fizzy Lab

Create and explore chemical reactions with this fun fizzy lab. We will explore fizzy paint, elephant's toothpaste, and more. Ages 5 – 10. **REG**

### CH – 2/20, 10 am, Tuesday Baby & Me

Come for rhymes, songs, and stories. Ages up to 18 months with a caregiver. **REG**

### A – 2/20, 1 pm, Tuesday Art Chat

Meet and talk with local artists. Bring your own work for feedback.

### T – 2/21, 6 pm – 8 pm, Wednesday Teen Volunteer Night

Earn community service hours. Learn about the library. Registration and a current Teen Volunteer Application is required. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

### CH – 2/23, 10 am, Friday Art & Play

Children are welcome with a caregiver to finger paint, play with Play-Doh®, and create a take-home sensory bag. Dress for a mess. Ages 2+. **REG**

### BHM/T – 2/28, 6 pm, Wednesday Amazing Inventors

In honor of Black History Month, make an LED bookmark inspired by Garrett Morgan's invention of the three-way stop light. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**



**BEACHWOOD**  
732-244-4573

### A – 2/5, 11 am, Monday Fabric Photo Plate Craft

Join us in creating a craft. Please bring a small photo. Registration is limited. Sponsored by the Friends of the Beachwood Branch. **REG**



## PROGRAM KEY

A	Adult Program
BD	Book Discussion
C	Computer
CH	Children's Program
DIV	Diversity Program
FR	Friends Meeting
G	General Audience
MKR	Maker Program
PA	Potential Allergens
REG	Please Register
S	Sensory Program
T	Teen Program
TW	Tween Program

The Ocean County Library is a truly multicultural institution. We respect, honor, and celebrate individual and cultural differences. Our collections, programming, outreach, policies, and personnel practices reflect this commitment. We are inclusive and understanding of our co-workers and of the communities we serve, and we seek out others to join on this journey.

## ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

**All Library programs are free and open to the public, but registration may be limited.** To avoid disappointment, please call the branch where the program is offered to register.

Program dates and times are subject to change.

All activities pose a degree of risk. We urge you to talk to your physician before beginning any exercise program and to be especially careful if you have any health issues. If you experience any pain or discomfort associated with any activity, you should stop immediately to prevent injury.

**Visit our Calendar of Events for more information on our in-person and virtual programs: [bit.ly/OCLevents](https://bit.ly/OCLevents)**



The Ocean County Library system makes every effort to provide access to our programs for people with disabilities. Please call your local branch prior to attending the program for special arrangements.



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## 2024 Prom Dress Collection

We are accepting gently used prom dresses from January 2nd until February 23rd. Short and long styles from within the last 5 years. Please donate dry cleaned dresses ready for attending prom. No accessories, shoes or purses.

*Donations collected at all Ocean County Library Branches until February 23rd.*

Questions? 732-349-6200



Dresses for  
8th-12th grade  
only, please!



**BEACHWOOD**  
732-244-4573

### CH/PA – 2/12, 4:30 pm, Monday Paws for Reading

Practice your reading skills in the company of a gentle therapy dog. Ages 3+. **REG**

### CH – 2/20, 10:30 am, Tuesday Incredible Infants

Join us for songs, rhymes and playtime. For infants up to 18 months. **REG**

### BHM/CH – 2/22, 10:30 am, Thursday Stop & Go Storytime

Join us for storytime followed by a craft in celebration of Black History Month. Ages 3+. **REG**

### T – 2/26, 6 pm, Monday Teen Scene

Teens can stop by the library, hang out, and make a simple craft. Ages 13 – 17. **REG**

### A – 2/28, 11 am, Wednesday Knit Wits

Stop by the Library with your knitting and crocheting projects and meet new friends. **REG**



**BERKELEY**  
732-269-2144

### A – 1 pm – 4 pm, All Thursdays Mah Jongg

Join a weekly session for experienced players of Mah Jongg. Players must bring their own set and current card. Call the branch at 732-269-2144 to register once for all sessions. **REG**

### A – 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, 10:30 am – 2 pm, Mondays Movies for Adults with Special Challenges

Individuals and day programs for adults with special challenges are welcome to enjoy a movie in our meeting room. The audience will select their film on the day of the showing. Room opens at 10:30 am, movie starts at 11:30 am. **REG**

A – 10:30 am – 2 pm,  
All Tuesdays

### Movies for Adults with Special Challenges

Individuals and day programs for adults with special challenges are welcome to enjoy a movie in our meeting room. The audience will select their film on the day of the showing. Room opens at 10:30 am, movie starts at 11:30 am. **REG**

### A – 10 am, All Wednesdays Book Café for Adults with Special Challenges

Select your favorite books and relax and share with friends. **REG**

### A – 2/7, 10 am – 8 pm, Wednesday American Red Cross Blood Drive

Make a difference and donate blood. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

### CH – 2/8, 10:30 am, Thursday Toddler Time

Play with your little one as we share stories, rhymes, songs, and dance. Ages 1 – 2. **REG**

### T – 2/8, 6:30 pm, Thursday Dungeons & Dragons® for Teens

Join fellow teen adventurers for this *Dungeons & Dragons®* program. Open to new and experienced players. Space is limited, be sure to register. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

### BD – 2/9, 1 pm, Friday Friday Afternoon Book Discussion

Please contact the Berkeley Branch for details.

### CH – 2/10, 10 am, Saturday Playtime Fun

Drop in to play with our toys, socialize with other kids, and more. This is a great place for parents and caregivers to make new friends and have fun. Ages 1 – 4.



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**BERKELEY**  
732-269-2144

**A – 2/12, 3 pm, Monday**

### Quilled Hearts

Learn how to make a festive heart out of strips of paper. **REG**

**T – 2/13, 3:30 pm, Tuesday**

### Magic: The Gathering™ Club for Teens

Become a Planeswalker at the library's *Magic: The Gathering™* Club. The library provides cards and instruction. No prior experience is necessary to compete in this strategy card game. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**T/A – 2/13, 6:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Acoustic Jam Session**

Bring an instrument and play with other musicians. All styles and skill levels are welcome. Ages 13+. **REG**

**CH – 2/14, 10:30 am,**

### Wednesday Baby and Me

Rhythm, rhyme, music and movement for babies up to 12 months with caregiver. This is designed for babies not yet walking. **REG**

**T/PA – 2/14, 3:30 pm,**

### Wednesday Valentine's Day Paint and Sip for Teens

Relax with hot tea while painting a small canvas for Valentine's Day. **REG**

**T – 2/15, 7 pm, Thursday**

### Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**BHM/A – 2/17, 3 pm, Saturday**  
**Alma Thomas Painting**

Celebrate Black History Month by creating a painting in the style of Alma Thomas and learn about Thomas's life and impact on modern art history. **REG**

**CH/PA – 2/20, 4 pm, Tuesday**  
**Paws for Reading**

Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. **REG**

**MKR/TW – 2/21, 3:30 pm,**

### Wednesday Tween Builders' Club

Discover the fun of STEAM and explore creative constructions with the library's building kit. Ages 9 – 12. **REG**

**A – 2/21, 6 pm, Wednesday**

### Intro to Computers

Stop by the library with your own device for this introductory course. **REG**

**CH – 2/22, 10:30 am, Thursday**  
**Toddler Time**

Play with your little one as we share stories, rhymes, songs, and dance. Ages 1 – 2. **REG**

**T – 2/22, 7 pm, Thursday**

### Teen Game Night

Play familiar and new games, just for teens. **REG**

**CH – 2/28, 10:30 am,**

### Wednesday Baby and Me

Rhythm, rhyme, music and movement for babies up to 12 months with caregiver. For babies not yet walking. **REG**



**BRICK**  
732-477-4513

**CH – 2/2, 3 pm, Friday**

### Baby Art

Join us at the library for painting fun. Dress for a mess. For babies up to 18 months with caregiver. **REG**

**A – 2/3, 10:30 am, Saturday**  
**Crochet around the Corner**

A community crochet block project. Join us each month to receive a new crochet block pattern, as we work toward a holiday display of the blocks. Please bring a size I-9 crochet hook. Drop in.

**CH – 2/5, 10:30 am, Monday**  
**Snake Storytime**

Enjoy silly snake stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**A – 2/5, 2 pm, Monday**

### Advanced French Club

Join us and speak French with other French speakers in the community. Intermediate and Advanced speakers welcome. **REG**

**T – 2/5, 3:45 pm, Monday**

### Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**CH – 2/6, 10:30 am, Tuesday**  
**Lunar New Year Parade**

Join us as we celebrate the Lunar New Year with stories, a craft, and a parade. Remember to wear red for good luck. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**BHM/A/PA – 2/6, 2:30 pm,**

### Tuesday Soul Food Eats

Join us and learn how to make a soul food recipe to celebrate Black History Month. **REG**

**FR – 2/7, 10 am, Wednesday**

### Friends of the Brick Library Meeting

The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the library. New members are welcome.

**A – 2/7, 11 am, Wednesday**  
**Floriography: The Victorian Language of Flowers**

Learn about floriography, the language of flowers that dates back to Victorian times. Within the art of floriography, every flower carries its own special meaning or symbolism. Presented by Cattus Island County Park naturalists. **REG**

**A – 2/7, 6 pm, Wednesday**  
**Twisted Stitchers of Ocean County**

Are you a knitter? Do you want to learn to knit? Join our group to learn or bring your own project. Drop in.

**A – 2/8, 2:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Achieving Financial Fitness**

Review how to organize household finances and documents as well as learn about the most common fraud scams. **REG**

**DIV/T – 2/8, 6 pm, Thursday**

### Lunar New Year Dragon Craft

Learn about the Year of the Dragon by making your own dragon mask in honor of Lunar New Year. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**A/PA – 2/12, 12 pm, Monday**  
**Lunchtime Movie for Adults with Special Challenges**

Bring your own lunch and watch a movie in our meeting room. The audience will select their film on the day of the showing. **REG**

**CH/TW – 2/12, 6 pm, Monday,**  
**Paint a Dragon for Lunar New Year**

Dress to make a mess and paint a ceramic dragon to welcome the new year. Ages 7 – 12. **REG**

**T – 2/13, 3:45 pm, Tuesday**

### Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**A – 2/14, 10 am or 11 am,**

### Wednesday Craft for Adults with Special Challenges

Join us for a fun craft. **REG**

**CH – 2/15, 10:30 am, Thursday**  
**Pizza Storytime**

Celebrate National Pizza Day with stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**A – 2/15, 6:30 pm, Thursday**

### Night Crafting for Adults

This month we will be making stone penguins. **REG**

**CH – 2/20, 10:30 am, Tuesday**  
**Super Silly Storytime**

Join us for some silly stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**A – 2/20, 1 pm, Tuesday**  
**Knitters of Brick**

Are you a knitter? Do you want to learn to knit? Join our group to learn or bring your own project. Drop in.



