EWE Knit and Crochet

T – 6 pm, All Wednesdays
Teen Drop-in Gaming
Ages 12 – 18.

T – 2/2, 6 pm, Wednesday
Teen Anime Club
Enjoy all things manga and anime. Drop in. Ages 12 – 18.

BHM/A – 2/5, 11 am, Saturday
Documentary Movie: The Girls in the Band (NR) 87 min.

A – 1 pm, Mondays
Monday Movies
2/7: Respect (PG-13) 145 min.
2/14: The Right One (R) 95 min.
2/28: Old (PG-13) 108 min.

T/TW – 2/1, Tuesday
Take & Makes for Tweens & Teens
While supplies last.

A – 2/7, Monday
Puzzle Heart
Celebrate Valentine’s Day with this heart craft. Supplies are limited.

CH – 2/7 – 2/28
Take & Makes for Kids
Grab a free craft kit to take home while supplies last. Each week will feature a different theme. Ages 4+.

T – 2/9, 7 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Enjoy this meeting for experienced players.

T – 2/10, 2/24, 1 pm,
Thursdays and 2/12, 2/26, 10 am,
Saturdays
EWE Knit and Crochet
Drop in with your own supplies.

T – 2/16, 7 pm, Wednesday
Book Bingo
Celebrate Black History Month with bingo games featuring author Jacqueline Woodson.

G – 2/24, 6 pm, Thursday
Family Movie Night: Luca (PG) 101 min.

T – 2/23, 7 pm, Wednesday
Craft Club
Create your own jewels. Ages 12 – 18.

BHM/CH – 2/15, 10 am, Tuesday
Black History Month
Storytime Activity Kit
Learn about the first African American female astronaut Mae C. Jemison. Kits include a rocket ship craft, books, coloring sheets, and more. While supplies last.

CH – All Tuesdays
Storytime Book Bundles
Each Tuesday will feature a different themed book bundle. Each bundle includes themed books, coloring sheets, a craft and more. While supplies last.

CH – 2/11, 2/18, Tuesdays
Take & Make Tuesday
2/8: Valentine’s Day
2/22: Bookmarks

BHM/CH – February
I Spy Bulletin Board
See what you can spy on our interactive bulletin board display. This month our bulletin board features inventions created by African Americans. Find all the hidden items and win a prize.

A – 10 am, All Tuesdays
Book Café for Adults with Special Challenges
Select your favorite books and relax and share with friends. Call ahead to reserve your groups’ favorite titles.

A – 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, All Tuesdays
Movies for Adults with Special Challenges
Individuals and day programs for adults with special needs are welcome to enjoy a movie in our meeting room. The audience will select their film on the day of the showing. REG

A – 1 pm – 4 pm, Thursdays
Mah Jongg
Weekly game for experienced players.

T/BHM/CH – February
Take & Make Crafts
While supplies last.
2/7: Valentine Gnome Craft
2/28: Macramé Feather Craft

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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.
A – 1 pm, Mondays
Monday Movies
Register for each movie separately.
2/7: Finding You (PG) 120 min.
2/14: Cry Macho (PG-13) 104 min.
2/28: Dear Evan Hansen (PG-13) 137 min.

BO – 2/11, 1 pm – 2:30 pm, Friday
Friday Afternoon Book Discussion
Please contact the Berkeley Branch for details.

BHM/A – 2/14, Monday
Black History Month Activity Kit
Celebrate Black History Month with an activity kit that includes a craft, suggested titles for further reading, and more.

A – 2/16, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Remembering the 50s
Do you remember when...? Join with other seniors to reminisce and participate in this memory program. REG

A – 2/25, 2 pm, Friday
What Can Senior Services Do for You?
Attend this informational program and learn about the services and resources that the Berkeley Township Office of Senior Services can offer you or your loved one. Make sure you are not missing out on any senior rebates, financial assistance programs, or support programs. REG

A – 2/26, 2:30 pm, Saturday
Elvis: The Birth of Rock & Roll
Join Elvis tribute performer Ruben Castillo as he explores the 1950s, the birth of rock n’ roll, and Elvis’ early music through history and song.

T – February
Take & Make: Anti-Valentine’s Day Monstars
Uncelebrate Valentine’s Day with your very own monster plushy. Available in the Teen Zone while supplies last.

T – February
Take & Make: DIY Love Garland
Create a book page heart garland to give to someone you love. Available in the Teen Zone while supplies last.

BHM/T – February
Take & Make: Alma Thomas Inspired Mosaic Activity Kit
Celebrate Black History Month with the artwork of Alma Thomas. Create a paper mosaic inspired by her colorful works of art and read suggested titles on African American artists. Available in the Teen Zone while supplies last.

BHM/CH – 2/1, Tuesday
Take Home Storytime Kits
Drop in and pick up a Chinese New Year storytime kit that includes 3 themed books and a coloring page.

