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A – 5/2, 5/23, Mondays
Take & Make Crafts
While supplies last. Sponsored by the Friends of the Berkeley Library.
5/2: May flowers
5/3: Memorial Day Craft
CH – 5/4, 10 am – 11:30 am, Wednesday
Playtime Fun!
Drop in anytime between 10 am – 11:30 am to play with our toys and socialize with other kids. Ages 1 – 4.
T – 5/4, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.
A – 5/7, 2 pm, Saturday
Sinatra: A Voice in Time
Frank Sinatra was an incomparable singer and icon who left an indelible mark on the 20th century music scene. In this informative and entertaining program, performer Phil Bruschi pays tribute to Sinatra’s musical career. Phil sings selected Sinatra songs and discusses the singer’s role in music history.
REG
BO – 5/6, 1 pm – 2:30 pm, Friday
Friday Afternoon Book Discussion
Contact the Berkeley Branch for more information.
DiV/A – 5/11, 2 pm, Wednesday
Beautiful Toran Adult Craft
Make a traditional Indian welcome garland to hang above your doorway to celebrate Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Participants will learn about this Indian tradition, view authentic torans crafted with flowers, leaves, fabric, and paper designs, and will have an opportunity to make their own.
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CH – 5/12, 10:30 am, Friday
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
DiV/T – 5/14, 3 pm, Saturday
Crafternoon: Origami Adventures
Learn about the art of Japanese paper folding. Extra supplies will be available in the Teen Zone while supplies last. Grades 7 – 12.
CH – 5/16 – 5/28
Take & Make Craft
Take home a craft that celebrates spring. Supplies are limited. Sponsored by the Friends of the Berkeley Library.
CH – 5/18, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Toddler Time
Play with your little one as we share stories, rhymes, songs, and dance. Ages 1 – 2. REG
T – 5/18, 6 pm, Wednesday
Movie Night
Eternals (PG-13) 157 min.
G – 5/21, 11 am, Saturday
Rain Barrel FAQs
You have rain barrel questions and we have answers. From how to get a rain barrel to how to use the water collected, we are here to help you navigate the ins and outs of rainwater harvesting. Presented by Steve Yergaeu of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean and Atlantic Counties.
CH – 5/23, 9 am, Monday
Drop-in Mermaid Craft
Drop by for a craft to celebrate National Mermaid Day. Ages 2+.
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Friday Fun Days
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DiV/A – 5/6, 1 pm, Monday
Advanced French Club
Speak French with French speakers in the community. Intermediate and Advanced speakers welcome. REG
CH – 5/9, 9 am, Monday
Drop-in Koala Paper Bag Puppet Craft
Drop by for a koala paper bag puppet craft to honor Endangered Species Day. Ages 2+.
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Drop-in Hawaiian Mask Craft
Join us for a fun craft. REG
C/A – 5/11, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Beginner Word
Learn the basics of Microsoft® Word. Must be comfortable with using the mouse. REG
T/TW – 5/12, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
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A – 5/14, 2 pm, Saturday
Jazz Duo with Brian Betz and Vinnie Correao
Enjoy an afternoon concert of American Standards and original compositions featuring jazz guitarists, Brian Betz and Vinnie Correao. Sponsored by the Friends of the Brick Library. REG
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Internet Basics
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A – 5/19, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Night Crafting for Adults
Join us for a surprise craft. REG
CH – 5/23, 9 am, Monday
Drop-in Luau Mask Craft
Drop by for a luau mask craft. Ages 2+.

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CH – 5/23, 9 am, Monday
Drop-in Poppy Pinwheel Craft
While supplies last. Ages 7 – 11.

C/A – 5/25, 10 am, Wednesday
Access Consumer Reports Online
Learn how to access Consumer Reports online for free with your Ocean County Library card. REG

T/TW – 5/25, 3:45 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A – 5/25, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Adult Craft
Celebrate Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a craft. Learn how to make a Ribbon Lei. REG

DiVA – 5/28, 1:30 pm, Saturday
Feature Film: Princess Kaiulani (PG-13) 130 min. REG

CH – 5/31, 9 am, Tuesday
Drop-in Elephant Craft
Drop by for an elephant craft. Ages 2+.

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CH – May
Look & Learn Activities
Participate in themed activities to do in your own time.

CH – May
Take-Home LEGO® Build Challenge
Challenge your LEGO® building skills with one of our take-home kits. Participants will borrow a supply of bricks to create a design and return to the Library for showcase in the month of June. REG

BD – 5/10, 1 pm, Tuesday
Tumbledown Manor by Helen Brown

T/PA – 5/3, 6 pm – 8 pm, Tuesday
Study Break: Caregiver Canines
Take a study break at the Library and relieve stress by visiting with therapy dogs from Caregiver Canines. Ages 13 – 18. REG

A – 5/11, 7 pm, Wednesday
Unwind Your Mind
Join us for a relaxing time with our calm-room and some adult coloring. REG

BD – 5/10, 1 pm, Tuesday
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

A – 5/17, 2 pm – 8:30 pm, Tuesday
5/18, 5/19, 9:30 am – 8:30 pm, Wednesday and Thursday
5/20, 5/21, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm, Friday and Saturday
5/23, 5/24, 5/25, 9:30 am – 8:30 pm, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Friends of the Library Book Sale
Stock up on a variety of books for a great price. Proceeds benefit the Jackson Branch.

DIV/CH – 5/20, Friday
Take & Make: Celebrate Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month
Pick up a kit to create themed activities. While supplies last. Please be mindful and take only one kit per child.

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A – 12 pm, All Thursdays
Mah Jongg
Mahavens & 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 – 5/6, 11 am, Friday
Book Talk
What have you been reading? We want to know. Join other book lovers for a lively discussion and find your next great read or share what you have enjoyed.

A – 5/3, 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.

A – 5/6, 11 am, Friday
Monday Movie
Meet Deputy Mayor Mark Dykoff. Stop by the Lacey Branch to see artwork done by local artist, Kim Cesaretti.

CH – 5/4, 2 pm, Wednesday
Space Ship Craft
Make your own x-shaped spaceship and pilot in the Teen Zone.

CH – 5/5, 5 pm, Thursday
Teacher Appreciation Week
Create fun cards for the amazing teachers in your life. Ages 0 – 12.

