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**BARNEGAT**

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**T – 2/1, 3 pm – 5 pm, Thursday**

Teen Volunteer Hours

Earn community service hours. Learn about the library. Registration and a current Teen Volunteer Application is required. Ages 12 – 18. REG

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**TW – 2/1, 6 pm, Thursday**

Simple Sewing: DIY Tic-Tac-Toe Board

Learn beginner sewing techniques and create your own tic-tac-toe board. Ages 8 – 11. REG

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**A – 2/8, 2/22, 1 pm, Thursdays & 2/10, 2/24, 10 am, Saturdays**

EWE Knit and Crochet

Drop in with your own supplies.

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**CH – 2/8, 6 pm, Thursday**

Perler® Beads

Make a Perler® bead creation. Ages 6 – 11. REG

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**BHMA – 2/10, 2 pm, Saturday**

Pitching Man Documentary (NR) 54 min. REG

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**CH – 2/13, 10 am, Tuesday**

Toddler Time

Join us for stories, rhymes, and play. Ages 18 – 36 months with a caregiver. REG

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**BHMA – 2/13, 7 pm, Tuesday**

The Tuskegee Airmen: America’s First Black Pilots

Join us as we welcome back author, history professor, and founder of the World War II Era Studies Institute, Paul Zigo, who will present on the Tuskegee Airmen, the first group of black American pilots and airmen who fought in World War II. Learn about their wartime accomplishments, as well as how they helped racial and social equality move forward in America. REG

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**CH – 2/16, 10:30 am, Friday**

Homeschool STEAM: Fizzy Lab

Create and explore chemical reactions with this fun fizzy lab. We will explore fizzy paint, elephant’s toothpaste, and more. Ages 5 – 10. REG

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**A – 1 pm, Mondays**

Monday Movie

2/5: Gran Turismo (PG-13) 134 min.
2/12: Roman Holiday (PG-13) 118 min.
2/26: Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning (PG-13) 163 min.

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**CH – 2/6, 10 am, Tuesday**

Preschool Storytime

Come for stories, songs, and a craft. Ages 3 – 5. REG

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**T – 2/7, 6 pm – 8 pm, Wednesday**

Crochet 101 for Teens

In this 2-hour class, participants will learn all the basic stitches and how to read a pattern and will leave with the confidence to continue practicing their skills at home. Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Ages 12 – 18. REG

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**A – 2/8, 2/22, 1 pm, Thursdays & 2/10, 2/24, 10 am, Saturdays**

EWE Knit and Crochet

Drop in with your own supplies.

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**CH – 2/13, 10 am, Tuesday**

Amazing Inventors

In honor of Black History Month, make an LED bookmark inspired by Garrett Morgan’s invention of the three-way stop light. Ages 12 – 18. REG

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**CH – 2/20, 10 am, Tuesday**

Baby & Me

Come for rhymes, songs, and stories. Ages up to 18 months with a caregiver. REG

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**A – 2/20, 1 pm, Tuesday**

Art Chat

Meet and talk with local artists. Bring your own work for feedback.

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**T – 2/21, 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

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**BEACHWOOD**

732-244-4573

**A – 2/5, 11 am, Monday**

Fabric Photo Plate Craft

Join us in creating a craft. Please bring a small photo. Registration is limited. Sponsored by the Friends of the Beachwood Branch. REG

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**A – 2/20, 1 pm, Tuesday**

Amazing Inventors

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**BHM/T – 2/28, 6 pm, Wednesday**

Amazing Inventors

In honor of Black History Month, make an LED bookmark inspired by Garrett Morgan’s invention of the three-way stop light. Ages 12 – 18. REG

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**CH – 2/23, 10 am, Friday**

Art & Play

Children are welcome with a caregiver to finger paint, play with Play-Doh®, and create a take-home sensory bag. Dress for a mess. Ages 2+. REG

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**A – 2/20, 1 pm, Tuesday**

Art Chat

Meet and talk with local artists. Bring your own work for feedback.

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**T – 2/21, 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

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**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.
We are accepting gently used prom dresses from January 2nd until February 23rd. Short and long styles from within the last 5 years. Please donate dry cleaned dresses ready for attending prom. No accessories, shoes or purses.

Donations collected at all Ocean County Library Branches until February 23rd.

Questions? 732-349-6200

Dresses for 8th-12th grade only, please!
BHM/A – 2/17, 3 pm, Saturday
Alma Thomas Painting
Celebrate Black History Month by creating a painting in the style of Alma Thomas and learn about Thomas’s life and impact on modern art history. REG

A – 2/12, 3 pm, Monday
Quilled Hearts
Learn how to make a festive heart out of strips of paper. REG

T – 2/13, 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 to compete in this strategy card game. Ages 12 – 18. REG

T/A – 2/13, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Acoustic Jam Session
Bring an instrument and play with other musicians. All styles and skill levels are welcome. Ages 13+. REG

CH – 2/14, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Baby and Me
Rhythm, rhyme, music and movement for babies up to 12 months with caregiver. This is designed for babies not yet walking. REG

T/PA – 2/14, 3:30 pm, Wednesday
Valentine’s Day Paint and Sip for Teens
Relax with hot tea while painting a small canvas for Valentine’s Day. REG