CH – 2/14, Monday
Take & Make: Black History Month Crafts
Stop by for a new craft every week to celebrate Black History Month. Crafts will honor famous persons, inventors, and folk tales.

CH – February
Take Home Storytime Kits
Stop by to pick up a take home storytime kit that includes 3 themed books and a coloring page.

T – 2/20, Wednesday
Take & Make: Lunar New Year Craft
Celebrate the Chinese New Year with a craft that includes an important black figure of the past or present.

T/TW – 2/21, 1 pm, Thursday
Take & Make: Chinese New Year Craft
Stop by during the week of 2/21 and pick up a craft to celebrate Chinese New Year.

BHM/TWI – 2/24, 3:45 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 2/26, Saturday
Valentine’s Day Craft
Stop by during the week of 2/26 and pick up a Valentine’s Day craft. Available in the Teen Zone while supplies last.

CH – 3/1, Sunday
Black History Month Activity Kit
Celebrate Black History Month with an activity kit that includes a craft, suggested titles for further reading, and more.

CH – 2/14, Monday
Take & Make: Black History Month Craft
Stop by during the week of 2/14 and pick up a craft to celebrate Black History Month.

T/TW – 2/17, 1 pm, Thursday
Take & Make: Unity Bracelets
While supplies last. Grades 6 – 12.

CH – 2/17, Monday
Take & Make: Yeti Craft
While supplies last.

CH – 2/22, Tuesday
Take & Make: Snowboarder Craft
While supplies last.

A – 2/17, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Night Crafting for Adults
Join us for a fun craft. REG

A – 2/19, 1:30 pm, Saturday
Feature Film: No Time to Die
(PG-13) 163 min. REG

CH – 2/22, Tuesday
Take & Make: Dr. Seuss Craft
Stop by during the week of 2/28 and pick up a Dr. Seuss craft to make at home in honor of Read Across America Day.

BHM – 2/1, Tuesday
Take & Make: Snowboarder Craft
While supplies last. Grades 6 – 12.

T/TW – 2/10, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

T/TW – 2/23, 3:45 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

T/TW – 2/24, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting
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CH – 2/28, Monday
Take & Make: Dr. Seuss Craft
Stop by during the week of 2/28 and pick up a Dr. Seuss craft to make at home in honor of Read Across America Day.

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BHM/CH – 2/1, Tuesday
Black History Month Activity Packet: What do you know?
Learn about a wide variety of famous Americans by completing an activity packet. Return your completed work to the Library any time during the month of February, and claim a special knowledge badge. Suitable for ages 5 – 12.

A – 2/7, Monday
Take & Make for Adults: Stitched Heart Ornament
While supplies last.

G – 2/18, Friday
Take & Make: Young Entrepreneur Kit
Create a business plan for your own company. Ages 12 – 18.

G – 2/23, Wednesday
2022 is the Year of the Tiger
Learn facts about this beautiful animal, and make a craft. Bring your tiger back to the Library, and we will display it.

T – 2/1/4, Monday
Take & Make for Teens: I HEART U Cards
Make a card for a special someone, show them that you care. Ages 13 – 18.

A – 2/7, Tuesday
Take & Make: Fleece Snowflake Scarf Kit
Give the gift of warmth and make your own fleece snowflake scarf. While supplies last. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library.

MKR/T – 2/11, Friday
Teen Valentine Bag
Each bag includes supplies for Teen Cuisine: Valentine Bark, Fortunes, and some surprise items. Ages 12 – 18. REG

BD – 2/1, Monday
Take & Make: Ceramic Hearts
Paint a ceramic heart; paint and brushes supplied. Each heart has a different design. While supplies last. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library.

FR – 2/17, 4 pm, Thursday
Friends of the Library Meeting
All are welcome to attend.

BHM/CH – 2/18, Friday
Take & Make: Celebrating Black History Month
While supplies last. Please be mindful and take only one kit per child.

BHM/MKR/T – 2/18
Take & Make: Paint Party Kit
Jean-Michel Basquiat, an influential African American artist, achieved critical success in the 1980s. His paintings transported graffiti from the outside of buildings and trains to inside NYC’s toniest galleries. Watch this TEDTalk on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JX02QXfb_o Then, using his work as inspiration, you will use paint makers to create a graffiti canvas. Ages 12 – 18. REG

T – 2/22, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Tuesday
Shelf Reading Session
Earn some volunteer time before Spring 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 application. Ages 12 – 18. REG

ED – February
Love & Places
Drop in to view the exhibit of artist Marty Martinez painted expressions of love and the scenic environment that surrounds us.

A – 2/1, 10 am, Tuesday
Stitch It Club
Knit, crochet, sew, or embroider with fellow Stitch It members. Share leisurely conversation & tips. All skill levels welcome.

