Ocean County Library
Programs and Events Guide
December 2022

Program Key:
A Adult Program
BD Book Discussion
C Computer
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 Teen Program

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609-698-3331

TW – 12/1, 6:30 pm, Thursday TWEEN Club: Holiday Wood Slice Ornament
Create a holiday wood slice ornament. Ages 8 – 12. REG

C/A – 12/2, 2 pm, Friday Streaming Movies with OCL
Learn about all of the ways that you can stream movies from the comfort of your own home with your Ocean County Library card.
REG

A – 1 pm, Mondays
Monday Movies
12/5: Mack & Rita (PG-13) 95 min.
12/12: Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13) 131 min.
12/19: Four Christmases (PG-13) 88 min.

A/PA – 12/6, 7 pm, Tuesday Burr Street Book Cafe
Drop in to talk about what you are reading and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea.

CH – 12/7, Wednesday
Hanukkah Story and Craft Bundle
Pick up a Hanukkah themed story and craft bundle. While supplies last. Ages 4 – 8.

CH – 12/7, 10 am, Wednesday Toddler Storytime
Join us for stories, rhymes, music, and light movement. Ages 18 – 36 months with a caregiver.
REG

T – 6 pm, All Wednesdays
Teen Game Night
Ages 12 – 18. Drop in.

T – 12/7, 6 pm, Wednesday Teen Anime Club
Join us to watch and discuss the latest anime. Ages 12 – 18. Drop in.

CH/PA – 12/8, 6:30 pm, Thursday Holiday Cookie Decorating
Decorate holiday shaped sugar cookies. Ages 5+. REG

A – 12/3, 3 pm, Friday
Jingle Bell Wreath Door Hanger
Spread some holiday cheer and assemble a jingle bell wreath door hanger for your home. Sponsored by the Friends of the Barnegat Library. REG

CH/PA – 12/13, 10 am, Tuesday
Santa Claus Storytime
Holiday themed stories and songs followed by a visit from Santa Claus. Enjoy refreshments sponsored by the Friends of the Barnegat Library. Ages 2+. REG

A – 12/13, 2 pm, Tuesday Embroidered Greeting Cards
Learn how to embroider your own paper cards for a fun homemade gift with local artist, Linda Johnson. REG

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

T/PA – 12/14, 7 pm, Wednesday Chocolate Making for Teens
Melt and pour chocolate into molds. Enjoy your creations or give them as a gift. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 12/15, 6 pm, Thursday Family Movie Night
The Grinch (PG) 90 min. Drop in.

T – 12/16, 3:30 pm, Friday
DIY Snow Globes!
Design a piece of artwork, then watch glitter and “snow” fall around your creation. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A – 12/17, 10 am, Saturday
Jingle Bell Rocks!
Documentary (NR) 94 min.

A/FT – 12/17, 2 pm, Saturday
Christmas with the King
Award-winning Elvis Presley tribute artist and “Elvis-torian” George “Ruben” Castillo will step into character for the live musical Yuletide journey. REG

CH – 12/21, 10 am, Wednesday Baby & Me
Come for rhymes, songs, and stories. Ages up to 18 months with a caregiver. REG

T – 12/21, 6:30 pm, Wednesday Yoga for Teens
Come out and unwind with Yoga for Teens hosted by Certified Yoga Instructor Courtney MacKay. Please bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 12/29/2, Thursday
Model Magic
Come and play with model magic. Ages 4+. REG

CH – 12/30, Friday
Drop-in New Year’s Eve Craft
Drop in for a New Year’s Eve themed craft. Ages 4+. CAP

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.

Program dates and times are subject to change.
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.
Sparks’s Lab at the Ocean County Library is a public makerspace that provides a hands-on creative environment where you can transform your ideas into reality.

For more information visit theoceancountylibrary.org/sparkss-lab

A – 12/1, Thursday
Take & Make for Adults: String Art
Stop by the Branch and take home a string art craft. While supplies last. REG

A – 12/5, 6:30 pm, Monday
Acoustic Jam Session
Bring an instrument and play with other musicians. All skill levels and musical styles are welcome. REG

T – 12/6, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Mini Vase Painting for Teens
A friendly environment for teens to express their creativity through painting mini vases. Space is limited. REG

CH – 12/7, 11 am, Wednesday
Open Play
Bring your kids to the library to play and socialize with others. Ages up to 6 years. REG

A – 12/8, 3 pm, Thursday
Creative Writing Club
Explore the art of writing with others and get feedback on your work. All styles of writing are welcome. REG

T – 12/12, 4 pm, Monday
Teen Board Game Afternoon
Teens can stop by the library, hang out, and play board games. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 12/1, 10:30 am, Thursday
Toddler Time
Play with your little one as we share stories, rhymes, songs, and dance. Ages 1 – 2.

A – 1 pm – 4 pm, All Thursdays
Mah Jongg
Weekly play for Mah Jongg Mavens. Players bring their own set and current card.

CH – 12/15, 11 am, Thursday
Winter Storytime
Bundle up and enjoy some winter-themed stories and activities. Ages up to 8 years. REG

CH/TW – 12/20, 11 am, Tuesday
DIY Sewing Animals
Space is limited. Ages 5 – 12. REG

G – December
Pop-in Puzzle
Stop in and help us complete a puzzle.

CH – December
I Spy Bulletin Board
See what you can spy on our interactive bulletin board display. Find all the hidden items and win a prize.

G – 12/1 – 12/15
Gingerbread House Contest
Create a festive gingerbread house and drop it off to the Berkeley Branch. Construction materials can be anything you have on hand, it does not need to be edible. Maximum size: 12 by 12. Prizes sponsored by the Friends of the Berkeley Library will be awarded to the winners in the following groups: Children (0 – 12), Teens (13 – 17), Adults (18+).

CH – 12/1, 10:30 am, Thursday
Toddler Time
Play with your little one as we share stories, rhymes, songs, and dance. Ages 1 – 2.

TA – 12/3, 3 pm, Saturday
Teen Movie Matinee
Watch a movie and enjoy snacks with other teens. REG

A – 11:30 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.

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BERKELEY
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T – 12/22, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Game Night
Play familiar and new games, just for teens. REG

CH – 12/23, 10:30 am, Friday
Toddler Time
Play with your little one as we share stories, rhymes, songs, and dance. Ages 1 – 2.