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**CH – 2/21, 10:30 am,  
Wednesday  
Pet Storytime**

Celebrate Love Your Pet Day with stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**BHM/T – 2/21, 6:30 pm,  
Wednesday  
Reggie Laurent & Abstract Art**  
Learn about and create abstract artwork inspired by Black artist, Reggie Laurent. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**A/PA – 2/22, 2:30 pm,  
Thursday  
Coffee and Coloring**  
Spend an afternoon coloring, listening to soothing music, drinking coffee, and relaxing with like-minded adults at the library. Light refreshments will be served. **REG**

**T – 2/22, 6:30 pm, Thursday  
Dungeons & Dragons® for  
Beginners**  
Become a part of this adventuring party of heroes as we delve into the world of Forgotten Realms. This program is for teens looking to try their hand at a tabletop role-playing game. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**CH/PA – 2/23, 3 pm, Friday  
Perfect Pancake Day**  
Celebrate National Pancake Day a few days early with stories, a craft, and delicious pancakes. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**A – 2/26, 6:30 pm, Monday  
Adult Crafting**  
Join us for a seasonal craft. **REG**

**A/PA – 2/27, 6 pm, Tuesday  
Cookbook Club**  
Bring in a dish from the selected cookbook of the month to share and discuss with fellow culinary enthusiasts. **REG**

**T – 2/28, 7 pm, Wednesday  
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**  
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**



**ISLAND HEIGHTS**  
732-270-6266

**FR – 2/3, 12:30 pm, Saturday  
The Trustees of the Library  
Meeting**  
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

**TW – 2/6, 3:30 pm, Tuesday  
Tween Tuesday**  
Join us to hang out with friends for games and crafts. Ages 10 – 12. **REG**

**G – 2/7, 10:30 am, Wednesday  
Storytime Around Town:  
Peto Museum**  
Come visit the Peto Museum, learn about the building and join the staff for storytime and fingerplays. This program will be held off-site at 102 Cedar Ave, Island Heights.

**T – 2/12, 7 pm, Monday  
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**  
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**A – 2/13, 2 pm, Tuesday  
Connections Beyond Age:  
Embracing Online Dating  
and Sexual Health for Older  
Adults**  
Love, companionship, and intimacy are essential aspects of human life, regardless of age. Join us for an empowering and informative program designed to help older adults explore the world of online dating apps while learning about sexual health with the Ocean County Department of Health. You will gain knowledge, skills, and confidence to navigate online dating platforms safely and maintain sexual health and well-being. **REG**

**CH – 2/16, 3:30 pm, Friday  
Kids Sewing Basics**  
Learn how to thread a needle, basic stitches, sew on a button, and tie off thread. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

**T – 2/20, 3:30 pm, Tuesday  
Teen Craft: Mini Terrariums**  
Make a mini terrarium. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**CH – 2/21, 10:30 am,  
Wednesday  
Baby and Me**  
For ages up to 18 months. **REG**

**BHM/T – 2/26, 2 pm, Monday  
Black Fashion Designers  
Drop-in**  
Celebrate Black History Month by learning about Black fashion designers throughout history and how their heritage inspired them and the clothing they created. Then create paper doll fashions inspired by your heritage.



**JACKSON**  
732-928-4400

**MKR/G – 2 pm – 4 pm,  
All Fridays  
Something Fun for Everyone**  
New fun activities every Friday.

**A – 9 am – 1 pm, All  
Thursdays  
AARP Tax Assistance**  
Free tax assistance by members of AARP. No age requirement, but appointments are required. Must bring previous year(s) returns, photo ID, social security or I-Tin card and all relevant tax documents related to the tax years to be prepared. To schedule an appointment at the Jackson location, call 732-440-7904.

**MKR/T – 2/1, 3:30 pm,  
Thursday  
Teen Makerspace: Duct Tape  
Roses**  
Learn to make a duct tape rose on the back of a pen. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**BHM/CH – 2/2, 10 am – 2 pm,  
Friday  
Drop-in Crafts: Black History  
Month Crafts**  
Stop by and make some crafts to celebrate Black History Month. All ages.

**BHM/A – 2/5, 10 am, Monday  
Black History Film Series:  
Mary Lou Williams: The Lady  
Who Swings the Band**  
(NR) 69 min. **REG**

**CH – 2/5, 10:30 am, Monday  
Storytime**  
Join us for stories, songs, and a craft perfect for children ages 18 months – 3 years. **REG**

**A – 2/5, 6:30 pm, Monday  
Knit Chat Chain**  
Join our knitting and crocheting group. Bring your own project or make items to donate to those in need.

**MKR/CH – 2/6, 10:30 am,  
Tuesday  
Homeschool Art Club**  
Stretch your imagination and learn something new. Ages 6 – 10. **REG**

**S/G – 2/6, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm,  
Tuesday  
Sensory Friendly Movie  
for Adults with Special  
Challenges: Sing**  
(PG) 108 min. Join us for a sensory friendly movie viewing of *Sing*, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and singing, walking, rolling and dancing are welcome. **REG**

**BD – 2/6, 1 pm, Tuesday  
Remarkably Bright Creatures  
by Shelby Van Pelt**

**A – 2/6, 2:30 pm, Tuesday  
Heart Health: American Heart  
Month**  
Come to this interactive program that discusses what heart disease is, risk factors, prevention, knowing your numbers and what they mean, and how to live a healthy lifestyle. Presented by the Ocean County Health Department. **REG**



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## Beanstack

**Beanstack is your one stop shop for tracking your reading progress and activities at the Ocean County Library.**



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**A – 2/6, 2/20, 6:30 pm, Tuesdays**

**Jackson Writers Group**

Bring your work in progress, any genre.

**CH/PA – 2/7, 10:30 am, Wednesday**

**Pancakes & Pajama Storytime**

Join us for stories, songs, and a craft. Wear your favorite pajamas while you dine on some delicious pancakes. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

**CH – 2/7, 2 pm – 5 pm,**

**Wednesday**

**National Send a Card Day**

**Drop-in**

Create a DIY card to send to a friend.

**T – 3:30 pm, All Wednesdays**  
**Teen Volunteer Hour**

Earn a community service hour. Learn about the Library. Effect positive change. Ages 12 – 18.

**S/G – 2/7, 6 pm – 8 pm,**

**Wednesday**

**Sensory Friendly Movie:**

**WALL-E**

(G) 98 min. Join us for a sensory friendly movie viewing of *WALL-E*, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and singing, walking, rolling and dancing are welcome. **REG**

**A – 2/7, 7 pm, Wednesday**

**Valentine's Day Concert**

Enjoy love songs and popular music from the '50s to the '80s with the band Rhythm N' Sound. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library. **REG**

**MKR/T – 2/8, 3:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Teen Makerspace: Paper**

**Circuit Valentine**

Use paper circuits to create a light up Valentine card. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**



**S/CH – 2/9, 10:30 am, Friday**  
**Homeschool Sensory Space Social Hour**

Join us in the Sensory Space for a relaxing social hour. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

**A – 2/12, 2/26, 10 am, Mondays**  
**Knit Chat Chain**

Join our knitting and crocheting group. Bring your own project or make items to donate to those in need.

**CH – 2/12, 10:30 am, Monday**  
**Babytime**

Join us for songs and activities followed by an hour of adult and child socialization. Ages up to 18 months. **REG**

**S/G – 2/12, 6 pm – 8 pm, Monday**  
**Sensory Friendly Movie: Shrek**

(PG) 90 min. Join us for a sensory friendly movie viewing of *Shrek*, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and singing, walking, rolling and dancing are welcome. **REG**

**T – 2/12, 6:30 pm, Monday**  
**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

**CH – 2/13, 10:30 am, Tuesday**  
**Messy Art**

Station based art play. Dress for a mess. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**BD – 2/13, 1 pm, Tuesday**  
**Book of Two Ways by Jodi Picoult**

**BHM/A – 2/13, 6:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Black History Film Series: Through a Lens Darkly: Black Photographers and the Emergence of a People**  
(NR) 92 min. **REG**

**MKR/A/PA – 2/14, 2 pm, Wednesday**  
**Chocolate Covered Pretzels**

Join us in the Maker Space while we dip pretzels in chocolate and decorate them for Valentine's Day. **REG**

All branches of the Ocean County Library will be closed for

**FEBRUARY**  
**19TH**

**President's DAY**

All Branches will resume normal hours on Tuesday, Feb. 20th.



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**TW/PA – 2/15, 3:30 pm, Thursday**

**Tween Sip & Paint**

Paint your own masterpiece while drinking some hot cocoa. Ages 8 – 14. **REG**

**BHM/MKR/T – 2/15, 3:30 pm, Thursday**

**Teen Makerspace: Quilt Squares in Honor of Black History Month**

Learn about Black History in the United States through the lens of quilting. Then, sew your own square. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**FR – 2/15, 4 pm, Thursday**  
**Jackson Friends of the Library Meeting**

The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

**CH – 2/16, 10 am – 4 pm, Friday**  
**National Love Your Pet Day Drop-in Crafts**

Stop by the Children's Department and make a craft in celebration of National Love Your Pet Day.

**S/A – 2/20, 10:30 am, Tuesday**  
**Game Hour for Adults with Special Challenges**

Join us for some fun times playing board games and cards in the Sensory Space. Feel free to bring your favorite game if you have one. **REG**

**CH – 2/20, 6 pm – 8 pm, Tuesday**

**Drop-in Crafts: National Muffin and Cherry Pie Day**

Stop by and make some crafts to commemorate these two fun national celebrations.

**CH – 2/21, 10:30 am, Wednesday**  
**Storytime**

Join us for stories, songs, and a craft. Ages 18 months – 3. **REG**

**BHM/A – 2/21, 2 pm, Wednesday**  
**Black History Film Series: *There Was Always Sun Shining Someplace***  
(NR) 59 min. **REG**

**MKR/A – 2/21, 2:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**Cricut® Class**

Learn how to make a layered paper cardstock card using the Cricut® Maker™ and Cricut® Design Space software to make your own card. **REG**

**TW/T – 2/21 – 3/27, 6:30 pm, Wednesdays**  
**Think Chess: Beginner and Intermediate**

Master new skills, learn everything needed to start playing chess and take part in supervised play in our special 6-week chess class. Sponsored by the Jackson Friends of the Library. Ages 8 – 14. **REG**

**TW – 2/22, 10:30 am, Thursday**  
**Tween Homeschool Makers**  
Come learn something new. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

**MKR/T – 2/22, 3:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Teen Makerspace: Paper Quilling is For the Birds**

Paper quilling is the art of rolling strips of paper and arranging them to make art. Using this technique, learn how to make an image of a bird. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**CH – 2/24, 2:30 pm, Saturday**  
**Ponies, Ponies, Ponies!**

Join Ana's World of Mini's to meet real miniature horses and hear a story. Sponsored by the Jackson Friends of the Library. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

**CH – 2/26, 10:30 am, Monday**  
**Storytime**

Join us for stories, songs, and a craft. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

**CH – 2/27, 10:30 am, Tuesday**  
**Baby & Me Social Hour**

Make new friends in our relaxed open-play setting. Ages up to 24 months. **REG**

**A – 2/28, 2:30 pm, Wednesday**

**The Great Storage Cleanout**

We all have that closet, basement, garage, or attic overflowing with stuff. Join author and organizer Jamie Novak online and learn simple steps for clearing out the storage space. Register to receive the Zoom link. **REG**

**MKR/T/PA – 2/29, 3:30 pm, Thursday**

**Teen Makerspace: Hug in a Mug**

Mug cakes are a quick, easy, and delicious treat which can be made in the microwave. Bring your sweet tooth and choose your own toppings. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**



**LACEY**  
609-693-8566

**DIV/CH – 2/2, 10:30 am, Friday**  
**Story Explorers: *Amy Wu and the Ribbon Dance* by Kat Zhang**

We'll be sharing the story and exploring a variety of crafts and activities to extend our reading experience. Ages 3 – 6 with a caregiver. **REG**

**A – 2/5, 9:30 am, Monday**  
**Stitch It Club**

Knit, crochet, sew, or embroider with fellow Stitch It members. Share leisurely conversation & tips. All skill levels are welcome.