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A – 2/3, 2/17, 12 pm, Thursdays
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 – 2/8, 5:30 pm, Tuesday
Meet the Mayor
Join us as the Lacey Branch
hosts Meet the Mayor with
Lacey Mayor Nicholas Juliano. REG

A – 2/14, 9 am, Monday
Take & Make for Adults
with Special Challenges:
Valentine’s Day Craft
Sponsored by the KearnyBank
Foundation Grant. REG

A – 2/15, 9 am, Tuesday
Take & Make: DIY Bath Salts
Show some self-care and make
bath salts to help you feel
refreshed. While supplies last.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Library.

BHM/CH – 2/16, 9 am, Wednesday
Story Explorer – Trombone Shorty by Troy “Trombone Shorty” Andrews
Hailing from the Tremé neighborhood in New Orleans, Troy ‘Trombone Shorty’ Andrews got his nickname by wielding a trombone twice as long as he was high. Along with esteemed illustrator Bryan Collier, Andrews has created a lively picture book autobiography about how he followed his dream of becoming a musician. Stop by the Branch to pick up a bag of crafts and activities to extend your experience with the book. Copies will be available for checkout or access it through our hoopla database. While supplies last. Best for ages 5+.

BHM/A – 2/1, Tuesday
All That Jazz
Learn about Black Jazz musicians. Get a packet of inter- esting information.

BHM/CH – 2/1, Tuesday
Take & Make: ‘I Have a Dream’ Earth Craft
Learn about the famous ‘I have a dream’ speech by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ages 6 – 12.

CH – 2/3, Thursday
Take & Make: Charles Lindbergh’s 120th Birthday
Make a craft stick biplane. Ages 4 – 12.

CH – 2/7, Monday
Take & Make: Friday Fun
Ages up to 6.

A – 2/7 – 2/11
Tarot Tuesday:
Tarot Coloring Book
Pick up an adult coloring book filled with tarot themed sheets.

CH – 2/7, Monday
Take & Make: Courage Lantern
Ages 5 – 12.

CH – 2/8, Tuesday
Take & Make: Penguin Thermometer
Ages 5 – 12.

T – 2/8, Tuesday
Take & Make: Woven Felt Coasters

BHM/CH – 2/10, Thursday
Take & Make: Tuskegee Airmen Plane
Learn about the Tuskegee Airmen. Ages 6 – 12.

A – 2/14 – 2/18
Anime Club for Adults:
Game Packet
Pick up a packet of anime themed word and picture games.

CH – 2/14, Monday
Take & Make: Valentine Note Pocket
Ages 4 – 12.

CH – 2/15, Tuesday
Take & Make: Key Chain
Color your own wooden key chain. Ages 4 – 12.

T – 2/15, 6 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 2/17, Thursday
Take & Make: Mae Jemison Rocket Ship
Ages 4 – 12.

A – 2/22 – 2/24
Craft Take & Make: Terracotta Charms
Pick up all the supplies you need to make jewelry charms out of air-dry terracotta clay.

BHM/T – 2/22, Tuesday
Take & Make:
LED Traffic Light Book Mark
Read articles about Garrett Morgan, the Black inventor of the Three-Light Traffic Light, and how this invention improved traffic safety. Then learn how to build a basic electrical circuit to make an LED Traffic Light Book Mark.

CH – 2/22, Tuesday
Take & Make:
Heart Bookmark
Ages 6 – 12.

CH – 2/24, Thursday
Take & Make:
Paper Baseball Game
Celebrate Jackie Robinson by playing a few innings of paper baseball. Ages 8 – 12.

CH – 2/28, Monday
Take & Make: Pokémon
Ages 6 – 12.

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

A – 7 pm, Wednesdays
Mah Jongg at the Library
Please bring your current year gaming cards and game sets.

CH – 2/7, 9 am, Monday
Take & Make: Sew Your Own Heart Ornament
While supplies last. Ages 8+.

T – 2/7, Monday
Take & Make: Valentine’s Bookmarks
Make one for yourself and one to gift. While supplies last. Please be mindful and only take one kit per person.

T – 2/10, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

BHM/BDA – 2/10, 7 pm, Thursday
Black History Month Book Discussion
Join the OCL community’s adult book discussion in celebration of Black History Month. Staff and patrons are invited to discuss self-selected books related to Black History Month.

Welcome to Beanstack, your one stop shop for tracking your reading progress and activities at the Ocean County Library.
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CH – 2/11, 10 am, Friday
Take & Make: Snow People
While supplies last.

CH – 2/14, 10 am, Monday
Take & Make: Valentine’s Day
While supplies last.

CH – 2/14, 2/17, 10 am,
Thursdays
Storytime at Home:
Interactive Book Bundles

BHM/CH – 2/15, 1 pm, Tuesday
Take & Make: Chinese New Year
While supplies last.

A – 2/1, 1 pm, Tuesday
Take & Make:
Chinese New Year Fans
Sponsored by Friends of the Island Library. While supplies last.

