Ocean County Library
Programs and Events Guide
December 2021

BARNEGAT
609-698-3331

T – 6 pm, Wednesdays
Teen Drop-in Gaming
From video games to board games. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – All Mondays
Take & Makes for Kids
Each week will feature a different theme, while supplies last. Ages 4 and up.
12/6: Hanukkah
12/13: Snowflakes
12/20: Christmas
12/27: Snowman

T – 12/1, 6 pm, Wednesday
Teen Anime Club
Enjoy all things manga and anime. Drop in. Ages 12 – 18.

A – 1 pm, Mondays
Monday Movies
12/6: Prancer (G) 105 min.
12/13: Jack Frost (PG) 96 min.
12/20: Four Christmases (PG-13) 88 min.
12/27: It’s A Wonderful Life (PG-13) 130 min.

A – 12/6, Monday
Holiday Snowflake Luminary
While supplies last.

A – 12/7, 7 pm, Tuesday
Book Café
Come share your new favorite read, and hear from fellow book lovers. New members welcome.

T – 12/8, 7 pm, Wednesday
Paint Party: Rudolph
Hosted by local artist and educator Marty Manzo. View his podcast located on our website.
Ages 12 – 18.

A – 12/9, 12/23, 1 pm,
Thursdays and 12/11, 10 am,
Saturday
EWE Knit and Crochet
Drop in with your own supplies.

DIV/A – 12/11, 11 am, Saturday
Documentary Movie: Quiet Heroes
Sundance Film Festival documentary about the early days of the AIDS epidemic in Salt Lake City, Utah where two women medical professionals, a doctor and nurse, with the support of a Catholic hospital’s nuns were willing to fight a climate of fear and intolerance to provide healthcare services for HIV-positive people. (NR) 69 min.

FR – 12/14, 1 pm, Tuesday
Friends of the Barnegat Library Meeting
A – 12/15, 2 pm – 4 pm, Wednesday
Wrapping Party
Get caught up on your present wrapping. We will supply wrapping paper, scissors, tape and some festive surprises. REG

T – 12/15, 7 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Grades 7 – 12.

A/T – 12/16, 6 pm, Thursday
Family Movie Night
Frozen II (PG) 103 min. Drop in.

BERKELEY
732-269-2144

ED – December
Art by Clara Sue Beym
Visit the art display by Clara Sue Beym, located in the Berkeley Branch meeting room.

CH – December
I Spy Bulletin Board
Find all the hidden items and win a prize.

CH – December
Take & Make Craft
Stop by each week for a different craft to make at home. Feel free to share pictures of your completed projects on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

T – December
Take & Make: Pom-Pom Penguin
Create a cute cuddly penguin out of yarn. Available in the Teen Zone while supplies last.

BEACHWOOD
732-244-4573

CH – All Tuesdays
Storytime Book Bundles
Each Tuesday will feature a different themed book bundle. Each bundle includes themed books, coloring sheets, songs, a craft, and more. Available while supplies last.
12/7: Winter Time
12/14: Holidays
12/21: Dinosaurs
12/28: Some of our Favorite Crafts and Books of the Year

A – 12/9, 12 pm – 4 pm, Thursday
Crafternoon
Space is limited. Please call the Beachwood Branch to register for a time slot. REG

T – 12/13, 6 pm, Monday
Make it Monday
Take-home supplies to design your own holiday card. Available while supplies last.

PROGRAM KEY

A  Adult Program
BD  Book Discussion
CH  Children’s Program
DIV  Diversity Program
ED  Exhibits and Displays
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.

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.

Please note, all Take & Make programs are provided on a first come, first served basis. While supplies last.

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.

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.

Please see our event guide (http://bit.ly/OCLEventGuide) for more information on how to access these virtual programs.
The Friends of the Berkeley Library will be awarded to the winners in the following groups: Childrens (0 – 12), Teens (13 – 17), Adults (18+).

A – 12/4, 1 pm – 4 pm, Saturday
Artist Reception: Clara Sue Beym
Meet the artist whose art is on display for the month of December.