**BHM/A – 2/6, 10 am, Tuesday**  
**Book Talking for Adults with Special Challenges**

Listen to and discuss stories in honor of Black History Month and make a craft. **REG**

**T/PA – 2/6, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**Anime & Manga Café**

Relax and hang out with friends while watching anime, enjoying Japanese snacks, and reading the latest manga. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Library.

**CH – 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 9:30 am or 10:30 am, Wednesdays**  
**Toddler Time**

Stories, rhymes, music and movement for ages 19 – 36 months with a caregiver. **REG**

**CH – 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 10:30 am, Thursdays**

**Preschool Stories & Science**  
Stories accompanied by simple STEM activities. Please register once for this three-week session. Ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver.

**BHM/T/A – 2/8, 3 pm, Thursday**  
**Forever Young: Henrietta Lacks**

*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* (TV-MA) 93 min. **REG**

**CH – 2/9, 10 am, Friday**  
**Open Playtime**  
Ages 1 – 5 with a caregiver. Drop in.

**T/A/PA – 2/9, 3:30 pm, Friday**  
**Snow Cones with Love**

Join us as we show our love for family and friends by creating frosty, colorful snow cone treats while watching a Valentine's Day themed film. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided during the event. **REG**

**TW/PA – 2/12, 2 pm, Monday**  
**Tween Homeschool Eats**  
Cooking chemistry activities. Ages 11+. **REG**



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**LACEY**  
609-693-8566

**CH – 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 10 am, Tuesdays**

### **Mother Goose Time**

Rhythm, rhyme, music, and movement for babies up to 18 months with a caregiver. **REG**

**A – 2/13, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**Meet the Mayor**

Join us as the Lacey Branch hosts Meet the Mayor with Lacey Mayor Peggy Sue Juliano. During this event you will be able to ask questions directly to the Mayor in an informal setting.

**T – 2/15, 3:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**BHM/CH – 2/16, 10:30 am, Friday**

### **Kids Art Explorers: Faith Ringgold**

We'll be learning about this award-winning illustrator and creating a piece of fabric art inspired by her story quilts. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

**A – 2/17, 2 pm, Saturday**  
**Winter Homecoming Concert with Pete Wagula**

Join us for a relaxing acoustic guitar concert featuring local musician Pete Wagula. Pete will be playing classic tunes along with new music from his latest album *Homecoming*. **REG**

**CH/PA – 2/22, 4 pm, Thursday**  
**Paws for Reading**

Practice reading in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Drop in.

**A – 2/22, 6:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Stitch It Club**

Knit, crochet, sew, or embroider with fellow Stitch It members. Share leisurely conversation & tips. All skill levels are welcome.

**BD/A – 2/26, 1 pm, Monday**  
**Lacey Book Discussion**

Contact Lacey Circulation for more information.

**CH – 2/26, 6 pm, Monday**  
**Pajama Tales Family Storytime**

Stories, songs, and rhymes followed by a simple craft. Ages 3+ with a caregiver. **REG**

**T – 2/27, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**DnD Club**

Join a group of adventurers in *Dungeons & Dragons*®. New and experienced players are welcomed. Space is limited. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**CH – 2/29, 10:30 am, Thursday**

### **Toddler Art & Sensory Play**

Ages 19 – 36 months with a caregiver. **REG**

**T/PA – 2/29, 6 pm, Thursday**  
**Flashback Party: Murder Mystery**

Take a leap into the past with a 1940s themed murder mystery. Themed snacks provided. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**



**LAKEWOOD**  
732-363-1435

**C/A – Computer Classes by Appointment**

Contact us at 732-363-1435 ext. 2100 to book a one-on-one computer class. Topics include Microsoft® Word, Excel, PowerPoint, computer and eReader basics, Facebook®, Universal Class™, and more.

**CH – 3 pm – 6 pm, Mondays – Thursdays**  
**& 3 pm – 4:45 pm, Fridays**  
**Homework Help**

Free after school homework help. Not tutoring or reading help. Ages 5 – 12.

**CH – 3 pm – 6 pm, Lunes – Jueves & 3 pm – 4:45 pm, Viernes**  
**Ayuda Con Las Tareas**

Ayuda con las tareas gratis. No es tutoría o ayuda con la lectura. Edades 5 – 12.

**CH – 2/1, 6 pm, Thursday**  
**Video Games**

Play video games. Ages 5 – 12.

**CH – 1:30 pm, All Fridays**  
**Friday Fun**

Preschool craft. Ages up to 5.

**CH – 1:30 pm, Todos Los Viernes**

### **Viernes De Diversion**

Manualidades para niños en preescolar. Edades 0 – 5.

**A – 2/2, 2 pm, Friday**  
**Switch™ Club for Adults**

Bring your Nintendo® Switch™ and favorite game or check out the Library's collection of games.

**T – 2/5, 3 pm, Monday**  
**Guitar Club**

Bring in your guitar and practice with fellow players. Ages 12 – 18.

**BHM/CH – 2/5, 6 pm, Monday**  
**Paper Mosaic Art**

Create art inspired by Alma Thomas. Ages up to 12.

**BHM/A – 2/6, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**Queen Imperial Waist Bead Workshop**

Make and learn about the history of waist beads in this presentation by The Queen's Storehouse. **REG**

**T – 2/6, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**Teen Movie Night**

Come watch a (PG-13) movie. Ages 12 – 18.

**A – 2/7, 10:30 am, Wednesday**  
**Valentine's Day Craft for Adults with Special Challenges**

Make a Valentine's Day themed craft. **REG**

**BHM/CH – 2/7, 6 pm, Wednesday**

### **Paper Quilt Mural**

Create a mural inspired by artist Faith Ringgold. Ages up to 12.

**A – 2/8, 6 pm, Thursday**  
**Adult Craft: Good Luck Knots**

Learn how to make Chinese good luck knots in celebration of Lunar New Year. **REG**

**CH – 2/8, 6 pm, Thursday**  
**Duct Tape Rose Pens**

Make roses out of duct tape. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

**T – 2/8, 6 pm, Thursday**  
**Tarot for Teens**

Learn about the basics of reading tarot, do a magical craft, and maybe get your cards read. Ages 12 – 18.

**C – 2/9, 10 am, Friday**  
**Typing 101**

Use free resources to improve your skills. **REG**

**BHM/A – 2/9, 2 pm, Friday**  
**Black History Month Book Cafe**

Browse our selection of fiction and nonfiction titles that highlight Black individuals.

**A – 2/13, 10:30 am, Tuesday**  
**Coloring for Adults**

Color while listening to soothing music. **REG**

**C – 2/13, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**Drop-in Tech Hour**

Bring your computer questions to our staff.

**CH – 2/14, 4 pm, Wednesday**  
**Valentine's Day Pom-pom Monster**

Make a Valentine cutie. Ages 8 – 12.

**T – 2/14, 6 pm, Wednesday**  
**Library Lover's Month: Book Painting**

Paint a watercolor image on old books.

**CH – 2/15, 4 pm, Thursday**  
**Bald Eagle Craft**

Celebrate Presidents' Day by making an eagle. Ages 5 – 12.

**BHM/T – 2/15, 6 pm, Thursday**  
**Black History Month Documentary**

Learn about important figures in Black History.

**A – 2/16, 2:30 pm, Friday**  
**Book Rec Corner**

Discover new titles, including read-alikes for popular authors like Colleen Hoover and James Patterson.

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**LAKEWOOD**  
732-363-1435

**A/PA – 2/20, 10:30 am, Tuesday**  
**Movie Time for Adults with Special Challenges**

Come watch a (G) or (PG) film of the group's choosing. Water bottles and light snacks will be provided. **REG**

**G – 2/21, 6 pm, Wednesday**  
**Family Movie Night**

Come watch a (G or PG) movie with us.

**BHM/CH – 2/22, 6 pm, Thursday**  
**It's Electric**

Learn about Arthur Ulysses Craig and circuits. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

**BHM/A – 2/24, 2 pm, Saturday**  
**Black History Month Documentary**

*Extraordinary Black Men Who Shaped American History* (NR) 60 min.

**CH – 2/26, 6 pm, Monday**  
**Whale Craft**

Make a whale for Humpback Whale Awareness Month. Ages 5 – 12.

**A – 2/27, 2:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Tarot Tuesday**

Learn, share, and discuss all things tarot.

**T – 2/27, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**DIY Dragon Egg**

Make a dragon egg to celebrate Lunar New Year. Ages 12 – 18.

**A – 2/28, 6 pm, Wednesday**  
**Cross Stitch Club**

Bring your own project or check out the patterns the library has to offer. **REG**

**T/PA – 2/28, 6 pm, Wednesday**  
**Fasching**

Celebrate Fasching, the German Mardi Gras, by making your own mask and eating some candy.

**CH – 2/29, 6 pm, Thursday**  
**Lunar New Year Craft**

Make a paper dragon for the Lunar New Year. Ages 5 – 12.

**T – 2/29, 6 pm, Thursday**  
**Teen Craft Club**

Join your fellow teens to work on some crochet, knitting, drawing, painting, collage, and/or anything else you can imagine. Ages 12 – 18.



**LITTLE EGG HARBOR**  
609-294-1197

**BHM/A/T – 2/2, 2 pm, Friday**  
**The Food and the Folks of the Great Migration**

The Black History Month program includes history and stories of the Great Migration, along with a food talk on foods that would be brought to eat along the way. Sponsored by the Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Branch. **REG**

**A – 7 pm, All Tuesdays**  
**English Conversation Group**

Practice English in an informal, friendly setting.

**CH/TW – 2/6, 7 pm, Tuesday**  
**Drop-in Valentine's Day Cards**

Ages 12 months+ with caregiver. **REG**

**CH – 2/7, 10 am, Wednesday**  
**Wednesday Morning Storytime**

Following the story, children will have the opportunity to participate in age-appropriate crafts and/or activities related to the story. This program is perfect for nurturing a love for reading and promoting early literacy skills. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**A – 12:30 pm, All Wednesdays**  
**Mah Jongg at the Library**

Please bring your current year gaming cards and game sets.