DIV/TW/T – 2/2, 1:30 pm, Wednesday
Take & Learn: Imbolc
While supplies last.

CH – 2/3, 10 am, Thursday
Take & Make: Chinese New Year
While supplies last.

A – 2/7, 10 am, Monday
Take & Make: Fairy House
While supplies last.

A/PA – 2/7, 1 pm, Monday
Adult Movie Kit: Respect
Take home a free bag of goodies. While supplies last. Movie available for checkout.

CH – 2/8, 9 am, Monday
Take & Make: Pet Frames
While supplies last. Ages 3+.

T – 2/24, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Game Night
Play familiar and new games. REG

CH – 2/28, 9 am, Monday
Take & Make: Help Decorate the YS Department
Take one of our kits, design your own fish, and return it to our branch. Your fish will become part of our branch’s aquarium. When you return your fish, you can pick up a DIY shark tooth necklace. Ages 2+.

G – 2/15, 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.

CH – 2/18, 10 am, Friday
Take & Make:
Animal Magnets
While supplies last.

CH – 2/22, 10 am, Tuesday
Take & Learn:
Presidents’ Day
While supplies last.

CH – 2/25, 10 am, Friday
Take & Create:
Gratitude Drawing Prompts
While supplies last.

A/PA – 2/28, 1 pm, Monday
Adult Movie Kit: Harriet
Take home a free bag of goodies. While supplies last. Movie available for checkout.

CH – 2/11, 10 am, Friday
Take & Make: Snow People
While supplies last.

CH – 2/14, 10 am, Monday
Take & Make: Valentine’s Day
While supplies last.

TW/T – 2/14, 12 pm, Monday
Take & Make: Valentine’s Day
While supplies last.

A/PA – 2/14, 1 pm, Monday
Adult Movie Kit: The Notebook
Take home a free bag of goodies. While supplies last. Movie available for checkout.

BHM/A – 2/15, 1 pm, Tuesday
Woven African Kente Bookmark Kits
Woven Kente cloth is a colorful symbol of African culture. Pick up a kit to learn about this colorful African textile and weave your own Kente cloth bookmark.

G/PA – 2/15, 1 pm, Tuesday
Family Movie Night Kit:
Sesame Street
Take home a free bag of goodies. Sponsored by Friends of the Island Library. While supplies last.

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Take & Create:
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Download free music and keep it forever!
A – 2/4, 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 in this performance. REG

BHM/CH – 2/4, Friday
Black History Month Family Book Discussion To-Go
Pick up A Ride to Remember: A Civil Rights Story at the Manchester Branch or create a hoopla account with a library card to access it digitally. Then, come pick-up a packet filled with discussion questions and crafts. Best for ages 5+ with adult.

A – 2/7, Monday
Take & Make:
Book and a Craft To-Go
acrylic paint.
REG

A – 2/10, 2/24, 2 pm, Thursdays
Chicks with Sticks – Knitting and Crocheting Group
Do you love to knit or crochet? Bring your yarn, needles, and current projects, all skill levels welcome.

BHM/T – 2/10, 6 pm, Thursday
Celebrate Romare Bearden: Art with a Story
Celebrate Black History Month by learning about the art of painter/collage artist Romare Bearden. Discover how the Civil Rights movement influenced one of his greatest works, Projections. Replicate his art by making a multimedia photo collage to represent you and your family. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A – 2/11, 2/25, 1 pm, Fridays
Quilting Bee
Come join with other quilters to work on individual and group projects.

CH – 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, Fridays
Take & Make: Friday Fun
Stop by the Manchester Branch for some Friday Fun, a different craft will be available each Friday in the month of February. While supplies last. Limit one per child.

BHM/A – 2/14, 10 am, Tuesday
African American Tradition
Tuesday Movie Matinee
Cry Macho (PG-13) 102 min.

BHM/A – 2/2, 10 am, Monday
Take & Make: Stitched Heart Ornament
Stop by the Manchester Branch and pick up a kit to make a sweet felt ornament to give to a person that you love. While supplies last. Limit one per child. Ages 8+.

A – 2/15, 2 pm, Tuesday
The Forgotten Presidents
We are all familiar with US Presidents such as Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt and Kennedy. What about names like Harrison, Fillmore, Pierce and McKinley? This presentation will examine ten lesser-known US Presidents who served from the early 1840s through the early 1930s. REG

A – 2/18, 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 people at the Library. REG

BHM/A – 2/22, 1 pm, Tuesday
Tuesday Movie Matinee
Respect (PG-13) 145 min.

BD – 2/28, 6 pm, Monday
Book Discussion
New members are welcome. Please pick up a copy at the circulation desk.

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ED – Meeting Room Art Display
Manasquan River Group of Artists

BHM/CH – 2/7, 10 am, Monday
Activity Kit:
Celebrate Mae Jemison
Celebrate astronaut Mae Jemison with this fun activity kit. While supplies last. Ages 3+.