G – 1:30 pm, All Fridays
Family craft. Ages 0 – 6.

A – 5/6, 2 pm, Friday
Jump Start Your Garden
Check out our new seed library and create a seed pod to take home.

T – 5/7, Saturday
Take & Make: National Pet Day Door Hangers
Celebrate National Pet Day by creating your very own furry friend to hang on your door.

CH – 5/9, 6 pm, Monday
Design Your Own Car
Use your imagination and design a car. Ages 5 – 12.

DIV/T – 5/9, Monday
Take & Make: Star of David Needlepoint
Learn about the history of Jewish American Heritage Month and make a Star of David using needlepoint.

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CH – 5/11, 3 pm, Wednesday
Leap Into Science
Combine reading and science while experimenting with light and shadow. Ages 3 – 5. REG

G – 5/11, 5:30 pm, Wednesday
Family Game Club
Join us for an afternoon of board game fun using the Library’s collection of tabletop games. REG

CH – 5/12, 6 pm, Thursday
Paper Rabbit

CH – 5/16, 3:30 pm, Monday
Paper Bee
Make paper bees and flowers. Ages 5 – 12.

T – 5/16, Monday
Take & Make: Beaded Flower Bracelet
Perfect for Spring. Ages 12 – 18.

C/A – 5/16, 5:30 pm, Monday
Drop-in Tech Hours
Bring your computer questions to our staff.

A – 5/17, 7 pm, Tuesday
Anime Club for Adults
Join us for anime viewing in our computer lab.

CH – 5/18, 5:30 pm, Wednesday
Ladybug
Create a ladybug in honor of Spring. Ages 6 – 12.

A – 5/18, 7 pm, Wednesday
Springtime Craft
Welcome Spring by doing a pastel chalk art craft. REG

C/A – 5/20, 11 am, Friday
Tech Tour
Learn about all the different technologies the Library has to offer. REG

CH – 5/24, Tuesday
National Scavenger Hunt
Complete this take-home scavenger hunt and bring it back to the Library for a coloring packet. Ages 4 – 12.

A – 5/24, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Tarot Tuesday
Learn, share, and discuss all things tarot.

T – 5/24, 6 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 5/26, Tuesday
Take & Make: Mother’s Day Cards
While supplies last. REG

T – 5/6, Friday
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While supplies last.

T – 5/5, 6 pm, Thursday
Tiny Paint Party
Teens are invited to de-stress and relax while creating a miniature work of art. REG

CH – 5/10, 5:30 pm, Tuesday
Sensory Stations
Soothing music and low lights will accompany multiple stations where children can experience different sensory items. Ages 3 – 7. REG

T – 5/12, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 5/14, 10 am, Saturday
Let’s Get Together: Sidewalk Chalk
Use your imagination and turn the Library’s sidewalk into a piece of collaborative art. Weather permitting. Ages 1 – 12.

T – 5/16, Monday
Mystery Take & Make
While supplies last.

DIV/CH – 5/17, 5:30 pm, Tuesday
Shark Storytime and Craft
Celebrate the life of Japanese Scientist Eugenie Clark and how she became the ocean’s most fearless scientist. Ages 3 – 5. REG

CH – 5/18, 10 am, Friday
Let’s Get Together: Dress for a Mess
Little ones can explore their world by making a mess with all things squishy, colorful, and fun. Drop-in activity. Ages 6 – 18 months. REG

A – 5/19, 7 pm, Thursday
Drop-In Gaming for Adults
Join community members for a fun and friendly evening of board games and card games. Chat with others about your favorite game or play an exciting game provided by the Library. REG

CH – 5/25, 10 am, Wednesday
Let’s Get Together: Family Reading Hour
Weather permitting for this outdoor program. Please bring your own chairs or blankets. Ages 1+.

T – 5/26, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Game Night
Play familiar and new games, just for teens. REG

DIV/A – 5/27, 2:30 pm, Friday
Film: Golden Gate Girls
(NR) 90 mins. REG

A – 5/28, 2 pm, Saturday
Author Talk & Book Signing: Destiny Can Be Dangerous
Join author Matthew H. Gooley, an Ocean County native who will be talking about his spy thriller that is an action-packed espionage story about a U.S. agency tasked with fighting terror plots within our borders. Books will be available for purchase. REG

CH – 5/31, 5 pm, Tuesday
Let’s Get Together: Sidewalk Chalk
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DIV/CH – 5/31, 5 pm, Tuesday
Shore Shots by Amy Stewart
Photography Exhibit -
A – 5/2, 1:30 pm, Monday
Movie Matinee Monday:
*Dear Even Hansen* (PG-13) 137 min. REG

A – 5/3, 11 am, Tuesday
Blood Pressure Clinic
Free monthly blood pressure screening the first Tuesday of every month by the Long Beach Island (LBI) Health Department. Drop in.

A – 5/3, 6 pm, Tuesday
LBI Writers Club Open Mic
Calling all writers — are you writing regularly, trying it out, or just occasionally inspired? Everyone, resident or visitor, is invited to attend and any skill level of short story (two pages maximum) or poetry is welcome. Registration available, walk-ins welcome.

DIV/A – 5/4, 2 pm, Wednesday
Move to the Music, Bollywood Style
The beats of Indian music and cool dance styles of India are fast becoming part of mainstream culture through its cinema. Join us to explore the unique relationship we as Americans share with India through our popular culture. So put on your favorite dancing shoes and get ready to move and groove Bollywood style. REG

A – 5/5, 1 pm, Thursday
LBI Poets Studio
Whether you are an accomplished poet or a new one, wish to write or to hone a poem, our monthly workshop will inspire you.

A – 5/6, 5/20, 10 am, Fridays
Take & Play: Puzzle Pack
While supplies last.

A – 5/6, 1 pm, Friday
Wellness Kits
In honor of National Mental Health Awareness Month, pick up a free Senior Wellness Kit provided by the Ocean County Health Department. While supplies last.

T – 5/7, 1:30 pm, Saturday
Teen Movie Matinee: *Whip It* (PG-13) 111 min. Ages 13 – 18. REG

CH – 5/9, 10 am, Monday
Kids Take & Learn: Today I Feel...
Stop by the Library to pick up a craft that helps us learn to identify and regulate our emotions. While supplies last.