A – 12/8, 2 pm, Wednesday
SCAMS: What You Need to Know
Learn about the most recent scams endangering consumers and how to protect yourself. Presented by the Ocean County Department of Consumer Affairs. REG

DIV/A – 12/17, 2 pm, Friday
Christmas and Midwinter Stories
Celebrate the season with an hour of holiday storytelling. Attendees will hear anecdotes about the origins of holiday customs, the Victorian “invention” of modern Christmas, the popularity of the Christmas tree, and traditional tales about “the most wonderful time of the year.” REG

G – 12/16 – 12/22
Gingerbread House Contest Voting
Vote for your favorite gingerbread house. Winners will be announced on 12/23.

CH – 12/16, 9 am, Monday
Take & Make: Ugly Sweater Craft
Stop by anytime during the week of 12/16 and pick up a craft to make at home.

T/TW – 12/7, 9 am, Tuesday
Take & Make: Beaded Snowflake Ornament
Available while supplies last in the Teen Zone. Grades 6 – 12.

CH – 12/13, 9 am, Monday
Take & Make: Winter Shrinky Dinks Craft
Stop by any time during the week of 12/13 and pick up a craft to make at home.

T/TW – 12/16, 1 pm, Thursday
Take & Make: Poinsettia Ornament
Available while supplies last in the Teen Zone. Grades 6 – 12.

CH – 12/20, 9 am, Monday
Take & Make: Gingerbread Man Craft
Stop by any time during the week of 12/20 and pick up a gingerbread man craft to make at home.

CH – 12/27, 9 am, Monday
Take & Make: New Year’s Craft
Stop by anytime during the week of 12/27 and pick up a craft to celebrate the New Year.

T/TW – 12/28, 9 am, Tuesday
Take & Make: Happy New Year Bracelet
Available while supplies last in the Teen Zone. Grades 6 – 12.

The Ocean County Library will be one stop shop for tracking your reading progress and activities at the Ocean County Library.
A – December
Friends Pop-Up Holiday Book Sale
All book bundles are $1 while supplies last.

CH – December
Take-Home Storytime
Themed book bundles and activity packets featuring Scholastic® Teachable pages and a craft. These bundles will be available at the Jackson Branch for the month of December.

CH – All Fridays
Friday Take & Make
Younger children will need help from a caregiver to complete the crafts. Available while supplies last. Please be mindful and take only one kit per child.

A – 11/26 – 12/6
Take & Make: Star of David Mobile Craft Kit
Make a blue Hanukkah Star of David mobile and decorate it with craft gems and glitter shapes. Available while supplies last. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library.

A – 12/1, Wednesday
Take & Make: Christmas Beaded Charm Bracelet Craft Kit
Available while supplies last. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library.

A – 12/1, 7 pm, Wednesday
Holiday Concert: Marjorie Koharski & Keith Calmes
Enjoy a performance of holiday selections on flute and guitar from this popular duo. REG

A – 12/2, 7 pm, Thursday
Elvisistory: Christmas with the King
Award-winning Elvis tribute artist and “Elvis-torian” Ruben Castillo takes you on a Yuletide journey with Elvis as your tour guide. During this live musical lecture learn about Elvis’ love of the holidays, traditions and toys that were in fashion during his career, and sing along to holiday music made popular by The King himself. REG

A – 12/6, 12/20, 10 am, Mondays
Knit Chat Chain Volunteers
Items are donated to hospitals.

TW – 12/6, Monday
Embroidered Constellation Cards
Practice your sewing skills with a take-home card. Ages 9 – 12. REG

MKR/T – 12/6, 6:30 pm – 8 pm, Monday
Teen Fiber Arts:
Crochet Flower Pin
Learn a few basic crochet stitches to craft a flower, then turn it into a pin. Ages 12 – 18. Supplies are limited. REG

A – 12/7, Tuesday
Take & Make:
Fleece Candy Tied Pillows
Create a holiday pillow project for gatherings and sleepovers, or to give as gift. Available while supplies last. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library.

A – 6:30 pm, All Tuesdays
Prose & Ink Writers’ Group
All genres welcome. Bring 3 – 5 pages of a work in progress for discussion and critique.

BD – 12/7, 7 pm, Tuesday
The Nightingale
by Kristin Hannah

A – 12/10, Friday
Take & Make:
Beaded Snowman Necklace Craft Kit
This smiley snowman necklace makes for the perfect holiday accessory or handmade Christmas gift. Available while supplies last. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library.

A – 12/13, 12/27, 6:30 pm, Mondays
Knit Chat Chain Volunteers
Items are donated to hospitals.

