A – 1 pm, All Mondays
Monday Movie
4/1: Priscilla (R) 113 min.
4/8: Space Cowboys (PG-13) 130 min.
4/15: Wonka (PG) 116 min.
4/29: The Color Purple (PG-13) 141 min.

A – 4/4, 6 pm, Thursday
Southern Ocean Birding Group
Each month, the Southern Ocean Birding Group brings in a speaker on birds in New Jersey.

A – 4/8, 10 am, Monday
Eclipse Over America
Documentary
Join us and learn about how scientists and space enthusiasts tracked and watched the solar eclipse in 2017 just in time to observe today’s solar eclipse. Solar eclipse glasses will be available while supplies last. A waiver must be signed by an adult before receiving solar eclipse glasses.

CH – 4/9, 10 am, Tuesday
Preschool Storytime
Come for stories, songs, and a craft. Ages 3 – 5. REG

A – 4/10, 10 am, Wednesday
Kandinsky Flowers for Adults with Special Challenges
Create paper flowers inspired by the art of Wassily Kandinsky. Supplies are limited. REG

T – 4/10, 6 pm, Wednesday
Wood Painting for Teens
Debby Pease will teach participants to paint their own wooden sign to express their creativity. Sponsored by Friends of the Barnegat Library. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A – 4/11, 4/25, 1 pm, Thursdays & 4/13, 4/27, 10 am, Saturdays
EWE Knit and Crochet
Drop in with your own supplies.

TW – 4/11, 6 pm, Thursday
Terrariums
Celebrate Earth Day at the Library. Join Ocean County 4-H Program Associate, Amelia Valente as she demonstrates how to make your own terrarium and learn about the latest technologies for the future of feeding humans. Sponsored by Friends of the Barnegat Library. Ages 8 – 11. REG

FR – 4/13, 9:30 am, Saturday
Friends of the Barnegat Library Book Sale
Visit the Friends of the Barnegat Library book sale and find great books at great prices while supporting the Friends.

A – 4/16, 1 pm, Tuesday
Art Chat
Meet and talk with local artists. Bring your own work for feedback.

CH – 4/16, 4 pm, Tuesday
Sensory Storytime with Toni Marie the OT
In recognition of Autism Acceptance Month, join us for a special toddler sensory storyline and sensory development play using toddler safe objects and music/movement. Toni Marie is a certified Occupational Therapist and owner of Next Level Kidz NJ. Sponsored by Friends of the Barnegat Library. Ages 1 – 3. REG

FR – 4/18, 10 am, Thursday
Friends of the Barnegat Library Meeting
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

A – 4/19, 10 am, Friday
Impressionists: Degas and Gauguin
(NR) 46 min. REG

CH – 4/23, 11 am, Tuesday
Baby & Me
Come for rhymes, songs, and stories. Ages up to 18 months with a caregiver. REG

A/T – 4/23, 7 pm, Tuesday
Community College for Students with Disabilities
The Office of Disability Services at Ocean County College will share information about eligibility determination and requesting accommodations during your teen’s transition to OCC. This presentation is geared toward high school students and their families. Please contact the Barnegat Branch to request reasonable accommodations at least 10 days prior to the event. REG

T – 4/24, 6 pm – 8 pm, Wednesday
Teen Volunteer Night
Earn community service hours. Learn about the Library. Registration and a current Teen Volunteer Application is required. Ages 12 – 18. REG

T – 4/27, 2 pm – 4 pm, Saturday
Crochet 101 for Teens
In this 2-hour class, participants will learn all the basic stitches and how to read a pattern. Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own if you prefer. Ages 12 – 18. REG

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.

ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS
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.

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.

Visit our Calendar of Events for more information on our in-person and virtual programs: bit.ly/OCLevents

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.
Celebrate National Library Week April 7–13

Ocean County Library
National Library Week 2024

National Library Week is a time to celebrate our nation’s libraries, library workers’ contributions and promote library use and support.

Neighbors Connecting
sponsored by a grant from the OceanFirst Foundation and the Ocean County Library Foundation

4/6, 10:30 am - Toms River
Stories and Tunes to Move and Groove with Michelle Washington Wilson. REG

4/20, 2 pm - Long Beach Island
Tunes & Tales with Valerie Vaughn. REG

4/23, 2 pm - Manchester
Kozak Ukrainian Dancers. REG

4/23, 6 pm - Little Egg Harbor
Stories and Tunes to Move and Groove with Michelle Washington Wilson. REG

4/24, 6:30 pm - Toms River
David Cedeño & His Orchestra. REG

CH – 4/11, 10:30 am, Thursday
Toddler Art
Join us for an art project in celebration of Autism Acceptance Month. Ages 2 – 5. REG

CH/PA – 4/15, 4:30 pm, Monday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of a gentle therapy dog. Ages 3+. REG

CH – 4/16, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Incredible Infants
Join us for songs, rhymes and playtime. For infants up to 18 months. REG

CH – 4/18, 10:30 am, Thursday
Preschool Storytime
Join us for storytime. Ages 3+. REG

TW – 4/22, 6 pm, Monday
Tween Art Workshop
Join us in creating an art project. Registration is limited. Ages 8 – 12. REG

A – 4/24, 11 am, Wednesday
Knit Wits
Stop by the Library with your knitting and crocheting projects and meet new friends.

A – 4/25, 3 pm, Thursday
English Conversation Group
New to speaking English? Join us and talk about current events and more. New members welcome.

T – 4/27, 11 am, Saturday
Teen Scene
Teens can stop by the library and hang out. Board games will be available to play. Ages 13 – 17. REG

A – 10:30 am – 2 pm, All Mondays
Movies for Adults with Special Challenges
Individuals and day programs for adults with special challenges are welcome to enjoy a movie in our meeting room. The audience will select their film on the day of the showing. Room opens at 10:30 am, movie starts at 11:30 am. REG

A – 10:30 am – 2 pm, All Tuesdays
Movies for Adults with Special Challenges
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A/T – 4/2, 6 pm, Tuesday
Community College for Students with Disabilities
The Office of Disability Services at Ocean County College will share information about eligibility determination and requesting accommodations during your teen’s transition to OCC. This presentation is geared toward high school students and their families. Please contact the Berkeley Branch to request reasonable accommodations at least 10 days prior to the event. REG

A – 10 am, All Wednesdays
Book Café for Adults with Special Challenges
Select your favorite books and relax and share with friends. Drop in.

A – 4/3, 4/17, 1 pm, Wednesdays
Intro to Mah Jong
Register online or call the branch at 732-269-2144 to register once for all sessions. REG
A – 1 pm – 4 pm, All Thursdays
Mah Jongg
Join a weekly session for experienced players of Mah Jongg. Players must bring their own set and current card. Drop in.

G/PA – 4/8, 2 pm – 4:30 pm, Monday
Solar Eclipse Viewing Party
Watch the solar eclipse at the library with space-themed snacks and activities. Solar eclipse viewing glasses will be available while supplies last. A waiver must be signed by an adult before receiving solar eclipse glasses. REG

T – 4/9, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Magic: The Gathering™ Club for Teens
Become a Planeswalker at the Library’s Magic: The Gathering™ Club. The Library provides cards and instruction. No prior experience is necessary, just show up and compete in this strategy card game. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A/T – 4/9, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Acoustic Jam Session
Bring an instrument and play with other musicians. All styles and skill levels are welcome. REG

CH – 4/10, 4/24, 10:30 am, Wednesdays
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

CH/PA – 4/16, 4 pm, Tuesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. REG

CH/PA – 4/22, 3 pm, Monday
Paws for Reading
Stop by the Library with your own device for this introductory course. REG

A – 4/17, 6 pm, Wednesday
Intro to Computers
Stop by the Library with your own device for this introductory course. REG

CH – 4/20, 10 am, Saturday
Sensory Playtime Fun
Celebrate Autism Acceptance Month and drop in to play with our toys and socialize with other kids in a sensory friendly environment. REG

CH – 4/22, 3 pm, Monday
Earth Day Craft
Learn how to create a spring craft out of recycled objects. REG

A – 4/24, 7 pm, Wednesday
Dale & Amy Acoustic Duo Concert
Dale and Amy have been performing throughout New Jersey since 1995. They perform many styles of music from the 1950s to the current day and cover numerous popular songs. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Berkeley Library. REG

T – 4/25, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Dungeons & Dragons® for Teens
Join fellow teen adventurers at the Library’s Dungeons & Dragons® program. Open to new and experienced players. Space is limited. Ages 12 – 18. REG

T/PA – 4/27, 3 pm, Saturday
Anime & Manga Afternoon
Unwind with friends while watching anime, enjoying Japanese snacks, and reading the latest manga. REG

A – 4/3, 2 pm, Wednesday
The Titanic: A Special Anniversary Presentation
Join historian Greg Caggiano for an overview of the voyage and sinking of the Titanic on its 112th anniversary. Included will be an examination of the ship’s construction, daily life for passengers, and what went wrong that led to its sinking. REG

A – 4/3, 6 pm, Wednesday
Twisted Stitchers of Ocean County
Join our group to learn to knit or bring your own knitting project. Drop in.

