

# Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Branch NEWSLETTER

Winter 2024

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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!**

The poster features a central illustration of a blue and white prom dress on a mannequin. The background is a warm, golden-brown with a subtle bokeh effect. The title '2024 Prom Dress Collection' is at the top in a large, elegant font. The text is arranged in a clear, readable layout with a green circular callout for the grade restriction.

## Message from the Board

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Renewal notices have gone out to all current friends on our membership list. You can mail in your renewal check or drop it off when you come to the library. Thank you for your support, as your dues money is the backbone of our funding for programs.

A special thank you to the volunteers who helped us prepare the dues mailing! We so appreciate your time and dedication to such an important cause! Many hands make light work, and some laughs as well.



## Ideas Wanted!

We want your ideas! While we have several fundraisers already planned (see your renewal letter) we are always looking for new suggestions. Please drop a note for us with any librarian, or ask one of us at any event we are sponsoring. As always you are welcome to attend our monthly board meeting as well.

Thank you for being a friend.

## Upcoming Meetings

January 24th @ 6 pm

February 28th @ 6 pm

March 27th @ 6 pm

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## 2023 Recap

### Ending 2023 on a High Note

The Friends' final program for 2023 was a holiday concert by RB Express. What a great show to get everyone in the holiday spirit!



### November Book Sale

The November book sale and bake sale was a great success! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help set-up and run the sale. Also, thank you to all of those who donated and purchased books!



## 2023 Sponsored Programs

Thanks to your support the Friends were able to sponsor the following programs in 2023:

- 2/3 – Stories of Slavery in New Jersey presented by Rick Geffken
- 2/23 – Build a Pollinator House presented by 4-H
- 3/4 – Pillars of Fire: Legends of New Jersey SHeroes presented by Michelle R. Wilson
- 3/28 – NJ Fish Hawk: The Amazing Osprey presented by Conserve Wildlife Foundation
- 4/19 – Art Chat Artist Reception
- 4/21 – Seed Balls for Earth Day (Children & Teen program)
- 4/28 – Create Poetry Journal
- 6/15 – Harriet Tubman Tales from the Trails presented by Michelle R. Wilson
- 7/8 – Mommy & Me Yoga presented by Belle Burns (Children's Program)
- 7/12 – Insectropolis Bugs on the Go (Children's Program)
- 7/20 – Provided prizes for Family Bingo Night
- 7/25 – Your Future Zoo Career presented by 4-H
- 8/17 – End of Summer Ice Cream Social (Children & Teen Program)
- 8/21 – SAIL Party (Teen Volunteer Program)
- 8/24 – Prizes for Video Game Tournament (All ages)
- 9/19 – Homeschool STEAM (Children's program)
- 9/21 – Flamenco Guitar Performance
- 9/22 – Tween Art Club (Children & Teen program)
- 10/12 – Gourd Painting for Adults with Special Challenges
- 11/16 – The Lenape/Munsee Peoples of NJ presented by Rick Geffken
- 12/4 – Embroidered Greeting Cards
- 12/7 – Crystal Growing presented by WILD NJ (Teen program)
- 12/21 – RB Express Holiday Concert





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## Upcoming Programs

### February/March Programs

2/2 @ 2 pm

Food and Folks of the Great Migration

2/16 & 3/8 @ 2 pm

Adult Gaming: Canasta

2/29 @ 6:30 pm

Build a Pollinator House

3/5 @ 2 pm

Overlooked Ingenuity: Stories of Women Inventors

3/5 @ 5 pm

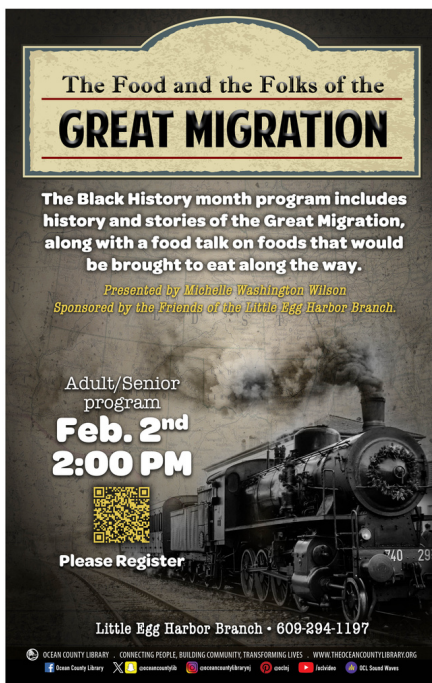
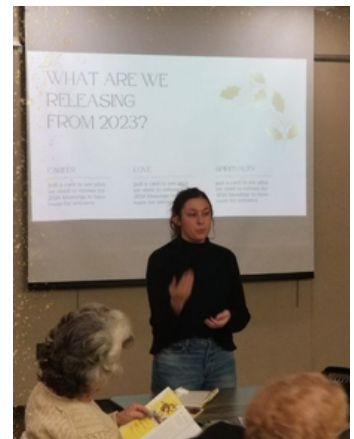
Are You Ready for a Small Pet?

3/7 @ 2 pm

An Overview of the NJ Self-Help Group Clearinghouse

### Previously Sponsored Programs

On January 4, Belle Burns presented New Years Tarot for teens and adults. We had a fun and interesting evening learning how to read the tarot cards to tap into life lessons and feel the energies that surround us.



For February we are welcoming back presenter Michelle Washington Wilson. Her program will be The Food and the Folks of the Great Migration. Ms. Wilson is a favorite presenter of the Friends and always fills the house. Please register now to save your seat!

Membership dues remain the same: Individual...\$5.00, Family...\$10.00, and Benefactor...\$25.00 or more. Membership donations, along with Book Sale proceeds, enable our Friends group to fund over \$5000 for programs, materials, and supplies for our library. Thanks to all our members for your outstanding efforts! If you haven't joined yet, a membership form is provided below. You can drop it off at the circulation desk at the library or mail to: Friends of Little Egg Harbor Library; PO Box 1582; Little Egg Harbor, NJ 080087

Membership Form:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Friend \$5 ( ) Family \$10 ( ) Benefactor \$25 or more

( ) I would like to volunteer to assist the Friends Group with book sales, mailings, hospitality functions.



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## Winter Reading Challenge

Adult Winter Reading 2024:

READING IS  
SNOW  
MUCH FUN

Ages 18 and up. Read or Listen to 5 books or more to enter a drawing for a chance to win a Winter Reading Prize.

Challenge will Run

**JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> – FEBRUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>**

Last day to submit paper logs: Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>.



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As you spend these cold days with a good book, don't forget to enter the "Reading is Snow Much Fun" adult reading challenge. One entry per every 5 books read through February 29th. You might win a fun prize!

Reading  
Time!