BD – 12/14, 1 pm, Tuesday
The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict

T – 12/14, 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Tuesday
Shelf Reading Session
Earn some volunteer time before Winter Break. As a group, you will help ensure our materials are in order on the shelf. All participants must submit an online Teen Volunteer Application prior to volunteering – if you have participated in Virtual Volunteering, there is no need to submit an app. Ages 12 – 18. REG

MKR/T – 12/15, 3 pm – 4 pm, Wednesday
Gift Lab:
Candy Cane Earrings
Make a pair of festive beaded earrings. Ages 12 – 18. Supplies are limited. REG

MKR/T/PA – 12/21, Thursday
Teen Winter Break Box
Each box includes supplies for Teen Cuisine: DIY Twix, Sparks’s Lab: LED Sparkle Lantern, a 2022 Gratitude Jar, and some surprise items. Supplies are limited. All registrants will be contacted by email when their Box is available for pick-up at the Jackson Branch. Ages 12 – 18. REG

MKR/T/PA – 12/21, Thursday
Teen Volunteer Application
Visit our website or to give as gift. Available while supplies last. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library.

Download free music and keep it forever!
ED – December
Meeting Room Art
Watercolors by Linda Werner, Kathy Crocker, and MaryBeth McCabe
A – 12/2, 12/16, 12 pm, Thursday
Mah Jongg
Mavens & Masters
Have you always wanted to learn how to play Mah Jongg? Learn by watching seasoned players. Do you already know? Either way, join us.

A – 12/7, 10 am, Tuesday
Stitch It Club
Knit, crochet, sew, or embroider with fellow Stitch It members. Share leisurely conversation and tips. All skill levels welcome.

T – 12/14, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

A – 12/20, 9 am, Monday
Take & Make:
Confetti Coasters
Create coasters for your New Year’s celebration. Available for pick-up at the Lacey Branch beginning December 20 during operating hours, while supplies last.

BD – 12/20, 1 pm, Monday
Lacey Book Discussion
The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman. Contact Lacey Circulation for more information.

CH – 12/27, 9 am, Monday
Take & Make:
Kwanzaa Bracelets
Use cording and beads to create a bracelet just in time for Kwanzaa.

G – 12/3, 12/10, 12/17
Friday Fun Take & Make
Family fun craft. All ages.

CH – 12/6, Monday
Winter Village Take & Make
Create a colorful, paper winter village. Ages 5 – 12.

CH – 12/8, Wednesday
Take & Make:
Handprint Cardinal
Make a cardinal with your hand, felt, and feathers. Ages 6 – 12.

T – 12/8, Wednesday
Take & Make:
Pom Pom Snowman
Learn how to make your own pom poms to create a pom pom snowman. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 12/9, Thursday
Take & Make:
Handprint Cardinal
Make a cardinal with a felt and feathers. Ages 6 – 12.

CH – 12/13, Monday
Take & Make:
Paper Poinsettia
Make a 3D poinsettia flower for the holidays. Ages 5 – 12.

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

CH – 12/16, Thursday
Take & Make:
Paper Roll Penguins
Ages 5 – 12.

CH – 12/20, Monday
Take & Make:
Snowman Craft
Ages 7 – 12.

CH – 12/21, Tuesday
Take & Make:
Reindeer Craft
Assemble a reindeer out of construction paper. Ages 6 – 12.

T – 12/21, 6 pm, Tuesday
3D Snowflakes
Learn a new twist on this classic winter craft. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 12/23, Thursday
Take & Make:
3D Origami Stars
Ages 6 – 12.

A – 12/27 – 12/30
Adult Craft:
Bingo Month Take & Make
Create and decorate your own bingo game boards. Ages 8 – 12.

A – 12/27 – 12/30
Adult Craft:
Hibernating Bear
Create a bear hibernating in a craft stick cave. Ages 3 – 12.

CH – 12/28, Tuesday
Take & Make:
Morse Code Name Bracelet
Spell your name in Morse Code. Ages 6 – 12.

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T – 12/2, 12/16, 12 pm, Thursday
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T – 12/6, Monday
Take & Make: Button Painting
Available while supplies last.

CH – 12/7, 9 am Thursday
Take & Make:
Penguin Bookmark
Available while supplies last. Ages 3+.

CH – 12/9, 9 am Thursday
Take & Make:
Dr. Seuss Grinch Headbands
Available while supplies last. Ages 3+.