A/PA – 5/9, 1 pm, Monday
Movie Kit: *On the Rocks*
Take home a free bag of goodies. While supplies last. Movie available for check out.

G/PA – 5/10, 1 pm, Tuesday
Family Movie Night Kit: The Mitchell vs the Machines
Take home a free bag of goodies. While supplies last. Movie available for checkout.

A – 5/10, 6 pm, Tuesday
Italian Cultural Society of LBI “Secondo Martedì” with presenter, Maestro Robert Butts, topic to be determined. Sponsored by the Italian Cultural Society of LBI. REG

TW/T – 5/11, 6 pm, Wednesday
Crochet Corner
Stop by the Branch for the first session of Crochet Corner, a crafting session for teens and tweens. Never crocheted before? No problem. We will go over the basics and learn as we go. Our first project will be to make a bookmark out of yarn. Grades 6 – 12. REG

CH – 5/12, 5/26, 10 am, Thursdays
Storytime at Home: Interactive Book Bundles
CH – 5/13, 10 am, Friday
Preschool Pals
We will read some stories and work on a fun craft together. Ages 3 – 5 with caregiver. REG

CH – 5/16, 10 am, Monday
Kids Take & Make: Fairy House
While supplies last.

A – 5/16, 1:30 pm, Monday
Movie Matinee Monday:
*Cry Macho* (PG-13) 104 min. REG

G – 5/17, 2 pm – 4 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/TW – 5/18, 3:30 pm, Wednesday
Flower Power
The Garden Club of LBI will be leading a demonstration on how to make a flower arrangement. Please register each family member individually. Grades 3 – 6. REG

CH – 5/20, 10 am, Friday
Toddler Time
We will read some stories and work on a fun craft together. Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver. REG

CH – 5/23, 10 am, Monday
Take & Make: Mail a Hug
Show someone you care about that you miss them by mailing them a hug. Use the opportunity to learn about how the postal service works. Sponsored by Friends of the Island Library. While supplies last.

A/PA – 5/23, 1 pm, Monday
Movie Kit: *The Farewell*
Take home a free bag of goodies. While supplies last. Movie available for check out.

CH – 5/24, 1 pm, Tuesday
Take & Make: Water Bottle
While supplies last.

T – 5/25, 6 pm, Wednesday
Teen Creative Writing Group
Stop by the Branch to work on your writing skills. Ages 13 – 18. REG

G – 5/26, 10 am, Saturday
LEGOS®/DUPLOS® with a Movie
Play while we watch the movie *Encanto*. (PG) 109 min. This event is for children and families. Children 8 and under must be accompanied by a caregiver for the duration of the program. Ages 3+. REG

A – 5/2, Monday
Take & Make: Tibetan Prayer Flags
Celebrate Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month by creating 5 colorful paper Tibetan Prayer Flags. While supplies last.

CH – 5/2, Monday
Take & Make: Tea Cup Crafts
Stop by the Manchester Youth Services department to pick up a teacup craft that would make a great gift for a special caretaker in your life.

BD/A – 5/3, 10:15 am – 11:30 am, Tuesday
The Alice Network by Kate Quinn
Celebrate Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month by learning easy origami models. REG

CH/TW – 5/5, 6 pm, Thursday
Outdoor Origami
Celebrate Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month by learning easy origami models. REG
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A – 5/6, 2 pm, Friday
Shore to Age Well
This program will explain the difference between misuse and abuse of medications, how to properly store medications, including extensive information on alternative options for pain management. We will also discuss and stress the importance of patient/physician communication. The program will focus on providing practical information regarding the appropriate use of non-opioid analgesic pain medication and non-pharmacological approaches to dealing with acute and chronic pain. Presented by Kelly Lamey, Field Representative of the Ocean County Health Department. REG

CH – 5/6, Friday
Take & Make:
Ladybug Craft
While supplies last. Limit one per child.

A – 5/9, 2 pm – 4 pm, Monday
Meditation with Tibetan Metal Singing Bowls
Celebrate Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month with Tibetan Singing Bowls. Tibetan Singing Bowls are an ancient form of sound healing. Learn about the health benefits of meditation and the history of Tibetan singing bowls. Relax and unwind while playing a singing bowl. Bring a yoga mat or cushion and wear comfortable clothing. Sponsored by the Friends of the Manchester Branch. Presented by Shelly Botwinick, MA in Holistic Health, B.S. Music Education, energy medicine practitioner, specializing in sound healing and adjunct professor at Mercer County Community College. REG

CH – 5/9, 6 pm, Monday
Calming Coloring for Kids
May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Join us on the patio for some calming music and meditative coloring to help you de-stress before the busy end of the school year. REG

A – 5/10, 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.

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Chicks with Sticks – Knitting and Crocheting Group
Do you love to knit or crochet? Bring your yarn, needles, and current projects. All skill levels are welcome.

CH – 5/14, Saturday
Take & Make:
Tulip Craft for Kids
While supplies last.

A – 5/14, 10 am – 3 pm, Saturday
Friends of the Manchester Branch Craft Fair
Support your community by shopping a variety of local craft vendors.

A – 5/16, Monday
Take & Make:
Chinese Good Luck Knot
Celebrate Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month by creating a decorative Chinese Good Luck Knot with a satin cord. While supplies last.

CH/ TW – 5/17, Tuesday
Sand Art for Kids
Join us on the patio to make a Sand Art project. REG

T – 5/19, 6 pm, Thursday
Erasing the Stigma: Fact vs. Myth of Mental Health
Come in and learn about various mental health topics such as depression, anxiety and anger in a non-judgmental environment. Presented by Abby Altman, a licensed associate counselor, who is currently working in a high school in New Jersey. Both teens aged 12 – 18 as well as parents and caregivers of teens are welcome to attend. Individuals who attend the presentation will leave with a better understanding of mental health and learn about different ways to improve their mental health. REG

CH – 5/20, Friday
Jewish American Heritage Month Display & Activities
Stop by the Manchester Youth Services Department and check out our Jewish American Heritage Month Display featuring Sydney Taylor Book Award Winners and Activities.

A – 5/23, 2 pm, Monday
Feature Film:
Everything is Illuminated
(PG-13) 106 min.