BD – 2/10, 12 pm, Thursday
Literature & Lunch
The Alice Network by Kate Quinn.

A – 2/14, 10 am, Monday
Take & Make: Valentine’s Day Heart

A – 2/14, 2/28, 1 pm, Monday
Knitting and Crocheting at the Beach
Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels welcome.
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BHM/CH – 2/22, 10 am, Tuesday
Activity Kit: Celebrate Inventor Garret Morgan
Celebrate African American inventor Garret Morgan with this fun activity kit. While supplies last. Ages 3+.

CH – 2/28, 10 am, Monday
Take & Make Monday: Mystery Craft
While supplies last. Ages 3+.

BD – 2/28, 7 pm, Monday
Bad Blood by John Carreyrou.

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CH – 2/28, 10 am, Monday
Take & Make Monday: Mystery Craft
While supplies last. Ages 3+.

BD – 2/28, 7 pm, Monday
Bad Blood by John Carreyrou.
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A – 2/7, 12 pm, Monday
AAUW Monday Book Discussion
The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V.E. Schwab.

CH – 2/7, 9 am, Monday
Busy Bag: Letters A, B, & C
Pick up your own busy bag containing fun activities to learn about letters A, B, and C. Ages 2 – 6.

T – 2/8, 4:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

T/TW – 2/9, 9 am, Wednesday
Mason Jar Lanterns
While supplies last.

CH – 2/10, 9 am, Thursday
Take & Make: Heart Ornament
Take home a pillow heart ornament to assemble. Ages 8+.

CH – 2/14, 9 am, Monday
Book Bundles
In honor of National Library Lovers Month, check out a bundle of books and a craft to enjoy at home. Ages 2 – 7.

FR – 2/17, 9:30 am, Thursday
Friends of the Stafford Library Meeting
See what the Friends are doing to support the Stafford Branch. Join the Friends and volunteer today.

BHM/A – 2/17, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Retro Movie: Remember the Titans (PG) 113 min.

A – 2/22, Tuesday
Take & Make: Decorate a Ceramic Planter
Pick up your kit at the Stafford Branch Circulation Desk. One per customer. While supplies last.

CH – 2/22, 9 am, Tuesday
Take & Make: Paper Bag Snowman
Take home and create this cheerful snowman. Ages 4+.

T/TW – 2/23, 9 am, Wednesday
Take & Make: Basquiat Bookmarks
Design a bookmark inspired by the work of late artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. While supplies last.

CH – 2/27, 1 pm, Sunday
Take & Make: Pokémon Bookmark
Celebrate National Pokémon Day by creating your own Pikachu bookmark. Ages 7+.

CH – 2/8, Tuesday
Take & Make: Melting Snowman
Celebrate winter with a melting snowman craft kit. While supplies last. Best for children ages 6 – 11.

MKR/G – 2/5, 11 am, Saturday
Football Fanatics: Cricut Demo
Stop by to pick up a “V” is for Valentine’s Day Craft Kit, which also includes a suggested reading list and printed activities. While supplies last. Best for children ages 3 – 5.

CH – 2/8, 1 pm, Tuesday
The Birds of Ocean County Presented by Cattus Island Park
Ocean County is for the birds. Our diverse habitats allow for an equally wide range of beautiful bird species. Learn how to identify different types of feathered friends, as well as how to attract a few to your own backyard. REG

T – 2/8, 5:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen Anime Club
Join friends, new and old, for manga discussions, anime viewings, and learning about all things Japanese. New members are always welcome.

BD – 2/8, 7 pm, Tuesday
Evening Book Discussion The Book That Matters Most by Ann Hood.

MKR/G – 2/8, 4 pm, Tuesday
Take & Make: Stained-Glass Kites
Imagine and create colorful kites to hang on your window. Kits will be available for pick up outside of Sparks’s Lab on the second floor of the Library. While supplies last. All ages.

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ED – February
Art Exhibit: Carol Stauffer (McConnell)

A – 2/1, 10 am, Tuesday
Take & Make: Lunar New Year
Grab a kit to create your own paper craft in honor of Lunar New Year 2022, which is the Year of the Tiger. Kits available for pick up in the Toms River Branch lobby. While supplies last.

S/G - 2/1, 9 am, Tuesday
Celebrate “National Tell A Fairytale Day” with a Book Bundle
Visit the Sensory Space on the 2nd floor to pick up your National Tell A Fairytale Book Bundle and coloring sheet. Book Bundles will be available for check-out for all ages while supplies last.

A – 2/8, 1 pm, Tuesday
The Birds of Ocean County Presented by Cattus Island Park
Ocean County is for the birds. Our diverse habitats allow for an equally wide range of beautiful bird species. Learn how to identify different types of feathered friends, as well as how to attract a few to your own backyard. REG

CH – 2/17, 9:30 am, Thursday
Friends of the Stafford Library Meeting
See what the Friends are doing to support the Stafford Branch. Join the Friends and volunteer today.