CH – 12/16, 9 am, Thursday
Take & Make:
Holiday Ornament
Available while supplies last. Ages 3+.

T – 12/16, 7 pm, Thursday
Winter Luminaries
Create your own winterly luminary with some basic craft supplies. REG

CH – 12/17, 9 am, Friday
Take & Make: Snowman Puppet
Available while supplies last. Ages 3+.

CH – 12/20, 9 am, Monday
Winter Solstice Sensory Walk Checklist
Discover the sights, textures, smells, and sounds of Little Egg Harbor during the Winter Solstice.

CH – 12/28, 9 am, Thursday
Take & Make:
Kwanzaa Necklace
Available while supplies last. Ages 3+.

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CH – 10/10, 10 am, Friday
Take & Make: Snowflake
Available while supplies last.

CH – 12/13, 10 am, Monday
Take & Make: Reindeer
Available while supplies last.

G/PA – 12/13, 1 pm, Monday
Family Movie Night Kit: Sing 2
Take home a free bag of goodies. Available while supplies last. Movie available for check out.

TW/T – 12/15, 1:30 pm, Wednesday
Take & Make: Merry Krampus Card
Available while supplies last.

CH – 12/17, 10 am, Friday
Take & Make: Winter Gnomes
Available while supplies last.

CH – 12/20, 10 am, Monday
Take & Make: Ice Skating
Available while supplies last.

A/PA – 12/20, 1 pm, Monday
Adult Movie Kit: The Man Who Invented Christmas
Take home a free bag of goodies. Available while supplies last. Movie available for check out.

G – 12/21, 1 pm, Tuesday
Family Kit: Make a Puppet Show
Get the family involved, puppets can be pre-made, paper made, and sock made to name a few. Available while supplies last.

G – 12/21, 2 pm – 4 pm, Tuesday
Friends Monthly Book Sale

TW/T – 12/22, 1:30 pm, Wednesday
Take & Make: Danish Christmas Heart
Available while supplies last.

CH – 12/23, 10 am, Thursday
Take & Make: Yule Log
Available while supplies last.

CH – 12/27, 10 am, Monday
Take & Make: Gingerbread People
Available while supplies last.

A/PA – 12/27, 1 pm, Monday
Adult Movie Kit: Little Women
Take home a free bag of goodies. Available while supplies last. Movie available for checkout.

TW/T – 12/29, 1:30 pm, Wednesday
Take & Make: New Year’s Eve Party Popper
Available while supplies last.

CH – 12/30, 10 am, Friday
Take & Make: New Year’s Eve Party Shakers
Available while supplies last.

A – 12/10, 2 pm, Friday
Winter’s Enchanted Journey
Commemorate the winter season with acclaimed international concert violinist Dr. David Podles. David will evoke the enchantment of the winter season and all its merriment in this performance. REG

CH – 12/13, Monday
Take & Make: Winter Garland
Available while supplies last.

A – 12/14, 2 pm – 3:30 pm, Tuesday
PT Barnum: Master Showman
Neill Hartley portrays master showman P.T. Barnum in this exciting and entertaining look at one of the most colorful and well-known personalities of all time, who brought high and low culture to all of America. REG

A – 12/16, 7 pm – 8:30 pm, Thursday
Pearl Harbor: A Day of Infamy
The attack was always considered possible, but not probable. Were critical judgement errors made by America’s national leaders and its military that made America so vulnerable or did motivations by America’s European allies to have America represented in WWII result in this devastating attack? Join Paul Zigo, retired Brookdale Community College professor and current director of the WW2 Era studies to find out. REG

CH – 12/20, Monday
Take & Make: Snowman Craft
Available while supplies last.

A – 12/20, Monday
Take & Make: Pop Up New Year Card 2022
Celebrate the New Year. Available while supplies last.

A – 12/27, Monday
Take & Make: Hot Chocolate Craft
Pick up a hot chocolate craft in the Manchester Youth Services Department. Available while supplies last.

CH – 12/30, Friday
Take & Make: New Year’s Eve
Available while supplies last.
PLUMSTED
609-758-7888

CH – 12/1, 10 am, Wednesday Take & Make: Dreidel Available while supplies last.

CH – 12/2, 10 am, Thursday Take Home Winter Storytime Kit Kit will include a story, craft, and assorted rhymes and songs. Available while supplies last.