CH – 4/5, 10:30 am, Friday
Excellent Elephant Storytime
Join us for some elephant stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. REG

CH – 4/8, 10:30 am, Monday
Space Storytime
Celebrate the Solar Eclipse with some space stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. REG

T – 4/9, 3:45 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Join us for some poetry prompts to get the creativity going for National Poetry Month. Ages 7 – 10. REG

FR – 4/3, 10 am, Wednesday
Friends of the Brick Library Meeting
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the library. New members are welcome. REG

A – 4/10, 10 am or 11 am, Wednesday
Craft for Adults with Special Challenges
Join us for a fun craft. REG

A – 4/10, 2:30 pm, Wednesday
Senior Employment Assistance Presentation
Join us for a discussion on effective strategies for Ocean County seniors (55+) re-entering the workforce through the Senior Employment Assistance program. Topics covered include tailored career counseling, resume building, interview techniques, technology training, and more. Presented by the St. Francis Community Center. REG

A – 4/11, 4 pm – 8 pm, Thursday
Friends of the Berkeley Library Psychic Night Fundraiser
Visit or call the Branch at 732-269-2144 to schedule a donation-based, 15-minute session with a psychic. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Berkeley Library. This program is for entertainment purposes only. REG

A – 4/13, 3 pm, Saturday
Scottish Thistle Brooch
Learn how to create a whimsical felt thistle brooch. REG

MKR/TW – 4/17, 3:30 pm, Wednesday
Tween Builders’ Club
Discover the fun of STEAM and explore creative constructions with our building kit. Ages 9 – 12. REG

A – 4/22, 3 pm, Monday
Earth Day Craft
Learn how to create a spring craft out of recycled objects. REG
A – 4/11, 6:30 pm, Thursday
SCORE Workshop: Digital Marketing, A Strategic Approach
In this workshop, you will learn about competitive research and well-defined customer personas to compose a marketing plan that makes sense for your business. You will also take away best practices on digital advertising, SEO, social media, analytics, and lead nurturing that you can implement right away. REG

A – 4/15, 12 pm, Monday
Lunchtime Movie for Adults with Special Challenges
Bring your own lunch and watch a movie in our meeting room. The audience will select their film on the day of the showing. REG

A – 4/16, 10 am, Tuesday
Live Healthy Ocean County!
Drop in for a free health screening administered by staff from the Ocean County Health Department. Blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and stroke assessment will be checked as well as nutrition education provided.

A – 4/16, 1 pm, Tuesday
Knitters of Brick
Are you a knitter? Do you want to learn to knit? Join our group to learn or bring your own project. Drop in.

T – 4/16, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
DIY Canvas Bags
Design a sustainable tote bag with style. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A – 4/16, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Writers Group
Looking for a friendly community of writers? Spark your writing creativity and participate in friendly, peer critiques on novels, short stories, memoirs, or any writing project you are working on.
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**ISLAND HEIGHTS**

**CH – 4/12, 3:30 pm, Friday**

**Beaded Friendship Bracelets**
Make beaded friendship bracelets to keep or share. Ages 7 – 12. REG

**T – 4/19, 3 pm, Friday**

**Teen Afternoon**
Come hang out in the Teen Zone for gaming and a craft. Ages 12 – 18.

**TW – 4/23, 3:30 pm, Tuesday**

**Tween Tuesday**
Join us to hang out with friends for games and crafts. Ages 10 – 12. REG

**CH – 4/24, 10:30 am, Wednesday**

**Sensory Storytime**
In honor of Autism Acceptance Month, explore interactive books, music, movement and play in a sensory friendly setting.

**FR – 4/29, 7 pm, Monday**

**The Trustees of the Library Meeting**
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

**A – 4/1, 4/15, 4/29, 6:30 pm, Mondays**

**Knit Chat Chain**
Join our knitting and crocheting group. Bring your own project or make items to donate to those in need.

**CH – 4/2, 10:30 am, Tuesday**

**Sensory Time**
Explore your senses with fun station-based play. Ages 2 – 5. REG

**BD – 4/2, 1 pm, Tuesday**

**The Life We Bury by Allen Eskens**

**TW – 4/2, 2 pm, Tuesday**

**All About Mushrooms**
Learn about mushrooms and then create some art inspired by them. Ages 8 – 12. REG

**A – 4/2, 4/16, 6:30 pm, Tuesdays**

**Jackson Writers Group**
Bring your work in progress, any genre.

**T – 4/2, 6:30 pm, Tuesday**

**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

**A – 4/2, 7 pm, Tuesday**

**National Autism Acceptance Month Film & Discussion: Autism Goes to College**
(NR) 62 min. Discussion 15 min. REG

**CH – 4/3, 10:30 am, Wednesday**

**Storytime**
Join us for stories, songs, and a craft perfect for children ages 18 months – 3 years. REG

**CH – 4/3, 2 pm, Wednesday**

**Family Movie**
*Wonka* (PG) 112 min.

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**JACKSON**

**CH – 4/1, 10:30 am, Monday**

**Storytime**
Join us for stories, songs, and a craft perfect for children ages 18 months – 3 years. REG

**A – 4/1, 4/15, 4/29, 6:30 pm, Mondays**

**Knit Chat Chain**
Join our knitting and crocheting group. Bring your own project or make items to donate to those in need.

**CH – 4/2, 10:30 am, Tuesday**

**Sensory Time**
Explore your senses with fun station-based play. Ages 2 – 5. REG

**BD – 4/2, 1 pm, Tuesday**

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**ECLIPSE GLASSES**

**A solar eclipse is coming to North America on April 8th, 2024!**

Enjoy the Eclipse with **free** special edition viewing glasses, check with your local Branch for availability. **Eclipse glasses are available at select locations while supplies last.** A waiver must be signed by an adult before receiving solar eclipse glasses.
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TODAY!

T – 3:30 pm, All Wednesdays  
Teen Volunteer Hour  
Earn a community service hour. Learn about the Library. Effect positive change. Ages 12 – 18.  
T/TW – 4/3 – 5/8, 6:30 pm, Wednesdays  
Think Chess: Beginner and Intermediate  
Master new skills, learn everything needed to start playing chess and take part in supervised play in our special 6-week chess class. Sponsored by the Jackson Friends of the Library. Ages 8 – 14. REG

CH – 4/4, 2 pm, Thursday  
Egg Carton Animals  
Create animal portraits using recycled materials. Ages 5 – 12. REG

MKR/T – 4/4, 3:30 pm, Thursday  
Teen Makerspace: Oil Pastel Techniques  
Learn several oil pastel techniques and create faux-stained-glass style artwork with the results. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A – 4/8, 4/22, 10 am, Mondays  
Knit Chat Chain  
Join our knitting and crocheting group. Bring your own project or make items to donate to those in need.

CH – 4/8, 10:30 am, Monday  
Babytime  
Join us for songs and activities followed by an hour of socialization. Ages up 18 months. REG

G – 4/8, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm, Monday  
Solar Eclipse Viewing  
View the solar eclipse in our parking lot with NASA Solar System Ambassador Tom Timko. Totality in Jackson will be close to 89% at about 3:25 pm. Eclipse glasses are available while supplies last. A waiver must be signed by an adult before receiving solar eclipse glasses.

CH – 4/9, 10:30 am, Tuesday  
Messy Art  
Station based art play. Dress for a mess. Ages 2 – 5. REG

BD – 4/9, 1 pm, Tuesday  
Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance

CH – 4/10, 10:30 am, Wednesday  
Multisensory Time  
Celebrate Autism Acceptance Month with this station-based program. REG

A – 4/10, 2:30 pm, Wednesday  
Estate Planning, Wills, and Probate  
Daniel D’Alessandro of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation will discuss an overview of probate, wills, and estate planning. REG

MKR/T – 4/11, 3:30 pm, Thursday  
Teen Makerspace: Sensory Finger Painting in Honor of Autism Acceptance Month  
Learn about the importance of sensory activities while finger painting with us. Dress for a mess. Ages 12 – 18. REG

S/G – 4/11, 6 pm – 8 pm, Thursday  
Sensory Friendly Movie: Finding Dory (PG) 90 min. Join us for a sensory friendly viewing of Finding Dory, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down, and singing, walking, rolling, and dancing are welcome. REG

A – 4/17, 6:30 pm, Wednesday  
Rain Barrels  
Join us as we learn about using water barrels at home and watch a demonstration on how to make your own. REG

A – 4/13, 10:30 am, Saturday  
Mindfulness Meditation: The Three Poisons  
Open to new and skilled practitioners. Presented by Shazia Zaman, a certified mindfulness meditation teacher. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library. REG

CH – 4/15, 2 pm, Monday  
Drop-in Crafts  
Celebrate World Art Day with a fun craft.

S/CH – 4/16, 10:30 am, Tuesday  
Mindful Movers  
Get moving and explore your senses in our Sensory Space. Ages 3 – 5. REG

CH – 4/17, 10:30 am, Wednesday  
Storytime  
Join us for stories, songs, and a craft. Ages 18 months – 3 years. REG

MKR/A – 4/17, 2:30 pm, Wednesday  
Decoupage Flowers on Canvas  
Use various papers to decoupage on canvas and make a beautiful piece of artwork just in time for spring. REG

S/G – 4/17, 6 pm – 8 pm, Wednesday  
Sensory Friendly Movie: Finding Dory (PG) 103 min. Join us for a sensory friendly viewing of Finding Dory, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down, and singing, walking, rolling, and dancing are welcome. REG

A – 4/17, 6:30 pm, Wednesday  
Rain Barrels  
Join us as we learn about using water barrels at home and watch a demonstration on how to make your own. REG

MKR/CH – 4/18, 10:30 am, Thursday  
Teen Makerspace: Sensing Mindfulness  
Sensory Makerspace: Sensing Mindfulness, where lights will be turned on, volume turned up, and singing, walking, and dancing are welcome.