A – 12/28, 6 pm, Wednesday
Psychic Ability
In this program we will discuss the similarities and differences between intuition and psychic ability. We will discuss auras, prophetic dreams, and astral projection. At the end of the discussion we'll briefly meditate and share our experiences. REG

A – 12/7, 6 pm, Wednesday
Design and Build a Terrarium
Learn the history of terrariums as designed for babies not yet walking. REG

CH – 12/14, 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

A/PA – 12/14, 6 pm – 8:30 pm, Wednesday
Essential Oils
Essential oils have antibacterial, antiviral, anti-inflammatory, antiseptic and antibiotic properties. They are also impactful on our brain chemistry, emotional well-being, and spiritual wellness. Participants will receive a “take home” sample. REG

T – 12/15, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A – 12/12, 2 pm, Monday
Advanced French Club
Join us at the Brick Branch and speak French with other French speakers in the community. Intermediate and advanced speakers welcome. REG

CH – 12/12, 10:30 am, Monday
Cookie Storytime
Join us for cookie themed stories and a craft. Ages 2+. REG

A – 12/10, 1:30 pm, Saturday
Feature Film: Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris
(PG) 92 min. REG

A – 12/14, 10 am, Wednesday
Craft for Adults with Special Challenges
Join us for a fun craft. REG

T – 12/14, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
DIY Holiday Ornaments
We will be making a ribbon pine cone ornament. REG

A – 12/15, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Night Crafting for Adults
Join us for some candy cane crafts and a candy cane scavenger hunt. REG

CH – 12/19, 10:30 am, Monday
Candy Cane Crafts & Scavenger Hunt
Join us for some candy cane crafts and a candy cane scavenger hunt. REG

A – 12/17, 2 pm, Saturday
The Navesink Brass Quintet: A Holiday Concert
Take a break from the holiday bustle and enjoy a festive concert. This Monmouth County ensemble is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2022 and will perform traditional classics as well as musical numbers from several cultures. REG

CH – 12/19, 10:30 am, Friday
Decorate the Library Drop-in
CH – 12/6, 6 pm, Tuesday
Decorate the Library Drop-in
Drop in to help make some winter decorations to put around the library. REG

A – 7 pm, All Tuesdays
English Conversation Group
Practice English conversation and talk about current events and more. Drop in.

C/A – 12/17, 10 am, Wednesday
iPhone Basics
Learn about the major features of an iPhone and get the most out of using this device. REG

TW – 12/7, 4 pm, Wednesday
Tweens Art
Stop by for a fun art project. Ages 8 – 12. REG

T/PA – 12/7, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Doki Doki Anime Club
Gather, watch, and talk about Japanese animation. Try Japanese snacks, practice your drawing skills or just enjoy the viewing. Ages 13 – 18. REG

CH – 12/13, 10:30 am, Monday
Night Crafting for Adults
Join us to make a variety of holiday ornaments. Ages 13 – 18. REG

A – 12/13, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Learn to Use Facebook®
Learn to like, post, and upload photos on Facebook®. REG

A – 12/13, 6 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A – 12/16, 6 pm, Tuesday
Advanced French Club
Join us at the Brick Branch and speak French with other French speakers in the community. Intermediate and advanced speakers welcome. REG

CH – 12/13, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Hot Chocolate Storytime
Come enjoy cozy stories and a craft. Ages 2+. REG

C/A – 12/13, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
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Learn to like, post, and upload photos on Facebook®. REG
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<th>Paws for Reading</th>
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<td>Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Ages 5+.</td>
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<td>Wear your pajamas for some cozy stories. Ages 2+. REG</td>
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<th>Brainfuse: HelpNow™</th>
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<td>Learn about this online tutoring service that provides live help in a number of subject areas for elementary, middle school, high school, and college students. Active library card required. REG</td>
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<th>Snowflake Decorating Craft</th>
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<td>Learn how to navigate Amazon® to browse for and locate items you are interested in. REG</td>
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<th>Preschool Storytime: Snowflake Time</th>
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<td>Stories and activities. Ages 3 – 5. REG</td>
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<td>Socialize with other crafters.</td>
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<th>CH – 12/2, 3:30 pm, Friday</th>
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<td>Let’s create a special card for the holidays.</td>
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<th>Paint Chip Haiku</th>
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<td>Stop by the Teen Zone throughout December to learn about the Japanese poetry form Haiku. Explore its thirteenth century origins and its traditional elements. Read some examples by the masters. Then create your own. Ages 12 – 18.</td>
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<th>Holiday Concert: Swinging Jazz and Holiday Classics</th>
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<td>Deb Lyons of The Mamas and The Papas and John Bianculli, who opened for Céline Dion, play jazz and holiday favorites for your enjoyment. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library. REG</td>
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<th>Teen Volunteer Hour</th>
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December 24th, 25th, and 26th

Branches will resume normal hours on Tuesday, December 27th
MKR/TW – 12/12, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Homeschool Makers: Makedo Creations
Come make cool cardboard creations for the Library’s Makedo kit. Ages 8 – 12. REG

MKR/A – 12/8, 2:30 pm, Thursday
Holiday Ornament Craft
Make a beautiful holiday ornament or framed art using a wooden embroidery hoop, fabric and embellishments to display or gift. REG

MKR/CH – 12/12, 7:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen Gumshoes

MKR/TW – 12/12, 3:30 pm, Monday
Cardboard Gingerbread Houses
Test your creativity and engineering skills by constructing a gingerbread house using cardboard. Ages 8 – 14. REG

FR – 12/15, 4 pm, Thursday
Jackson Friends of the Library Meeting
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

FR – 12/15, 10:30 am, Thursday
Knit Chat Chain
Knit, crochet, sew, or embroider with fellow Stitch It members. Share leisurely conversation & tips. All skill levels are welcome.

CH – 12/9, 9 am – 12 pm, Friday
Drop-in Craft: Animal Crafts
Drop by and make some fun crafts in the Children’s Department.

CH – 12/9, 6 pm, Friday
Kidz Paint Party
Come paint along with an art instructor from Carazy Paint Studio. Ages 6 – 12. REG

CH – 12/10, 1 pm, Saturday
Diode Zodiac
Create a backlit zodiac constellation. Learn about astronomy and circuits. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 12/10, 1 pm, Saturday
Basically Ballet Studio presents Nutcracker in a Nutshell
The classic ballet condensed into a 30-minute performance. REG

CH – 12/10, 2:30 pm, Saturday
Drop-in Crafts
Get crafty and create a holiday ornament. Ages 6 – 12. REG

CH – 12/10, 2:30 pm, Saturday
DIY Makedo Creations
Make a Makedo kit. Ages 8 – 12. REG

CH – 12/10, 1 pm, Saturday
Auction
Auction of art supplies and tools. REG

CH – 12/11, 10 am – 12
Desk Pet Craft Club: Cozy Home
Create a beautiful home for your Desk Pet. REG