T – 2/15, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

BHMI/A – 2/17, 3 pm, Saturday
Alma Thomas Painting
Celebrate Black History Month by creating a painting in the style of Alma Thomas and learn about Thomas’s life and impact on modern art history. REG

A – 2/13, 3:30 pm, Monday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. REG

MKR/TW – 2/21, 3:30 pm, Wednesday
Twen Builders’ Club
Discover the fun of STEAM and explore creative constructions with the library’s building kit. Ages 9 – 12. REG

A – 2/21, 6 pm, Wednesday
Intro to Computers
Stop by the library with your own device for this introductory course. REG

CH – 2/22, 10:30 am, Thursday
Todler Time
Play with your little one as we share stories, rhymes, songs, and dance. Ages 1 – 2. REG

CH – 2/22, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Game Night
Play familiar and new games, just for teens. REG

CH – 2/28, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Baby and Me
Rhythm, rhyme, music and movement for babies up to 12 months with caregiver. For babies not yet walking. REG

A – 2/23, 10:30 am, Saturday
Crochet around the Corner
A community crochet block project. Join us each month to receive a new crochet block pattern, as we work toward a holiday display of the blocks. Please bring a size I-9 crochet hook. Drop in.

A – 2/5, 2 pm, Monday
Advanced French Club
Join us and speak French with other French speakers in the community. Intermediate and Advanced speakers welcome. REG

A – 2/5, 3:45 pm, Monday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 2/15, 4 pm, Tuesday
Paint and Sip for Teens
Join us at the library for painting and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. REG

CH – 2/5, 10:30 am, Monday
Snake Storytime
Enjoy silly snake stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. REG

A – 2/5, 2 pm, Monday
Advanced French Club
Join us and speak French with other French speakers in the community. Intermediate and Advanced speakers welcome. REG

CH – 2/6, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Lunar New Year Parade
Join us as we celebrate the Lunar New Year with stories, a craft, and a parade. Remember to wear red for good luck. Ages 2 – 5. REG

A – 2/12, 3 pm, Monday
Sip for Teens
Learn how to make a festive heart out of strips of paper. REG

A – 2/14, 10:30 am, Thursday
Todler Time
Play with your little one as we share stories, rhymes, songs, and dance. Ages 1 – 2. REG

BHMI/A/PA – 2/6, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Soul Food Eats
Join us and learn how to make a soul food recipe to celebrate Black History Month. REG

FR – 2/7, 10 am, Wednesday
Friends of the Brick Library Meeting
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the library. New members are welcome.

A – 2/7, 11 am, Wednesday
Florigraphy: The Victorian Language of Flowers
Learn about florigraphy, the language of flowers that dates back to Victorian times. Within the art of florigraphy, every flower carries its own special meaning or symbolism. Presented by Cattus Island County Park naturalists. REG

A – 2/20, 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.

CH – 2/15, 10:30 am, Thursday
Pizza Storytime
Celebrate National Pizza Day with stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. REG

A – 2/15, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Night Crafting for Adults
This month we will be making stone penguins. REG

CH – 2/20, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Super Silly Storytime
Join us for some silly stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. REG

A – 2/20, 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.

CH/TW – 2/12, 6 pm, Monday
Paint a Dragon for Lunar New Year
Dress to make a mess and paint a ceramic dragon to welcome the new year. Ages 7 – 12. REG

T – 2/13, 3:45 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

T – 2/14, 10 am or 11 am, Wednesday
Craft for Adults with Special Challenges
Join us for a fun craft. REG

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### BRICK

**CH – 2/21, 10:30 am, Wednesday**
Pet Storytime
Celebrate Love Your Pet Day with stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**BHM/T – 2/21, 6:30 pm, Wednesday**
Reggie Laurent & Abstract Art
Learn about and create abstract artwork inspired by Black artist, Reggie Laurent. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**A/PA – 2/22, 2:30 pm, Thursday**
Coffee and Coloring
Spend an afternoon coloring, listening to soothing music, drinking coffee, and relaxing with like-minded adults at the library. Light refreshments will be served. **REG**

**T – 2/22, 6:30 pm, Thursday**
**Dungeons & Dragons® for Beginners**
Become a part of this adventurous party of heroes as we delve into the world of Forgotten Realms. This program is for teens looking to try their hand at a tabletop role-playing game. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**CH/PA – 2/23, 3 pm, Friday**
Perfect Pancake Day
Celebrate National Pancake Day a few days early with stories, a craft, and delicious pancakes. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**A – 2/26, 6:30 pm, Monday**
Adult Crafting
Join us for a seasonal craft. **REG**

**A/PA – 2/27, 6 pm, Tuesday**
Cookbook Club
Bring in a dish from the selected cookbook of the month to share and discuss with fellow culinary enthusiasts. **REG**

### ISLAND HEIGHTS

**FR – 2/3, 12:30 pm, Saturday**
The Trustees of the Library Meeting
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

**T – 2/6, 3:30 pm, Tuesday**
Teen Craft: Mini Terrariums
Make a mini terrarium. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**G – 2/7, 10:30 am, Wednesday**
Storytime Around Town: Peto Museum
Visit the Peto Museum, learn about the building and join the staff for storytime and fingerplays. This program will be held off-site at 102 Cedar Ave, Island Heights.