MKR/T – 4/18, 3:30 pm, Thursday  
Teen Makerspace: Seed Balls in Honor of Earth Day  
Seed balls are made of seeds and clay. They are fun to create and easy to plant in your garden. Learn about the history of Earth Day as you work. Ages 12 – 18. REG

FR – 4/18, 4 pm, Thursday  
Jackson Friends of the Library Meeting  
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

CH – 4/22, 10:30 am, Monday  
Baby & Me Social Hour  
Make new friends in our relaxed open-play setting. Ages up to 24 months. REG

A – 4/22, 2:30 pm, Monday  
Rain Barrels  
Join us as we learn about using water barrels at home and watch a demonstration on how to make your own. REG

S/G – 4/22, 6 pm – 8 pm, Monday  
Sensory Friendly Movie: FernGully: The Last Rainforest (G) 75 min. Join us for a sensory friendly viewing of FernGully: The Last Rainforest, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down, and singing, walking, rolling, and dancing are welcome. REG

MKR/T – 4/22, 1 pm, Tuesday  
Rain Barrels  
Join us as we learn about using water barrels at home and watch a demonstration on how to make your own. REG

FR – 4/23, 4:30 pm, Friday  
Teen Makerspace: Sensory Friendly Movie: The Last Rainforest (G) 90 min. Join us for a sensory friendly viewing of The Last Rainforest, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down, and singing, walking, rolling, and dancing are welcome. REG

CH – 4/24, 10:30 am, Saturday  
Mindfulness Meditation: The Three Poisons  
Open to new and skilled practitioners. Presented by Shazia Zaman, a certified mindfulness meditation teacher. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library. REG

CH – 4/25, 10:30 am, Sunday  
Religious Services  
A variety of religious services will be held Sunday morning. For details, call 732-928-4400.

FR – 4/25, 4:30 pm, Friday  
Teen Makerspace: Sensory Friendly Movie: FernGully: The Last Rainforest (G) 75 min. Join us for a sensory friendly viewing of FernGully: The Last Rainforest, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down, and singing, walking, rolling, and dancing are welcome. REG

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Lava Lamp Experiment
CH – 4/23, 4 pm, Tuesday
REG
receiving solar eclipse glasses. be signed by an adult before viewing glasses provided for this while supplies last. Solar eclipse viewing glasses eclipse and receive a pair of Learn about the upcoming solar Eclipse
Celebrate the Solar Eclipse with Special Challenges:
Book Club for Adults
A – 4/2, 10 am, Tuesday
REG
3+.
followed by a simple craft. Ages 12 – 18.

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CH – 4/1, 6 pm, Monday
Pajama Tales Family Storytime
Stories, songs and rhymes followed by a simple craft. Ages 3+. REG

A – 4/2, 10 am, Tuesday
Book Club for Adults
with Special Challenges: Celebrate the Solar Eclipse
Learn about the upcoming solar eclipse and receive a pair of solar eclipse viewing glasses while supplies last. Solar eclipse viewing glasses provided for this program fully comply with NASA safety criteria. A waiver must be signed by an adult before receiving solar eclipse glasses. REG

T/PA / 4/2, 6 pm, Tuesday
Anime & Manga Café
Relax and hang out with friends while watching anime, enjoying Japanese snacks, and reading the latest manga. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Library.

CH – 4/3, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Kids Maker Club: Bird Collages
Ages 6 – 12. REG

A – 4/3, 6 pm, Wednesday
Estate Planning Workshop
Join us for a workshop on Estate Planning with Attorney Paul R. Daniele. Paul will provide answers to questions about power of attorney, living wills, asset protection and other subjects. REG

CH – 4/4, 10:30 am, Thursday
Sensory-Friendly Family Movie & Craft
Drop in.

T – 4/4, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

T/PA / 4/4, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Solar Science: Eclipse Over America
In celebration of the upcoming Solar Eclipse, enjoy the PBS documentary Eclipse Over America. Solar Eclipse viewing glasses provided at this program comply with NASA safety criteria. A waiver must be signed by an adult before receiving solar eclipse glasses. (NR) 53 min. REG

CH/PA – 4/5, 10:30 am, Friday
Spring Fling Family Dance Party
Put on your dancing shoes and join us as we welcome spring with a family-friendly party featuring music, crafts, and snacks. Ages 3+. REG

A/T – 4/5, 3:30 pm, Friday
Adopt A 3D Printed Sensory Pet
In honor of Autism Acceptance Month, decorate a 3D printed sensory pet to take home. REG

A – 4/8, 9:30 am, Monday
Stitch It Club
Knit, crochet, sew, or embroider with fellow Stitch It members. Share leisurely conversation & tips. All skill levels are welcome. REG

CH – 4/8, 2:30 pm, Monday
Homeschool STEM: Solar Eclipse
Learn about the science behind eclipses. Weather permitting, we’ll attempt to view the eclipse together. Solar Eclipse viewing glasses will be provided for this program and comply with NASA safety criteria. A waiver must be signed by an adult before receiving solar eclipse glasses. REG

CH – 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 9:30 or 10:30 am, Tuesdays
Toddler Time
Stories, rhymes, music and movement for ages 19 – 36 months with a caregiver. REG

T – 4/9, 6 pm, Tuesday
Tabletop Players
Learn how to play a new tabletop role playing game. Play as a teen superhero on your first day at Phoenix Academy, a high school for superheroes. REG

A – 4/9, 6 pm, Tuesday
Meet the Mayor
Join us as the Lacey Branch hosts Meet the Mayor with Lacey Mayor Peggy Sue Juliano. During this event, you can ask questions directly to the Mayor in an informal setting.

CH – 4/10, 4/17, 4/24 10 am, Wednesdays
Mother Goose Time
Rhythm, rhyme, music and movement for babies up to 18 months with a caregiver. REG

CH – 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 10 am, Thursdays
Preschool Storytime
Stories, songs and rhymes followed by a simple craft. REG

A – 4/15, 10:30 am, Monday
Craft for Adults with Special Challenges: Paper Plate Birds
Join us as art instructor Linda Higley leads a craft creating two dimensional birds using paper plates, paint, and oil pastels. Program made possible by a grant from the Kearny Bank Foundation. REG

BD/PA – 4/15, 1 pm, Monday
Lacey Book Discussion
Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles. Contact Lacey Circulation for more information.

A – 4/16, 2 pm, Tuesday
Craft Club for Adults
Create a poetry-inspired craft. REG

A – 4/16, 4 pm & 7 pm, Tuesday
Identity Theft Protection Seminar
Michael R. Healy 1st VP/Security Officer of the Kearny Bank will teach you how to prevent identity theft and what to do if your identity is stolen. REG

A – 4/17, 5/15, 2:30 pm, Wednesdays
Chair Yoga with Linda Higley: Afternoon Series
Join us for a relaxing afternoon session of chair yoga led by certified yoga instructor, Linda Higley. A waiver form must be signed before the start of the program to participate. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Library. REG

T – 4/18, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

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T/PA – 4/18, 6 pm, Thursday
Teen Coffeehouse
Join us for an open mic night including karaoke, poetry readings, and many more cozy activities. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Library. REG

T/PA – 4/20, 11 am, Saturday
Breakfast and a Movie
Learn how to make different breakfast recipes while watching a film. REG

TW/PA – 4/22, 2 pm, Monday
Tween Homeschool Eats
Cooking chemistry activities. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Library. REG

T – 4/23, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Spring Into Tarot
Join us to learn about the basics of reading tarot to get you started in your own practice. This will be led by instructor, Belle Burns, a local yoga teacher and practitioner of tarot and oracle. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A – 4/24, 6:30 pm Wednesday
Learn to Embroider: Felt Bookmarks
 Elevate your reading experience and add a personal touch to your favorite books with an easy-to-make embroidered felt bookmark. REG

A – 4/25, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Stitch It Club
Knit, crochet, sew, or embroider with fellow Stitch It members. Share leisurely conversation & tips. All skill levels are welcome.

CH – 4/26, 10:30 am, Friday
Toddler Dance
Music and Movement activities for ages 19 – 36 months with a caregiver. REG

FR – 4/27, 9 am – 3 pm, Saturday
Friends of the Lacey Library Annual Bling Sale
Looking for great gifts? Then come out and do your spring shopping with us. Donations accepted between April 12 through April 26.

CH – 4/30, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Story Explorer: With Lots of Love by Jenny Torres Sanchez
We’ll share the story and work on a variety of crafts and activities to extend our reading experience. Ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver. REG

LACEY
609-693-8566

LAKEWOOD
732-363-1435

C/A – Computer Classes by Appointment
Contact us at 732-363-1435 ext. 2100 to book a one-on-one computer class. Topics include Microsoft® Word, Excel, PowerPoint, computer and eReader basics, Facebook®, Universal Class-, and more.

CH – 3 pm – 6 pm, Mondays – Thursdays & 3 pm – 4:45 pm, Fridays
Homework Help

CH – 4/1, 6 pm, Monday
Cherry Blossom Art
Create cherry blossom tree art. Ages 5 – 12.

T – 4/2, 6 pm, Tuesday
Teen Movie Night
Come watch a (PG-13) movie. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 4/3, 6 pm, Wednesday
Bubble Flowers
Paint flowers by using bubbles. Ages 5 – 12.

CH – 4/4, 6 pm, Thursday
Video Games
Ages 5 – 12.

CH – 1:30 pm, All Fridays
Friday Fun
Preschool craft. Ages up to 5.

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Solar Eclipse Necklace
Make an out of this world necklace to commemorate the solar eclipse. Ages 12 – 18.

T/PA – 4/8, 2 pm, Monday
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Watch the Twilight Movie, Eclipse, to celebrate the solar eclipse, and make cookie moon phases. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 4/8, 4 pm, Monday
Eclipse Chalk Art
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Coloring for Adults
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Bat Bonanza
Celebrate Bat Appreciation Day. Ages 5 – 12.