CH – 5/27, Friday
Take & Make: Memorial Day Activity Packet for Kids
Stop by the Manchester Youth Services Department and check out our Memorial Day display and pick up a packet with a mini book about Memorial Day, coloring sheets and other activities.

A – 5/27, 1 pm – 3 pm, Fridays
Quilting Bee
Come join other quilters to work on individual and group projects.

T – 5/18, 10 am – 5 pm, Wednesday
Teen Journals
In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, pick up your reflective journaling kit at the Plumsted Branch. While supplies last. Ages 12+.

CH – 5/20, 10:30 am, Monday
Silly Storytime with Miss Renee
Silly stories, songs, and a craft. Siblings are welcome. Ages 2 – 4.

BD – 5/16, 6 pm, Monday
Plumsted Evening Book Discussion
A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman.

A – 5/11, 1 pm, Wednesday
Wednesday Movie Matinee
Bye Bye Birdie.
(G) 112 min.

CH – 5/23, 2:30 pm, Monday
Drop-in Craft: Hawaiian Lei-inspired Necklaces
Drop in at the Plumsted Branch and create a necklace inspired by the Hawaiian Lei and learn a bit about Hawaiian culture, in recognition of Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Ages 3+.

CH – 5/10, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Inspire Your Heart with Art
Join us at the Plumsted Branch for a mixed media art program featuring five different art stations. Please dress for a mess. Ages 3+. REG

A – 5/11, 1 pm, Wednesday
Wednesday Movie Matinee
Everything is Illuminated.
(PG-13) 106 min.

A – 5/12, 10 am – 12 pm, Thursday
Get to Know Your Gadget
Call the Plumsted Branch to sign up for a half-hour time slot where we will learn to use your device together. Time slots are limited.

A – 5/27, 2 pm, Monday
Inspire Your Heart with Art
Come join other quilters to work on individual and group projects.

CH – 5/10, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Adult Crafternoon
Join us for our relaxing Crafternoon. This month we are creating small latch hook rugs. REG

CH – 5/5, 10 am, Thursday
Drop-in Craft: Mother’s Day Cards
Design a Mother’s Day card. While supplies last. Ages 3+.

T – 5/9, 4 pm, Monday
Dungeons and Dragons Club
Join the adventure at Dungeons and Dragons club. Whether you’re an experienced player or new to the game you are welcome. This is a brand-new club we are looking to build. Heroic deeds, role play, and fantasy adventures abound. Ages 12 – 18.
A – 5/25, 1 pm, Wednesday
Wednesday Movie Matinee
Join us for a screening of Shang Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings. (PG-13) 132 min.

PT. PLEASANT BEACH
732-892-4575

A – 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 7:30 pm, Mondays
English Conversation Group
New members welcome. REG

CH – 5/2, 10 am, Monday
Take & Make Monday:
Mother’s Day Card Craft
While supplies last. Ages 3 – 6.

Moana
G – 5/2, 7 pm, Monday
Moana
732-892-4575

G – 5/2, 7 pm, Monday
Moana
(PG) 107 min. REG

CH – 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 11 am,
Tuesdays
Outdoor Baby & Me
Please join us for songs, music, rhymes, and stories. Up to 18 months with caregiver. Program registration is highly encouraged. REG

CH – 5/4, 5/18, 5/25, 11 am,
Wednesdays
Outdoor Preschool Storytime
Please join us for stories and songs outside in our backyard in honor of Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Program registration is highly encouraged. Ages 3 – 6.

CH – 5/9, 9:30 am, Tuesday
Preschool Storytime:
Yay for Mom
Come join us for stories, songs and a special craft for mom. Ages 3 – 6. REG

CH/PA – 5/4, 4 pm, Wednesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs.

T – 5/5, Thursday
Cinco de Mayo Aztec Suns
Take & Make:
While supplies last. Ages 3 – 6.

REG

A/T – 5/9, 7 pm, Monday
Railroads of Ocean County
Chief naturalist at the Wells Mills County Park, German Georgieff, will lead us down the remnants of the now defunct rail system that still line the landscape of Ocean County. REG

A/T – 5/16, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Pickin’ at Point
Bring your acoustic instrument and a song to share at this drop-in acoustic jam session.

CH – 5/23, 10 am, Monday
Take & Make Monday:
Memorial Day Craft
While supplies last. Ages 3 – 6.

BD – 5/23, 7 pm, Monday
The Forgetting Time
by Sharon Guskin.

A/T – 5/16, 5 pm, Monday
Pickin’ at Point
Bring your acoustic instrument and a song to share at this drop-in acoustic jam session.

CH – 5/23, 10 am, Monday
Take & Make Monday:
Memorial Day Craft
While supplies last. Ages 3 – 6.

BD – 5/23, 7 pm, Monday
The Forgetting Time
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Say Goodbye to Overdue Fines
The Ocean County Library
no longer charges overdue fines.

For complete details visit: https://theoceancountylibrary.org/policies-fees-forms/fine-free
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BD – 5/16, 10:30 am, Monday Friends Book Discussion Group
The Bookshop on the Corner by Jenny Colgan.

FR – 5/17, 1:30 pm, Tuesday Monthly Friends Meeting
Stop by to meet the Friends and learn what they do for our Library.

T – 5/18, Wednesday Take & Make: Optical Illusion Sand Art
While supplies last. Ages 12 – 18.

A – 5/18, 6 pm, Wednesday 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 in.

BD – 5/18, 6:30 pm, Wednesday Open Our Mind Book Club
The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See.

CH – 5/19, 10:30 am, Thursday Baby & Me
Cuddle up with your baby and share rhymes, stories and music. Ages 0 – 18 months with caregiver. REG

A – 5/19, 2 pm, Thursday Adult Crafternoon: Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month
Join us as we create a craft to celebrate Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month. REG

CH – 5/20, 9:30 am, Friday Toddler Time: Let’s Do Shapes
Join us for fun, stories and action songs. Ages 2 – 3. REG

DIV/CH – 5/24, 9:30 am, Tuesday Preschool Storytime Celebrates Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month
Come celebrate with stories, songs and a craft. Ages 3 – 6. REG

A – 5/24, 2 pm, Tuesday Tuesday Afternoon Movie: Mortal Kombat (R) 95 min. REG

T – 5/25, 2:30 pm, Wednesday Teen Craft: May Flowers Ring Dish
Create your own ring dish with dried flowers. Ages 12 – 18. REG

BD – 5/25, 7:30 pm, Wednesday Good Readers Book Club
The Woman in the Window by A. J. Finn.