MX – 12/11, 2:30 pm, Saturday
Film and Discussion: Craft in America – Holiday (TV-PG) 94 min. Ages 6 – 12. REG

MX – 12/11, 3:30 pm, Saturday
Desk Pet Club: Cozy Home
Create a beautiful home for your eraser pet. REG

MX – 12/11, 10:30 am, Saturday
Sensory Time
Explore your senses with fun station-based play. Ages 2 – 5. REG

MX – 12/11, 2:30 pm, Saturday
90s through Today Trivia Game
Join us for an exciting game of 90s through today trivia. Test your knowledge of popular movies, music and more. REG

MX – 12/11, 6:30 pm, Saturday
Diode Zodiac
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MX – 12/12, 7:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen Gumshoes

MX – 12/12, 10 am – 12
Drop-in Crafts
Get crafty and create a holiday ornament. Ages 6 – 12. REG

MX – 12/12, 2:30 pm, Saturday
Drop-in Crafts
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MX – 12/12, 10 am, Tuesday
Stitch It Club
Knit, crochet, sew, or embroider with fellow Stitch It members. Share leisurely conversation & tips. All skill levels are welcome.

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

BD – 12/13, 1 pm, Tuesday
Only Woman in the Room
Awards-Winning Elvis-Storian and Elvistory – King of Vegas
A/R – 12/13, 1 pm, Tuesday
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BD/T – 12/13, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Drop-in Building
Drop into the Children’s Department for some building fun.

BD/T – 12/7, 7:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen Gumshoes

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A – 12/6, 10 am, Tuesday
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A – 12/9, 10 am, Friday
Craft Corner for Adults
Get crafty and create a holiday ornament. Ages 6 – 12. REG

A – 12/9, 10 am, Friday
Pajama Movie Night
Watch a cult classic film while enjoying snacks and games. Ages 13 – 18. REG

A/P – 12/10, 1 pm, Saturday
The Art of Natural Fragrance: Create Your Own Scent
Join perfume enthusiast, Megan Ruisch, for this engaging hands-on DIY program, where participants will learn how to blend natural ingredients and create their own fragrant balm. Space is limited. This program is not recommended for those with asthma, allergies, or skin sensitivity. REG

A – 12/3, 10:30 am, Saturday
Lacey Shore Memory Café
Early-Stage Memory Café offers opportunities for persons diagnosed with early-stage memory loss, and their care partner(s), to engage with peers in a relaxed, unstructured environment. Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association of Greater New Jersey.

A – 12/3, 10:30 am & 11:30 am, Tuesday
Craft for Adults with Special Challenges
Craft kit is sponsored by the KearnyBank Foundation Grant. REG

A – 12/13, 10:30 am & 11:30 am, Tuesday
Meet the Mayor
Join us as the Lacey Branch hosts Meet the Mayor with Lacey Mayor Mark Dykoff.

CH – 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 10 am, Wednesday
Mother Goose Time
For babies up to 18 months with a caregiver. REG
CH/PA – 12/14, 4:30 pm, Wednesday Gingerbread House Decorating Ages 6 – 12. REG

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CH – 12/19, 10:30 am, Monday Preschool Crafters: Holidays! Best for ages 3 – 5. REG

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LAKEWOOD
732-363-1435

T – 12/28, 2 pm, Wednesday
Ribbon Memo Board
Stay organized in the New Year by making a ribbon memo board. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 12/28, 2:30 pm, Wednesday
Gingerbread House
Create a graham cracker gingerbread house. Ages 5 – 12. REG

A – 12/26, 6 pm, Wednesday
Adult Craft: Miniature Winter Wreaths
Make a small, seasonal wreath to hang for the winter. REG

CH – 12/29, 6 pm, Thursday
Handprint Penguins
Simple penguin craft. Ages 5 – 12. REG

T – 12/30, 3 pm, Friday
New Year’s Resolution Planning
Post your New Year’s Resolution on the Teen Zone’s bulletin board. Ages 12 – 18.

LITTLE EGG HARBOR
609-294-1197

T/PA – 12/1, 6 pm, Thursday
Teen Movie Night
Bring a travel chair, blanket, sleeping bag, or beanbag chair to get comfy in our meeting room. Popcorn will be provided. Please bring your own drinks. Call the branch for the title, rating, and run time.

MKR/G – 12/2, 2 pm, Friday
Green Screen Holiday Photos
Stop in to have a holiday photo taken in front of our green screen. Select a festive background and we will snap a picture and email you a digital file that can be shared on social media or used to order holiday cards from your favorite online shop.

G – 12/3, 3 pm, Saturday
Decorative Mosaics
Be inspired by the decorative mosiacs that capture the spirit of Rajasthan, the desert state of India. Join Enjoy Explore India with lively folk music and haunting melodies as you make your own beautiful mosaic tile. In this workshop you will use tiles, mirrors, laces, and jewels to create a scintillating mosaic pattern that you will be proud to hang in your own home or give as a gift. REG

A – 12/5, 12/19, 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.

TW – 12/5, 4 pm, Monday
Page Turners: Tween Book Club
Bring a favorite book to talk about or come for recommendations and a craft. Ages 9 – 12. REG

A – 7 pm, All Tuesdays
English Conversation Group
Practice English in an informal, friendly setting.

A – 12/6, 7 pm, Tuesday
NGXB: Rockin’ the Hits on 88 Keys
Pianist and arranger, NGXB, loves to give the rock’n’roll experience on all 88 keys. His concert features classic hits and standards from the 50s, 60s and 70s. NGXB is often compared to Liberace by many, as he performs all of his solo piano arrangements with little or no singing throughout the act and has a dynamic stage presence and personality. REG

A – 12/7, 7 pm, Wednesday
Holiday Program featuring Flute and Guitar
Celebrate the holiday season with a festive flute and guitar concert. Flutist Marjorie Koharski and guitarist Keith Calmes will perform a variety of holiday music including classical selections, international carols, and holiday standards. REG

A – 12/8, 3 pm, Thursday
Therapeutic Clay Project
Don’t be afraid to get creative and try your hand at a new craft. Join us for a therapeutic clay project as we make a candy dish using air dry clay. REG

T – 12/8, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 12/9, 2:30 pm, Friday
What is Money Anyway?
Learn the values of the different paper and coin money, what a bank account is, and much more. Ages 5 – 7. REG

CH/PA – 12/8, 3 pm, Thursday
Gaming Cards
Play familiar and new games, and take some requests. From all decades, and will even perform a variety of holiday numbers, international carols, music including classical standards from the 50s, 60s and 70s. NGXB is often compared to Liberace by many, as he performs all of his solo piano arrangements with little or no singing throughout the act and has a dynamic stage presence and personality. REG

T – 12/8, 6 pm, Thursday
Teen Game Night
Play familiar and new games, just for teens. Ages 12 – 18. REG

T – 12/10, 7 pm, Tuesday
Flute and Guitar
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BD – 12/20, 12:30 pm, Tuesday
Little Egg Harbor Book Discussion

CH – 12/20, 5:30 pm, Tuesday
Drop-in Holiday Craft & Scavenger Hunt
Ages 3+.