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Earth Day Movie
Disney Nature: Oceans (PG) 84 min. Ages 12 – 18.

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Earth Day Shaving Cream Painting
Create a painting using shaving cream. Ages 5 – 12.

C – 4/22, 6 pm, Monday
Google Chrome
Learn about this popular browser. REG

T – 4/23, 6 pm, Tuesday
Card and Letter Writing
Celebrate National Card and Letter Writing Month by making cards and writing letters for friends and loved ones. Ages 12 – 18.

A – 4/23, 6 pm, Tuesday
Autism Acceptance Month Documentary
Join us for a documentary in observance of Autism Acceptance Month.

A – 4/24, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Make a Greeting Card
In honor of National Card and Letter Writing Month, make greeting cards to give to friends or family. This program is for adults with special challenges and their caregivers. REG

T – 4/24, 2 pm & 6 pm, Wednesday
Volunteer Appreciation Party
Have you volunteered for the library before? Then come join us for a party in the meeting room to show how much we appreciate you. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 4/25, 6 pm, Thursday
KEVA® Planks Drop-In
Build with KEVA® planks. Ages 5 – 12.

T – 4/25, 6 pm, Thursday
Teen Craft Club
Join your fellow teens to work on some crochet, knitting, drawing, painting, collage, and/or anything else you can imagine. Ages 12 – 18.

A – 4/26, 2 pm, Friday
Documentary Screening
The Babushkas of Chernobyl (NR) 70 min.

CH – 4/29, 6 pm, Monday
Superhero Puppet
Celebrate National Superhero Day and create a superhero puppet. Ages 5 – 12.

A/PA – 4/30, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Movie Time for Adults with Special Challenges
The audience will choose a (G) or (PG) film of their choosing at time of showing. Water bottles and light snacks will be provided. REG

CH – 4/30, 5 pm, Tuesday
Springtime Haikus
Write a Haiku to celebrate National Poetry Month. Ages 5 – 12.

A – 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 6 pm, Wednesdays
Grief Support Group by Angelic Health
Whether it has been months or years since your loss, this group can provide a supportive environment to learn about and explore your grief process, connect with others, and try new strategies. Pre-registration is required, and sign-up indicates attendance for all 6 sessions. Space is limited. To register please email nkinneyv@angeliacare.org or call 267-663-3757.

T/PA – 4/4, 4 pm, Thursday
TAB Takeover: Afternoon Movie
The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) invites teens to join them for an afternoon movie double feature. Enjoy snacks and hang out with friends. Ages 12 – 18. REG

TW – 4/5, 3 pm, Friday
Tweens Art Club
Ages 9 – 12. REG

A – 4/8, 4/22, 12:30 pm, Mondays
Knitting at the Library
Relax and chat with other yarn enthusiasts, work on your knit or crochet projects.

A – 4/1, 10 am, Monday
Sing and Play with Ms. Kat
Children of all abilities are welcome to come play adapted percussion instruments and sing with Speech and Language Pathologist, Ms. Kat. Music from modern pop to some originals performed in a sing-a-long style. REG

CH/TW – 4/2, 1:30 pm, Tuesday
Pokémon™ Club
Whether you’re new to Pokémon™ or an experienced trainer, come join us for an hour of Pokémon™ fun, friendship, and adventure. Grades 2 – 6. REG

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

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Ages 9 – 12. REG

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Special Challenges
Open to all those with special challenges and their caregivers. REG

T – 4/4, 4 pm, Thursday
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Ages 9 – 12. REG

A – 4/10, 4/17, 5/8
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trainer, come join us for an hour
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and adventure. Grades 2 – 6.
REG

A – 4/3, 5 pm, Wednesday
ERG Mini Trike Club
Get ready to build. LEGO® bricks will be provided during the program, please do not bring your own bricks. Ages 5 – 12. REG

A – 12:30 pm, All Wednesdays
Mah Jongg at the Library
Please bring your current year gaming cards and game sets.

Download free music and keep it forever!
Beanstack is your one stop shop for tracking your reading progress and activities at the Ocean County Library.
A – 4/12, 2 pm, Friday
Adult Gaming – Canasta
Join in some friendly competition playing the classic card game Canasta. REG

A – 4/15, 2 pm, Monday
Birds of the Pinelands
The forests and swamps of the Pine Barrens are home to over a hundred different species of birds. Join the Pinelands Preservation Alliance Director of Education, Allison Hartman, to learn about the variety of waterfowl, raptors, and songbirds that rely on this important ecosystem. REG

BD – 4/16, 12:30 pm, Tuesday
Little Egg Harbor Book Discussion
Join us for a lively book discussion. Please call the Branch at 609-294-1197 for this month’s title. New members welcome.

CH/TW – 4/16, 5:30 pm, Tuesday
Nature Club
Explore nature with hands-on activities, games, and guided walks around the branch, cultivating curiosity, respect, and eco-friendly habits. Grades Pre-K – 6. REG

BD – 4/16, 7 pm, Tuesday
Marvelous Sleuths Book Discussion
Join us for a lively mystery book discussion. Please call the branch at 609-294-1197 for this month’s title. New members welcome.

FR – 4/24, 6 pm, Wednesday
Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Branch Meeting
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

A – 4/27, 2 pm, Saturday
Saturday Movie Documentary
Far from the Tree (NR) 93 min.

T – 4/20, 9 am, Saturday
Teen Volunteer Hours
Earn community service hours. Learn about the Library. Registration and a current Teen Volunteer Application required. Ages 12 – 18. REG

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CH – 4/23, 6 pm, Tuesday
Stories and Tunes to Move and Groove with Michelle Washington Wilson
From Jazz Lullabies to a song to introduce us to another language, children can move and groove with stories and tunes from writer, performer, and storyteller Michelle Washington Wilson. This performance is part of the Ocean County Library’s Neighbors Connecting Series of programs and is sponsored by a grant from the OceanFirst Foundation and the Ocean County Library Foundation. Ages up to 12. REG

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A – 4/27, 2 pm, Saturday
Saturday Movie Documentary
Far from the Tree (NR) 93 min.

A – 4/1, 10 am, Monday
Chair Ballet
Experience the joy of chair-based dancing in a class that combines both ballet and exercise specifically for adults. A waiver must be signed before participating. REG

A/P/A – 1:30 pm, Mondays
Monday Movie Matinee
Bring your own refreshments. REG

4/1: Pretty Woman (R) 119 min.
4/22: Ferris Bueller’s Day Off (PG-13) 103 min.
4/29: Elvis (PG-13) 159 min.

CH – 4/2, 9:30 am, Tuesday
Toddler Time
Come in to read stories and sing some songs together. Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver. REG

A – 4/2, 11 am, Tuesday
Blood Pressure Clinic
Free blood pressure screening by the LBI Health Department. Walk-ins welcome.

A – 4/2, 2 pm – 7 pm, Tuesday
American Red Cross Blood Drive
Make a difference and donate blood. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org. REG

G/PA – 4/3, 4 pm, Wednesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of a gentle therapy dog. REG

CH – 10 am, All Thursdays
Songs with Miss Summer
Little ones and their grown-ups will sit together as we will all sing some of our favorite songs. REG

A – 4/7, 1 pm, Thursday
LBI Poets Studio
To attend this virtual event please contact Sue Cummings via email scummings817@comcast.net. This group meets the first Thursday of every month from 1 pm – 3 pm. You may also join the program in-person at the LBI Library in the meeting room each month.

A – 4/10, 2 pm, Wednesday
Italian Cultural Society of LBI
Sponsored by the Italian Cultural Society of LBI. REG
A – 4/11, 1 pm, Thursday Heart Health Bingo
In partnership with the LBI Health Department, join us for a fun game of Bingo while learning about important heart health topics. REG

A – 4/12, 4/19, 2 pm, Fridays LBI Canasta
Play Canasta with other teams and players.

CH – 4/15, 10 am, Monday Fun with Finger Painting
Finger painting encourages creativity and cognitive development through expressions of color, texture, and patterns and helps develop fine motor skills through finger tracing. Dress for a mess. Ages 6 months+. REG

DIV/A/PA – 4/15, 1:30 pm, Monday Monday Movie Matinee: I am Sam
(PG-13) 132 min.

CH – 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 10 am, Tuesdays Toddler Time
Come in to read stories and sing some songs together. Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver. REG

G – 4/16, 2 pm, Tuesday Friends of the Island Library Monthly Book Sale
Get four books for $1 and help the Friends of the Island Library continue to provide great programs and support.

G/PA – 4/16, 6 pm, Tuesday Family Movie Night: Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
(PG) 103 min. Bring your own refreshments. REG

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CH – 4/29, 10 am, Monday Craft it Out: Clowning Around
We have all the ingredients you need to make a fun craft. While supplies last.

BD/A – 4/2, 10:15 am, Tuesday The Maid by Nina Prose

A – 4/4, 10 am, Thursday Manchester Shore Memory Café
Early-Stage Memory Cafés provide opportunities for concerned persons experiencing early cognitive decline, and for those diagnosed with early-stage memory loss, and their care partner(s) to meet. Join a café to engage with peers in a relaxed, unstructured environment that promotes social engagement and support, through interactions with others experiencing similar changes. Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association of Greater New Jersey in partnership with the Ocean County Library. Walk-ins welcome, registration preferred, to register call the Alzheimer’s Association at (800) 272-3900. REG

TW – 4/4, 6 pm, Thursday Tween Takeover: Super Smash Bros™ & Mario Kart™
Enjoy a fun-filled night playing Nintendo® games such as Super Smash Bros: Ultimate™ and Mario Kart 8™. Ages 8 – 12. REG

TW – 4/4, 7 pm, Thursday Tween Takeover: Paper Airplane
Join us to make your very own paper airplane and see how far it can fly. Ages 8 – 12. REG

G – 4/6, 2 pm, Saturday Art Reception – Aniko Nemeth
Meet local artist, Aniko Nemeth. Watercolor paintings and color pencil drawings will be on exhibit.