G – 12/6, 10 am, Monday Take & Make: Hot Cocoa Ornament Available while supplies last.

A – 12/10, 2:30 pm, Friday Take & Make: Adult Craft Available while supplies last.

G – 12/13, 10 am, Monday Take & Make: Christmas Ornament Available while supplies last.

PT. PLEASANT BEACH
732-892-4575

CH – 12/14, 10 am, Tuesday Take Home Monkey Day Story Kit Kit will include a story, craft, and assorted rhymes and songs. Available while supplies last.

G – 12/20, 10 am, Monday Take & Make: Penguin Ornament Available while supplies last.

CH/TW – December Winter Scavenger Hunt Can you locate all 12 winter images hidden around the Library? Visit the Branch any time during the month to complete the scavenger hunt.

CH – 10 am, All Mondays Take & Make Monday Pick up a craft kit to complete at home. Ages 3 – 6 years. Available while supplies last.

A – 12/13, 12/27, 1 pm, Mondays Knitting and Crocheting at the Beach Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels welcome.

ED – December Classic Books by James Albano (Display Case).

CH – 12/1, Wednesday Take & Make: Make a Gift Ages 3+. While supplies last.

T – 12/1, Wednesday Take & Makes: Pom Pom Pinecones Pick up a craft kit with provided pinecones and pom poms to decorate while supplies last. Option to make the pinecone an ornament is available too. A sample photo will be provided. Ages 12 – 18.

DIV/A – 12/1, 2 pm, Wednesday Wednesday Documentary: We Were Here An intimate, yet epic history of the AIDS years in San Francisco, as told through the stories of five longtime San Franciscans. (NR) 92 min. REG

BD – 12/1, 7:30 pm, Wednesday Good Readers Book Club The Whole Town’s Talking by Fannie Flagg.

A – 12/2, Thursday Take & Make: Hanukkah Edition Available while supplies last.

A – 12/2, 1 pm, Thursday Knit Wits 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 – 12/2, 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 – 12/2, 12/16, 7:30 pm, Thursdays Adult Writers Group Explore your writing skills in a fun, friendly, informal setting.

A – 12/15, 6 pm, Wednesday Take & Make: Christmas Ornaments Available while supplies last.

CH – 12/16, Thursday Take & Make: Snowperson Ornament Ages 3+. Available while supplies last.

A – 12/12, 7:30 pm, Thursday Friends Book Discussion Group Join the Friends of the Pt. Pleasant Borough Branch.


A – 12/15, 6 pm, Wednesday Knit Wits 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.

BD – 12/15, 6:30 pm, Wednesday Open Our Mind Book Club All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr.

A – 12/16, Thursday Take & Make: Christmas Ornaments Available while supplies last.

CH – 12/18, Saturday Take & Make: Polar Bear Winter Art Ages 3+. While supplies last.

A – 12/18, 2 pm, Saturday Saturday Afternoon Movie: Cruella (PG-13) 134 min. REG

BD – 12/20, 10:30 am, Monday Friends Book Discussion Group Hamnet by Maggie O’Farrell.


A – 12/22, 6 pm, Wednesday Wednesday Night Movie: The Suicide Squad (R) 132 min. REG
T – 12/27, Monday
Take & Make:
New Year Mandala Coloring Poster
Come in and grab an inspirational velvet coloring poster of a mandala for the New Year. Ages 12 – 18. While supplies last.

A – 12/30, Friday
Take & Make:
New Year’s Eve
Available while supplies last.

CH – 12/30, Friday
Take & Make:
2021 Time Capsule
Load up your time capsule with 2021 memories and open in 10 years. Ages 3+. While supplies last.

A – 12/30, Friday
Take & Make:
Snowman & Reindeer
Take & Make: Clothespin Snowman & Reindeer
Stop by the Toms River Branch throughout the month of December for picture book bundles that are perfect for storytime at home. Bundles are available while supplies last.

CH – 9 am, All Mondays
Children’s Take & Make Mondays
Each Monday pick up your kit at the Stafford Branch Children’s Department. Supplies and instructions provided. Available while supplies last.

T/TW – 12/22, 9 am, Wednesday
Take & Make:
Clay Photo Holders
Pick up a craft kit to make a tabletop photo holder that looks like a snowy mountain. Available while supplies last.