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

**A – 2/13, 2 pm, Tuesday**
Storytime – 12.
Something Fun for Everyone
Join us to hang out with friends for games and crafts. Ages 10 – 12. **REG**

**CH – 2/21, 10:30 am, Wednesday**
Baby and Me
For ages up to 18 months. **REG**

**BHM/T – 2/26, 2 pm, Monday**
Black Fashion Designers Drop-In
Celebrate Black History Month by learning about Black fashion designers throughout history and how their heritage inspired them and the clothing they created. Then create paper doll fashions inspired by your heritage.

### JACKSON

**MKR/G – 2 pm – 4 pm, All Fridays**
Something Fun for Everyone
New fun activities every Friday.

**A – 9 am – 1 pm, All Thursdays**
AARP Tax Assistance
Free tax assistance by members of AARP. No age requirement, but appointments are required. Must bring previous year(s) returns, photo ID, social security or I-Tin card and all relevant tax documents related to the tax years to be prepared. To schedule an appointment at the Jackson location, call 732-440-7904.

**BD – 2/6, 1 pm, Tuesday**
Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt
Join us to hang out with friends for games and crafts. Ages 10 – 12. **REG**

**MKR/CH – 2/6, 10:30 am, Tuesday**
Homeschool Art Club
Stretch your imagination and learn something new. Ages 6 – 10. **REG**

**S/G – 2/6, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Tuesday**
Sensory Friendly Movie for Adults with Special Challenges: Sing
(PG) 108 min. Join us for a sensory friendly movie viewing of Sing, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and singing, walking, rolling and dancing are welcome. **REG**

**BD – 2/6, 2:30 pm, Tuesday**
Heart Health: American Heart Month
Come to this interactive program that discusses what heart disease is, risk factors, prevention, knowing your numbers and what they mean, and how to live a healthy lifestyle. Presented by the Ocean County Health Department. **REG**

**CH – 2/21, 7 pm, Wednesday**
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**CH – 2/16, 3:30 pm, Friday**
Kids Sewing Basics
Learn how to thread a needle, basic stitches, sew on a button, and tie off thread. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

**CH – 2/21, 3:30 pm, Tuesday**
Teen Craft: Mini Terrariums
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**BHM/CH – 2/2, 10 am – 2 pm, Monday**
Drop-in Crafts: Black History Month Crafts
Stop by and make some crafts to celebrate Black History Month. All ages.

**BHM/A – 2/5, 10 am, Monday**
Black History Film Series: Mary Lou Williams: The Lady Who Swings the Band (NR) 69 min. **REG**

**CH – 2/5, 10:30 am, Monday**
Storytime
Join us for stories, songs, and a craft perfect for children ages 18 months – 3 years. **REG**

**A – 2/5, 6:30 pm, Monday**
Knit Chat Chain
Join our knitting and crocheting group. Bring your own project or make items to donate to those in need.

**MKR/CH – 2/6, 10:30 am, Tuesday**
Homeschool Art Club
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Homeschool Art Club
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**S/G – 2/6, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Tuesday**
Sensory Friendly Movie for Adults with Special Challenges: Sing
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**JACKSON**

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A – 2/6, 2/20, 6:30 pm, Tuesdays
Jackson Writers Group
Bring your work in progress, any genre.

CH/PA – 2/7, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Pancakes & Pajama Storytime
Join us for stories, songs, and a craft. Wear your favorite pajamas while you dine on some delicious pancakes. Ages 3 – 5. REG

CH – 2/7, 2 pm – 5 pm, Wednesday
National Send a Card Day
Drop-in
Create a DIY card to send to a friend.

T – 3:30 pm, All Wednesdays
Teen Volunteer Hour
Earn a community service hour. Learn about the Library. Effect positive change. Ages 12 – 18.

S/G – 2/7, 6 pm – 8 pm, Wednesday
Sensory Friendly Movie: WALL-E
(G) 98 min. Join us for a sensory friendly movie viewing of WALL-E, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and singing, walking, rolling and dancing are welcome. REG

A – 2/9, 10:30 am, Friday
Homeschool Sensory Space Social Hour
Join us in the Sensory Space for a relaxing social hour. Ages 6 – 12. REG

A – 2/12, 2/26, 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 – 2/12, 10:30 am, Monday
Babytime
Join us for songs and activities followed by an hour of adult and child socialization. Ages up to 18 months. REG

S/G – 2/12, 6 pm – 8 pm, Monday
Sensory Friendly Movie: Shrek
(PG) 90 min. Join us for a sensory friendly movie viewing of *Shrek*, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and singing, walking, rolling and dancing are welcome. REG

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

CH – 2/13, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Messy Art
Station based art play. Dress for a mess. Ages 2 – 5. REG

BD – 2/13, 1 pm, Tuesday
Book of Two Ways by Jodi Picoult

BHM/A – 2/13, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Black History Film Series: Through a Lens Darkly: Black Photographers and the Emergence of a People
(NR) 92 min. REG

MKR/T – 2/8, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Makerspace: Paper Circuit Valentine
Use paper circuits to create a light up Valentine card. Ages 12 – 18. REG

MKR/A/PA – 2/14, 2 pm, Wednesday
Chocolate Covered Pretzels
Join us in the Maker Space while we dip pretzels in chocolate and decorate them for Valentine’s Day. REG

All branches of the Ocean County Library will be closed for

FEBRUARY 19TH

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All Branches will resume normal hours on Tuesday, Feb. 20th.