A – 4/9, 2 pm – 4 pm, Tuesday Writers Group
Bring your poetry, essays, and short stories. The group critiques each other’s works and provides feedback.

CH – 4/10, 10 am, Wednesday This Just In Storytime
Join us for a story time with books hot off the shelves. Ages 2 – 6. REG

A – 4/11, 4/25, 2 pm – 4 pm, Thursdays Chicks with Sticks – Knitting and Crocheting Group
Bring your yarn, needles, and current projects, all skill levels welcome.

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Have fun and get messy in honor of National Autism Acceptance Month as we use our five senses to paint masterpieces. Ages 2 – 6. REG

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Try your hand at cracking a secret code hidden throughout the entire library. Ages 10 – 16. REG

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I Literally Can Knot: Beginner Embroidery
Whether you’re a beginner or looking to refresh your skills, this course provides a solid foundation for mastering this timeless craft. Attendees will leave with the supplies needed to work on a piece of their own after the class. REG

A – 4/16, 2 pm, Tuesday
You Can’t Take It with You: Downsizing and Decluttering by AARP
This fun, interactive presentation by AARP New Jersey will provide easy-to-follow tips on downsizing and decluttering. REG

CH – 4/17, 9:30 am, Wednesday
Paint & Play
Join us for playtime with toys, painting, and coloring. Dressing for a mess is encouraged. Ages 2 – 6. REG

CH – 4/17, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Teens & Tween Chess Club
Join us in the Teen Zone at the Manchester Library and learn how to play chess. Ages 10 – 16. REG

CH – 4/18, 6:30 pm, Thursday
LEGO® Club
Join us for open LEGO® play. Ages 6 – 2. REG

A – 4/22, 2 pm, Monday
Poetry in Music
Listen to some well-known songs and learn about the lyricists who made them poetry. REG

T/TW – 4/25, 6 pm, Thursday
Mandala Quote Collages
Adult Craft and Relax:
Create a mandala-inspired quote collage. Ages 18+. REG

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Teen Trivia
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C/A – 4/25, 2 pm – 4 pm, Thursday
Drop-In Library Technology Talk
We can help you learn to download free, digital library materials including eBooks, audiobooks, movies, magazines, and more. Please bring your library card, usernames and passwords, and a charged device. Drop in.

BD – 4/15, 6 pm, Monday
Plumsted EvenBook Discussion
The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides.

A – 4/16, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Adult Craft and Relax: Lanterns and Mandalas
Seating limited. REG

A – 4/22, 6:30 pm, Monday
English/ Spanish Conversation Group
Join us in this low-key conversation group where participants can help one another learn. REG

T – 4/23, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen Volunteer Hour
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.
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A – 4/24, 2 pm, Wednesday
Ultimate Johnny Cash: Late & Alone
Join performer Scott Moreau as he brings the late Johnny Cash to life with his one man show that features all his hits and some deeper dives into the man’s music, as well as in-depth stories spanning nearly 50 years of his musical life. REG

A – 4/25, 2 pm, Thursday
Spring Flower Workshop
Join Amy Colarocco from Whiting Flower Shoppe as she teaches you some basic techniques of flower arranging. She will help you build your very own spring floral arrangement to take home. Please bring your own clippers to this program. REG

CH/T – 4/26, 10:30 am, Friday
Drop-In Crafts for Kids and Teens

CH – 4/30, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Storytime: The Girl Who Thought in Pictures
In honor of Autism Acceptance Month learn all about author and speaker Temple Grandin and how she helped animals through her work and enjoy a sensory related craft. Ages 3+. REG

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A – 4/1, 7 pm, Monday
Documentary Film
Screening: Swim Team: Competitive Young Swimmers on the Autism Spectrum (NR) 100 min. REG

A – 7:30 pm, All Mondays
English Conversation Group
New members welcome. REG

CH – 4/2, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Toddler Fun: Stories & Scarves
Join us for songs, stories and fun for toddlers. Ages 18 months to 3 years. REG

CH – 4/3, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Preschool Storytime Celebrates Ramadan
Join us for songs, stories and fun as we learn about Ramadan. Ages 3 – 6. REG

CH – 4/4, 4/18, 10:30 am, Thursdays
Toddler Sing-a-Long
Ages 18 – 36 months. REG

A – 4/8, 4/22, 1 pm, Mondays
Knitting and Crocheting at the Beach
Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels welcome.

CH – 4/9, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Baby & Me
Please join us for songs, music, rhymes, and stories. Up to 18 months with caregiver. REG

CH/PA – 4/9, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs.

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Preschool Storytime: Libraries Rock!
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Nintendo® Gaming Club
Play Super Smash Bros.™, Mario Kart 8™ and other Nintendo® games. REG

A – 4/15, 5 pm, Monday
Pickin’ at Point
Bring your acoustic instrument and a song to share at this drop-in acoustic jam session.

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APRIL 2
2:00 PM
The Foods, People, and Innovations That Feed Us–A Sweeping History of Food and Culture with Smithsonian Curator Paula J. Johnson
A Library Speakers Consortium and Smithsonian Institution Collaboration

APRIL 9
2:00 PM
From Murder to Atonement—Confronting My Son’s Killer with Diane Foley & Colum McCann
Author of the award-winning and bestselling books Apeirogon, Let the Great World Spin and Transatlantic

APRIL 17
8:00 PM
A Literary Examination of Power, Love, and Art with Xochitl Gonzalez
New York Times bestselling author of Olga Dies Dreaming and Anita de Monte Laughs Last
CH – 4/16, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Toddler Read Along
Storytime with Miss Liz
Each child will have a read along copy of Little Quack's Hide and Seek to help strengthen early literacy skills. Ages 2 – 3. REG

CH – 4/17, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Preschool Storytime Fun with Rhymes
Please join us for songs, stories and rhyming fun to celebrate National Poetry Month. Ages 3 – 6. REG

A – 4/29, 6:30 pm, Monday
Ultimate Johnny Cash: Late & Alone
Join performer Scott Moreau as he brings the music of Johnny Cash to life with his one man show that features all of his hits and some deeper dives into the man's music, as well as in-depth stories spanning nearly 50 years of his musical life. REG

CH – 4/3, 11:30 am, Wednesday
Spring into Kids Yoga
This children's Yoga class incorporates movement and imagination to welcome the spring season. Participants will practice yoga poses and breathing exercises. Please bring a yoga mat if you have one, a limited number will be available. Sponsored by Friends of the Pt. Pleasant Borough Branch. Ages 5 – 12. REG

CH/PA – 4/3, 4 pm, Wednesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs.
A – 4/4, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Open Mic Night
Join Dennis "The Heavy Metal Poet" Townsend for a night of local talent. Sign-ups begin at 6 pm; performances start at 6:30 pm.

A – 4/4, 4/18, 7:30 pm, Thursdays
Adult Writers Group
Explore your writing skills in a fun, friendly, informal setting.

CH/PA – 4/3, 4 pm, Wednesday
Alphabet Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs.

CH – 4/5, 2 pm, Friday
Yosi’s Wee Rock Concert
Join Yosi as he delivers a rockin’ good time with some of his best songs for children. Sponsored by Friends of the Pt. Pleasant Borough Branch. Ages up to 6. REG

A – 4/6, 11 am, Saturday
Chair Yoga
Led by certified yoga instructor, Linda Higley, chair yoga is a gentle yoga practice while remaining seated. REG

A – 4/10, 4/24, 2 pm – 4 pm, Wednesdays
Ask a Master Gardener
Drop in and talk to a Master Gardener from the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Ocean County. They will be able to answer any questions you may have about horticulture, Integrated Pest Management, wildlife control, or other environmental concerns. You may bring a sample of any problem you may be having in the garden for diagnosis.

FR – 4/12, 4/13, 9 am – 4 pm, Friday & Saturday
Friends of the Pt Pleasant Borough Library Book Sale
The Friends of the Pt. Pleasant Borough Branch will host a Book Sale. All proceeds from the sale go toward supporting library activities and programs.

BD – 4/15, 10:30 am, Monday
Friends Book Club
Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty by Anderson Cooper and Katherine Howe.

CH – 4/16, 10 am, Tuesday
Toddler Art
Come create some awesome art for the fridge door. Dress for mess. Ages 2 – 3. REG

FR – 4/16, 1:30 pm, Tuesday
Friends of the Pt Pleasant Borough Library Meeting
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the library. New members are welcome.

A – 4/16, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Booth, Lincoln, and the Shot that Changed America
Join historian Greg Caggiano for a look at Lincoln's life and politics that led to Lincoln's untimely demise at Ford's Theater. REG

T – 4/18, 3 pm, Thursday
Earth Day Wind Chimes
Create a wind chime with pressed flowers for Earth Day. Ages 12 – 18. REG

BD – 4/24, 7:30 pm, Wednesday
Good Readers Book Club
Counterfeit by Kirstin Chen.

CH – 4/25, 10 am, Thursday
Preschool Sensory Friendly Storytime
In honor of Autism Acceptance Month, explore interactive books, music, movement and play in a sensory friendly setting. Ages 3 – 6. REG

T – 4/26, 2:30 pm, Friday
Dungeons & Dragons®
Join players on an adventure in the world of Dungeons & Dragons®. Open to new and experienced players. Space is limited. Ages 12 – 18. REG

MKR/CH – 4/29, 10 am, Monday
Homeschool Hangout:
STEAM Time
Come explore, create and learn using STEAM kits and materials. Ages 6 – 12. REG

BD – 4/17, 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.