T/TW – 12/1, 6 pm – 7 pm, Fridays
Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting
Join us and learn the basics toloom knitting. We will be making preemie hats to donate to a local hospital. Supplies will be provided. No experience required. Registration is limited and required. Program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library - Toms River. REG

T/TW – 12/7, 11 am, Tuesday
Dan Rather Remembers Pearl Harbor
Join us as we commemorate the 80th anniversary of the attacks on the Pearl Harbor naval base with a documentary from Access Video. Some material may be graphic and viewer discretion is advised. (NR) 102 min.

A – 12/11, 10 am, Saturday
NAMI Support Group
Parents and caregivers of a loved one with mental illness are welcome to this National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) group. If someone you know is struggling with mental illness, you are not alone. Drop in.

A – 12/12, 3, 12/16, 12/30, 1 pm – 3 pm, Thursdays
String of Purls - Knit/Crochet
Want to learn to knit and 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 – 12/12, 6 pm, Thursday
Holiday Movie: Elf
(PG) 97 min.

A – 12/20, 9 am, Monday
Take & Make:
Cottage House Luminaries
Pick up your kit at the Stafford Branch Circulation Desk. Supplies and instructions provided. Available while supplies last.

A – 12/20, 9 am, Monday
Take & Make:
New Year Mandala Coloring Poster
Come in and grab an inspirational velvet coloring poster of a mandala for the New Year. Ages 12 – 18. While supplies last.

CH – 12/6, 11 am, Monday
AAUW Monday Book Discussion
Olive Again by Elizabeth Strout.

A – 12/6, 11 am, Monday
AAUW Monday Book Discussion
You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Elizabeth Strout. Available while supplies last.

A – 12/17, 12:30 – 18.
Mah Jong
Please bring your current year gaming cards and game sets. Drop in.

A – 12/6, 9 am, Monday
Take & Make: Clothespin Snowman & Reindeer
Pick up your kit at the Stafford Branch Circulation Desk. Supplies and instructions provided. Available while supplies last.

CH – 12/6, 9 am, Monday
Take & Make:
National Cookie Day
Children ages 3 – 7 are invited to pick up a craft based on If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff. Available while supplies last.

MKR/G – 12/6, 6 pm, Monday
Take & Make:
3D Printed Cookie Cutters
Register to receive a set of two festive cookie cutters created in Sparks’s Lab using the Lulzbot 3D Printer. All ages. REG

CH – 12/7, 9 am, Tuesday
Take & Make:
Sensory Gingerbread Friends
Celebrate the scents of the season with a fun sensory take-home craft. Children and their families are invited to pick up a take-home craft while supplies last. Recommended for children ages 2 – 4.

CH – 12/7, 1 pm, Monday
Elvistory: Christmas with The King
It’s the holiday season and award-winning Elvis Tribute Artist and “Elvis-torian” Ruben Castillo takes you on a Yuletide journey with Elvis as your holiday tour guide. During this LIVE musical lecture, you’ll learn about Elvis’s love of the holidays, traditions and toys that were in fashion during Elvis’s career, and sing along to some great holiday music made popular by The King himself, with few tunes that may surprise you. REG

A – 12/8, 9 am, Wednesday
Storytime-to-Go Bundles
Stop by the Toms River Branch throughout the month of December for picture book bundles that are perfect for storytime at home. Bundles are available while supplies last.

ED – December
European Canvas by Suzi Hoffman and Mary Walker-Baptiste (McConnell Gallery)
Enjoy by Ron Cappuccilli (2nd Floor Gallery)

CH – 12/1, Wednesday
Storytime-to-Go Bundles
Take & Make: Snowman Wreath
Children and their families are invited to pick up a Snowman Wreath craft kit. Available while supplies last. Best for children ages 3 – 6.

A/T – 12/1, 2 pm, Wednesday,
Learn to Loom Knit
Join us and learn the basics toloom knitting. We will be making preemie hats to donate to a local hospital. Supplies will be provided. No experience required. Registration is limited and required. Program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library - Toms River. REG

CH – 12/27, 9 am, Tuesday
Take & Make:
Sensory Gingerbread Friends
Celebrate the scents of the season with a fun sensory take-home craft. Children and their families are invited to pick up a take-home craft while supplies last. Recommended for children ages 2 – 4.