BD – 12/20, 7 pm, Tuesday
Marvelous Sleuths Book Discussion
Join us for a discussion of Camino Island by John Grisham. New members welcome.

A – 12/21, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Navesink Brass Holiday Concert
The Navesink Brass is a professional brass quintet comfortable with all styles of music from the Renaissance to Jazz and Rock. Formed in 1992 in Red Bank, New Jersey, the ensemble took the name of the local river flowing through Monmouth County. Come celebrate the Yuletide in style as the Navesink Brass performs a concert of seasonal and holiday numbers from several cultures. Sponsored by the Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Branch. REG

CH – 12/22, 11:30 am – 12 pm, Thursday
Baby Messy Time
Little ones can explore their world by making a mess with all things squishy, colorful, and fun. Ages 9 – 18 months. REG

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Baker's Dozen: Holiday Cookie Recipes from Around the World

Create a fun craft and learn about different holidays people celebrate in December. One example is Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights.

**A/PA – 12/5, Monday**

**Double Feature Monday**

10:30 am – Top Gun (PG) 110 min.
1:30 pm – Top Gun Maverick (PG-13) 130 min.

There will be a short intermission between films (~ 12:30 pm). We welcome you to bring a bagged lunch and/or snacks. Cider and cookies will be provided.

**A – 12/6, 11 am, Tuesday Blood Pressure Clinic**

Free blood pressure screening the first Tuesday of the month by the LBI Health Department. Walk-ins welcome.

**CH – 12/6, 11 am, Tuesday Blood Pressure Clinic**

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**FR – 12/8, 10 am, Thursday Friends of the Island Library Meeting**

**FR/E/PA – 12/12, 1 pm, Wednesday Holiday Water Bottles**

Decorate a water bottle for yourself or someone special in a winter motif.

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**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. All children must wear or bring painting smock. Ages 6 months+.

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**G/PA – 12/19, 1:30 pm, Monday Monday Movie Matinee: Miracle on 34th Street**

Enjoy unstructured play with a variety of stations. These games and activities will help build gross motor skills, strengthen cognitive development, and inspire free thinking creativity. Be sure to wear clothing you don’t mind getting messy. Ages 6 months+.

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**G – 12/10, 2 pm, Saturday The Strictly 60s Band**

Musical tribute to the 1960s with the holidays thrown in. The music includes many artists like Elvis, Dion, Beach Boys, The Four Seasons, and Beatles to name a few and we incorporate music with trivia, musical facts, and an interactive sing along in all our shows.

**A – 12/13, 3 pm, Tuesday Holiday Water Bottles**

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**ED – December Exhibit – Acrylic Paintings by Tina Crepezzi**

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**CH – 12/29, Thursday New Year’s Eve Take & Make**

Available while supplies last. Ages 3+.

**A – 12/31, 2 pm, Saturday Saturday Movie**

Please call the branch at 609-294-1197 for the film title, rating, and other details.
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LONG BEACH ISLAND
609-494-2480

G – 12/20, 2 pm, Tuesday
Friends of the Island Library
Monthly Book Sale
Get six books for $1 and help the Friends of the Island Library continue to provide great programs and support.

A – 12/9/10, 10 am, Friday
Weathering Winter
Be ready for the cold and ice with these tips and tricks for staying safe and healthy when winter whips through. REG

G/PA – 12/20, 6 pm, Tuesday
Family Movie Night In-Person & Kit: The Muppets Christmas Carol
(G) 85 min. See it on our big screen. Bring your own refreshments. Can’t make it? Stop by during the day and pick up a movie kit and check out a copy of the film so you can enjoy it at your leisure. Available while supplies last. REG

A – 12/9, 12/23, 1 pm – 3 pm, Fridays
Quilting Bee
Come join other quilters to work on individual and group projects.

CH/TW/PA – 12/12, 6:30 pm, Monday
Christmas Craftapalooza
Join us for Christmas themed crafts and snacks. Please notify staff of food allergies prior to registering for the program. Ages 4 – 12. REG

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MANCHESTER
732-657-7600

ED – 12/1 – 12/19
Art Exhibit: Richard Lewis
Come in and enjoy photographs by Richard Lewis.

A – 12/1, 10 am, Thursday
Manchester Memory Cafe
This Virtual Early-Stage Memory Cafe provides opportunities for persons diagnosed with early-stage memory loss, and their care partner(s), to engage with peers in a relaxed, unstructured environment. Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association of Greater New Jersey on the first Thursday of every month. To register call the Alzheimer’s Association 24/7 Helpline (800) 272-3900.

A – 12/12, 2 pm, Monday
Seasonal Sing-Along
Join us in singing various festive and holiday tunes during these cold, winter days. REG

A – 12/13, 10 am, Tuesday
Brain Games: Keep the Mind Sharp
This interactive, fun presentation discusses our brain as the “master computer” and the important topic of brain health. There are routine maintenance activities we can do on a daily basis that helps to keep this master organ healthy and in best working order, even as we age. Diet, physical exercise and proper rest will be touched upon. There will also be games and exercises played that stimulate and exercise different areas of our brain to help increase our memory. A strongly exercised brain can help keep our memory strong. REG

A – 12/13, 2 pm – 4 pm, Tuesday
Writers Group
Bring your poetry, essays, and short stories. The Writers Group critiques each other’s works and provides feedback.
A – 12/14, 2 pm, Wednesday
Winter Ornaments for Adults
Make decorative ornaments using paper and other basic supplies. Since nearly everyone is pressed for time and money during the holiday season, the focus is on crafts that are easy, fast and inexpensive to complete. Participants must bring their own scissors. REG

A/P/A – 12/16, 2 pm, Friday
Calming Coloring
Coloring is a great method of stress relief for adults. Spend a relaxing afternoon creating art, listening to soothing music and relaxing with like-minded adults at the library. 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 aroma-therapy and therapy animals. This program meets once per month, on the third Friday from 2 pm to 3:30 pm. REG

CH/TW/PA – 12/13, 6 pm, Tuesday
Blending Fun with Amy – Winter Smoothies
Blending Fun with Amy as our culinary guide, children and tweens will learn to make healthy winter-themed smoothies using fresh ingredients. There will be a chocolate mint flavor and more to delight your taste buds. There will be a blending demo, taste testing, guessing games, take home recipes and more. Please notify us of any food allergies prior to registering for the program. Ages 6 – 12. REG

CH/TW/PA – 12/13, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Chocolate Covered Pretzels: Adult Craft and Relax
Learn how to dip and decorate your own holiday chocolate covered pretzels. Space is limited. REG

CH – 12/1, 10 am, Thursday
Drop-in Holiday Countdown Craft
Children and their caregivers can drop in to make paper chain holiday countdowns in the kid’s zone. Ages 2+.