FR – 4/17, 6 pm, Wednesday
Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles.

CH – 4/18, 10 am, Thursday
Baby & Me
Please join us for songs, music, rhymes, and stories. Ages up to 18 months with caregiver. REG

BD – 4/1, 12 pm, Monday
AAUW Monday Book Discussion
Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict.
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A – 4/1, 12 pm, Monday
Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group
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. REG

CH – 4/2, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
LEGO® Building
Join in the fun and build with LEGOS®. Ages 6+. REG

BD – 4/3, 10 am, Wednesday
First Wednesday Book Club
Hamnet by Maggie O’Farrell. Sponsored by the Friends of the Stafford Library. REG

A – 4/3, 2 pm, Wednesday
New Release Movie Matinee
Check with the Branch for the upcoming film title. REG

G/PA – 4/4, 10 am, Thursday
All About Sled Dogs
Join Jan, owner and operator from Sunriser Kennels in Jackson, NJ, as she talks about the various types of dog-powered sports and what makes these dogs so acclimated to doing the job they were bred to do. She’ll show a sled, the equipment used, and you’ll meet a few dogs. Sponsored by the Friends of the Stafford Library. REG

A – 4/4, 4/18, 1 pm – 3 pm, Thursdays
& 4/6, 4/20, 10 am – 12 pm, Saturdays
String of Purls - Knit/Crochet
Join to learn or bring your project to do. She’ll show a sled, the equipment used, and you’ll meet a few dogs. Sponsored by the Friends of the Stafford Library. REG

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

CH – 4/5, 10 am, Friday
Yosi’s Wee Rock Concert
Join Yosi as he delivers a rockin’ good time with some of his best songs for children. Ages up to 6. REG

TW/T – 4/6, Saturday
Teen Blackout Poetry
Spark your imagination and get your creativity flowing with blackout poetry. Ages 9 – 17. Drop in.

G – 4/8, 4/22, 10 am – 12 pm, Mondays
Ask a Master Gardener – Diagnostic Clinics
The Rutgers Master Gardeners of Ocean County will answer any gardening questions you may have. Photos/specimens of insects and/or plants, shrubs, and trees are encouraged for ID, diagnosis, and recommendation. Drop in.

A – 4/8, 10:30 am, Monday
Solar Eclipse Day – Shade Gardens: Plants for Sun Starved Gardens
This presentation will offer many suggestions and ideas for annuals and perennials that prefer and thrive in shade. Presented by Rutgers Master Gardeners of Ocean County, Dr. S. Ann Earon, Master Gardener. Solar eclipse glasses will be available to participants. A waiver must be signed by an adult before receiving solar eclipse glasses. REG

A – 4/9, 2 pm, Tuesday
Birds of the Pine Barrens
Come join the Pinelands Preservation Alliance Director of Education, Allison Hartman, to learn about the variety of waterfowl, raptors, and songbirds that rely on this important ecosystem. REG

A – 4/10, 10 am, Wednesday
Coloring for Adults with Special Challenges
Spend the morning listening to music and coloring. Materials are provided but you may bring your own coloring projects and coloring tools. Meets on the second Wednesday of the month. REG

T – 4/10, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

A – 4/11, 10 am, Thursday
Friends Adventure: Alice Roosevelt Presented by Kim Hanley
The American Historical Theater presents a program on the oldest daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt, the famous and the infamous, “Princess Alice” herself. Sponsored by the Friends of the Stafford Library. REG

CH – 4/12, 10 am, Friday
Let’s Make Music Storytime
Join in the storytime fun with musical instruments for children. Ages up to 6. REG

A – 4/14, 4/28, 2 pm, Sundays
English Conversation Group
Practice English conversation and talk about current events and more in a friendly, informal setting. REG

A – 4/15, 12 pm, Monday
Support Group for Caregivers
Being a caregiver can be overwhelming. Learn how you can balance it all. Presented in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health. REG

A – 4/16, 11 am, Tuesday
Memory Loss vs. Alzheimer’s
Discover the difference between normal and abnormal memory loss as you age and ways to keep your mind sharp. Memory screenings will be provided. Presented in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health. REG

A – 4/16, 1:30 pm, Tuesday
Adult Crafting Club
Come to the adult crafting club. All materials are provided. Adult crafting club meets once per month on the 3rd Tuesday. REG

Art Displays and Exhibits

April

Lacey
George Rhan Photography
Long Beach Island
Ethel Jacobsen School Student Artwork
Manchester

4/1 – 4/27 Art Exhibit:
Aniko Nemeth, Watercolor Paintings
& Color Pencil Drawings
A – 4/17, 10 am, Wednesday
Tony Bennett: The Music Never Ends: Documentary
(NR) 87 min. REG

A – 4/17, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Huntington’s Disease Support Group
This volunteer-led group is open to anyone with Huntington’s Disease, as well as caregivers, family, or friends of someone with the disease or simply anyone interested in learning more. Third Wednesday of every month.

FR – 4/18, 9:30 am, Thursday
Friends of the Stafford Library Meeting
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

TW – 4/18, 4 pm, Thursday
Tween Crafternoon: April Showers Bring Flowers
Join us for Tween Crafternoon and paint a mini ceramic watering can to fill with spring flowers. Ages 9 – 13. REG

CH – 4/19, 10 am, Friday
Tactile Storytime and Game Playtime, and more. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A – 4/22, 10 am, Monday
Writers Gathering for Adults
Talk about writing, work on writing prompts and read a sample of your work. REG

A – 4/23, 6 pm, Tuesday
Adult Anime Club
Anime fans can come together, meet fellow adults, watch anime, share artwork, talk about manga and other related topics. This program meets once per month on the 4th Tuesday. REG

A – 4/25, 2:30 pm, Thursday
Coloring Club for Adults
Coloring is a way to relax and express your creativity. Materials are provided or bring your own coloring projects and coloring tools. REG

A – 4/25, 6 pm, Thursday
Pete the Cat Storytime
Listen to stories about Pete the Cat and make a craft. REG

A – 4/25, 2:30 pm, Monday
Beginner Astronomy – The Moon: Our Nearest Neighbor
Join Jim Webster from the Astronomical Society of the Toms River Area, Dark Sky Advocate and SciStarter Ambassador to take a closer look at our nearest neighbor, the Moon, and explore some citizen science projects we can all do as well. REG

A – 4/30, 11 am, Tuesday
All About Your Heart
Learn how to keep your heart healthy, risk factors for heart disease, warning signs and more. Presented in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health. REG

A/PA – 4/30, 2 pm, Tuesday
Hot Cocoa Around the World
Come learn about its history and how it’s enjoyed around the world. We’ll be making hot cocoa from three different countries for you to sample. REG

CH – 4/1, 10:30 am, Monday
April Fool’s Day Storytime
Celebrate April Fool’s Day with silly stories and a funny craft. Ages 3 – 5. REG

CH – 4/2, 10 am, Tuesday
Drop-In Open Play
Stop by for toys and activities that encourage skill building and creativity. Siblings are welcome. Ages up to 5. Drop in.

A – 4/2, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen Game Club for Adults
Come play video and board games at the library and make new friends.

CH/TW – 4/2, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen Art Lab
Join us for a spring themed art lab. This program will use paint. Ages 8 – 12. REG

A – 4/29, 2:30 pm, Monday
Beginner Astronomy – Moon: Our Nearest Neighbor
Learn about the total solar eclipse and do a cool craft. Solar eclipse viewing glasses will be available while supplies last. A waiver must be signed by an adult before receiving solar eclipse glasses. Ages 6 – 12. REG

MKR/TWT/A – 4/8, 6 pm, Monday
Happy Accident Crafting
Use 3D printed pieces along with 3D printing pens and paint markers to make new, unique pieces of art. Ages 10+. REG

CH – 4/9, 10 am, Tuesday
Little Learners Storytime
Join us for interactive stories, songs, and more for you and your little one. Ages 2 – 3 with a caregiver. REG

CH – 4/3, 10 am, Wednesday
It’s Fun to Be One Storytime
Grow little one’s love for the library with stories, songs, playtime, and more. Ages 12 – 23 months with a caregiver. REG

CH – 4/3, 2 pm, Wednesday
Play Ball: Drop-In Baseball Craft

CH – 4/5, 10 am, Friday
Baby & Me
Visit the library for an interactive program for you and your baby. Ages up to 12 months old. REG

CH – 4/6, 10:30 am, Saturday
Stories and Tunes to Move and Groove with Michelle Washington Wilson
From Jazz Lullabies to a song to introduce us to another language, children can move and groove with stories and tunes from writer, performer, and storyteller, Michelle Washington Wilson. This performance is part of the Ocean County Library’s Neighbors Connecting Series of Programs and is sponsored by a grant from the OceanFirst Foundation and the Ocean County Library Foundation. Ages up to 12. REG

CH – 4/8, 3 pm, Monday
Solar Eclipse
Learn about the total solar eclipse and do a cool craft. Solar eclipse viewing glasses will be available while supplies last. A waiver must be signed by an adult before receiving solar eclipse glasses. Ages 6 – 12. REG

BD – 4/9, 7 pm, Tuesday
Evening Book Discussion
Last Days of Night
by Graham Moore. REG

CH – 4/10, 2 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.
A – 4/10, 7 pm, Wednesday
WREP: When Radio Entertained People
Veteran actors from WREP will perform skits from radio’s “Golden Age” of the 1940s and 1950s. This “broadcast” will feature episodes Sorry, Wrong Number and The Day the Earth Stood Still. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library - Toms River. REG

T/PA – 4/11, 2 pm, Thursday
De-Stress with Dogs for Teens
Drop in and de-stress with therapy dogs. This recurring program meets the second Thursday of the month during the school year.