CH – 2/5, Saturday
Take & Make: Melting Snowman
Celebrate winter with a melting snowman craft kit. While supplies last. Best for children ages 6 – 11.

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CH – 2/9, Wednesday
Take & Make: Toddler Heart Art
Decorate a paper heart with tissue paper. Best for children ages 18 – 48 months.

T – 2/9, 3 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

MKR/A – 2/9, 6 pm, Wednesday
Cricut® Joy Card Making
Sparks’s Lab is introducing its newest piece of equipment, the Cricut® Joy™, with a card making class. Get creative and learn how to make cards with the machine. Making cards by hand will also be an option. REG

CH – 2/10, Thursday
Take & Make: Love Monsters
All you need is love….and monsters. Celebrate Valentine’s Day early with this fun take-home craft. While supplies last. Best for children ages 2 – 5.

MKR/G – 2/10, 1 pm, Thursday
Take & Make: Valentine’s Day DIY Gift Bags
Stop by and pick up your Valentines bag craft kit. Included are Cricut® Maker™ cut outs, a brown paper bag, and other materials to use for your bag. While supplies last. Available for pick up outside of Sparks’s Lab on the second floor of the Library. All ages.

CH – 2/11, Friday
Take & Make: Lunar New Year
In honor of the Year of the Tiger, make a tiger craft. This kit also includes a suggested reading list. While supplies last. Best for children ages 5 – 7.

MKR/S/A/T – 2/12, 2 pm, Saturday
Snow Festival
Join the Maker Space and the Sensory Space to create your own winter wonderland. You can choose to create a snowman luminary or you can make your own snow and take it home with you. Come to Sparks’s Lab on the 2nd floor to join us. While supplies last. Caregiver must be present. Ages 13+.

CH – 2/14, 1 pm, Monday
Take & Make: Bee Mine
Make a cute bee. While supplies last. Best for children ages 3 – 6.

FR – 2/14, 7 pm, Monday
Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River Meeting
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the library. New members are welcome.

T – 2/17, 6 pm, Thursday
LGBT Teens
Join us for LGBT Teens, a club for LGBTQ and allied teens to participate in fun activities, support one another, explore our collection of LGBTQ books, and help create Library programs.

MKR/T/A – 2/18, 3 pm, Friday
Black History Month: Stippling and Crosshatching Portraits
Follow a template to create different textured portraits of Black History Month figures. Ages 13+. REG

A/T – 2/23, 2 pm, Wednesday
Learn to Loom Knit
Join us and learn the basics to loom 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. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library - Toms River. REG

A – 2/1, 10 am, Tuesday
Art Chat
Meet and talk with local artists. Bring your own work for feedback.

CH – 2/1, Tuesday
Take & Make Craft: Chinese New Year’s Paper Drum Craft
While supplies last.

A – 2/7, 6:30 pm, Monday
Movie Night: Groundhog Day
(PG) 101 min.

A – 2/7, Monday
Take & Make Craft: Captivating Cake Toppers
Get inspired to design these whimsical cupcake toppers just in time for the Super Bowl. While supplies last.

BHM/CH – 2/11, 9:30 am, Friday
A Bus Ride
Listen to a virtual storytime with a book about Rosa Parks and the story The Bus For Us by Suzanne Bloom. Have fun learning about Rosa Parks while re-creating the bus she rode on with simple craft materials. While supplies last. REG

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

A – 2/14, 6:30 pm, Monday
Movie Night: My Big Fat Greek Wedding
(PG) 95 min.

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A – 2/14, Monday
Take & Make Craft: Paint Chip Heart Mosaic Collage
Choose your color theme and create a cheerful heart collage to display. While supplies last.

CH – 2/14, Monday
Take & Make Craft: Strawberry Heart-Shaped Magnet
Celebrate Valentine’s Day by making this adorable little strawberry heart magnet you can give to a loved one. While supplies last.

A – 2/15, 10 am, Tuesday
Art Chat
Meet and talk with local artists. Bring your own work for feedback.

BD – 2/28, 6:30 pm, Monday
Tuckerton Adult Book Discussion
Please call the Branch for this month’s title: (609) 296-1470.

A – 2/28, 6:30 pm, Monday
Mah Jongg Mondays
Come play Mah Jongg at the Library.

BHM/CH/ TW – 2/1 – 2/28
Black History Month Activity Packets
Stop by the branch to celebrate Black History Month by picking up a packet filled with information, puzzles, and suggested reading materials for kids. Recommended for ages 8 – 12. Activities provided by Scholastic® Teachables.

A – 12 pm – 3 pm, Mondays
Mah Jongg Mondays
Come play Mah Jongg at the Library.

BHM/CH – 2/1 – 2/28
Storytime Book Bundles
Enjoy storytime from the comfort of your own home with our Storytime Book Bundles. Each bundle comes with 3 books and an activity sheet.