T – 12/7, 3 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

T – 12/7, 3 pm, Wednesday
Vintage Gaming
Get some practice in and prepare for our spring vintage gaming tournament. This month we are playing Pac-Man. Ages 12 – 18.

A – 12/8, 2 pm, Thursday
Warm and Bright: Dakota & Elle Sing Holiday Hits
Celebrate the holidays with live music from local tenor & soprano, Dakota & Elle. Enjoy classic holiday hits like “Winter Wonderland,” “Hallelujah,” and “Let it Snow.” REG

A – 12/12, 7 pm, Monday
NGXB: Rockin’ the Hits on 88 Keys
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CH – 12/15, 10:30 am, Thursday
Homeschool Art: Project to be Determined
Join us for our monthly Homeschool Art Club. Ages 6+. REG

CH – 12/16, 10 am, Friday
Drop-in Pebble Art
Children and their caregivers can drop in to make pebble art ornaments, or table decorations, in the kid’s zone. Ages 2+.

CH – 12/17, 11 am, Saturday
Big Book Storytime
Join us for stories and songs in the children’s collection. Ages 3+. REG

CH/TW/T – 12/19, 2 pm, Monday
Jenkinson's Aquarium: Penguin Pointers
Plumsted Branch is hosting Jenkinson’s Aquarium for a fun, educational 45-minute program with live penguins. We will learn about penguins, their habitat, eating habits and more. Ages 3+. REG

CH – 12/30, 10 am, Friday
Drop-in New Year’s Craft
Children and their caregivers can drop in to make a New Year’s Eve, “Party in a Bag,” in the kid’s zone. Ages 2+.

A – 12/8, 1 pm, Tuesday
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. REG

A – 12/10, 1 pm, Tuesday
Make a decorative gingerbread house. Sponsored by the Friends of the Point Pleasant Beach Branch. REG

TW/T – 12/9, 3 pm, Friday
Afternoon Dungeons and Dragons
Learn how to play this game of storytelling and adventure. Open to new and experienced players. Ages 10 – 18. REG

A – 12/10, 11 am, Saturday
Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation with Shazia Zaman
Join us in quiet time for self-care to experience and embody mindfulness through a guided meditation, facilitated by Shazia Zaman, a certified Mindfulness Meditation instructor. Shazia will follow the meditation with a Q&A. REG

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

A – 12/12, 5 pm, Monday
Pickin’ at Point
Bring your acoustic instrument and a song to share at this drop-in acoustic jam session.

CH – 12/13, 11 am, Tuesday
Baby & Me
Please join us for songs, music, rhymes, and stories. Up to 18 months with caregiver. REG

CH/PA – 12/13, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs.
PT. PLEASANT BEACH
732-892-4575

CH – 12/14, 11 am, Wednesday Preschool Storytime: Hanukkah & Christmas Cheer
Please join us for songs and stories that celebrate Hanukkah and Christmas. Ages 3 – 6. REG

PT. PLEASANT BORO
732-295-1555

ED – December
Jean Kramer Christmas Bears (Display Case)

A – 12/1, 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 – 12/1, 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 – 12/1, 12/15, 7:30 pm, Thursdays Adult Writers Group
Explore your writing skills in a fun, friendly, informal setting.

A – 12/2, 1 pm – 3 pm, Friday Games for Adults
Bring a friend and have fun playing a variety of board games.

TW/CH – 12/6, Tuesday Tweet Drop-in Craft: Penguin Thermometer Craft
While supplies last. Ages 8+.

A – 12/6, 6:30 pm, Tuesday Relax and Restore with Acupressure
Acupressure is a wonderful self-care technique that will improve your overall health, increase self-awareness, and promote relaxation. Explore simple acupressure points and massage techniques to boost immunity and relieve common symptoms such as sinus congestion, general aches and pains, low energy, and anxiety and stress. We will also practice basic breathing and self-care methods to help you stay grounded and relaxed throughout the day. Please wear comfortable, non-restrictive clothing and flat soled, flexible, non-skid shoes. Feel free to bring water to drink and a journal for notes. REG

CH – 12/7, 10 am, Wednesday Toddler Storytime: Full Moon Fun
Come join us as we celebrate tonight’s full moon with stories, songs and a craft. Ages 2 – 3.

CH/PA – 12/7, 4 pm, Wednesday Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs.

CH – 12/8, 10 am, Thursday Baby & Me
Please join us for songs, music, rhymes and stories. Up to 18 months with caregiver. REG

CH – 12/9, 12/23, 10 am, Fridays Lil Builders Club
Drop in for some open block building with your little one. Ages up to 6 years.

G – 12/10, 2 pm, Saturday Flute and Guitar Holiday Concert
Marjorie Koharski, flutist, and Keith Calmes, classical guitarist will perform an hour program of holiday music. Sponsored by the Friends of the Pt. Pleasant Borough Branch.

A – 12/12, 3 pm, Monday Adult Crafternoon
Join us and create a holiday ornament or gift topper. REG

CH – 12/13, 10 am, Tuesday Preschool Storytime: Winter is Coming
Come join us for stories, songs and a craft. Ages 3 – 6. REG

A/T/TW/PA – 12/13, 3 pm, Tuesday Sip & Swap
Tired of all the coffee mugs in your home? Bring a mug to swap and try our dueling hot chocolate recipes. REG

A – 12/13, 4 pm, Tuesday Tuesday Movie: The Muppet Christmas Carol
(G) 85 min.

T/TW – 12/14, 5:30 pm, Wednesday Make with Michelle: Beaded Snowflakes
Create beaded snowflakes for the winter holidays. Ages 11 – 18.

CH – 12/15, 6:30 pm, Thursday Holiday Escape Room
Test your skills in our festive Holiday Escape Room where players work to discover the magic code. Ages 7 – 12. REG

BD – 12/19, 10:30 am, Monday Friends Book Discussion
Commonwealth by Ann Patchett.