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Tw/Pa – 2/15, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Sip & Paint
Paint your own masterpiece while drinking some hot cocoa. Ages 8 – 14. REG

BHM/MKR/T – 2/15, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Makerspace: Quilt Squares in Honor of Black History Month
Learn about Black History in the United States through the lens of quilting. Then, sew your own square. Ages 12 – 18. REG

FR – 2/15, 4 pm, Thursday
Jackson Friends of the Library Meeting
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

Ch – 2/16, 10 am – 4 pm, Friday
National Love Your Pet Day Drop-in Crafts
Stop by the Children’s Department and make a craft in celebration of National Love Your Pet Day. Ages 3 – 14. REG

S/A – 2/20, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Game Hour for Adults with Special Challenges
Join us for some fun times playing board games and cards in the Sensory Space. Feel free to bring your favorite game if you have one. REG

Ch – 2/20, 6 pm – 8 pm, Tuesday
Drop-in Crafts: National Muffin and Cherry Pie Day
Stop by and make some crafts to commemorate these two fun national celebrations.

Ch – 2/21, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Storytime
Join us for stories, songs, and a craft. Ages 18 months – 3. REG

A – 2/28, 2:30 pm, Wednesday
The Great Storage Cleanout
We have all that closet, basement, garage, or attic overflowing with stuff. Join author and organizer Jamie Novak online and learn simple steps for clearing out the storage space. Register to receive the Zoom link. REG

BHM/A – 2/21, 2 pm, Wednesday
Black History Film Series: There Was Always Sun Shining Someplace
(NR) 59 min. REG

MKR/A – 2/21, 2:30 pm, Wednesday
Cricut® Class
Learn how to make a layered paper cardstock card using the Cricut® Maker™ and Cricut® Design Space software to make your own card. REG

TW/T – 2/21 – 3/27, 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 – 2/27, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Baby & Me Social Hour
Join us for stories, songs, and a craft. Ages up to 24 months. REG

Ch – 2/28, 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 – 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 9:30 am
Teen T/A/PA – 2/9, 3:30 pm, Friday
Snow Cones with Love
Join us as we show our love for family and friends by creating frosty, colorful snow cone treats while watching a Valentine’s Day themed film. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided during the event. REG

Ch – 2/12, 2 pm, Monday
Tween Homeschool Eats
Cooking chemistry activities. Ages 11+. REG

T/PA – 2/6, 6 pm, Tuesday
 Tween Homeschool Makers
Come learn something new. Ages 11+. REG

BHM/T/A – 2/8, 3 pm, Thursday
Forever Young: Henrietta Lacks
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks (TV-MA) 93 min. REG

Ch – 2/9, 10 am, Friday
Open Playtime
Ages 1 – 5 with a caregiver. Drop in.

T/A/PA – 2/9, 3:30 pm, Friday
Snow Cones with Care
Join Ana’s World of Mini’s to meet real miniature horses and hear a story. Sponsored by the Jackson Friends of the Library. Ages 6 – 12. REG

Ch – 2/24, 2:30 pm, Saturday
Ponies, Ponies, Ponies!
Join Ana’s World of Mini’s to meet real miniature horses and hear a story. Sponsored by the Jackson Friends of the Library. Ages 6 – 12. REG

Ch – 2/26, 10:30 am, Monday
Storytime
Join us for stories, songs, and a craft. Ages 3 – 5. REG

A – 2/5, 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

Div/Ch – 2/2, 2:30 pm, Friday
Story Explorers: Amy Wu and the Ribbon Dance by Kat Zhang
We’ll be sharing the story and exploring a variety of crafts and activities to extend our reading experience. Ages 3 – 6 with a caregiver.

Ch – 2/2, 10:30 am, Thursday
Tween Homeschool Makers
Come learn something new. Ages 8 – 12. REG

MKR/T – 2/22, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Makerspace: Paper Quilling is For the Birds
Paper quilling is the art of rolling strips of paper and arranging them to make art. Using this technique, learn how to make an image of a bird. Ages 12 – 18. REG

Ch – 2/22, 10:30 am, Thursday
Tween Homeschool Makers
Come learn something new. Ages 8 – 12. REG

Ch – 2/22, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Makerspace: Paper Quilling is For the Birds
Paper quilling is the art of rolling strips of paper and arranging them to make art. Using this technique, learn how to make an image of a bird. Ages 12 – 18. REG

Ch – 2/2, 10:30 am, Friday
Snow Cones with Love
Join us as we show our love for family and friends by creating frosty, colorful snow cone treats while watching a Valentine’s Day themed film. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided during the event. REG

Ch – 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 10:30 am, Thursdays
Preschool Stories & Science
Stories accompanied by simple STEM activities. Please register once for this three-week session. Ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver.

Ch – 2/6, 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 – 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 9:30 am
Teen T/A/PA – 2/9, 3:30 pm, Friday
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Ch – 2/12, 2 pm, Monday
Tween Homeschool Eats
Cooking chemistry activities. Ages 11+. REG
CH – 2/13, 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 will be able to ask questions directly to the Mayor in an informal setting.

