

Happy March Friends!

We cannot believe Spring is right around the corner. I'm not looking forward to the pollen, but I am looking forward to reading a book with the sunshine on my face outdoors. Barbara, Joann, Linda, and myself would like to extend our deepest gratitude and well wishes for the Spring holidays to each of you.

Annual dues/membership forms for the Friends of the Berkeley Library were sent out at the beginning of January. Thank you to those who sent their memberships and dues in already. If you did not receive a membership form in the mail, most likely your dues have been paid for 2024. Please consider inviting a family member or friend to join our awesome Friends of the Berkeley Library. Memberships are \$10. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. THANK YOU for being a Friend!

Our next meeting will be Monday May 13th at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you!

Save the dates ...

The Friends of the Berkeley Library will be hosting a Spring Psychic Night fundraiser Thursday April 11th. We are excited to welcome back our favorite Psychics - Kasandra, Kirsten, and Bella. Registration will open Friday March 1st. Please be sure to spread the word to family and friends.

The Friends are thrilled to welcome Dale and Amy back to the Berkeley Branch Wednesday April 24th for an indoor Spring Concert. Details to follow.

We are in the planning stages, but we are pretty sure this event will be added to the Fall - The Friends of the Library Silent Reading Party. Be on the lookout for details.

Here is a snippet of events that are happening at our branch including a few that are sponsored by The Friends of the Berkeley Library. Please contact the library at 732-269-2144 or register at www.theoceancountylibrary.org to register or have questions. Please stop in the branch or view the website for many other events and programs happening at the branch.

Thursdays 1pm: Mah Jongg: Join our Mah Jongg mavens for weekly play on Thursdays. Players must bring their own set and current card. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Berkeley Library.

We are thrilled to announce Mah Jongg Lessons are coming back! Due to the popularity that our Mah Jongg group has become, lessons will be WEDNESDAYS. Lessons will begin WEDNESDAY April 3rd 1-3:30pm for anyone interested. Please be sure to register at the circulation desk or call 732-269-2144.

Thursday March 7th 10:30am: Toddler Time - Play with your little one as we share stories, rhymes, songs, and dance. Ages 1 – 2. Please register.

Friday March 8th 10:30am: Homeschool Hangout - Enjoy snacks, crafts, games and hang out with other teen and tween homeschoolers.

Saturday March 9th 10am: Playtime Fun - Drop-in anytime between 10 am –11:30 am 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.

Tuesday March 12th 3:30pm: Magic the Gathering for Teens - Become a Planeswalker at the library's Magic: The Gathering™ Club. We'll provide cards and instruction. No prior experience is necessary, just show up and compete in this strategy card game. Ages 12 – 18. Please register.

Tuesday March 12th 6:30pm: Acoustic Jam Session - Bring an instrument and play with other musicians. All styles and skill levels are welcome. Please register.

Wednesday March 13th 10:30am: Baby & Me - Rhythm, rhyme, music and movement for babies up to 12 months with caregiver. This is designed for babies not yet walking. Please Register

Friday March 15th 3pm: NJ Makers Day Cardboard Construction - Celebrate New Jersey Makers Day by creating a cardboard structure with the library's building kit. Share your STEAM ingenuity with teen and tween peers. Supplies limited, please register.

Tuesday March 19th 4pm: Paws for Reading - Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Registration Required

Wednesday March 20th 3:30pm: Tween Builders Club - Discover the fun of STEAM and explore creative constructions with the library's building kit. Supplies provided. Ages 9-12.

Thursday March 28th 7pm: Teen Game Night - Play familiar and new games, just for teens. Sponsored by the Friends of the Berkeley Library. Please register.

As always, Barbara, Joanne, Linda, and myself thank each of you for your support. We appreciate your support and encouragement. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Warm Wishes!
Melissa