BD/A – 4/11, 6 pm, Thursday
Read with Pride Adult Book Club
The Late Americans by Brandon Taylor. This book discussion is for those who identify as LGBTQ+, or who simply want to learn more about LGBTQ+ stories, narratives, and experiences. REG

G – 4/13, 10 am – 3 pm, Saturday
7th Annual Autism Resources Fair
Speak to representatives of state, county, and local organizations. Medical professionals, educators, therapists, attorneys, and other professionals will be available to describe their services and to answer your questions. Special workshops will be offered. Registration will be required to attend the workshops.

A – 4/13, 11 am, Saturday
IEP Meetings: What to Expect and How to Prepare
Presented by Peg Kinsell, Director of Public Policy at SPAN Parent Advocacy Network, this interactive workshop will give participants a description of the essential components of an Individualized Education Plan. Participants will be given tools to help them effectively participate in developing an Individualized Education Plan. REG

MKR/T/TW – 4/13, Saturday
DIY Rain Sticks
Drop in to the Maker Space to create your very own unique rain stick. Ages 10+ with caregiver. While supplies last.

A – 4/13, 1 pm, Saturday
Special Education Law in New Jersey: An Overview
Learn how federal and state laws protect your disabled student’s right to receive a free and appropriate public education. During this workshop, special education attorney Andrew Meltzer of Sussan Greenwald & Wesler will provide an overview of your child’s legal protections. REG

CH – 4/15, 10 am, Monday
Shake, Rattle, & Read Storytime
Learn and grow pre-literacy skills together with interactive stories, songs, and activities. Ages 1 – 3. REG

A – 4/15, 2 pm, Monday
The Titanic: A Special Anniversary Presentation
Join historian Greg Caggiano for an overview of the voyage and sinking of the Titanic on its 112th anniversary. Included will be an examination of the ship’s construction, daily life for passengers, and what went wrong that led to its sinking. REG

CH/TW – 4/15, 6:30 pm, Monday
Zen Zone Mondays: Clay Essential Oil Diffuser
Relax and unwind as you meet with friends, do hands-on activities, and learn about and practice self-care. In this session, we’ll create a handmade essential oil diffuser to refresh your room or locker. REG

A – 4/16, 10 am, Tuesday
MS Word Beginners
Attendees will learn the basics of Microsoft® Word to create a document. Keyboard and mouse skills required. REG

BD – 4/16, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Trevor’s Banned Book Club
Gather to read books that have been subject to bans across the country. Title TBD.

A – 4/16, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Gratitude Journaling
Come create a gratitude journal in a relaxing environment of the Sensory Space. REG

T – 4/17, 3 pm, Wednesday
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. REG

CH/TW/PA – 4/17, 4:30 pm, Wednesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Ages 5 – 12. REG

A – 4/17, 3 pm, Thursday
The Day the Earth Stood Still
Explore episodes Sorry, Wrong Number and The Day the Earth Stood Still. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library - Toms River. REG

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APRIL IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH
Thank you to all of our volunteers!
CH – 4/18, 10:30 am, Thursday
Preschool Storytime: Outer Space
Calling all astronauts in training. Join us for space stories, activities, and a craft. Ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver. REG

A – 4/18, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Ultimate Johnny Cash: Late & Alone
Join performer Scott Moreau as he brings the music of Johnny Cash to life. A one man show that features all of his hits and some deeper dives into the Man’s music, as well as in depth stories spanning nearly 50 years of his musical life. REG

A – 4/19, 2 pm, Friday
Roaming Readers Walking Book Club
Join us for a new walking book club where we will discuss a book while walking around Downtown Toms River (weather permitting) or inside the Branch. Participants can pick up a copy of The Husband’s Secret by Liane Moriarty beginning March 15th at the Circulation Desk. A waiver form must be signed before the start of the program to participate. REG

CH – 4/22, 10:30 am, Monday
Earth Day Storytime & Craft
Celebrate Earth Day with stories and a craft. Ages 3 – 5. REG

MKR/A – 4/22, 6 pm, Monday
Crafter Dark Meetup for Adults
Join us for an informal crafting meetup in our Maker Space. Adults can get together for craft time at the Library, whether you make the provided craft or bring your own project to work on. REG

T – 4/22, 6:30 pm, Monday
Trash Art for Teens
Learn from NJ artist Lisa Bagwell how to turn upcycled materials into fun and functional trash art in honor of Earth Day. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. REG

CH – 4/23, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Homeschool Storytime
Join us for a homeschool program with songs, stories, and a fun craft. Ages 4 – 8 with a caregiver. REG

CH – 4/23, 6 pm, Tuesday
Rockabye Baby Storytime
Wear your pajamas and join us for stories, songs, and movement. Ages up to 23 months. REG

S/G – 4/23, 6 pm, Tuesday
Sensory Friendly Movie: Dr. Seuss’ The Lorax
(2012, 94 mins) Join us in the Sensory Space for a sensory friendly movie where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and dancing, walking, rolling, singing and shouting are welcome. All ages with caregiver. REG

A – 4/23, 7 pm, Tuesday
Vinyl Record Nights
Come unwind and listen to curated vinyl records under the stars of the atrium. REG

A – 4/24, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Craft for Adults with Special Challenges
Through this program, adults with special challenges can be creative and enjoy making crafts. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library—Toms River. REG

G – 4/24, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
David Cedeño & His Orchestra
David and company will play traditional salsa music and golden oldies – sung in English – with a salsa beat. This performance is part of the Ocean County Library’s Neighbors Connecting Series of Programs and is sponsored by a grant from the OceanFirst Foundation and the Ocean County Library Foundation. REG

T – 4/24, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Dungeons & Dragons® for Teens
Join players on an adventure in the world of Dungeons & Dragons®. Open to new and experienced players. Space is limited. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. REG

BD – 4/25, 2 pm, Thursday
Afternoon Book Discussion
My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She’s Sorry by Fredrik Backman. REG

T/PA – 4/25, 6 pm, Thursday
DIY Mosaic Coasters & Arabic Snacks for Teens
Expand your horizons and celebrate Arab-American Heritage Month by making your own mosaic coaster and trying some snacks from the Middle East. Ages 13 – 18. REG

CH/TW – 4/25, 6:30 pm, Thursday
DIY Sensory Water Bottles
April is Autism Acceptance Month. Join us to create your own sensory water bottle. Ages 6 – 12. REG

CH – 4/26, 10:30, Friday
I Love Pets Storytime
Join us for a homeschool program with songs, stories, and phrases followed by a themed craft. Ages 3 – 5. REG

A – 4/27, 10 am, Saturday
Gentle Yoga with Belle
Join us for a yoga session led by certified yoga instructor, Belle Burns. Please bring your own mat or towel. REG

G – 4/27, 2 pm, Saturday
Drop-In Spring Craft
Drop in and welcome Spring with a beautiful, blossoming craft. Ages 3 – 10. REG

CH/TW – 4/27, 2:30 pm, Saturday
Drop-In Video Games for Kids
Ages 4 – 12. Drop in.
A/T – 4/30, 6:30 pm, Tuesday Community College for Students with Disabilities
The Office of Disability Services at Ocean County College will share information about eligibility determination and requesting accommodations during your teen’s transition to OCC. This presentation is geared toward high school students and their families. Please contact the Toms River Branch to request reasonable accommodations at least 10 days prior to the event.
REG

A – 4/3, 7 pm, Wednesday Boardwalks of New Jersey Authors Dick Handschuch and Sal Marino will stoke old memories and tell funny boardwalk stories as you learn about the miles of Jersey Shore boardwalks. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upper Shores Branch.
REG

A – 4/5, 2 pm, Thursday Great American Standards
The talented Gary Evans entertains us at the piano with his delightful music on the first Thursday of each month. Requests are welcome. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upper Shores Branch.
REG

A – 4/10, 7 pm, Wednesday Tuckerton Library Association Annual Open House
Dan Lieb details the well-known vessels that have wrecked off the New Jersey Coast, including investigations the NJ Shipwreck Museum has conducted over the years to identify those whose names are long forgotten as well as the stories they tell. Refreshments will be served courtesy of the Tuckerton Library Association.
REG

A – 4/12, 7 pm, Thursday Mah Jongg Mondays
Play bridge at the Library. All skill levels welcome.
REG

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REG

A – 4/22, 6:30 pm, Monday Tuckerton Adult Book Discussion
The Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom.
REG

A – 4/24, 6 pm, Monday Hand and Foot Card Games
Come play this variant card game of Canasta at the library.
REG

A – 4/27, 11 am, Saturday Stay ‘n Play
Enjoy a fun afternoon playing with our LEGOS® or checkers.
REG

A – 4/29, 6 pm, Monday O’Kelley Legends: 2e Behind the Scenes
(PG) 67 min.

A – 4/3, 4 pm, Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion
Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance.
REG

A – 4/4, 3 pm, Thursday Book Discussion
The Orphan’s Tale by Anthony Horowitz.
REG

A – 4/5, 3 pm, Friday Book Discussion
The Orphan’s Tale by Christina Baker Kline.
REG

A – 4/3, 7 pm, Wednesday Boardwalks of New Jersey Authors Dick Handschuch and Sal Marino will stoke old memories and tell funny boardwalk stories as you learn about the miles of Jersey Shore boardwalks. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upper Shores Branch.
REG

A – 4/4, 12 pm, All Mondays Mah Jongg Mondays
REG

A – 4/4, 4/25, 12 pm, Thursdays Bridge for All
Play bridge at the Library. All skill levels welcome.
REG

A – 4/15, 6 pm, Monday Monday Movie Night
A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood (PG) 108 min.