S/G – starting 12/3, 9 am, Friday
Celebrate National Cookie Day with a Book Bundle
Visit the Sensory Space on the 2nd floor to pick up your National Cookie Day book bundle. You can read about all things cookie and maybe try some new recipes in one of the cookbooks. Book Bundles will be available for checkout for all ages while supplies last.

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CH – 12/8, 9 am, Wednesday
Take & Make: Ornaments Craft Kit
Available while supplies last.

DIV/A – 12/9, 6 pm, Thursday,
Holiday Dances and Music of Spain and Latin America
Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre will perform dances from Spain, Ecuador, Peru and Mexico. There will be joyous Christmas songs and special festival dances. Sponsored by OceanFirst Bank Foundation. REG

MKR/T/A – 12/9, 6 pm, Thursday
Take & Make: DIY Beach Inspired Themed Ornaments
Take & Make Craft: Create your own holiday-themed ornament. Kits will be available for pick-up outside of Sparks’s Lab on the second floor. Caregivers must be present. Ages 13+. REG

CH/TW – 12/11, 9 am, Saturday
Take & Make: Hand Stitch a Felt Ornament
Create a festive ornament with felt, thread, and beads. Ages 13+. REG

MKR/S/G – 12/11, 12 pm – 1 pm, Saturday
Take & Make: Holiday Sensory Themed Ornaments
Kits will be available for pick-up outside of Sparks’s Lab on the second floor of the Library. All ages.

MKR/S/T/A – 12/11, 1 pm – 3 pm, Saturday
Drop-in Holiday Sensory-Themed Ornaments
Come join the Sparks’s Lab and Sensory Space to create your own holiday-themed ornament. Sensory-related materials will be provided while supplies last. Will take place in Sparks’s Lab located on the second floor. Caregivers must be present. Ages 13+. REG

CH – 12/13, 9 am, Monday
Take & Make: Reindeer Paper Plate Craft
Children and their families are invited to pick up a craft kit. Available while supplies last.

CH/TW – 12/14, 9 am, Tuesday
Take & Make: Snowman Ornament
Available while supplies last. Recommended for children ages 5 – 12.

T – 12/14, 5:30 pm, Tuesday
Dungeons & Dragons for Teens
Join players on an adventure in the world of Dungeons & Dragons. Open to new and experienced players. Space is limited. REG.

MKR/A – 12/15, 6 pm – 7 pm, Wednesday
Take & Make: DIY Holiday Gift Bag Kit
Stop by and pick up your holiday bag craft kit. Included are Circuit® Maker™ cut outs, a brown paper bag, sparkles, ribbon, a glue stick, and holiday tags. Kits will be available for pick up outside of Sparks’s Lab on the second floor of the Library while supplies last. Ages 13+.

MKR/A – 12/16, 10 am, Thursday
Take & Make: DIY Beach Inspired Holiday Ornaments
Each kit has supplies to make two ornaments. Available while supplies last. Please be mindful and only take one kit per person.

S/T – 12/16, 2:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Calm Room
Join us for the Teen Calm Room in our new Sensory Space that’s available to teens with a variety of special needs. In our room you can engage with stimulating, tactile, or calming interactive products, participate in a craft, and enjoy videos. Caregiver must be present and registered. Ages 12 – 18. REG.

CH – 12/18, Saturday
Take & Make: Alphabet Soup
Stop by to pick up a “D is for Dinosaur and December” Craft Kit, which also includes a suggested reading list and printed activities. Best for children ages 3 – 5. Available while supplies last.

CH – 12/20, Monday
Take & Make: National Llama Day
Kits include a Llama Llama themed craft, book list and printed activities. Available while supplies last. Best for children ages 3 – 6.

MKR/CH/T – 12/20, 12 pm, Tuesday
Take & Make: Wooden Photo Class
Come and learn how to transfer an image to a wooden plaque using mod podge. Please bring in a copy of your original image to use for the transfer or a copy. Computers in the Sparks’s Lab will also be available to use to print and/or make copies of your photo. Ages 18+. REG

CH – 12/28, Tuesday
Take & Make for Holiday Break: Spiderman Mask

CH/TW – 12/30, Wednesday
Take & Make: Penguin Thermometer
Get ready to chill this winter with a fun take-home craft. Available while supplies last. Recommended for children ages 5 – 12.