T – 2/15, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

BHM/CH – 2/16, 10:30 am, Friday
Kids Art Explorers: Faith Ringgold
We'll be learning about this award-winning illustrator and creating a piece of fabric art inspired by her story quilts. Ages 6 – 12. REG

BHM/CH/PA – 2/22, 4 pm, Thursday
Paws for Reading
Practice reading in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Drop in.

A – 2/23, 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.

BD/A – 2/26, 1 pm, Monday
Lacey Book Discussion
Contact Lacey Circulation for more information.
CH/TW – 2/26, 6 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 – 2/20, 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.

CH – 2/20, 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

TW/T – 2/22, 6 pm, Thursday
Teen Game Night
Play familiar and new games, just for teens. REG

BD – 2/21, 6 pm, Wednesday
Family Movie Night
Come watch a (G) or (PG) movie with us.

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

CH/TW – 2/7, 10 am, Wednesday
Drop-in Valentine’s Day Cards
Ages 12 months+ with caregiver.

CH/TW – 2/9, 4 pm, Friday
Twen Art Club
Prepare to celebrate Lunar New Year. Learn about the holiday and the year of the dragon while creating your own artwork. Ages 9 – 12. REG

T – 2/26, 6 pm, Tuesday
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.

DIV/TW – 2/6, 12:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen Volunteer Hours
Earn community service hours. Learn about the Library, Registration and a current Teen Volunteer Application required. Ages 12 – 18. REG

BD – 2/12, 2/16, 2:30 pm, Friday
Animal Yoga and Meditation
Join震 yoga and meditation instruction. REG

DIY Dragon Egg
Make a dragon egg to celebrate Lunar New Year. Ages 12 – 18.

CH/TW – 2/20, 12:30 pm, Tuesday
Sibling Get Together
This program provides a safe and nurturing space for siblings of children with special challenges to connect & share experiences. Join us as we build a community where siblings can find understanding, strength, and the tools to navigate their exceptional journey with love and compassion. Grades 1 – 6. REG

T – 2/24, 6 pm, Thursday
DIY Dragon Egg
Make a dragon egg to celebrate Lunar New Year. Ages 12 – 18.

CH/TW – 2/6, 7 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills & bonding through creative mess and learning through joyful chaos. Best for little who are crawling or walking. REG

BD – 2/20, 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 – 2/13, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Pokémon™ Club
This program is a wonderful opportunity to gather, socialize, and engage in fun Pokémon™ themed activities with other Pokémon™ enthusiasts. Whether you’re new or an experienced trainer, come join us for an hour of fun. Grades 2 – 6. REG

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

CH/TW/T – 2/9, 10 am, Saturday
Mars is Everywhere
Discover the solar system with hands-on activities and special guests throughout the day.

CH – 2/26, 6 pm, Monday
Whale Craft
Make a whale for Humpback Whale Awareness Month. Ages 5 – 12.

CH – 2/7, 6 pm, Tuesday
DIY Dragon Egg
Make a dragon egg to celebrate Lunar New Year. Ages 12 – 18.

T – 2/29, 6 pm, Thursday
Lunar New Year Craft
Make a paper dragon for the Lunar New Year. Ages 5 – 12.
CH – 2/2, 10 am, Friday
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. Wear or bring a painting smock. Ages 6 months+. REG

A – 2/6, 11 am, Tuesday
Blood Pressure Clinic
Free blood pressure screening by the Long Beach Island (LBI) Health Department. Walk ins welcome.

A – 2/7, 10 am, Wednesday
Consumer Reports Online
Whether you are looking to buy a new mattress, car, or household appliance, knowing where to begin your search can be overwhelming. Fortunately, you can access Consumer Reports online for free with your Library card. Learn how to access our Consumer Reports Magazine database to retrieve fair and unbiased product ratings and reviews. REG

A – 2/8, 2 pm, Thursday
Adult Coloring & Conversation
Come in to read stories and sing some songs together. Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver. REG

A – 2/10, 2 pm, Saturday
Looking A’ Round: Remembering Photographer Amy Stewart
Known as the lady with a camera, Amy Stewart was an avid photographer who gave her heart and soul to photography. Join us at the Long Beach Island Branch to view her exhibit, Looking A’ Round. All are welcome.

A – 2/14, 2 pm, Wednesday
Italian Cultural Society of LBI
Sponsored by the Italian Cultural Society of LBI. REG

TW/T – 2/14, 5:30 pm, Wednesday
Teen DIY: Valentines Puzzle Purses
Learn how to make Victorian-era puzzle purses. These were small paper puzzles very similar to origami, in which love letters were often hidden. Join us and make a puzzle purse with a hidden message to a loved one, or yourself. REG

G – 2/16, 10 am, Friday
Playdate at the Library
A variety of toys will be set out in our meeting room, where our young friends can freely play and socialize with each other. REG

CH – 2/1, 10 am, Monday
Chair Ballet: Broadway Dance
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CH/TW – 2/7, 3:30 pm, Wednesday
Flower Power: Youth Garden Club
The Garden Club of LBI – make a flower arrangement to share with your family. Registration will open four weeks prior to the event. Register each family member individually. Grades 3 – 6. REG