TW – 12/19, 3:45 pm, Monday Afterschool Art: Kwanzaa Bracelets
Learn about Kwanzaa celebrations and how to make a Kwanzaa beaded bracelet. Ages 7 – 12. REG

CH – 12/20, Tuesday Elf on a Shelf Scavenger Hunt
Drop by the Point Pleasant Borough Branch for an elf-tastic time. Find all the elves and earn a gold star.

CH/TW – 12/22, 10 am, Thursday Preschool Storytime Fun with Miss Liz
Please join us for songs and stories. Ages 3 – 6. REG

CH/TW – 12/22, 2:30 pm, Thursday LEGO® Club
Drop in and test your imagination as you build with the library’s LEGO® blocks. Ages 7 – 12.

G – 12/30, 10:45 am, Friday Happy Noon Year Party
Join the staff and the Friends of the Pt. Pleasant Borough Branch as we ring in the New Year around the world at 12 pm. Sponsored by the Friends of the Pt. Pleasant Borough Branch.

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FR – 12/1, 11 am, Thursday
Friends of the Stafford Library Meeting
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

A – 12:30 pm – 4 pm, All Fridays
Mah Jong
Bring your current year gaming cards and game sets. Drop in.

A – 12/3, 12/17, 12/31, 10 am – 12 pm, Saturdays
12/1, 12/15, 12/29, 1 pm – 3 pm, Thursdays
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.

CH – 12/5, 9 am, Monday
Book Bundles
Check out a bundle of books and a craft to take home. Ages 2+.

BD – 12/7, 10 am, Wednesday
First Wednesday Book Club
This month the group will be discussing The All-Girl Filling Station’s Last Reunion by Fannie Flagg.

T – 12/6, 7 pm, Tuesday
Teens Make Crayon Candles
Upcycle old crayons to add vibrant colors to plain white candles. REG

A – 12/14, 2:30 pm, Wednesday
Learn to Folk Dance
Join us and learn traditional dances from around the world. This fun class will introduce you to the richness and variety of international music and dance from countries such as Norway, Mexico, Slovakia, India and more. These dances are easy to learn, and no dance experience is necessary. Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Signed waiver needed to participate. REG

CH – 12/15, 10 am – 4 pm, Thursday
I Spy Winter Sensory Bin
Drop in and search through a winter sensory bin to see what you can find. Ages 2+.

TW – 12/15, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Tween Crafternoon
Join us for a relaxing afternoon craft. This month we’ll make and paint clay charms. REG

A – 12/19, 12 pm, Monday
Support Group for Caregivers
A caregiver can be overwhelming. Learn how you can balance it all. Presented in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health, Debra Shar, RN, BSN. Drop in.

A – 12/20, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Holiday Movie: It’s A Wonderful Life
(PG) 130 min. REG

CH – 12/28, 10 am, Wednesday
The Three Bears with a NJ Naturalist
A naturalist from Cattus Island County Park will introduce us to the three species of bear that live in North America. Through stories, games and crafts, learn about the unique habitats, diets and behaviors of each one. Ages 5 – 10. REG

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ED – 12/1, 10 am, Thursday
Baby & Me
Visit the library for an interactive program for you and your baby. For babies up to 12 months old with a caregiver. REG

A – 12/6, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
NGXB Concert: Holiday Music and Classic Hits!
Come listen to the music of pianist and arranger NGXB as he performs holiday songs and classic hits by Johnny Mathis, Frank Sinatra, Frankie Valli and more. Known for his dynamic Liberace-like musical style and magnetic personality. REG

T – 12/13, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

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**S/MKR/G – 12/3, 1 pm – 2:30 pm, Saturday
Sensory Snowy Water Bottles**
Create a winter wonderland themed sensory shaker bottle. Caregivers must be present. While supplies last. All ages.

**CH – 12/5, 10:30 am, Monday
First Art**
Join us for our monthly toddler art program. Dress for a mess. Ages 2 – 3. REG

**A – 12/5, 2 pm, Monday
Create a Winter Flower Arrangement**
Make a mixed color flower basket. Bring your own clippers. Instruction and supplies provided by the Whiting Flower Shoppe. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. REG

**MKR/CH/TW/T – 12/5, 2 pm, Monday
Homeschooling STEAM Academy for Teens**
Visit our Sparks’s Lab and learn all about robotics, 3D printing, DIY projects, and more. This program is for homeschooled children and teens, ages 6 – 16. REG

**A – 12/5, 6 pm, Monday
Toms River Shore Memory Cafe**
Early-Stage Memory Cafes provide opportunities for persons diagnosed with early stage memory loss, and their care partner(s), to engage with peers in a relaxed, unstructured environment that promotes social engagement and support through interaction with others experiencing similar changes. Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association of Greater New Jersey in partnership with the Ocean County Library. To register contact the Alzheimer’s Association at (800) 272-3900 or www.alz.org. REG

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**CH – 12/6, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Happy Teeth**
Listen to stories and learn what you can do to keep your teeth and gums healthy with a special guest from Ocean Pediatric Dental Associates. Ages 2 – 5. REG

**A – 12/6, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Game Club for Adults**
Come play familiar and new games at the library. December’s game will be Dungeons & Dragons. REG

**CH – 12/7, 10 am, Wednesday
Let’s Play**
Encourage curiosity and discovery with unstructured playtime. Activities will include gross and fine motor movement, sensory play, and more. Best for babies and toddlers up to age 4. 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.

**A – 10:30 am, All Wednesdays
Fun Activities for Adults with Special Challenges**
Every Wednesday, we provide block building, coloring and many other fun activities for adults with special challenges. These activities not only keep them physically fit, but also encourage them to interact and develop their cognitive abilities. Caregivers must be present. Drop in.

**MKR/A – 12/7, 6 pm, Wednesday
Wine Cork Ornaments**
Decorate your house for the holidays with your very own DIY ornament, using wine corks. REG

**G – 12/6, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Basically Ballet Presents: Nutcracker in a Nutshell**
Nutcracker in a Nutshell condenses the classic ballet into a 30-minute performance. REG

**A – 12/8, 10:30 am, Thursday
Penguin Storytime**
Hear some winter fun stories and make a penguin craft. Ages 3 – 5. REG

**A – 12/8, 11 am, Thursday
Gyotaku Fish Printing**
Learn about Gyotaku, the art of Japanese fish printing. Participants will learn about fish anatomy and behavior and then create a colorful fish print to take home. For adults with special challenges. Space is limited. REG

**MKR/T/A – 12/8, 3 pm, Thursday
Watercolor Salt Painting**
Come to Sparks’s Lab and learn to use and apply texture to your watercolor paintings. Ages 13+.

**A – 12/9, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Happy Teeth**
Hear some winter fun stories and make a penguin craft. Ages 3 – 5.