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Programs and Events Guide
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A – 12/2, 11 am, Thursday
Coping with Holiday Stress
Ocean County Health Department presents a 20-minute program followed by a question and answer session. REG

A – 12/6, Monday
Take & Make Craft: Festive Trees
Design your own mini tree. Available while supplies last.

CH – 12/6, Monday
Take & Make Craft: Snow Globe Fun
Available while supplies last.

A/T – 12/20, 6 pm, Monday
Movie: Respect
(PG-13) 145 min.

CH – 12/27, Monday
Take & Make Craft: Kwanzaa Necklace
Kwanzaa is an annual celebration of African-American culture that is held from December 26 to January 1. Available while supplies last.

A/T – 12/27, 6:30 pm, Monday
Movie: Black Widow
(PG-13) 133 min.

BD – 12/10, 3 pm, Friday
Upper Shores Book Discussion Group
This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger. New members are always welcome.

CH – 12/13, Monday
Take & Make: Dinosaur Christmas Sign
Available while supplies last.

T – 12/13, Monday
Take & Make: Jack Skellington Ornament
Available while supplies last.

A – 12/14, 6 pm, Tuesday
Evening Holiday Film: White Christmas
(NR) 120 min.

G – December
Holiday Scavenger Hunt
Have some holiday fun and see if you can spot all of the holiday items hidden around the Library.

A – 12/10, 6:30 pm, Friday
Movie Night: The Mountains Between Us
(PG-13) 111 min.

A – 12/7, 10 am, Tuesday
Art Chat
Meet and talk with local artists. Bring your own work for feedback.

T – 12/10, 2:30 pm, Friday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A/T – 12/13, 6:30 pm, Monday
Movie Night: The Notebook
(PG-13) 123 min.

T – 12/15, 2:30 pm, Wednesday
Afternoon Film and Discussion for Teens: American Teen
(PG-13) 102 min. REG

A – 12/2, 2 pm, Thursday
Great American Standards
The talented Gary Evans entertains us with his delightful music at our piano on the main floor. Requests are welcome. Seating is limited. REG

A – 12/6, Monday
Take & Make for Adults: Candy Cane Ornament
Available while supplies last.

CH – 12/20, Monday
Take & Make Craft: Winter Fun
Design your own cozy winter magnet. Available while supplies last.

G – December
Family Take & Make: Miniature Kwanzaa Unity Cups
Available while supplies last.

T – 12/14, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
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A – 12/16, Thursday
Take & Make for Adults: Holiday Coloring
Available while supplies last.

A – 12/22, 2 pm, Wednesday
Afternoon Holiday Film: The Man Who Invented Christmas
(PG) 104 min.

A – 12/27, Monday
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**Positioned Programs**

**VIRTUAL PROGRAMS**

DIV/A – December World Languages & Holidays Trivia
Not only are there numerous holidays celebrated around the world in December, but it’s also a time to learn a new language. Test your knowledge of world cultures, languages, and holidays with our Kahoot quiz. Presented by the Toms River Branch.

DIV/T/TW – 12/3, 9 am, Friday
**Gentle Rain Sensory Bottle**
Learn how to make this craft using supplies you have on hand such as paper clips, leaves, and beads. Presented by the Lacey Branch. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

DIV/T – 12/1, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
**World AIDS Day: A History**
Join us to hear Austin Greitz, LGBTQ activist and professional in the HIV/AIDS prevention field, share the history of HIV/AIDS movement in honor of World AIDS Day. This program will be a live virtual program held on Zoom, hosted by the Toms River Branch. REG

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**PROGRAMS**

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

CH – 12/1, Wednesday
**Kids Take & Make:**
**Paper Snowmen**
Available while supplies last.

A – 12/6, 2 pm, Monday
**Just Kil’n Time:**
**Winter Tree Nightlights**
Come and paint a winter tree ceramic nightlight with experts from Waretown’s Just Kil’n Time. REG

A – 12/7, 12/21, 11 am, Tuesdays
**Waretown Writers’ Group**
Join other writers to explore your skills in an informal and fun discussion group.

T – 12/8, Wednesday
**Take & Make:**
**Button Wreath**
Available while supplies last.

CH – 12/15, Wednesday
**PreK Take & Make:**
**Snowman Measuring Sticks**
Available while supplies last.

A – 12/17, Wednesday
**Take & Make:**
**Baby Yarn Hats**
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