CH – 5/26, Thursday Take & Make: Memorial Day Straw Poppy Flower Bouquet Craft
While supplies last. Ages 3+.

C/A – 5/26, 11 am, Thursday Borrow eBooks and Audiobooks using OverDrive
Learn how to make an OverDrive account and borrow eBooks and audiobooks online using your Library Card. Must have mouse and typing skills and a Library card in good standing. REG

DIV/CH – 5/1, 1 pm, Sunday Book Bundles
In honor of Cinco de Mayo, pick up a book bundle that includes a craft about Cinco de Mayo or a bilingual book bundle. Recommended ages 2 – 7.

A – 5/2, Monday Take & Make: Earring Holder
Pick up your kit at the Stafford Branch Circulation Desk. Supplies and instructions provided. While supplies last.

A – 5/2, 12 pm, Monday Alzheimer’s Support Group
Does your loved one have signs/symptoms of Alzheimer’s Disease? Caring for an Alzheimer’s patient can be overwhelming. Join us monthly to learn how you can balance it all. Presented in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health, Debra Shar, RN, BSN. Drop in.

BD – 5/2, 12 pm, Monday AAUW Monday Book Discussion
This month the group will be reading Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger.

CH – 5/5, 5/19, 1 pm – 3 pm, Thursdays 5/7, 5/21, 10 am – 12 pm, Saturdays
String of Purls - Knit/Crochet
Want to learn to knit and crochet? Join to learn or bring your project with you. Beginners, bring size 9 knitting needles and light-colored 4-ply cotton or acrylic yarn. To crochet, bring the same yarn and size “I” crochet hook. Drop in.

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

A – 5/9, 5/23, 10 am – 12 pm, Mondays RCE Ocean County Master Gardeners Diagnostic Clinics
The Master Gardener team will help answer questions you may have. You may also bring in an insect or plant sample for ID, diagnosis and remedies.

DIV/A – 5/10, 11 am, Tuesday Akira Kurosawa Documentary (NR) 50 min.

T – 5/10, 4:30 pm, Tuesday Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 5/12, 9 am, Thursday Adopt-a-Plant
Learn about gardening by adopting your own plant to take care of. Ages 5 – 12.

A – 5/14, 10 am, Saturday NAMI Support Group
Parents and caregivers of a loved one with mental illness are welcome to this National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) group. If someone you know is struggling with mental illness, you are not alone. Drop in.

A – 5/14, 2 pm, Saturday Author Talk & Book Signing: Destiny Can Be Dangerous
Join author Matthew H. Gooley, an Ocean County native who will be talking about his spy thriller that is an action-packed espionage story about a U.S. agency tasked with fighting terror plots within our borders. Books will be available for purchase. REG

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S.A.I.L. will be returning to in-person at several branches this summer!

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A – 5/16, 12 pm, Monday Support Group for Caregivers
Are you caring for someone? Being a caregiver can be overwhelming. Join us monthly to learn how you can balance it all. Presented in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health, Debra Shar, RN, BSN. Drop in.

A – 5/16, Monday Take & Make: American Flag Luminaries
Pick up your kit at the Stafford Branch Circulation Desk. Supplies and instructions are provided. While supplies last.

A – 5/17, 11 am, Tuesday Shore to Age Well
Join us as we welcome the Ocean County Health Department to talk about the differences between misuse and abuse of medications, proper medication storage, as well as alternatives for pain medications. The program will focus on providing practical information regarding the appropriate use of non-opioid analgesic pain medications and non-pharmacological approaches to dealing with acute and chronic pain. REG

CH – 5/18, 10 am, Wednesday Clifford the Big Red Dog and LEGOS®
Enjoy open play with LEGOS® while watching Clifford the Big Red Dog. Families welcome. (PG) 96 min.

FR – 5/19, 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.

FR – 5/20, 10 am – 4 pm, Friday Friends of the Stafford Library Book Sale
Find some great buys and support the Library with your purchase of books and materials.

CH – 5/24, 7 pm, Tuesday Peppa Pig Pajama Storytime
Come in your pajamas and listen to Peppa Pig stories. Ages 2+. REG

A – 5/26, 11 am, Thursday Complications of Diabetes
Join a certified diabetes educator and learn how to manage your diabetes to prevent complications. Presented in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health, Debra Shar, RN, BSN and Cindy Andlis, RN, CDE (Certified Diabetes Educator). REG

A – 5/26, 6:30 pm, Thursday Retro Movie: Honey I Shrunk the Kids
(PG) 93 min.

A – 5/31, 11 am, Tuesday Sharks of Hawaii Documentary
(NR) 53 min.

ED – May Endangered Species by Suzi Hoffman and Barbara Kraemer (McConnell Gallery)
The Program is open to those interested in learning more about the wildlife in our area. Join us as we explore the unique relationships between the wildlife and the environment. (PG) 90 min.

CH/TW – 5/7, Saturday Take & Make: May Flowers
Pick up a nurse-themed craft kit. While supplies last. Best for children ages 3 – 6.

MKR/S/G – 5/11, 4 pm, Wednesday Sand Play
Join the Sparks’s Lab and Sensory Space for sand play. Free play with sand and glitter to create your own sand necklace. Will take place in Sparks’s Lab located on the second floor. Caregivers must be present. All ages. REG

DIV/G – 5/11, 6 pm, Wednesday Move to the Music, Bollywood Style
The beats of Indian music and dance styles of India are fast becoming part of mainstream culture through its cinema. Come explore the unique relationship we as Americans share with India through our popular culture. Put on your favorite dancing shoes and get ready to move and groove Bollywood style. REG

CH – 5/12, Thursday Take & Make: Alphabet Soup – Letter G

DIV/CH – 5/16, Monday Take & Make: May Flowers
Honor AA-NH/PI month by picking up a sakura (cherry blossom) craft to make at home. While supplies last. Best for children ages 2 – 5.