**CH/TW/T – 2/9, 10 am, Friday**  
**Homeschool Hangout**

Embrace a supportive network of parents and kids while fostering social skills and empowering each student's unique educational journey. Ages 5 – 18. **REG**

**DIV/TW – 2/9, 4 pm, Friday**  
**Tween Art Club**

Prepare to celebrate Lunar New Year. Learn about the holiday and the year of the dragon while creating your own artwork. Ages 9 – 12. **REG**

**A – 2/12, 2/26, 12:30 pm, Mondays**  
**Knitting at the Library**

Join us for knitting at the Library. Relax and chat with other yarn enthusiasts, work on your knit or crochet projects, and swap patterns.

**T – 2/13, 2 pm, Tuesday**  
**Teen Volunteer Hours**

Earn community service hours. Learn about the Library. Registration and a current Teen Volunteer Application required. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**CH/TW – 2/13, 6:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Pokémon™ Club**

This program is a wonderful opportunity to gather, socialize, and engage in fun Pokémon™-themed activities with other Pokémon™ enthusiasts. Whether you're new or an experienced trainer, come join us for an hour of fun. Grades 2 – 6. **REG**

**T – 2/15, 6 pm, Thursday**  
**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**A – 2/16, 2 pm, Friday**  
**Adult Gaming: Canasta**

Join in some friendly competition playing the classic card game Canasta. **REG**

**BD – 2/20, 12:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Little Egg Harbor Book Discussion**

Join us for a lively book discussion. Please call the branch at 609-294-1197 for this month's title. New members welcome.

**CH/TW – 2/20, 5:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Nature Club**

Explore nature with hands-on activities, games, and guided walks around the branch, cultivating curiosity, respect, and eco-friendly habits. Grades Pre-K – 6. **REG**

**BD – 2/20, 7 pm, Tuesday**  
**Marvelous Sleuths Book Discussion**

Join us for a lively mystery book discussion. Please call the branch at 609-294-1197 for this month's title. New members welcome.

**CH – 2/21, 10 am, Wednesday**  
**Mess Time**

Explore safe textures, colors & sensory play. Enhance motor skills & bonding through creative mess and learning through joyful chaos. Best for little who are crawling or walking. **REG**

**TW/T – 2/22, 6 pm, Thursday**  
**Teen Game Night**

Play familiar and new games, just for teens. **REG**

**T – 2/24, 9 am, Saturday**  
**Teen Volunteer Hours**

Earn community service hours. Learn about the Library. Registration and a current Teen Volunteer Application required. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**CH – 2/27, 7 pm, Tuesday**  
**Sibling Get Together**

This program provides a safe and nurturing space for siblings of children with special challenges to connect & share experiences. Join us as we build a community where siblings can find understanding, strength, and the tools to navigate their exceptional journey with love and compassion. Grades 1 – 6. **REG**



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**LITTLE EGG HARBOR**  
**609-294-1197**

**FR – 2/28, 6 pm, Wednesday**  
**Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Branch Meeting**

The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the library. New members welcome.

**A/T – 2/29, 6:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Build a Pollinator House**

Pollinator houses provide cavities in natural materials for solitary-nesting native bees. In this workshop, Amelia Valente, 4-H Program Associate at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean County, will teach us how to construct a pollinator house. Sponsored by the Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Branch. **REG**



**LONG BEACH ISLAND**  
**609-494-2480**

**CH – 2/1, 2/15, 2/29, 10 am, Thursdays**  
**Songs with Miss Summer**

Little ones and their grown-ups will sit together as we will all sing some of our favorite songs. While we sing, we will be moving and wiggling to the music. Sing-along time can help with bonding, language recognition, and emotional development in babies and toddlers. **REG**

**A – 2/1, 1 pm, Thursday**  
**LBI Poets Studio**

To attend this virtual event please contact Sue Cummings via email [scummings817@comcast.net](mailto:scummings817@comcast.net). This group meets the first Thursday of every month from 1 pm – 3 pm. You may also join the program in-person at the LBI Library in the meeting room each month.

**CH – 2/2, 10 am, Friday**  
**Fun with Finger Painting**

Finger painting encourages creativity and cognitive development through expressions of color, texture, and patterns and helps develop fine motor skills through finger tracing. Wear or bring a painting smock. Ages 6 months+. **REG**

**A – 2/2, 2 pm, Friday**  
**Tangled Letter Art**

Looking for an artistic way to relax and unwind? Using a combination of dots, lines, and simple curves, create your very own whimsical letter, such as your first initial, using tangled doodle designs. No prior art experience necessary. **REG**

**BHM/CH – 2/3, 10 am, Saturday**  
**Paper Mosaics**

We will be making paper mosaics to replicate the abstract art of Black artist Alma Woodsey Thomas. **REG**

**A – 2/5, 10 am, Monday**  
**Chair Ballet: Broadway Dance**

In celebration of New York Broadway week, experience the joy of Broadway dancing to Broadway classics such as *Chicago*, *The Music Man*, and *Smokey Joe's Café*. Please wear comfortable clothing. No experience necessary. A waiver must be signed before participating. **REG**

**A/PA – 2/5, 1:30 pm, Monday**  
**Monday Movie Matinee: Valentine's Day**

(PG-13) 123 min. Bring your own refreshments. **REG**

**CH – 2/6, 2/13, 9:30 am, Tuesdays**  
**Toddler Time**

Come in to read stories and sing some songs together. Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver. **REG**

**A – 2/6, 11 am, Tuesday**  
**Blood Pressure Clinic**

Free blood pressure screening by the Long Beach Island (LBI) Health Department. Walk ins welcome.

**A – 2/7, 10 am, Wednesday**  
**Consumer Reports Online**

Whether you are looking to buy a new mattress, car, or household appliance, knowing where to begin your search can be overwhelming. Fortunately, you can access Consumer Reports online for free with your Library card. Learn how to access our Consumer Reports Magazine database to retrieve fair and unbiased product ratings and reviews. **REG**

**CH/TW – 2/7, 3:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**Flower Power: Youth Garden Club**

The Garden Club of LBI – make a flower arrangement to share with your family. Registration will open four weeks prior to the event. Register each family member individually. Grades 3 – 6. **REG**

**BHM/CH – 2/8, 10 am, Thursday**  
**Craft it Out: Be an Astronaut**

Craft it out to celebrate Black History Month with this fun craft, featuring astronaut Mae Jemison. While supplies last.

**A – 2/8, 2 pm, Thursday**  
**Adult Coloring & Conversation**

Spend a relaxing afternoon coloring and listening to soothing music with like-minded adults. Materials are provided for use but feel free to bring your own coloring supplies. This program meets once a month on the second Thursday from 2 pm – 3 pm.

**A – 2/9, 2/16, 2 pm, Fridays**  
**LBI Canasta**

Play Canasta with other teams and players. All are welcome to play for fun from 2 pm – 5 pm.

**A – 2/10, 2 pm, Saturday**  
**Looking A' Round: Remembering Photographer Amy Stewart**

Known as the lady with a camera, Amy Stewart was an avid photographer who gave her heart and soul to photography. Join us at the Long Beach Island Branch to view her exhibit, Looking A' Round. All are welcome.

**A – 2/14, 2 pm, Wednesday**  
**Italian Cultural Society of LBI**  
Sponsored by the Italian Cultural Society of LBI. **REG**

**TW/T – 2/14, 5:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**Teen DIY: Valentines Puzzle Purses**

Learn how to make Victorian-era puzzle purses. These were small paper puzzles very similar to origami, in which love letters were often hidden. Join us and make a puzzle purse with a hidden message to a loved one, or yourself. **REG**

**G – 2/16, 10 am, Friday**  
**Playdate at the Library**

A variety of toys will be set out in our meeting room, where our young friends can freely play and socialize with each other. **REG**

**CH – 2/20, 2/27, 10 am, Tuesdays**  
**Toddler Time**

Come in to read stories and sing some songs together. Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver. **REG**

**G – 2/20, 2 pm, Tuesday**  
**Friends of the Island Library Monthly Book Sale**

Get four books for \$1 and help the Friends of the Island Library continue to provide great programs and support.

**G/PA – 2/20, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**Family Movie Night: Hercules**  
(G) 93 min. Bring your own refreshments. **REG**

**TW/T – 2/21, 5:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**Teen Paint Night**

We will be painting in the style of Japanese artists Yayoi Kusama. Paint and chat with other creative people. **REG**







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**LONG BEACH ISLAND**  
**609-494-2480**

**G – 2/23, 9 am – 4 pm,  
Friday & 2/24, 9 am – 4 pm,  
Saturday**

### **Friends of the Island Library Big Book Sale**

Friends of the Island Library will host a two-day book sale. Donated material will only be accepted on Thursday, February 22 in the meeting room 9 am – 3 pm.

**BHM/A/PA – 2/26, 1:30 pm,  
Monday  
Monday Movie Matinee:  
Hidden Figures**

(PG) 127 min. Bring your own refreshments. **REG**

**TW/T – 2/28, 5:30 pm,  
Wednesday  
Teen DIY: Paper Weaving**

Turn ordinary slips of colorful paper into bookmarks, bracelets, bowls, and more. **REG**



**MANCHESTER**  
**732-657-7600**

**CH – 2/1, 10 am, Thursday  
Circus Storytime**

Join us to hear stories and do an activity. Ages 2 – 6. **REG**

**A – 2/1, 10 am, Thursday  
Manchester Shore Memory  
Café**

Early-Stage Memory Cafés provide opportunities for concerned persons experiencing early cognitive decline, and for those diagnosed with early-stage memory loss, and their care partner(s) to meet. Join a café to engage with peers in a relaxed, unstructured environment that promotes social engagement and support, through interactions with others experiencing similar changes. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association of Greater New Jersey in partnership with the Ocean County Library. Walk-ins welcome, registration preferred, to register call the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 272-3900.

**T – 2/1, 6 pm – 8 pm, Thursday  
Teen Takeover: *Smash Bros™*  
& *Mario Kart™***

Enjoy a fun-filled night playing popular Nintendo® games such as *Super Smash Bros: Ultimate™* and *Mario Kart™*. 8. Make friends with other like-minded teens who love to play video games. Ages 13 – 18. **REG**

**G – 2/3, 2 pm, Saturday  
Art Reception: Frederick B.  
Woodland Jr.**

**A – 2/5, 2 pm, Monday  
Connections Beyond Age:  
Embracing Online Dating  
and Sexual Health for Older  
Adults**

Love, companionship, and intimacy are essential aspects of human life, regardless of age. Join us for an empowering and informative program designed to help older adults explore the world of online dating apps while learning about sexual health with the Ocean County Department of Health. You will gain knowledge, skills, and confidence to navigate online dating platforms safely and maintain sexual health and well-being. **REG**

**BD/A – 2/6, 10:15 am,  
Tuesday  
The Searcher by Tana French**

**CH – 2/6, 6:30 pm, Tuesday  
Pendant Making Craft**

Get creative and make either a pendant necklace or keychain. Ages 5 – 10. **REG**

**CH – 2/7, 10 am, Wednesday  
Baby Playtime**

Join other babies and caregivers for a playdate in our Youth Services Department. For pre-walkers. **REG**

**BHM/A – 2/7, 2 pm, Wednesday  
Matinee Movie: *Respect*  
(PG-13) 145 min. **REG****

**A – 2/8, 2/22, 2 pm – 4 pm,  
Thursdays  
Chicks with Sticks – Knitting  
and Crocheting Group**

Do you love to knit or crochet? Bring your yarn, needles, and current projects, all skill levels welcome.