**A – 12/9, 2 pm, Friday
Easy Crafts for Adults**
Easy crafts for adults are held once a month. Every month we will do a different craft to help you release stress and be creative.

**CH – 12/10, 7 pm, Wednesday
WREP: When Radio Entertained People**
Veteran actors from WREP will perform skits from radio’s “Golden Age” of the 1940s and 1950s. This “broadcast” will feature episodes from the shows Our Miss Brooks, The Life of Riley, and My Friend Irma. REG

**CH – 12/10, 2:30 pm, Saturday
Qigong for Health and Vitality**
Qigong is an ancient self-healing system that increases and balances your internal energy. Learn and experience Qigong principles and techniques to calm your nervous system, reduce stress and chronic tension, build strength and stamina, optimize your health, and elevate your mood. REG

**A – 12/12, 6:30 pm, Monday
Beginner Chair Yoga**
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

**CH/TW – 12/12, 6:30 pm, Monday
Drop-in Video Games for Kids**
Play video games and make some new friends. Ages 4 – 12.

**A – 12/13, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Concert with Ken Lelen: “She Did It Her Way”**
Join vintage guitarist and singer, Ken Lelen, as he celebrates the lives, romances, careers and hit songs of female vocalists and recording artists such as Peggy Lee, Ella Fitzgerald, Dinah Shore, Judy Garland, Billie Holiday and others. REG

**CH/TW – 12/13, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Young Artist’s Studio**
Join us for our monthly art program, featuring ornaments. Ages 6 – 12. REG

**CH – 12/14, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Elf Storytime and Craft**
Listen to stories about Santa’s elves and participate in a fun craft. Ages 3 – 5. REG

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**13**
CH – 12/15, 10 am, Thursday
Shake, Rattle, & Read
Storytime
Grow little one's love of the library with interactive stories, songs, playtime, and more. Ages 12 months – 3 years with a caregiver. REG

CH – 12/19, 10:30 am, Monday
Preschool: Just Crafts
Join us for a fun winter-themed craft. Dress for a mess. Ages 3 – 5. REG

CH/TW – 12/19, 6:30 pm, Monday
Rock Painting
Paint some rocks and chill. Ages 7 – 12. REG

MKR/G – 12/19, 3 pm, Monday
3D Printed Cookie Cutters
Register to receive 2 – 3 different types of holiday themed cookie cutters. Made with the Lulzbot 3D Printer. All ages. REG

MKR/G – 12/19, 3 pm, Monday
3D Print Ornament Making
Drop in the Sparks's Lab and choose from a variety of 3D printed holiday themed ornaments to paint. While supplies last.

CH – 12/20, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Sing Lustrily of Winter: A Garland of Seasonal Songs
Join Liberty Tree for a set of songs relating to events and customs of wintertime throughout the ages. REG

A – 12/20, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Craft for Adults with Special Challenges
Completing a craft project gives us a profound sense of accomplishment. Through this program, adults with special challenges can be creative and enjoy making a craft. Come join us once a month. REG

BD/A – 12/22, 7 pm, Thursday
Read with Pride Book Club
Join us for the monthly Read with Pride Adult Book Club. Each month will showcase a different theme and will focus on books featuring prominent LGBTQ+ characters. This month our theme is World AIDS Day. Suggested books are Tell the Wolves I'm Home by Carol Rifka Brunt and The AIDS Crisis by Katie Kawa. The books are available on Libby by OverDrive, hoopla or in print at the library. And movement to celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, & Kwanzaa, followed by a winter wreath craft. Ages 18 months – 4 years. REG

BD/A – 12/17, 2 pm, Saturday
Navigating Thingiverse – Intro to 3D Printing
Visit the Maker Space and learn all about navigating thingiverse. com and browse for desired content. Ages 10+. REG

BD/TW/A – 12/17, 2 pm, Saturday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Ages 5 – 12. REG

CH/TW/PA – 12/21, 4:30 pm, Wednesday
Crafter Dark Meetup for Adults
Join us for an informal crafting meetup in our Maker Space. Adults can get together for craft time at the library, whether it be a provided craft or bring your own project to work on. Located in the Sparks's Lab on the second floor.

MKR/G – 12/21, 3 pm, Friday
Making 3D Printed Cookie Cutters
Learn the basics of using the Cricut® Maker™ machine and Cricut® Design Space Software. Ages 5 – 12. REG

MKR/A – 12/21, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Gingerbread House
Come design, build and decorate your own non-edible gingerbread house. Ages 13+. REG

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MKR/G – 12/22, 3 pm, Thursday
Cricut® Class
Learn the basics of using the Cricut® Maker™ machine and Cricut® Design Space Software. All ages. REG

MKR/TW/A – 12/27, 3 pm – 5 pm, Tuesday
3D Printing Pens: Snowflakes
Learn how to use the newest equipment addition to the Sparks's Lab, 3D Pens. Come create your own 3D snowflake for the winter season. First come, first served basis. Ages 10+.

S/G – 12/27, 6 pm, Tuesday
Sensory Friendly Family Movie: The Grinch
(PG) 90 min. Join us for a sensory friendly family movie where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and dancing, walking, rolling, singing and shouting are welcome. All ages. Caregiver must be present. REG

CH/TW – 12/28, 2 pm, Wednesday
Holiday Break Drop-in Craft
Drop in for some crafty, winter-themed library fun. While supplies last. Ages 4 – 12.

CH/TW/PA – 12/30, 11 am, Friday
New Year's at Noon
Ring in the New Year before bedtime. Join us for crafts, snacks, music, and a countdown. For children up to age 12. REG

MKR/G – 12/31, 2 pm, Saturday
Navigating Thingiverse – Intro to 3D Printing
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MKR/G – 12/14, 3 pm, Wednesday
Cricut® Class
Learn the basics of using the Cricut® Maker™ machine and Cricut® Design Space Software. All ages. REG

CH/PA – 12/16, 10:30 am, Friday
Winter Wonderland
Join us for our annual holiday party, featuring a special guest. Food will be served; please contact us regarding potential allergens. Ages 2 – 5. REG

MKR/TW – 12/17, 10:30 am, Saturday
Crafty Kids Drop-in
Join us for a fun winter-themed craft. Ages 3 – 12.
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A/CH – 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, Mondays
December Crafts to Go Please call the Branch ((609) 296-1470) to see what craft to go kits are available for children and adults. Available while supplies last.

G/P – 12/5, 6:30 pm, Monday
Gingerbread Cookie Storytime Join us for a family fun filled storytime followed by a cookie craft. REG

A – 12/6, 12/20, 10 am, Tuesdays
Art Chat Meet and talk with local artists. Bring your own work for feedback.