A – 5/16, 7 pm, Monday Yoga with Belle
Join us for a series of beginner level yoga sessions led by certified yoga instructor, Belle Burns. REG

CH – 5/18, 10 pm, Monday Honoring the Unsung Hero/Community Helpers – Nurses
Pick up a nurse-themed craft kit. While supplies last. Best for children ages 3 – 6.

MKR/CH – 5/19, 9:30 am, Tuesday管道清理动物
了解如何制作动物造型，并使用吸尘器清理。适合3-8岁的儿童。

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CH/TW – 5/7, Saturday Take & Make: Key Chain Decorating
Pick up a wooden key chain to decorate at home. While supplies last. Best for children ages 6+.

MKR/S/G – 5/7, 12 pm – 2 pm, Saturday Drop-in Stress Relief Coloring
For Mental Health Awareness Month, drop in and join the Sparks’s Lab and Sensory Space for stress relief coloring. Will take place in Sparks’s Lab located on the second floor. All ages.

FR – 5/9, 2 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.

A – 5/9, 5/23, 6:30 pm, Monday Yoga with Belle
Join us for a series of beginner level yoga sessions led by certified yoga instructor, Belle Burns. REG

CH – 5/10, Tuesday Take & Make: Butterfly
Make a paper butterfly. While supplies last. Best for children ages 6 – 9.

BD – 5/10, 7 pm, Tuesday Evening Book Discussion
Bookshop on the Corner by Jenny Colgan. REG

FR – 5/19, 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.

FR – 5/20, 10 am – 4 pm, Friday Friends of the Stafford Library Book Sale
Find some great buys and support the Library with your purchase of books and materials.

CH – 5/31, 11 am, Tuesday Sharks of Hawaii
Documentary (NR) 53 min.

ED – May Endangered Species by Suzi Hoffman and Barbara Kraemer (McConnell Gallery)
Creative Photography by Rob Rielly (2nd Floor Gallery)

CH – 5/2, Monday Take & Make: Dinosaur Coloring Book
Stop by the Youth Services Department to manage your month of May for a fun dinosaur coloring book. Best for children 2+.

S/G – starting 9 am, Monday Celebrate National Inventors Month with a Book Bundle
Visit the Sensory Space on the 2nd floor to pick up your National Inventors Month Book Bundle and coloring sheet. While you are there, spend some time in the Sensory Space with special lighting, sounds and equipment for a calming experience. Book Bundles will be available for checkout while supplies last.

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**CH – 5/17, Tuesday**
**Take & Make:**
**Outer Space Astronauts**
Pick up an astronaut themed craft kit. While supplies last. Best for children ages 3 – 6.

**MKR/TW/T – 5/20, 3 pm, Friday**
**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 homeschooling teens, ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**A – 5/17, 6:30 pm, Tuesday**
**Mental Health Association in New Jersey: An Overview of Services**
This educational presentation will inform Ocean County residents about the many free supportive services offered to Ocean County residents by the Mental Health Association in NJ. Presenter Heather Ell will discuss each of the programs in detail and explain how community members can access these services. Attendees will have the ability to be connected to services following the presentation.

**MKR/A – 5/23, 3 pm, Monday**
**Cricut® Maker™ Class: Intermediate**
Take it to the next level and learn about the Cricut® Maker™ machine and Cricut® Design Space Software. **REG**

**CH – 5/24, Tuesday**
**Take & Make:**
**Paper Cactus**

**A – 5/24, 3 pm, Tuesday**
**Treating Wounds and Ulcers of the Lower Extremity**
Dr. Robin Lenz of Ocean County Foot & Ankle Surgical Associates, P.C. will cover topics surrounding wound care of the lower extremity. He will discuss commonly encountered wounds and their treatments. He will discuss appropriate evaluation including commonly ordered tests. He will discuss the different members of a comprehensive team and the role each specialist plays in wound healing. There will be a 45-minute lecture followed by a 15-minute Q&A. **REG**

**MKR/T/A – 5/25, 6 pm, Wednesday**
**Quilled Name & Flower Sign**
Create a sign with your name and quilled flowers. Ages 13+. **REG**

**DIV/A – 5/25, 6 pm, Wednesday**
**We Refuse to be Enemies:**
**Author Talk with Sabeeha Rehman and Walter Ruby**
The authors will highlight the message of their book *We Refuse to Be Enemies*, a manifesto by two American citizens, a Muslim woman and Jewish man, concerned with the rise of intolerance and bigotry in our country. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

**CH – 5/26, Thursday**
**Take & Make:**
**Submarine Scene**
Make an ocean scene featuring a yellow submarine. While supplies last. Best for children ages 3 – 7.

**BD – 5/26, 7 pm, Thursday**
**Read with Pride Adult Book Club**
Each month we will pick a different theme and will focus on books featuring prominent LGBTQ+ characters. This month our theme is memoirs. Suggested books are *Boy Erased* by Garrard Conley; *Gender Queer* by Maia Kobabe; *Becoming Eve: My Journey from Ultra-Orthodox Rabbi to Transgender Woman* by Abby Stein. These books are available on Libby, hoopla or in print at the library. This book discussion is for those who identify as LGBTQ+, or who simply want to learn more about LGBTQ stories, narratives, and experiences. All are welcome. **REG**

**CH – 5/27, Friday**
**Take & Make:**
**Happy Memorial Day**
Celebrate Memorial Day with a poppy flower bouquet craft. Best for children ages 3+.

**MKR/CH – 5/27, 3 pm, Friday**
**Sphero® Bowling**
Learn how to code with Sphero® robots and try to get a strike. Ages 3 – 8. **REG**

**MKR/A – 5/31, 3 pm – 4:30 pm, Tuesday**
**Sewing Koozies**
Learn how to code with Sphero® robots and try to get a strike. Ages 3 – 8. **REG**

**A – 5/17, 10 am, Tuesday**
**Love Letters from the Lord**
Artist Carol Neugebauer will present her latest book with a lively discussion about her work. Her title *Love Letters from the Lord* will be available for purchase. **REG**

**A – 5/16, Monday**
**Book signing with Artist Carol Neugebauer**
Artist Carol Neugebauer will present her latest book with a lively discussion about her work. Her title *Love Letters from the Lord* will be available for purchase. **REG**

**CH – 5/17, Tuesday**
**Art Chat**
Meet and talk with local artists. Bring your own work for feedback.

**BD/A – 5/23, 6:30 pm, Monday**
**Tuckerton Library Book Discussion**
Please call the Branch for this month’s title selection. **REG**

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**TUCKERTON**

**609-296-1470**

**A – 5/2, Monday**
**Take & Make Craft:**
**Plant and Vegetable Garden Stakes**
Design your own plant labels for your garden with corks and bamboo spikes. While supplies last.