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Paper Mosaics
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A – 2/1, 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 – 2/5, 1:30 pm, Monday
Monday Movie Matinee: Valentine’s Day
(PG-13) 123 min. Bring your own refreshments. REG

CH – 2/6, 2/13, 9:30 am, Tuesdays
Toddler Time
Come in to read stories and sing some songs together. Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver. REG

A – 2/8, 2 pm, Thursday
Adult Coloring & Conversation
Spend a relaxing afternoon coloring and listening to soothing music with like-minded adults. Materials are provided for use but feel free to bring your own coloring supplies. This program meets once a month on the second Thursday from 2 pm – 3 pm.
Big Book Sale
Friends of the Island Library Big Book Sale
Friends of the Island Library will host a two-day book sale. Donated material will only be accepted on Thursday, February 22 in the meeting room 9 am – 3 pm.

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LONG BEACH ISLAND
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G – 2/23, 9 am – 4 pm, Friday & 2/24, 9 am – 4 pm, Saturday
Friends of the Island Library
Big Book Sale

T – 2/1, 6 pm – 8 pm, Thursday
Teen Takeover: Smash Bros™ & Mario Kart™
Enjoy a fun-filled night playing popular Nintendo® games such as Super Smash Bros: Ultimate™ and Mario Kart™ 8. Make friends with other like-minded teens who love to play video games. Ages 13 – 18. REG

PW – 2/1, 6:30 pm – 9 pm, Thursday
Paint Night

TW – 2/8, 6 pm – 8 pm, Thursday
Twin Takeover: Smash Bros™ & Mario Kart™
Enjoy a fun-filled night playing popular Nintendo® games such as Super Smash Bros: Ultimate™ and Mario Kart™ 8. Make friends with other like-minded teens who love to play video games. Ages 13 – 18. REG

A – 2/13, 2 pm – 4 pm, Tuesday
Writers Group
Bring your poetry, essays, and short stories. The Writer’s Group critiques each other’s works and provides feedback.

CH – 2/14, 9:30 am, Wednesday
Paint & Play
Join us for messy play and leave the cleanup to us. Playtime with toys, painting, and coloring. Dress for a mess. Ages 6 months – 3 years. REG

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CH – 2/14, 10:30 am, Wednesday
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A/PA – 2/16, 2 pm, Friday
Calming Coloring
Coloring is a great method of stress relief for adults. Coloring sheets and simple crafts are provided along with crayons, markers, and pens. Alternatively, you can bring your own coloring projects and coloring tools. For even more de-stressing, we offer aromatherapy and therapy animals. REG

G – 2/3, 2 pm, Saturday
Art Reception: Frederick B. Woodland Jr.

A – 2/13, 2 pm – 4 pm, Tuesday
Twin Takeover: Chess Club
Learn how to play chess with other like-minded folks. Ages 13 – 18. REG

BHM/A/PA – 2/26, 1:30 pm, Monday
Monday Movie Matinee: Hidden Figures
(PG) 127 min. Bring your own refreshments. REG

TW/T – 2/28, 5:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen DIY: Paper Weaving
Turn ordinary slips of colorful paper into bookmarks, bracelets, bows, and more. REG

MANCHESTER
732-657-7600

CH – 2/1, 10 am, Thursday
Circus Storytime
Join us to hear stories and do an activity. Ages 2 – 6. REG

A – 2/1, 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.

B – 2/6, 10:15 am, Monday
Baby Playtime
Join other babies and caregivers for a playdate in our Youth Services Department. For pre-walkers. REG

BD/A – 2/6, 10:15 am, Tuesday
The Searcher by Tana French

CH – 2/7, 10 am, Wednesday
Baby Playtime
Join other babies and caregivers for a playdate in our Youth Services Department. For pre-walkers. REG

CH – 2/7, 10 am, Wednesday
Baby Playtime

BHMA/A – 2/7, 2 pm, Wednesday
Matinee Movie: Respect
(PG-13) 145 min. REG

A – 2/8, 2/22, 2 pm – 4 pm, Thursdays
Chicks with Sticks – Knitting and Crocheting Group
Do you love to knit or crochet? Bring your yarn, needles, and current projects, all skill levels welcome.

A – 2/15, 11 am, Thursday
Movement Music & Memories
Movement Music & Memories is a unique multi-sensory movement to music enrichment program designed for people living with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias. The goal is to bring joy while sharing the benefits of multi-sensory stimulation, to improve overall physical cognitive fitness, and to increase opportunities for success and connection to sense of self. This program is presented by Francine Pannella, LPN, CDP, ASFA-CPT. This program takes place every third Thursday of the month. Care partners must be present. Pre-registration is required by calling Francine at 732-801-8191 or by emailing Francine at fran@dementialivingsolutions.com

CH – 2/17, 10 am, Saturday
Circus Storytime
Join us to hear stories and do an activity. Ages 2 – 6. REG

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Circus Storytime

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Looking for your next read?
Receive personalized recommendations in a variety of formats.
A – 2/20, 1 pm – 3 pm, Tuesday 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.