A – 4/16, 11 am, Tuesday Toddler Time: Windy Days
Enjoy windy stories, fingerplays and a craft.
REG

A – 4/18, 3:30 pm, Thursday Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Enjoy a snack while creating something with soda can tabs. Ages 12 – 18.
REG

A – 4/19, 6 pm, Monday Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Recommended for ages 3 – 12.
REG

A – 4/20, 6 pm, Tuesday Dog and Cat discussions
Meet and talk with local artists. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upper Shores Branch.
REG

A – 4/21, 6 pm, Wednesday Adult Crafting Night
Borrow eBooks, audiobooks, and more from The Ocean County Library for FREE!

A – 4/23, 11 am, Tuesday Toddler Time: Full Moon
Enjoy a storytime about the “pink moon” with stories, songs and a craft.
REG

A – 4/24, 6 pm, Thursday Mah Jongg Mondays
Play bridge at the Library. All skill levels welcome.
REG

A – 4/25, 9 am, Saturday Mah Jongg Mondays
REG

A – 4/26, 6 pm, Sunday Mah Jongg Mondays
REG

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REG

A – 4/30, 11 am, Thursday Toddler Time: Full Moon
Enjoy a storytime about the “pink moon” with stories, songs and a craft.
REG

B – 4/1, 6 pm, Friday Evening Book Discussion
The Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom.
REG

B – 4/2, 11 am, Saturday Toddler Time: Full Moon
Enjoy a storytime about the “pink moon” with stories, songs and a craft.
REG

B – 4/6, 2 pm, Saturday Movies at the Library: Tommy’s Honour
(PG) 117 min.
REG

B – 4/9, 11 am, Tuesday Toddler Time: Birds
Celebrate the return of many of our feathered friends with songs, stories and a craft.
REG

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REG

B – 4/12, 7 pm, Thursday Mah Jongg Mondays
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REG

B – 4/13, 11 am, Saturday Spring Has Sprung Garden Talk
Get your garden going with advice from a Rutgers Master Gardener.
REG

B – 4/14, 11 am, Saturday Toddler Time: Full Moon
Enjoy a storytime about the “pink moon” with stories, songs and a craft.
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Enjoy a fun afternoon playing with our LEGOS® or checkers.
REG

B – 4/28, 6 pm, Sunday Mah Jongg Mondays
Play bridge at the Library. All skill levels welcome.
REG

B – 4/29, 6 pm, Monday O’Kelley Legends: 2e Behind the Scenes
(PG) 67 min.

B – 4/30, 11 am, Tuesday Toddler Time: Full Moon
Enjoy a storytime about the “pink moon” with stories, songs and a craft.
REG

BD – 4/4, 3 pm, Thursday Book Discussion
Mapie Murders by Anthony Horowitz.
REG

BD – 4/5, 10 am, Friday Morning Book Discussion
Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance.
REG

BD – 4/6, 2 pm, Saturday Movies at the Library: Tommy’s Honour
(PG) 117 min.
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Programs and Events Guide
April 2024

A – 4/9, 2 pm, Tuesday Balance Lecture
Learn about the causes of balance problems, how to prevent falls, and tips to stay safe in your home. Presented by Hackensack Meridian Health. REG

TW/T – 4/10, 3:30 pm, Wednesday Pipe Cleaner Butterfly Rings
Ages 10 – 18. REG

A/PA – 4/10, 6:30 pm, Wednesday Cookbook Club
Bring in a dish from the selected cookbook of the month to share and discuss with fellow culinary enthusiasts. REG

CH – 4/11, 10:30 am, Thursday Preschool Storytime
Join us for storytime and an activity. Recommended for ages 3 – 5. REG

A – 4/11, 2 pm, Thursday DASH and the Mediterranean Diet
Join a Registered Dietitian, as she shares advice on foods that can help your heart health and a long-term healthy lifestyle. Presented by Hackensack Meridian Health. REG

A – 4/12, 4/26, 1 pm, Fridays OC Purls Knitting Group
Enjoy conversation and exchange patterns while you work on your knitting projects.

A – 4/14, 2 pm, Tuesday Birds and Bird Feeder Care
Join us for a discussion on the basics of bird feeding, attracting birds and bird identification - after all, we want to know what feathered visitors we are feeding. Presented by Jakes Branch County Park naturalists. REG

A – 4/17, 2 pm, Wednesday Gardening Down the Shore
Learn the best ways to garden at the shore with a Master Gardener from Rutgers. REG

CH – 4/12, 4/26, 1 pm, Fridays OC Purls Knitting Group
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A – 4/17, 6 pm, Wednesday Movies at the Library: Priscilla
(R) 113 min. REG

CH – 4/18, 10:30 am, Thursday Sensory Play for Toddlers
Sensory based activities for toddlers with a caregiver. Dress for a mess. Ages 18 – 36 months. REG

CH – 4/18, 3:30 pm, Thursday Fork Painting
Paint a spring scene with a fork. Ages 5 – 12. REG

CH – 4/24, 3:30 pm, Wednesday Puzzles Play
Puzzle play for Autism Acceptance Month. Ages 5 – 12. REG

A – 4/24, 6 pm, Wednesday The Hindenburg Experience
Learn about the history of the Hindenburg and its last flight from Frankfurt, Germany to Lakehurst, NJ in 1937. REG

CH – 4/25, 10:30 am, Thursday Sensory Play for Preschoolers
Sensory based activities for preschoolers with a caregiver. Dress for a mess. Ages 3 – 5. REG

CH – 4/30, 3:30 pm, Tuesday Day Dial
Celebrate El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children’s Day/Book Day) with fun activities. Ages 5 – 12. REG

CH – 4/11, 11 am, Thursday Storytime and Craft
Ages 3 – 5. REG

T – 4/15, 6 pm, Monday Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. New members welcome. Ages 12 – 18.

T – 4/15, 6:30 pm, Monday Tarot for Teens
Join us to learn about the basics of reading tarot and get started in your own practice. REG

A – 4/18, 2 pm, Tuesday Spring Flower Workshop
Join Amy Colarocco from Whiting Flower Shoppe as she teaches you some basic techniques of flower arranging. She will help you build your own spring floral arrangement to take home. Please bring your own clippers to this program. Space is limited. REG

A – 4/19, 2 pm – 4 pm, Friday Writing from Your Roots: Family Stories Memoir Workshop
During this 2-hour writing workshop, participants will immerse themselves in their own family histories by uncovering moments from the past to have a better understanding of their future. REG

A – 4/22, 6 pm, Monday Broadway at the Shore
Join singer Cosette Lyncheski for a night at the theatre. Cosette will share musical theater songs, both old and new, from the Golden Age of Broadway. Sponsored by the Friends of the Waretown Library. REG

G – 4/26, 12:30 pm – 3 pm, Saturday Friends of the Waretown Library Book Sale
Support the Friends and the Branch at the book sale for all ages.

Looking for your next read?
Receive personalized recommendations in a variety of formats.
**Adult Titles**

The Heat Will Kill You First: Life and Death on a Scorched Planet by Jeff Goodell

Regenesis: Feeding the World Without Devouring the Planet by George Monbiot

The Climate Book: The Facts and the Solutions by Greta Thunberg

**Teen Titles**

Under This Forgetful Sky by Lauren Yero

Milo and Marcos at the End of the World by Kevin Christopher Snipes

War Girls by Tochi Onyebuchi

**Children’s Titles**

Climate: Our Changing World by Andy Sima

The First Rule of Climate Club by Carrie Firestone

Greenwild by Pari Thomson
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April 13, 2024 • 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Toms River Branch of the Ocean County Library

7TH ANNUAL AUTISM RESOURCES FAIR

Speak to representatives of state, county, and local organizations. Medical professionals, educators, therapists, attorneys, and other professionals will be available to describe their services and to answer your questions. Special workshops will be offered. Registration will be required to attend the workshops.

IEP Meetings: What to Expect and How to Prepare
Presented by Peg Kinsell, Director of Public Policy at SPAN Parent Advocacy Network, this interactive workshop will give participants a description of the essential components of an Individualized Education Plan. Participants will be given tools to help them effectively participate in developing an Individualized Education Plan. Please Register.

DIY Rain Sticks
Drop in to the Maker Space to create your very own unique rain stick. Ages 10+ with caregiver. While supplies last.

Special Education Law in New Jersey: An Overview
Learn how federal and state laws protect your disabled student’s right to receive a free and appropriate public education. During this workshop, special education attorney Andrew Meltzer of Sussan Greenwald & Wesler will provide an overview of your child’s legal protections. Please Register.

A Music, Bubble, and Dance Party
This sensory-friendly show, led by Turtle Dance Music, will include bubbles, laughter, dancing, games, incredible visuals, and a story written and illustrated by Mr. Matt’s brother Tim who is on the autism spectrum. Please Register.

Out-of-District Placement: How to Know When It’s Right for Your Child
This workshop, led by John J. Mulholland, Jr., Executive Director of ASAH, will give insight into the options that you have as a parent/caregiver. The discussion will explore topics such as how to determine whether the public school is meeting your child’s educational, behavioral, and social needs, steps that you can take if you determine that it is not, conversations with the child study team, researching schools, and how to decide which school is the best fit for your child. Please Register.

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For a complete list of programming, visit: www.theoceancountylibrary.org/autism