**A – 5/2, Monday**
**Sphero® Bowling**
Learn how to code with Sphero® robots and try to get a strike. Ages 3 – 8. **REG**

**T – 5/12, 2:30 pm, Thursday**
**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**A – 5/16, Monday**
**Take & Make Craft:**
**Upcycled CD coasters**
Design and create a colorful coaster for your favorite beverage using simple upcycled products. While supplies last.

**CH – 5/16, Monday**
**Take & Make Craft:**
**Design a Rescue Dog Puppet**
In honor of pet rescue everywhere, our Take & Make kit includes everything you need to design your very own rescue dog puppet. While supplies last.

**A – 5/16, 7 pm, Monday**
**Book signing with Artist Carol Neugebauer**
Artist Carol Neugebauer will present her latest book with a lively discussion about her work. Her title *Love Letters from the Lord* will be available for purchase. **REG**

**BD – 5/26, 7 pm, Thursday**
**Movie: I am Sam**
(PG-13) 132 min.

**A – 5/3, 10 am, Tuesday**
**Art Chat**
Meet and talk with local artists. Bring your own work for feedback.

**BD/A – 5/23, 6:30 pm, Monday**
**Tuckerton Library Book Discussion**
Please call the Branch for this month’s title selection. **REG**

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**FIND US ONLINE AT:**

**WWW.THEOCEANCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG**
A – 5/10, 2 pm, Tuesday
Am I at Risk for a Stroke?
Learn the signs, symptoms, risk factors and what you should do if someone is having a stroke. Presented by Hackensack Meridian Health. REG

T – 5/10, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

A – 5/11, 2 pm, Wednesday
Afternoon Movie: House of Gucci
(R) 157 min. REG

A – 5/12 – 1 pm, All
Wednesdays
Preschool Storytime
Come to the Library to listen to stories from our Children’s Librarian. Ages 3 – 5. REG

A – 5/17, 2 pm, Tuesday
Pollinators
What do birds, bees, bugs, bats, and butterflies have in common? They are all pollinators. Come join us as we take a look at the world’s most important group of creatures and prepare for our summer gardens. Presented by Jakes Branch County Park. REG

A – 5/20, 2 pm, Friday
Introduction to Ocean County Senior Services
An overview of programs and services offered by the Office of Senior Services. REG

A – 5/24, 2 pm, Tuesday
Stress Happens
We’ve all experienced “stress” before, but what exactly is it? Is all stress bad? Learn more about its effects on our body and mind through this engaging and fun educational program. Presented by the Ocean County Health Department. REG

TW/T – 5/24, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Twen & Teen Video Gaming
Stop by the Library for some informal video gaming. Recommended for ages 10+. REG

A – 5/25, 2 pm, Wednesday
Afternoon Movie: King Richard
(PG-13) 144 min. REG

A – 5/28, 11 am, Saturday
Documentary Film: Forever, Chinatown
(NR) 32 min. REG

A – 5/4, 11 am, Wednesday
Explore India: Beautiful Toran
Learn to draw traditional Indian motifs, and create your own special toran to welcome your guests, Indian style. REG

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

CH – 5/7, 12 pm, Saturday
STEM Saturday
Join us for a STEM program with fun for the whole family. REG

A – 5/10, 11 am, Saturday
Documentary Film: Forever, Chinatown
(NR) 32 min. REG

A – 5/17, 3 pm, Tuesday
Anime
Watch the night with an episode of an anime. REG

A – 5/19, 6 pm, Tuesday
Pick a Point
Gathered in the Library or party games on the main floor. REG

CH – 5/19, 10:30 am, Thursday
Vroom! Storytime
Join us for a storytime about all things that “go”, with stories, songs, and an activity. Best for ages 3 – 5. REG

G – 5/27, 12:30 pm – 3 pm, Friday, 5/28, 10 am – 12:30 pm, Saturday
Friends of the Waretown Library Book Sale
Support the Friends and the branch at our book sale for all ages.

A – 5/26, 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. REG

ED – May
Seascapes & Ocean Life by Joan Tozzi Ablahani
Acrylic and watercolor seascapes and ocean life.

G – May
Flower Scavenger Hunt
April showers bring May flowers. Find the different types of flowers throughout the branch to win a prize. All ages.

A – 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 12 pm – 3 pm, Mondays
Mah Jongg Mondays
Play Mah Jongg at the Library.

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.

G – 5/3, 5:30 pm, Tuesday
Family Movie Night:
Clifford the Big Red Dog
(PG) 97 min. REG

A – 5/4, 7 pm, Wednesday
George Washington Remembers New Jersey
David Emerson portrays George Washington with an emphasis on his leadership and activities during the American Revolution, including a focus on Washington’s battles and encampments in New Jersey. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upper Shores Branch. REG

A – 5/5, 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 – 5/6, 3 pm, Friday
Upper Shores Book Discussion Group
Camino Island by John Grisham. New members are always welcome.
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VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

DIV/A – May
Asian Cuisine: Take the Online Quiz
How well do you know Asian cuisine? Take the quiz to test your culinary knowledge of Asian cuisine and culture. Quiz link will be available on our Calendar of Events page starting on May 1. Presented by the Brick Branch.

DIV/CH/TW – May
AA-NH/PI Month Sports Heroes Trivia Quiz
Test your sports knowledge and celebrate Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month with our trivia quiz. The quiz will be available throughout the entire month of May. Check our online events calendar for the link starting 5/1. Best for children ages 7+. Presented by the Toms River Branch.

T – 5/2, Monday
So, You Want to be a Librarian?
Do you have a passion for information and public service? Are you wondering how you might turn this into a career? Join Ocean County Library Teen Librarians as they share their experiences and what it takes to thrive in the career. This program will be available to watch on our YouTube Channel. Presented by the Little Egg Harbor Branch.