**TW – 2/8, 6 pm – 8 pm,  
Thursday**

**Tween Takeover: *Smash  
Bros™* & *Mario Kart™***

Enjoy a fun-filled night playing popular Nintendo® games such as *Super Smash Bros: Ultimate™* and *Mario Kart™*. 8. Make friends with other like-minded teens who love to play video games. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

**A – 2/13, 2 pm – 4 pm, Tuesday  
Writers Group**

Bring your poetry, essays, and short stories. The Writer's Group critiques each other's works and provides feedback.

**CH – 2/14, 9:30 am, Wednesday  
Paint & Play**

Join us for messy play and leave the cleanup to us. Playtime with toys, painting, and coloring. Dress for a mess. Ages 6 months – 3 years. **REG**

**CH – 2/14, 10:30 am, Wednesday  
Paint & Play**

Join us for messy play and leave the cleanup to us. Playtime with toys, painting, and coloring. Dress for a mess. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

**A – 2/15, 11 am, Thursday  
Movement Music & Memories**

Movement Music & Memories is a unique multi-sensory movement to music enrichment program designed for people living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. The goal is to bring joy while sharing the benefits of multi-sensory stimulation, to improve overall physical cognitive fitness, and to increase opportunities for success and connection to sense of self. This program is presented by Francine Pannella, LPN, CDP, ASFA-CPT. This program takes place every third Thursday of the month. Care partners must be present. Pre-registration is required by calling Francine at 732-801-8191 or by emailing Francine at [fran@dementialsolutions.com](mailto:fran@dementialsolutions.com)

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**T – 2/15, 6 pm, Thursday  
Teen Takeover: Chess Club**

Learn how to play chess with other like-minded folks. Ages 13 – 18. **REG**

**A/PA – 2/16, 2 pm, Friday  
Calming Coloring**

Coloring is a great method of stress relief for adults. Coloring sheets and simple crafts are provided along with crayons, markers, and pens. Alternatively, you can bring your own coloring projects and coloring tools. For even more de-stressing, we offer aromatherapy and therapy animals. **REG**

**CH – 2/17, 10 am, Saturday  
Circus Storytime**

Join us to hear stories and do an activity. Ages 2 – 6. **REG**

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### MANCHESTER 732-657-7600

**A – 2/20, 1 pm – 3 pm,  
Tuesday**

#### Ask a Master Gardener

Drop in and talk to a Master Gardener from the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Ocean County. They will be able to answer any questions you may have about horticulture, integrated pest management, wildlife control or other environmental concerns. You may bring a sample of any problem you may be having in the garden for diagnosis.

**CH – 2/20, 6:30 pm, Tuesday  
LEGO® Club**

Join us for open LEGO® play. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

**CH – 2/21, 9:30 am, Wednesday  
Build & Play**

Calling all future engineers, architects, and sculptors. Join us for playtime with modeling compound and building toys. Ages 6 months – 3 years. **REG**

**CH – 2/21, 10:30 am, Wednesday  
Build & Play**

Calling all future engineers, architects, and sculptors. Join us for playtime with modeling compound and building toys. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

**A – 2/21, 2 pm, Wednesday  
Social Media 101**

What social media is right for you? Learn about Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and more. **REG**

**TW – 2/22, 6 pm, Thursday  
Tween Takeover: Paper  
Airplanes**

Have you ever wanted to create something that can fly far over long distances? Join us and make your very own paper airplane. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

**A – 2/26, 2 pm, Monday  
Preventing Medicare Fraud –  
Don't be a Victim**

Learn how to protect yourself against Medicare fraud, waste and abuse. Have your Medicare questions answered. This program is presented by Joel Schneider from the Senior Medicare Patrol of New Jersey. **REG**

**BHM/A – 2/27, 2 pm, Tuesday  
The Tuskegee Airmen:  
America's First Black Pilots**

The Tuskegee Airmen were a group of primarily African American military pilots and airmen who fought in World War II. This presentation by Paul Zigo of the WWII Era Studies Institute will cover the history of the formation of the Tuskegee Airmen, the unit's wartime accomplishments and the unit's overall effect on American society. **REG**

**A/PA – 2/27, 6 pm, Tuesday  
Aromatherapy for Winter**

We will discuss how different essential oils can be used to calm or enhance our energy during the winter months. All participants will make a product to take home. **REG**

**A – 2/28, 2 pm, Wednesday  
Make a Soda Tab Bracelet:  
Adult Craft**

Create a unique piece of jewelry that helps the environment by upcycling the pop tops from empty beverage cans. **REG**

**T – 2/29, 6 pm – 8 pm,  
Thursday  
Teen Takeover: Anime  
Adventures**

Meet like-minded lovers of fandom and watch anime together. Ages 13 – 18. **REG**

**T – 2/29, 6 pm – 8 pm,  
Thursday  
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 13 – 18. **REG**



### PLUMSTED 609-758-7888

**A – 2/1, 2:30 pm, Thursday  
Classic Movie: All About Eve  
(NR) 138 min.**

**T – 2/5, 3 pm, Monday  
Teen Volunteer Hour**

Earn community service hours by helping prep library crafts after school. Ages 12 – 18.

**BHM/A – 2/6, 1 pm, Tuesday  
Database Deep Dive: African  
American History Online**

During this session we will be exploring articles, videos, primary sources, images, biographies and timelines on 500 years of African American history from Facts on File. We will also be watching the short film, *Twenty & Odd: Exploring 400 Years of the African American Experience* (NR) 4 min. **REG**

**CH – 2/7, 10:30 am, Wednesday  
Inspire your Heart with Art:  
Felt Puppets**

Dress for a mess and join us for a fun, felt puppet making experience. **REG**

**A – 2/7, 1 pm, Wednesday  
Drop-in BYO Crochet and  
Knitting Club**

Bring your own materials and join this low-key crafting afternoon.

**CH/T – 2/9, 10:30 am, Friday  
Drop-in Crafts: Valentine Cards  
and Lunar New Year crafts**

Join us in the Teen and Children's Department to make crafts to take home.

**A – 2/13, 2:30 pm, Tuesday  
Adult Craft and Relax:  
Craft Closet**

We provide the items; you provide the imagination. **REG**

**BHM/CH – 2/15, 10:30 am,  
Thursday**

**Storytime: Radiant Child:  
The Story of Young Artist  
Jean-Michel Basquiat**

Join us for stories and songs, and a Basquiat inspired collage in honor of Black History Month. Ages 3+. **REG**

**A – 2/21, 1 pm, Wednesday  
Drop-in BYO Crochet and  
Knitting Club**

Bring your own materials and join this low-key crafting afternoon.

**BD – 2/26, 6 pm, Monday  
Plumsted Evening Book  
Discussion**

*And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie.

**A – 2/26, 6:30 pm, Monday  
English/Spanish  
Conversation Group**

New to speaking English or Spanish? Join us in this low-key conversation group where participants can help one another learn. Discuss pop culture, and current events.

**T – 2/27, 3 pm, Tuesday  
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.



### PT. PLEASANT BEACH 732-892-4575

**CH – 1/28 – 2/2  
Thomas the Tank Week**

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**PT. PLEASANT BEACH**  
**732-892-4575**

**A – 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, 7:30 pm, Mondays**  
**English Conversation Group**  
New members welcome. **REG**

**CH – 2/6, 10:30 am, Tuesday**  
**Toddler Read Along**  
**Storytime with Miss Liz**  
Each child will have a read along copy of *Can you Cuddle like a Koala?* to help strengthen early literacy skills. Ages 2 – 3. **REG**

**BHM/CH – 2/7, 10:30 am, Wednesday**  
**Preschool Storytime**  
**Celebrates Children's**  
**Illustrator Christian Robinson**  
In honor of Black History Month please join us for songs and books illustrated by Christian Robinson. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

**CH – 2/8, 2/22, 10:30 am, Thursdays**  
**Toddler Sing-a-Long**  
Ages 18 – 36 months. **REG**

**BD – 2/8, 12 pm, Thursday**  
**Literature & Lunch**  
*Feather Thief* by Kirk Wallace Johnson.

**TW/T – 2/9, 2/23, 3 pm, Friday**  
**Nintendo® Gaming Club**  
Play *Super Smash Bros™*, *Mario Kart™ 8* and other Nintendo® games. **REG**

**A – 2/12, 2/26, 1 pm, Mondays**  
**Knitting and Crocheting at the Beach**  
Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels welcome.

**BHM/A – 2/12, 6:30 pm, Monday**  
**Documentary Film Screening**  
*Driving While Black: Race, Space and Mobility in America* (NR) 118 min. **REG**

**CH – 2/13, 10:30 am, Tuesday**  
**Baby & Me**  
Please join us for songs, music, rhymes, and stories. Ages up to 18 months with caregiver. **REG**

**CH/PA – 2/13, 3:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Paws for Reading**  
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs.

**CH – 2/14, 10:30 am, Wednesday**  
**Preschool Storytime:**  
**Happy Valentine's Day**  
Please join us for songs, stories and fun. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

**CH – 2/20, 10:30 am, Tuesday**  
**Toddler Fun:**  
**Stories & Scarves**  
Please join us for songs, stories and fun for toddlers. Ages up to 18 months to 3 years. **REG**

**BHM/CH – 2/21, 10:30 am, Wednesday**  
**Preschool Storytime**  
**Celebrates Saturday by Oge Mora**  
In honor of Black History Month please join us for a reading of Oge Mora's *Saturday*. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

**A – 2/26, 5 pm, Monday**  
**Pickin' at Point**  
Bring your acoustic instrument and a song to share at this drop-in acoustic jam session.

**BD – 2/26, 7 pm, Monday**  
**The Boys from Biloxi** by John Grisham

**CH – 2/28, 10:30 am, Wednesday**  
**What's New? Preschool Storytime**  
Check out our newest books, hot off the press. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**



**PT. PLEASANT BORO**  
**732-295-1555**

**A – 2/1, 1 pm, Thursday**  
**Twisted Stitchers of Ocean County**  
Join our group to learn or bring your project with you. If you are a beginner, knitting needles and yarn will be available for you. If you are already a knitter, please join.

**A – 2/1, 6:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Open Mic Night**  
Join Dennis "The Heavy Metal Poet" Townsend for a night of local talent. Signups begin at 6 pm; performances start at 6:30 pm.

**A – 2/1, 2/15, 7:30 pm, Thursdays**  
**Adult Writers Group**  
Explore your writing skills in a fun, friendly, informal setting.