CH – 2/20, 6:30 pm, Tuesday LEGO® Club
Join us for open LEGO® play. Ages 6 – 12. REG

CH – 2/21, 9:30 am, Wednesday Build & Play
Calling all future engineers, architects, and sculptors. Join us for playtime with modeling compound and building toys. Ages 6 months – 3 years. REG

CH – 2/21, 10:30 am, Wednesday Build & Play
Calling all future engineers, architects, and sculptors. Join us for playtime with modeling compound and building toys. Ages 3 – 6. REG

A – 2/21, 2 pm, Wednesday Social Media 101
What social media is right for you? Learn about Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and more. REG

TW – 2/22, 6 pm, Thursday Tween Takeover: Paper Airplanes
Have you ever wanted to create something that can fly far over long distances? Join us and make your very own paper airplane. Ages 8 – 12. REG

A – 2/22, 2 pm, Monday Aromatherapy for Winter
We will discuss how different essential oils can be used to calm or enhance our energy during the winter months. All participants make a product to take home. REG

A – 2/23, 2 pm, Wednesday Make a Soda Tab Bracelet: Adult Craft
Create a unique piece of jewelry that helps the environment by upcycling the pop tops from empty beverage cans. REG

T – 2/29, 6 pm – 8 pm, Thursday Teen Takeover: Anime Adventures
Meet like-minded lovers of fandom and watch anime together. Ages 13 – 18. REG

T – 2/29, 6 pm – 8 pm, Thursday Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 13 – 18. REG

A – 2/2/15, 10:30 am, Thursday Storytime: Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat
Join us for stories and songs, and a Basquiat inspired collage in honor of Black History Month. Ages 3+. REG

A – 2/21, 1 pm, Wednesday Drop-in BYO Crochet and Knitting Club
Bring your own materials and join this low-key crafting afternoon.

BD – 2/26, 6 pm, Monday English/Spanish Conversation Group
New to speaking English or Spanish? Join us in this low-key conversation group where participants can help one another learn. Discuss pop culture, and current events.

T – 2/27, 3 pm, Tuesday Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

PT. PLEASANT BEACH
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CH – 1/28 – 2/2 Thomas the Tank Week
Enjoy our meeting room full of Thomas & Friends. Visit our circulation desk or call the branch to schedule your time. Sponsored by the Friends of the Point Pleasant Beach Branch.

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A – 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, 7:30 pm, Mondays
English Conversation Group
New members welcome. REG

CH – 2/6, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Toddler Read Along Storytime with Miss Liz
Each child will have a read along copy of Can you Cuddle like a Koala? to help strengthen early literacy skills. Ages 2 – 3. REG

CH/PA – 2/13, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs.

CH – 2/14, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Preschool Storytime: Happy Valentine’s Day
Please join us for songs, stories and fun. Ages 3 – 6. REG

CH – 2/20, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Toddler Fun: Stories & Scarves
Please join us for songs, stories and fun for toddlers. Ages up to 18 months to 3 years. REG

BHM/CH – 2/21, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Preschool Storytime
Celebrates Saturday by Oge Mora
In honor of Black History Month please join us for a reading of Oge Mora’s Saturday. Ages 3 – 6. REG

BD – 2/2, 11 am, Monday
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.

A – 2/12, 2/26, 1 pm, Mondays
Knitting and Crocheting at the Beach
Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels welcome.

BHM/CH – 2/14, 10 am, Wednesday
Music & Movement
Celebrates Motor City
Sing, play instruments and dance while exploring the sounds and rhythms of Motor City music. Ages 2 – 5. REG

REG

A – 2/1, 1 pm, Thursday
Twisted Stitchers of Ocean County
Join our group to learn or bring your project with you. If you are a beginner, knitting needles and yarn will be available for you. If you are already a knitter, please join.

G – 2/7, 2/21, 6 pm, Wednesdays
Family Chess Night
Join us on the first and third Wednesdays of every month for an evening of chess. We will have several chess boards for players of all ages and skill levels to enjoy.

BD – 2/20, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Friends Book Club
The Lost Boys of Montauk by Amanda M. Fairbanks.

A – 2/10, 11 am, Saturday
Chair Yoga
Led by certified yoga instructor, Linda Higley, chair yoga is a gentle yoga practice while remaining seated. REG

A – 2/12, 11 am, Monday
Crafts for Adults with Special Challenges
Join us for a fun craft for adults with special challenges. REG

BHM/CH – 2/14, 6 pm, Wednesday
Open Mic Night
Join Dennis “The Heavy Metal Poet” Townsend for a night of local talent. Signups begin at 6 pm; performances start at 6:30 pm.

A – 2/8, 10 am, Monday
Playing Bingo
Come out for some family fun playing bingo.

A – 2/16, 11 am, Friday
Lunar New Year Lanterns
Join us in creating a version of a Chinese lantern to celebrate the Lantern Festival while we watch a short informational video about the Lunar New Year. REG
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PT. PLEASANT BORO
732-295-1555

STAFFORD
609-597-3381

FR – 2/20, 1:30 pm, Tuesday
Friends of the Pt. Pleasant Borough Branch Meeting
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

A – 2/20, 6 pm, Tuesday
Tuesday Evening Movie: Respect
(PG-13) 145 min.