A – 5/2, 2 pm, Monday
Strength – Body
In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, join us for a 3-part virtual Zoom series dealing with strength of the body. This session will focus on strength of the body. Programs presented by RWJBH FEMA Hope & Healing Program. Please register for each session separately to receive Zoom link. Presented by the Stafford Branch.

DIV/CH – 5/6, 9 am, Friday
Stop, Drop, and Spring Roll
In honor of Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month, watch the virtual program, "Stop, Drop, and Spring Roll" to learn how to make fresh spring rolls. Ages 8+. Presented by the Stafford Branch.

A – 5/7, 10:30 am, Saturday
Lacey Virtual Shore Memory Cafe
This Virtual Early-Stage Memory Cafe provide 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 Saturday of every month via Zoom. To register call the Alzheimer’s Association 24/7 Helpline (800) 272-3900. Upon registration, you will be emailed the link to join the session.

CH – 5/9, Monday
Cooking with Miss Joanne
Check out our YouTube channel to see what tasty treat Miss Joanne is making this month. Sponsored by the Friends of the Berkeley Library.

A – 5/9, 2 pm, Monday
Strength – Mind
In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, join us for a 3-part virtual Zoom series dealing with strength of the mind, body, and spirit. This session will focus on strength of the mind. Programs presented by RWJBH FEMA Hope & Healing Program. Please register for each session separately to receive Zoom link. Presented by the Lacey Branch.

DIV/CH – 5/10, 7 pm, Tuesday
Meet Anthony Starego
Anthony Starego’s story will leave you feeling inspired. Anthony was diagnosed with autism at an early age. He was mostly non-verbal and very sensitive to touch. Lots of love from his parents, hard work and dedication brought Anthony to where he is today. He is a loving young man, and after finding football fame at Brick Township High School, he is succeeding in his football career as a place kicker for both arena and minor league football teams. Join us for a virtual program to hear about his journey. This is part of the 2022 Autism Resources Fair. Link will be provided at registration.

T – 5/11, Wednesday
Virtual Writing Workshop
Do you write any of the following: poetry, fanfiction, short stories, novels, prose, graphic novels/ manga? Come share it with us and learn about writing with a group of your peers. Presented by the Lakewood Branch. Register to receive the Zoom link.

T – 5/13, Friday
DIY Temari Balls
Learn the art of making Japanese Temari balls and their history. This program will be available to watch on our YouTube Channel. Presented by the Lakewood Branch.

DIV/T – 5/16, 9 am, Monday
Mochi Ice Cream
Learn the origins of this Japanese treat created by Japanese-American businesswoman, Frances Hashimoto. We’ll then make our own mochi, formed around homemade red bean ice cream. This virtual program will be available to watch on our YouTube Channel. Presented by the Lacey Branch.

A – 5/16, 2 pm, Monday
Strength – Spirit
In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, join us for a 3-part virtual Zoom series dealing with strength of the mind, body, and spirit. This session will focus on strength of the spirit. Programs presented by RWJBH FEMA Hope & Healing Program. Please register for each session separately to receive Zoom link. Presented by the Lacey Branch.

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Virtual Programs

T/TW – 5/19, 6:30 pm, Thursday
EveryBODY Confident: Authors Talk Size Representation
Body Positivity. Body Confidence. Fat Acceptance. Why is it important to feature people of different sizes on the covers of our books and as main characters in our stories? Join us as we host authors at the forefront of body positivity in Young Adult and Middle Grade literature to discuss representation and self-love. The Ocean County Library is excited to welcome three award-winning authors, Julie Murphy, Crystal Maldonado, and Lisa Fipps, for this important discussion to raise awareness and share advice. This virtual program will be held live on Zoom. REG

A – 5/23, 7 pm, Monday
Just Say Yes to Fruits & Vegetables: Meal Planning
Join SNAP-Ed on Zoom to understand how to plan easy, healthy meals using low cost, readily available foods. You will also learn how to identify healthy meal planning strategies as well as the benefits of planning meals and snacks. SNAP-Ed will then demo their pasta salad recipe. Presented by the Waretown Branch. REG

A – 5/26, 2 pm, Thursday
Virtual Adventures – Thailand, Philippines, & Hawaii
Go on a virtual Zoom adventure of Thailand, Philippines, and Hawaii and explore plants, landscape, food, and drink all from the comfort of your home. Presented by RWJBF FEMA Hope & Healing Program in celebration of Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Please register to receive a Zoom link. Presented by the Lacey Branch. REG

G – 5/27, Friday
Adulting 101: Health Insurance
Check out our latest part of the Adulting 101 series on our YouTube channel. Learn from Greta Latvyte, a Health Insurance Navigator, about the basics of health insurance, such as how to sign up, and what some of the common terms mean. Presented by the Waretown Branch.

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.

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RECOMMENDED MATERIALS

**ASIAN AMERICAN AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**

**Adult Titles:**
- *Heart and Seoul* by Jen Frederick
- *Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning* by Cathy Park Hong
- *Mimi Lee Gets a Clue* by Jennifer J. Chow

**Young Adult Titles:**
- *Girls of Paper and Fire* by Natasha Ngan
- *Where Dreams Descend* by Janella Angeles
- *I’ll Be the One* by Lyla Lee

**Children’s Titles:**
- *Eyes That Kiss in the Corners* by Joanna Ho
- *The Katha Chest* by Radhiah Chowdhury; Illustrated by Lavanya Naidu
- *Ohana Means Family* by Ilima Loomis, Illustrated by Kenard Pak

**Mental Health AWARENESS MONTH**

**Adult Titles:**
- *Everything Here is Beautiful* by Mira T. Lee
- *Reasons to Stay Alive* by Matt Haig
- *Nobody’s Normal: How Culture Created the Stigma of Mental Illness* by Roy Richard Grinker

**Young Adult Titles:**
- *Watch Over Me* by Nina LaCour
- *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green
- *The Valley and the Flood* by Rebecca Mahoney

**Children’s Titles:**
- *The Boy with Big, Big Feelings* by Britney Winn Lee; Illustrated by Jacob Souva
- *My Monster and Me* by Nadiya Hussain; Illustrated by Ella Bailey
- *The Color Monster: A Story About Emotions* by Anna Llenas