**CH – 2/2, 10 am, Friday**  
**Parachute Play**  
This class helps toddlers channel their energy in creative ways. They learn to focus on rhythms, learn how to move with a group of children, and how to follow directions. Ages 18 months – 3 years. **REG**

**A – 2/2, 1 pm – 3 pm, Friday**  
**Games for Adults**  
Bring a friend and have fun playing a variety of board games.

**CH – 2/5, 10 am, Monday**  
**Sensory Play**  
Come join us for some sensory play fun. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**BHM/T – 2/5, 3 pm, Monday**  
**Making Black America** (NR) 53 min.

**CH – 2/7, 10 am, Wednesday**  
**I Love Animals Read Along Storytime**  
Join us to celebrate World Read Aloud Day. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**CH/PA – 2/7, 4 pm, Wednesday**  
**Paws for Reading**  
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs.

**G – 2/7, 2/21, 6 pm, Wednesdays**  
**Family Chess Night**  
Join us on the first and third Wednesdays of every month for an evening of chess. We will have several chess boards for players of all ages and skill levels to enjoy.

**A – 2/9, 1:30 pm, Friday**  
**Friday Afternoon Movie:**  
**Love Again**  
(PG-13) 102 min.

**A – 2/10, 11 am, Saturday**  
**Chair Yoga**  
Led by certified yoga instructor, Linda Higley, chair yoga is a gentle yoga practice while remaining seated. **REG**

**A – 2/12, 11 am, Monday**  
**Crafts for Adults with Special Challenges**  
Join us for a fun craft for adults with special challenges. **REG**

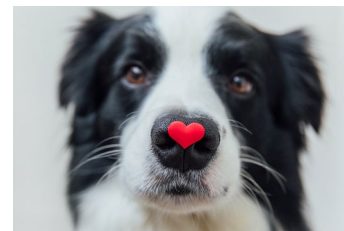
**BHM/CH – 2/14, 10 am, Wednesday**  
**Music & Movement**  
**Celebrates Motor City**  
Sing, play instruments and dance while exploring the sounds and rhythms of Motor City music. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**A/PA – 2/14, 6 pm, Wednesday**  
**Ask a Master Gardener**  
Drop in and talk to a Master Gardener from the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Ocean County. They will be able to answer any questions you may have about horticulture, Integrated Pest Management, wildlife control, or other environmental concerns. You may bring a sample of any problem you may be having in the garden for diagnosis.

**A – 2/16, 11 am, Friday**  
**Lunar New Year Lanterns**  
Join us in creating a version of a Chinese lantern to celebrate the Lantern Festival while we watch a short informational video about the Lunar New Year. **REG**

**G – 2/16, 3 pm, Friday**  
**Family Fun Time: Bingo**  
Come out for some family fun playing bingo. **REG**

**BD – 2/20, 10:30 am, Tuesday**  
**Friends Book Club**  
*The Lost Boys of Montauk* by Amanda M. Fairbanks.







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**PT. PLEASANT BORO**  
**732-295-1555**

**FR – 2/20, 1:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Friends of the Pt. Pleasant**  
**Borough Branch Meeting**

The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

**A – 2/20, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**Tuesday Evening Movie:**  
**Respect**

(PG-13) 145 min.

**CH – 2/21, 10 am, Wednesday**  
**Toddler Art**

Come create some awesome art for the fridge door. Dress for a mess. Ages 2 – 3. **REG**

**BD – 2/21, 6 pm, Wednesday**  
**Open Our Mind Book Club**  
*I Let You Go* by Clare Mackintosh.

**A – 2/21, 6 pm, Wednesday**  
**Twisted Stitchers of Ocean County**

Join our group to learn or bring your project with you. If you are a beginner, knitting needles and yarn will be available for you. If you are already a knitter, please join.

**CH – 2/23, 10 am, Friday**  
**Lil Builders Club**

Drop in for some open block building with your little one. Ages 1 – 5.

**BD – 2/28, 7:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**Good Readers Book Club**  
*The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline.



**STAFFORD**  
**609-597-3381**

**A – 2/1, 2/15, 2/29, 1 pm – 3 pm,**  
**Thursdays & 2/3, 2/17,**  
**10 am – 12 pm, Saturdays**  
**String of Purls - Knit/Crochet**

Join to learn or bring your project with you. Beginners bring size 9 knitting needles and light-colored 4-ply cotton or acrylic yarn. To crochet, bring the same yarn, and size "I" crochet hook. Drop in.

**A – 12:30 pm – 4 pm,**  
**All Fridays**  
**Mah Jongg**

Bring your current gaming cards and game sets. Drop in.

**CH/TW/T – 2/5, 10 am,**  
**Monday**  
**Homeschooler's Workshop:**

**3D Doodler Pens**

Put your engineering skills to the test and use your imagination to bring your fun and creative ideas to 3D life. Ages 8 – 13. **REG**

**BD – 2/5, 12 pm, Monday**  
**AAUW Monday Book Discussion**

*Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid.

**A – 2/5, 12 pm, Monday**  
**Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**

Caring for an Alzheimer's patient can be overwhelming. Join us monthly to learn how you can balance it all. Presented in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health. **REG**

**BD – 2/7, 10 am, Wednesday**  
**First Wednesday Book Club**  
*Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.



## FEBRUARY 8 8:00 PM

**Spice, Spirit, and Swoon—A**  
**Guaranteed Happily Ever After with**  
**Rom-Com Author Tessa Bailey**  
**#1 New York Times bestselling author of It**  
**Happened One Summer and Hook, Line,**  
**and Sink**

## FEBRUARY 20 4:00 PM

**Exploring Identity, Love, and Being**  
**Black in America in Fiction Writing:**  
**A Conversation with**  
**Award-Winning Author Jason Mott**  
**New York Times Bestselling Author and**  
**National Book Award Winner**

## FEBRUARY 28 2:00 PM

**Be a Kick-Ass Boss Without Losing**  
**Your Humanity: An Author Talk with**  
**Kim Scott**  
**New York Times Bestselling Author of**  
**Radical Candor: Be a Kick-Ass Boss Without**  
**Losing Your Humanity and Radical Respect:**  
**How to Work Together Better**







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609-597-3381

**A – 2/7, 2 pm, Wednesday**  
**New Release Movie Matinee**  
Check with the Stafford Branch for the upcoming film title. **REG**

**T – 2/7, 6:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**  
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

**DIV/A – 2/8, 2 pm, Thursday**  
**Lunar New Year Workshop: DIY Red Envelope Lantern**  
Join us for an easy red lantern making workshop. Learn about the customs and traditions of Lunar New Year. Presented by Wing Tang. **REG**

**CH – 2/9, 10 am, Friday**  
**Lunar New Year Fun**  
Celebrate Lunar New Year with stories and a dragon craft. Ages up to 6. **REG**

**A – 2/11, 2/25, 2 pm, Sundays**  
**English Conversation Group**  
New to speaking English? Practice English conversation and talk about current events and more in a friendly, informal setting. This volunteer-led group meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. **REG**

**BHM/TW/T – 2/12, 3:30 pm, Monday**  
**3D Doodler® Pens: Words of Kindness**  
Join us in the Teen Lab to create some Words of Kindness to celebrate Black History Month. Ages 9 – 17. **REG**

**CH – 2/13, 10 am, Tuesday**  
**Valentine's Day Stories and Craft**  
Join in celebrating Valentine's Day. Listen to stories and make a craft. Please wear red or pink. Ages up to 6. **REG**

**A – 2/14, 10 am, Wednesday**  
**Coloring for Adults with Special Challenges**  
Spend the morning listening to music and coloring. Materials are provided but you may bring your own coloring projects and coloring tools. **REG**

**A – 2/14, 2 pm, Wednesday**  
**Connections Beyond Age: Embracing Online Dating and Sexual Health for Older Adults**  
Love, companionship, and intimacy are essential aspects of human life, regardless of age. Join us for an empowering and informative program designed to help older adults explore the world of online dating apps while learning about sexual health with the Ocean County Department of Health. You will gain knowledge, skills, and confidence to navigate online dating platforms safely and maintain sexual health and well-being. **REG**

**FR – 2/15, 9:30 am, Thursday**  
**Friends of the Stafford Library Meeting**  
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

**TW – 2/15, 3:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Tween Crafternoon: Love Bugs and Friendship Rocks**  
Join us in the Teen Lab for this month's Tween Crafternoon and make your very own love bug and friendship rock. Ages 9 – 13. **REG**

**BHM/CH – 2/20, 10 am, Tuesday**  
**Kindness Storytime**  
Listen to the book, *If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson, and make a collage to learn about Black History Month. Ages up to 6. **REG**

**A – 2/20, 1:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Adult Crafting Club**  
Join us for an afternoon of crafting. The crafting club meets once per month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. **REG**

**A – 2/21, 6:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**Huntington's Disease Support Group**  
This volunteer-led group is open to anyone with Huntington's Disease, as well as caregivers, family, or friends of someone with the disease or simply anyone interested in learning more. Third Wednesday of every month.

**BHM/A – 2/22, 10 am, Thursday**  
**The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks: Film and Discussion**  
A brief discussion will follow. (TV-MA) 93 min.

**A – 2/22, 2:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Coloring Club for Adults**  
Spend an afternoon creating art, listening to soothing music and relaxing with like-minded adults at the Library. Materials are provided or bring your own coloring projects and coloring tools. **REG**

**CH – 2/22, 6 pm, Thursday**  
**Pajama Storytime**  
Come in your pajamas to listen to bedtime stories and make a craft. Ages up to 6. **REG**

**A – 2/26, 10 am, Monday**  
**Writers Gathering for Adults**  
Talk about writing, work on writing prompts and read a sample of your work. **REG**

**A – 2/26, 12 pm, Monday**  
**Support Group for Caregivers**  
Being a caregiver can be overwhelming. Learn how you can balance it all. Presented in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health. **REG**

**A – 2/27, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**Anime Club**  
Anime fans can come together, meet fellow adults, watch anime, share artwork, talk about manga and other related topics. This program meets once per month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. **REG**



**TOMS RIVER**  
732-349-6200

**CH/TW – 2/1, 6:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Drop-in Polar Bear Craft**  
Come make a polar bear magnet. Ages 5 – 12. Drop in.

**CH/PA – 2/2, 10:30 am, Friday**  
**Elmo's Birthday Party**  
Celebrate Elmo's birthday with us. Enjoy activities including a craft and a snack. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

**CH/TW – 2/2, 3 pm, Friday**  
**Drop-in Groundhog Day Craft**  
Come make a craft celebrating Groundhog Day. Ages 7 – 12. Drop in.