BHM/G – 2/1 – 2/28
Black History Month Scavenger Hunt
Search the Library for all of the hidden clues, learn facts, and win a prize. All ages.

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A – 2/3, 2 pm – 3:30 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.

BD – 2/4, 3 pm, Friday
Upper Shores Book Discussion Group
Sisters Weiss by Naomi Ragen. New members are always welcome.

T – 2/7, Monday
Take & Make: “I Love You” Keychain
Stop by the Branch to pick up a kit to make your own “I Love You” keychain. Gift it to someone you love, or keep it for yourself. While supplies last.

A – 2/8, Tuesday
Take & Make: DIY Valentine Bracelets
While supplies last.

T – 2/8, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

TW – 2/10, Thursday
Take & Make: Stitched Heart Ornament
Recommended for ages 8+. While supplies last.

A – 2/9, 2 pm, Tuesday
Take & Make: Read Across America
Kick off this event by crafting this Cat in the Hat face mask that you can wear while reading all of your books. While supplies last.

A – 12 pm – 4 pm, All
Wednesdays
Mah Jongg Mondays
Come play Mah Jongg at the Library.

BHM/CH/TW – 2/1 – 2/28
Black History Month Activity Packets
Stop by the branch to celebrate Black History Month by picking up a packet filled with information, puzzles, and suggested reading materials for kids. Recommended for ages 8 – 12. Activities provided by Scholastic® Teachables.

A – 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, All
Thursdays
Bridge Club
Join our weekly Bridge group to play the card game comprised of bidding, memory and communication.

A – 2/11, 2/25, 1 pm, Fridays
OC Purls Knitting Group
Enjoy conversation and exchange patterns while you work on your knitting projects.

T – 2/1, 2/15, 1 pm, Tuesday
Valentine Greetings
In his newest holiday program, author, photographer, and musician Kevin Woyce explores the romantic history of Valentine’s Day, from Saint Valentine, Cupid, and the first Valentine cards to some of the season’s most popular songs. Seating is limited. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upper Shores Library.

A – 2/22, 2 pm, Tuesday
Heart Healthy
Interactive program that discusses what heart disease is, risk factors, prevention, knowing the numbers and what they mean, and how to live a healthy lifestyle. Presented by the Ocean County Health Department. Seating is limited.

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TW – 2/10, Thursday
Take & Make: Stitched Heart Ornament
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A – 2/19, 1:30 pm, Saturday
Afternoon Movie: RESPECT
(PG-13) 145 min. REG

A – 2/26, 1 pm, Tuesday
Documentary Film: Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise
(NR) 113 min. REG

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T – 2/1, Tuesday
Take & Make:
Sew a Heart
While supplies last.

CH – 2/9, Wednesday
Take & Make:
Lantern Craft
While supplies last.

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

T – 2/14, 7 pm, Monday
Heartbreakers Unite
If you are tired of the Valentine’s Day sappiness, join us for a heartbreaker event. Black is the encouraged wardrobe, break-up songs are the playlist, and we will be making rude conversation hearts and duct tape roses. REG

BHM/CH – 2/16, Wednesday
Take & Make: Trumpet
Make a trumpet and learn about Louis Armstrong. While supplies last.

BHM/A – 2/22, 2 pm, Tuesday
Author Rick Geffken Presents – Stories of Slavery in New Jersey
Author of the title Stories of Slavery in New Jersey, Rick Geffken will present on the history of slavery in our state and area. He will speak on how slavery was “baked into” New Jersey from the beginnings, and how it evolved from there. REG

CH – 2/24, Wednesday
Take & Make:
Macrame Decor
While supplies last.

A – 2/24, 11 am, Thursday
Social Hour
Individuals and day programs for adults with special needs are welcome to come and enjoy a social hour with sensory, craft, coloring, and manipulatives stations.

G – 2/25, 12:30 pm – 3 pm, Friday and 2/26, 10 am – 12:30 pm, Saturday
Friends of the Waretown Library Book Sale
Support the Friends and the Branch at the book sale.

BHM/G – 2/7
Virtual Black History Month Craft
Learn about the origins of Black History Month. At the end we’ll do a craft. Watch on our YouTube Channel. Presented by the Barnegat Branch.

A – 2/7, 2 pm, Monday
Advanced French Club
Join us for a live virtual meeting on Zoom and speak French with other French speakers in the community. Intermediate and advanced speakers welcome. Zoom link will be emailed to participants upon registration. Presented by the Brick Branch. REG

A – 2/7, 6:30 pm, Monday
Broadway Musical Deconstructed: Opening Numbers
Join Sam Caponegro as he breaks down Broadway musicals into five parts and explains how shows are made. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library - Toms River. REG

DIV/A – 2/8, 7 pm, Tuesday
Astronaut Mae Carol Jemison
Learn about the first Black female astronaut and her impressive accomplishments by watching the virtual program, “Astronaut Mae Carol Jemison”. Ages 7+. Presented by the Stafford Branch.