CH – 12/8, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Hat Day Wear your favorite hat to Hat Day. Don’t have a favorite hat? Come make a funny hat. See national, military, occupational, and FUN hats. National Hat Day is celebrated every January 15th – prepare now. Ages 3+. REG

TW/T – 12/12, 6 pm, Monday
Painting Lesson with Lil Monsters Art Join artist and teacher Jamie Jarka of Lil Monsters Art for a painting lesson. Ages 10 – 18. REG

T – 12/15, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

G – 12/19, 6 pm, Monday
Free PG Movie: Home Alone Families are welcome to join us in a showing of a classic holiday favorite. Feel free to bring your favorite blanket. (PG) 103 min.

G – 12/22, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Celebrating December Days with Storyteller Anjel Wilson Anjel Wilson is a second-generation storyteller. Anjel has always had her focus on family and the importance of family time together. The month of December gives families plenty of days and several ways to celebrate. Whether it’s the story of a Hanukkah celebration with “The Runaway Dreidel,” or stories celebrating Christmas, Kwanzaa or the Winter Solstice, Anjel Wilson brings something for multiple generations to enjoy. REG

G – 12/30, 11 am – 3 pm, Friday
Drop-in New Year’s Eve Craft Visit the Library to make a DIY fun craft to help you welcome the New Year.

A – 12/9, 12/23, 1 pm, Fridays
OC Purls Knitting Group Enjoy conversation and exchange patterns while you work on your knitting projects. REG

T – 12/13, 6 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 12/14, 12/28, 10:30 am, Wednesdays
Baby & Me Join us for songs, stories, and hands-on activities. Recommended for babies up to 18 months with a caregiver. REG

A – 12/14, 7 pm, Wednesday
Together This Holiday: A Seasonal Concert Performed by Dakota & Elle Join Dakota & Elle for an evening of holiday favorites including O Holy Night, Winter Wonderland, The Christmas Song, and more. REG

CH – 12/19, 3 pm, Monday
Spin the Dreidel Celebrate Hanukkah by learning the game of Dreidel, a traditional spinning-top game played during the holiday. Ages 5+. REG

T – 12/20, 6 pm, Tuesday
DIY Felt Sunglasses Holder Need a last-minute gift for the holidays? Learn how to make a DIY sunglasses holder out of felt. Ages 12 – 18. REG

G – 12/22, 2 pm, Thursday
Afternoon Movie: Spencer (R) 116 min. REG

CH – 12/27, 3 pm, Tuesday
Adinkra Printing Celebrate Kwanzaa by learning about Adinkra, symbols from West Africa, and creating a print using household objects. Ages 5+. REG

G – 12/31, 10 am, Saturday
Family Movie & Craft: DC League of Super-Pets Enjoy a craft and screening of DC League of Super-Pets (PG) 100 min. REG

WARETOWN
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A/T – 12/3, 12 pm, Saturday
Elvistory – King of the Silver Screen Join award-winning Elvis-Storian and Elvis tribute performer George “Ruben” Castillo as he takes you to a time where Elvis is the King of Hollywood. REG

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G – 12/5, 6 pm, Monday
Holiday Tree Lighting
Celebrate the holidays at our annual holiday tree lighting, featuring songs by the Waretown School Choir. Hosted by the Friends of the Waretown Library.

A – 12/6, 12/20, 11 am, Tuesdays
Waretown Writers Group
Join other writers to explore your skills in an informal and fun discussion.

A – 12 pm – 4 pm, All Wednesdays
Mah Jongg
Beginners welcome.

CH – 12/8, 11 am, Thursday
Holiday Craft
Join us for a children’s holiday craft. Ages 5+. REG

CH – 12/10, 9 am, Saturday
Watch & Create: Snowman Cards
Learn how to make a fun winter greeting card in this episode of Watch & Create: Snowman Cards. Supplies to create a card can be picked up at the Stafford Branch while supplies last. Ages 3 – 12.

CH – 12/17, 6:30 pm, Monday
Nutcracker in a Nutshell
Nutcracker in a Nutshell condenses the classic ballet into a 30-minute performance. REG

A/T – 12/17, 11 am, Saturday
Saturday Documentary
Secrets of Diana’s Last Royal Christmas: 1991. (NR) 57 min.

T – 12/19, 6 pm, Monday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours.

T – 12/19, 7 pm, Monday
Ugly Sweater Movie Night
Join us for an ugly sweater contest and The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG) 76 min.

T – 12/30, Friday
Crafting With Miss Chris: Felted Soap Bars
Learn how to make felted soap on our YouTube channel. This easy craft eliminates the need for a washcloth and is great for gift giving or donating to those in need. Presented by the Lakewood Branch.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

CH – 12/10, 9 am, Saturday
Watch & Create: Snowman Cupcake
Learn how to make adorable snowman cupcakes in this episode of Watch & Create: Snowman Cupcake. Ages 6 – 12. Sponsored by the Friends of the Stafford Library.

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**Adult Titles:**

- The Snowy Cabin Cookbook: Meals and Drinks for Adventurous Days and Cozy Nights by Marnie Hanel
- The Southern Baking Cookbook: 60 Comforting Recipes Full of Down-south Flavor by Jenn Davis
- Around the Board: Boards, Platters, Plates by Emily Delaney
- Sheet Pan 5-ingredient Cookbook: Simple, Nutritious, and Delicious Meals by Sarah Anne Jones
- The Complete Autumn & Winter Cookbook: 550+ Recipes for Warming Dinners, Holiday Roasts, Seasonal Desserts, Breads, Food Gifts, and More by America’s Test Kitchen

**Childrens Titles:**

- The Recipe-a-Day Kids Cookbook: 365 Fun, Easy Treats by Food Network
- Tasty Treats: Easy Cooking for Children by Adina Chitu
- The Delish Kids (Super-Awesome, Crazy-Fun, Best-Ever) Cookbook by Joanna Saltz
- Star Wars Galactic Baking: the Official Cookbook of Sweet and Savory Treats from Tatooine, Hoth, and Beyond by Insight Editions
- Disney Princess Cookbook by Cindy Littlefield

**Young Adult Titles:**

- The Complete Cookbook for Teen Chefs: 70+ Teen-Tested and Teen-Approved Recipes to Cook, Eat, and Share by America’s Test Kitchen
- Teen Chef Cooks: 80 Scrumptious, Family-Friendly Recipes by Eliana de Las Casas
- Tilly’s Kitchen Takeover by Matilda Ramsay
- Hack Your Cupboard: Make Great Food with What You’ve Got by Alyssa Wiegand
- My Vegan Year by Niki Webster