**MKR/S/A/T/TW – 2/3, 1 pm, Saturday**  
**Assemble and Decorate a 3D Printed Fidget**  
Join the Maker Space and Sensory Space to assemble and decorate a fidget printed by the 3D printer. Held in Sparks's Lab on the second floor. Ages 10+. **REG**

**CH/TW – 2/5, 2 pm, Monday**  
**Magical Movies**  
*The Princess & the Frog* (G) 97 min. Ages 3 – 12. Drop in.

**A – 2/5, 6:30 pm, Monday**  
**Chair Yoga with Belle**  
Join us for a session of beginner level chair yoga, led by certified yoga instructor Belle Burns. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

**TW/T – 2/5, 6:30 pm, Monday**  
**Zen Zone Mondays: Valentine Card Making**  
Relax and unwind as you meet with friends, do hands-on activities, and learn about and practice self-care. In this session, we'll make our own art from the heart to share the love with our BFFs. **REG**

**CH – 2/6, 10 am, Tuesday**  
**It's Fun to Be One Storytime**  
Grow little one's love for the library with stories, songs, playtime and more. Ages 12 – 23 months with a caregiver. **REG**



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## **T/PA – 2/6, 3:30 pm, Tuesday** **Cooking Matters for Teens**

Join a Nutrition Educator from the Community Food Bank of NJ to learn how to make healthy, budget-friendly food choices and lead a more active life. In this session, teens will get creative with food makeovers. Take traditional meals and make them your own. **REG**

## **A – 2/6, 6:30 pm, Tuesday** **Game Club for Adults**

Come play video and board games at the library and make new friends.

## **A – 2/6, 6:30 pm, Tuesday** **Lunar New Year Workshop** **(Part II): DIY Red Envelope** **Lantern**

Join us for an easy red lantern making workshop. **REG**

**A – 10 am, All Wednesdays**  
**English Conversation Group**  
New to speaking English? Join us and talk about current events and more. New members welcome.

## **CH – 2/7, 10 am, Wednesday** **Toddler Time**

Join us for interactive songs, stories and playtime. Ages 2 – 3. **REG**

## **A – 2/7, 10:30 am, Wednesday** **Karaoke for Adults with** **Special Challenges**

Do you enjoy singing? Now is your chance to sing the best song. Join us and sing along with our karaoke music. Music by us, talent by you. **REG**

## **MKR/TW/T/A – 2/7, 6 pm,** **Wednesday** **Beginner's Crochet Class**

Join us in the Maker Space for a beginner's crochet class and learn to crochet a winter snowflake with certified instructor Robin Nogiewicz. Ages 10+. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

## **CH – 2/7, 6:30 pm, Wednesday** **Drop-in: Valentine's Day Craft**

Stop by and create something fun to celebrate Valentine's Day. Ages 4 – 8. Drop in.

## **CH – 2/8, 10 am, Thursday** **Baby Art**

Join us for baby's first art experience. Dress for a mess. Ages 6 – 23 months. **REG**

## **T – 2/8, 2 pm, Thursday** **De-Stress with Dogs for Teens**

Visit the Teen Zone and de-stress with therapy dogs. Relax, play with, and hang out with the visiting furry friends. This recurring program meets the second Thursday of the month during the school year.

## **BD/A – 2/8, 6 pm, Thursday** **Read with Pride Adult Book** **Club**

*Homebodies* by Tembe Denton-Hurst. This book discussion is for those who identify as LGBTQ+, or who simply want to learn more about LGBTQ+ stories, narratives, and experiences. All are welcome. **REG**

## **A – 2/8, 7 pm, Thursday** **What is Sensory Processing** **Disorder?**

Occupational therapists from Children's Specialized Hospital will explain the different types of SPD, signs that your loved one may have it, how to cope with meltdowns, and treatment options. **REG**



## **A – 2/9, 2 pm, Friday** **Craftapalooza**

Bring your creativity and we will provide the supplies. Come make a variety of crafts from shell painting to jewelry making and a host of other great projects. **REG**

## **CH/TW – 2/9, 2 pm, Friday** **Magical Movies**

*Wall-E* (G) 98 min. Ages 3 – 12. Drop in.

## **CH – 2/12, 10:30 am, Monday** **I Love the Library Storytime**

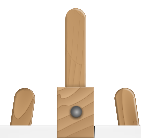
Listen to stories and make a library themed craft to celebrate National Library Lovers Month. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

## **FR – 2/12, 2 pm, Monday** **Friends of the Ocean County** **Library – Toms River Meeting**

The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the library. New members are welcome.



## February Art Displays and Exhibits

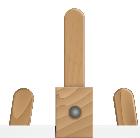


**Lacey**

Art Exhibit:

Barbara Defranza

Abstract Kaleidoscope Art  
(Meeting Room)

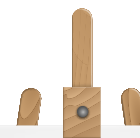


**Long Beach Island**

Looking A' Round:

Photographs

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**Manchester**

2/1 – 2/24

Art Exhibit:

Frederick B. Woodland Jr.



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**732-349-6200**

**CH/TW/PA – 2/12, 6:30 pm,  
Monday  
DIY Ice Cream**

Make some yummy ice cream in a bag. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

**MKR/A/TW/T – 2/12, 6 pm,  
Monday  
Last Minute Valentines**

Join us in the Maker Space to create custom Valentines or anti-Valentines cards for your partner, friends...or frenemies. Ages 10+. **REG**

**T/PA – 2/12, 6:30 pm, Monday  
Chocolate Covered  
Strawberries for Teens**

Teens will learn how to make their own sweet treats and leave with giftable boxes of decked-out strawberries to share the love. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

**BHM/CH – 2/13, 10:30 am,  
Tuesday  
Celebrate Black History  
Month: "Things that Go"  
Preschool Storytime**

In honor of Black History Month, join us for a vehicle and traffic themed storytime surrounding Garrett Morgan, inventor of the traffic light. Ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver. **REG**

**BD – 2/13, 7 pm, Tuesday  
Evening Book Discussion  
*This Time Tomorrow* by Emma  
Straub. **REG****

**A – 2/14, 10:30 am, Wednesday  
Teddy Bear Building for Adults  
with Special Challenges**

Come join us and build your own bear with Debby, our local fun party planner. **REG**

**CH/TW – 2/14, 2 pm,  
Wednesday  
Drop-in Valentine's Day Card  
Making**

Stop by the Children's Department to make a Valentine's Day card for someone special. Ages 3 – 12. Drop in.

**T – 2/14, 3 pm, Wednesday  
LGBTeens**

Join us for LGBTeens, a club for LGBTQ and allied teens to participate in fun activities, support one another, explore our collection of LGBTQ books, and help create library programs. **REG**

**T – 2/14, 6 pm, Wednesday  
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**  
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

**CH – 2/15, 10 am, Thursday  
Read, Build, Play Storytime**  
Listen to a story and foster social skills by working together to build DUPLO® creations and more. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**T/PA – 2/15, 6 pm, Thursday  
Teen Pop Culture Crafting  
Club: Pokéball Hot Chocolate  
Bomb & DIY Mug**

Come join us as we hang out and do DIYs from our favorite fandoms. Do you like Pokémon™? At this meeting, we will be making hot chocolate bombs that look like Pokéballs and decorate mugs using the Cricut® Mug Press. Ages 13 – 18. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

**BHM/G/PA – 2/17,  
12 pm – 3 pm, Saturday  
Black History Month  
Celebration with the Toms  
River Area NAACP**

Celebrate Black History Month with a food tasting prepared by members of Toms River Area NAACP and entertainment by soul and jazz vocalist Rhonda Denet and the Silver Fox Song Trio as they present "Songs of Liberation and Love." Sponsored by the Toms River Area NAACP and the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

**CH/TW – 2/17, 2:30 pm,  
Saturday  
Drop-in Video Games for Kids**  
Play video games and make some new friends. Ages 4 – 12.

**A – 2/20, 10 am, Tuesday  
Computer Mouse for  
Beginners**

Learn the basics of using a computer mouse including: how to click, scroll, and open links. This program is for beginners. No experience using a mouse is required. **REG**

**S/G – 2/20, 6 pm, Tuesday  
Sensory Friendly Movie:  
*Clifford the Big Red Dog***  
Join us in the Sensory Space for a sensory friendly movie where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and dancing, walking, rolling, singing and shouting are welcome. All ages with caregiver. (PG) 97 min. **REG**

**A – 2/20, 6:30 pm, Tuesday  
Hands on CPR**  
CPR for the Friends and Family is a user-friendly course that is video driven under the guidelines of the American Heart Association. This class will include instruction and hands on practice for CPR steps and how to relieve choking for adult, child and infant victims. Participants will receive an instructional booklet that includes a participation card. Hands on practice is encouraged but not required. This program is conducted by Hands On CPR founder Cherie Garrison Horhay. **REG**

**BHM/CH – 2/20, 6:30 pm,  
Tuesday  
Celebrate Black History  
Month: Harlem Globetrotters  
Storytime & Craft**  
Learn about the Harlem Globetrotters by reading a story and making a basketball themed craft. Ages 5 – 12. **REG**

**BHM/CH – 2/21, 10 am,  
Wednesday  
Celebrate Black History  
Month: Homeschool  
Storytime**  
Join us for a homeschool program honoring Black History Month including stories about Jackie Robinson and a fun baseball themed craft. Ages 4 – 8 with a caregiver. **REG**

**MKR/A/TW/T – 2/21, 11 am,  
Wednesday  
Beginner's Cricut® Class**  
Come to the Maker Space for a beginner's level Cricut® class and learn the basics of using the Cricut® Maker™ machine and Cricut® Design Space Software. Ages 10+. **REG**

**CH/TW/PA – 2/21, 4:30 pm,  
Wednesday  
Paws for Reading**  
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Ages 5 – 12. **REG**

**A – 2/21, 6:30 pm, Wednesday  
The Guild Theatreworks  
Presents: *Belles***  
Actors from The Guild Theatreworks will perform a reading of *Belles*, a play about six Southern sisters who try to bridge the distance between them via telephone and come to terms with their family history. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

**CH – 2/22, 10 am, Thursday  
Waddler Time**  
Interactive stories, songs, and more for you and your little one. Ages 12 – 23 months. **REG**

**BD – 2/22, 2 pm, Thursday  
Afternoon Book Discussion  
*The Guardians* by John Grisham.  
**REG****

**CH/TW – 2/23, 2 pm, Friday  
Magical Movies  
*Happy Feet* (PG) 109 min. Ages  
3 – 12. Drop in.**



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**TOMS RIVER**  
732-349-6200

**BHM/A – 2/24, 2 pm, Saturday**  
**Bishop Kids Present**  
**The Bridge**

In honor of Black History Month, this production tells the story from an elderly person's perspective on life and at the same time tells the story from a young adult's perspective on life in today's world where each one is trying to bridge the gap between the two worlds. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

**CH – 2/26, 10 am, Monday**  
**Explore the Floor**

Visit the library for toys and activities that encourage skill building and creativity. Siblings are welcome. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**A/PA – 2/26, 2 pm, Monday**  
**Hot Cocoa Bombs for Adults**  
Love hot cocoa? Come make your very own hot cocoa bombs at this delicious program.