BHM/CH – 2/1, 9 am, Tuesday
BHM/CH – February
Black History Month Sports Heroes Trivia Quiz
Test your sports knowledge and celebrate Black History Month with our trivia quiz. The quiz will be available throughout the entire month of February. Check our online events calendar for the link starting 2/1. Best for children ages 7+. Presented by the Toms River Branch.

BHM/CH – 2/1, 9 am, Tuesday
Astronaut Mae Carol Jemison
Learn about the first Black female astronaut and her impressive accomplishments by watching the virtual program, “Astronaut Mae Carol Jemison”. Ages 7+. Presented by the Stafford Branch.

BHM/A – 2/1 – 3/31
Dr. Lena Edwards: Lakewood’s Own Medical Champion
Virtually explore the life and extraordinary achievements of Dr. Lena Edwards, a Lakewood resident, and one of few Black women doctors to attend medical school in the 1920s. Padlet link available 2/1 – 3/31. Presented by the Lakewood Branch.

BHM/G – 2/7
Virtual Black History Month Craft
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A – 2/7, 7 pm, Monday
Meditation Mondays – Mindfulness Meditation – On Impermanence
Laura Giacobbe will present this virtual meditation session. Presented by the Waretown Branch. REG

DIV/A – 2/8, 7 pm, Tuesday
Pine Shores Art Association Lecture: Hispanic Artists
Professor Kate Nearpass Ogden, Ph.D., Stockton University, will discuss Hispanic Artists. Early artists: Frida Kahlo, Fernando Botero, and Mexican muralists Diego Rivera, José Orozco, and David Siqueiros. Recent artists: Jean-Michel Basquiat, Pepón Osorio, Doris Salcedo and Félix González-Torres. Contact Pine Shores Art Association for Zoom registration information. Presented by the Stafford Branch. REG

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T – 2/9, Wednesday
Teen DIY: Paper Roses

BHM/A – 2/11, 9 am, Friday
Poetic Journeys: The Life of Poet Rita Dove
Join us as we celebrate Black History Month with a virtual PowerPoint presentation on the life and career of former U.S. Poet Laureate to the Library of Congress Rita Dove. This virtual program will be available to watch on our YouTube Channel. You can find the link in our calendar of events. Presented by the Lacey Branch.

CH – 2/14, Monday
Cooking with Miss Joanne
Check out our YouTube channel to see what tasty treat Miss Joanne is making this month.

BHM/T – 2/14, 9 am, Monday
Protest Songs and the Fight for Civil Rights
From Billie Holiday to Childish Gambino, black artists have been using music to fuel the fight for civil rights in America. We’ll learn about some of the important songs that were written to affect change during the 20th and 21st centuries. This virtual program will be available to watch on our YouTube Channel. You can find the link in our calendar of events. Presented by the Lacey Branch.

A – 2/14, 7 pm, Monday
Meditation Mondays: Meditation for Anxiety and Stress Relief
Learn how to use breathing techniques and meditation to reduce your anxiety levels and everyday life stressors. At the end of this workshop, you will walk away with skills that can be used as part of a holistic wellness routine to live your best life. This workshop is open to beginners to advanced levels of meditators. Followed by Q & A. Presented by the Toms River Branch. REG

T – 2/16, Wednesday
So You Want to be an Art Therapist?
Hear from ToniAnn Eisman, Art Therapist, about how she turned her passion for art into a career all while helping others. Presented by the Toms River Branch.

T – 2/16, 3 pm, Wednesday
Afternoon Dungeons & Dragons
Learn how to play this game of storytelling and adventure. Open to new and experienced players. The game will utilize Dungeons and Dragons free digital tool set, D&D Beyond. Participants must register to receive the Zoom link. Presented by the Point Pleasant Beach Branch. REG

BHM/A – 2/19, 2 pm, Saturday
Tales from the African and African American Folktale Tradition: Black History Month Celebration with the Toms River Area NAACP & Storyteller Julie Pasqual
Celebrate Black History Month virtually with Toms River Area NAACP with entertainment presented by Storyteller Julie Pasqual. From the beginning of time people have loved coming together to hear a good tale. This performance will feature stories that are rooted in the traditions of the African people, and those stories that became part of the African American experience. Presented by the Toms River Branch. REG

BHM/A – 2/19, 2 pm, Saturday
Black History Month Bingo: Author Trivia Edition
Play a virtual game that features trivia about Black authors to try to win a special prize. Presented by the Lakewood Branch.

T – 2/18, Friday
DIY Upcycled Toy Lamp
Do you have toys that you no longer play with but aren’t ready to get rid of? Give them a new life by turning them into a lamp. Presented by the Lakewood Branch.
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Available in print
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Call Number: 158.1 Wade

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