**MKR/TW/T/A – 2/26, 6 pm, Monday**  
**Library LEGO® Master Building Challenge**  
Love building with LEGO® bricks? Join us in the Maker Space and compete in a night of LEGO® themed challenges. Who will be crowned Library LEGO® Master? It could be you. Ages 10+. **REG**

**A – 2/26, 6:30 pm, Monday**  
**Tarot 101 for Adults**  
Join us to learn about the basics of reading tarot to get you started in your own practice. Led by local yoga instructor & practitioner of tarot and oracle, Belle Burns. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

**CH – 2/27, 10:30 am, Tuesday**  
**Preschool Storytime**

Develop pre-reading skills with stories, songs, movement, and a fun craft. Ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver. **REG**

**A – 2/27, 6:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Ernest Shackleton & the Age of Antarctic Exploration**

Join historian Greg Caggiano for a look at Ernest Shackleton's ill-fated Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition of 1914 – one of the greatest and most harrowing stories of survival and courage in the history of exploration. **REG**

**A – 2/27, 6:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Vision Boarding**

What do you want your future to look like? Join us in the Toms River Sensory Space to create your own vision board: a collage of images, pictures, and affirmations of one's dreams and desires, designed to serve as a source of inspiration and motivation. You are encouraged to bring photos, printouts, items cut from old magazines and other items that you would like to include in your project based on what you would like to envision for your future. **REG**

**A – 2/27, 7 pm, Tuesday**  
**Vinyl Record Nights**

Come unwind and listen to curated vinyl records under the stars of the atrium at the Toms River Branch.

**CH – 2/28, 10 am, Wednesday**  
**Baby & Me**

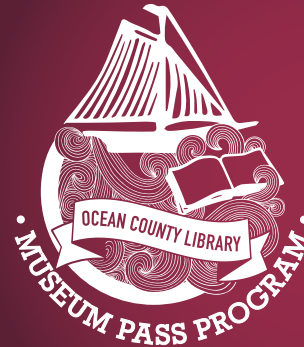
Visit the library for an interactive program for you and your baby. Ages up to 12 months old. **REG**

**T – 2/28, 6:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**Dungeons & Dragons® for Teens**

Join players on an adventure in the world of *Dungeons & Dragons®*. Open to new and experienced players. Space is limited. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

**CH/TW – 2/29, 2 pm, Thursday**  
**Magical Movies**

*Space Jam* (PG) 88 min. Ages 3 – 12. Drop in.



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**TUCKERTON**  
609-296-1470

**A – 2/1, 10 am, Thursday**  
**Art Chat**

Meet and talk with local artists. Bring your own work for feedback.

**DIV/CH/TW – 2/5, 4:30 pm, Monday**  
**Happy Lunar New Year**

Learn about the Year of the Dragon and make a lantern. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

**BHM/A – 2/5, 6 pm, Monday**  
**Hughes' Dream Harlem**  
(NR) 64 min.

**CH – 2/6, 11 am, Tuesday**  
**Toddler Time: Beach Party**  
Ignore the thermometer and join us for warm stories, fingerplays and a craft. **REG**

**A – 2/12, 6 pm, Monday**  
**Monday Movie Night**  
*While You Were Sleeping* (PG) 103 min.

**CH – 2/13, 11 am, Tuesday**  
**Toddler Time: Valentine's Day**  
Enjoy sweet stories, fingerplays and a craft. **REG**

**T/PA – 2/15, 3:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**  
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Enjoy a snack while painting paper pinwheels. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**G – 2/17, 11 am, Saturday**  
**Family Bingo**  
Enjoy a fun afternoon playing this classic game for a chance to win a prize. **REG**

**CH – 2/20, 11 am, Tuesday**  
**Toddler Time: Snow Fun**  
Enjoy some frozen fun with stories, fingerplays and a craft. **REG**

**BD/A – 2/26, 6:30 pm, Monday**  
**Tuckerton Adult Book Discussion**  
*The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict.

**CH – 2/27, 11 am, Tuesday**  
**Toddler Time: Leap Year**  
Enjoy our extra day by jumping into our storytime with songs and a craft. **REG**



**UPPER SHORES**  
732-793-3996

**CH – 2/1, 10:30 am, Thursday**  
**Toddler Time**

Join us for songs, stories, and hands-on activities. Recommended for ages 18 – 36 months with a caregiver. **REG**

**G – 2/1, 2 pm, Thursday**  
**Great American Standards**  
The talented Gary Evans entertains us at the piano with his delightful music on the first Thursday of each month. Requests are welcome. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upper Shores Branch.

**BD – 2/1, 3 pm, Thursday**  
**Thursday Book Discussion**  
*The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Marie Benedict.

**BD – 2/2, 10 am, Friday**  
**Morning Book Discussion**  
*The Librarian of Burned Books* by Brianna Labuskes.

**BD – 2/2, 3 pm, Friday**  
**Afternoon Book Discussion**  
*The Book Haters' Book Club* by Gretchen Anthony.

**A – 2/3, 10 am, Saturday**  
**Library Where You Are: hoopla**  
Learn how to borrow eBooks, audiobooks, and more on the hoopla app. Please bring your own device. An active library card is required. **REG**

**A – 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, 12 pm, Mondays**  
**Mah Jongg Mondays**  
Play Mah Jongg at the library.

**A – 9 am, All Tuesdays**  
**Hand and Foot Card Games**  
Come play this variant card game of Canasta at the library.

**A – 2/6, 2:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Fall Prevention**  
Join a trauma nurse expert from Hackensack Meridian Health and learn the causes of balance problems and exercises you can do to help prevent falls. **REG**

**CH – 2/7, 2/21, 10:30 am, Wednesdays**  
**Baby & Me**  
Join us for a free play session with various toys and music. Ages up to 18 months with a caregiver. **REG**

**CH/PA – 2/7, 4 pm, Wednesday**  
**Paws for Reading**  
Join us to practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Ages 3 – 12. **REG**

**FR – 2/7, 6:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**Friends of the Upper Shores Branch Meeting**  
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the library. New members are welcome.

**A – 2/7, 7 pm, Wednesday**  
**Libby Prison Minstrels Presidents' Day Show**  
Join us for the Libby Prison Minstrels' performance celebrating Presidents' Day. This program is made possible by a generous donation in memory of Martin C. Unfried, Jr.

**CH – 2/8, 10:30 am, Thursday**  
**Preschool Storytime**  
Join us for storytime and an activity. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

**A – 2/8, 2/22, 1 pm, Thursdays**  
**Bridge for All**  
Play bridge at the library. All skill levels welcome.

**A – 2/9, 2/23, 1 pm, Fridays**  
**OC Purls Knitting Group**  
Enjoy conversation and exchange patterns while you work on your knitting projects.

**TW/T – 2/13, 3:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Valentine's Day Cards**  
Make a valentine's day card for a special friend. Ages 10 – 18. **REG**

**CH – 2/14, 3:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**Valentine's Day Craft**  
Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

**A/PA – 2/14, 6:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**Cookbook Club**  
Bring in a dish from the selected cookbook of the month to share and discuss with fellow culinary enthusiasts. Call or visit the branch to register. **REG**

**CH – 2/15, 10:30 am, Thursday**  
**Sensory Play for Toddlers**  
Sensory based activities for toddlers with a caregiver. Dress for a mess. Ages 18 – 36 months. **REG**

**A – 2/17, 1:30 pm, Saturday**  
**Movies at the Library: My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3**  
(PG-13) 91 min. **REG**

**BHM/CH – 2/20, 3:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Sam Gilliam Inspired Painting**  
Paint a draped canvas inspired by Sam Gilliam. Ages 5 – 12. **REG**

**A – 2/21, 6 pm, Wednesday**  
**Library Where You Are: hoopla**  
Learn how to borrow eBooks, audiobooks, and more on the hoopla app. Please bring your own device. Active library card is required. **REG**

**CH – 2/22, 10:30 am, Thursday**  
**Sensory Play for Preschoolers**  
Sensory based activities for preschoolers with their caregivers. Dress for a mess. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

**A – 2/28, 2 pm, Wednesday**  
**Estate Planning Lecture**  
Join attorney Paul Daniele for a lecture on estate planning and the importance of being legally prepared. **REG**

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(PG-13) 91 min. **REG**





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**UPPER SHORES**  
732-793-3996

**CH – 2/29, 3:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Let's Learn Spanish**

Learn and practice your Spanish by playing games. Ages 5 – 12.  
**REG**



**WARETOWN**  
609-693-5133

**A – 12 pm – 4 pm,**  
**All Wednesdays**  
**Mah Jongg**

**CH – 2/2, 11 am, Friday**  
**Storytime and Craft**

Join us for a storytime, and a craft. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

**CH/TW/T – 2/5, 6 pm, Monday**  
**Thank a Soldier**

Join us to create thank you cards for military members who have been deployed. **REG**

**T – 2/12, 6 pm, Monday**  
**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

**T – 2/12, 7 pm, Monday**  
**Music Bingo**

Come out for some fun playing music themed bingo. **REG**

**A – 2/13, 2/27, 11 am,**  
**Tuesdays**

**Waretown Writers Group**

Join other writers to explore your skills in an informal and fun discussion.

**A – 2/17, 11 am, Saturday**  
**Saturday Documentary**

*The Book Makers* (PG) 57 min.

**BHM/A/T/TW – 2/26, 6 pm,**  
**Monday**

**Harriet Tubman Tales from the Trails**

Storyteller Michelle Washington Wilson will present a special glimpse into the life and times of Harriet Tubman: abolitionist, Underground Railroad conductor, and women's suffrage supporter who traveled through the State of New Jersey. Sponsored by the Friends of the Waretown Library.  
**REG**



**VIRTUAL PROGRAMS**

**DIV/T – February**  
**Year of the Dragon**

Dive into these YA books influenced by Asian history, myths, folklore, and legends just in time for Lunar New Year celebrations. Presented by the Brick Branch.

**BHM/T – February**  
**Black History Month Reads for Teens**

In honor of Black History Month, check out some great book recommendations for teens. Presented by the Toms River Branch.

**A – 2/28, 2:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**The Great Storage Cleanout**

We all have that closet, basement, garage, or attic overflowing with stuff. Join author and organizer Jamie Novak online and learn simple steps for clearing out the storage space. Register to receive the Zoom link. Presented by the Jackson Branch. **REG**

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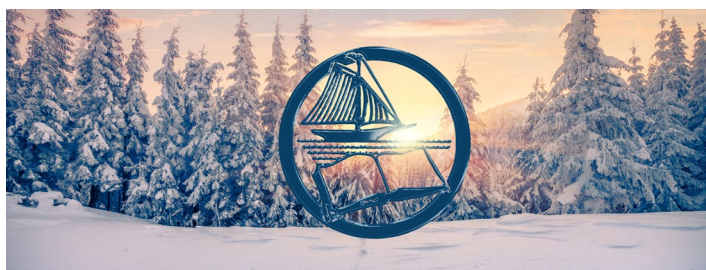
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**ALL AGES**

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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH READS

## ADULT TITLES:

*Nightcrawling*  
by Leila Mottley

*My Government Means to Kill Me*  
by Rasheed Newson

*Girl, Woman, Other*  
by Bernardine Evaristo



## TEEN TITLES:

*We Deserve Monuments*  
by Jas Hammonds

*There Goes the Neighborhood*  
by Jade Adia

*The Blackwoods*  
by Brandy Colbert



## CHILDREN'S TITLES:

*An American Story*  
by Kwame Alexander

*The Green Piano: How Little Me Found Music*  
by Roberta Flack

*That Flag*  
by Tameka Fryer Brown