CH – 2/21, 10 am, Wednesday
Toddler Art
Come create some awesome art for the fridge door. Dress for a mess. Ages 2 – 3. REG

BD – 2/21, 6 pm, Wednesday
Open Our Mind Book Club
I Let You Go by Clare Mackintosh.

A – 2/21, 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.

CH – 2/23, 10 am, Friday
Lil Builders Club
Drop in for some open block building with your little one. Ages 1 – 5.

BD – 2/28, 7:30 pm, Wednesday
Good Readers Book Club
The Exiles by Christina Baker Kline.

A – 2/21, 2/15, 2/29, 1 pm – 3 pm, Thursdays & 2/3, 2/17, 10 am – 12 pm, Saturdays
String of Purls - Knit/Crochet
Join to learn or bring your project with you. Beginners bring size 9 knitting needles and light-colored 4-ply cotton or acrylic yarn. To crochet, bring the same yarn, and size “I” crochet hook. Drop in.

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

CH/TW/T – 2/5, 10 am, Monday
Homeschooler’s Workshop: 3D Doodler Pens
Put your engineering skills to the test and use your imagination to bring your fun and creative ideas to 3D life. Ages 8 – 13. REG

BD – 2/5, 12 pm, Monday
AAUW Monday Book Discussion
Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid.

A – 2/5, 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

BD – 2/7, 10 am, Wednesday
First Wednesday Book Club
Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate.

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FEBRUARY 8
8:00 PM
Spice, Spirit, and Swoon—A Guaranteed Happily Ever After with Rom-Com Author Tessa Bailey
#1 New York Times bestselling author of It Happened One Summer and Hook, Line, and Sinker

FEBRUARY 20
4:00 PM
Exploring Identity, Love, and Being Black in America in Fiction Writing: A Conversation with Award-Winning Author Jason Mott
New York Times Bestselling Author and National Book Award Winner

FEBRUARY 28
2:00 PM
Be a Kick-Ass Boss Without Losing Your Humanity: An Author Talk with Kim Scott
A – 2/7, 2 pm, Wednesday
New Release Movie Matinee
Check with the Stafford Branch for the upcoming film title. REG

T – 2/7, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

DIV/A – 2/8, 2 pm, Thursday
Lunar New Year Workshop: DIY Red Envelope Lantern
Join us for an easy red lantern making workshop. Learn about the customs and traditions of Lunar New Year. Presented by Wing Tang. REG

CH – 2/9, 10 am, Friday
Lunar New Year Fun
Celebrate Lunar New Year with stories and a dragon craft. Ages up to 6. REG

A – 2/11, 2/25, 2 pm, Sundays
English Conversation Group
New to speaking English? Practice English conversation and talk about current events and more in a friendly, informal setting. This volunteer-led group meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday. REG

BHM/CH – 2/12, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Magical Movies
Join us in the Teen Lab for this month’s Tween Crafternoon and make your own coloring projects and coloring tools. Ages 9 – 13. REG

FR – 2/15, 9:30 am, Thursday
Adult Crafting Club
Join us for an afternoon of crafting. The crafting club meets once per month on the 3rd Tuesday. REG

A – 2/14, 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. REG

CH/TW – 2/1, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Drop-in Polar Bear Craft
Come make a polar bear magnet. Ages 5 – 12. Drop in.

CH/PA – 2/2, 10:30 am, Friday
Elmo’s Birthday Party
Celebrate Elmo’s birthday with us. Enjoy activities including a craft and a snack. Ages 3 – 5. REG

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Printed Fidget
Drop in. MKR/S/A/T/TW

Sensory Space to assemble and maintain sexual health and well-being. REG

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A – 2/7, 6 pm, Tuesday
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

CH – 2/6, 10 am, Tuesday
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

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T/PA – 2/6, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Cooking Matters for Teens
Join a Nutrition Educator from the Community Food Bank of NJ to learn how to make healthy, budget-friendly food choices and lead a more active life. In this session, teens will get creative with food makeovers. Take traditional meals and make them your own. REG

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

A – 2/6, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Lunar New Year Workshop
(Part II): DIY Red Envelope Lantern
Join us for an easy red lantern making workshop. REG

A – 10 am, All Wednesdays
English Conversation Group
New to speaking English? Join us and talk about current events and more. New members welcome.

CH – 2/7, 10 am, Wednesday
Toddler Time
Join us for interactive songs, stories and playtime. Ages 2 – 3. REG

A – 2/7, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Karaoke for Adults with Special Challenges
Do you enjoy singing? Now is your chance to sing the best song. Join us and sing along with our karaoke music. Music by us, talent by you. REG

MKR/TW/T/A – 2/7, 6 pm, Wednesday
Beginner’s Crochet Class
Join us in the Maker Space for a beginner’s crochet class and learn to crochet a winter snowflake with certified instructor Robin Nogiewich. Ages 10+. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. REG

CH – 2/7, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Drop-in: Valentine’s Day Craft
Stop by and create something fun to celebrate Valentine’s Day. Ages 4 – 8. Drop in.

CH – 2/8, 10 am, Thursday
Baby Art
Join us for baby’s first art experience. Dress for a mess. Ages 6 – 23 months. REG

T – 2/8, 2 pm, Thursday
De-Stress with Dogs for Teens
Visit the Teen Zone and de-stress with therapy dogs. Relax, play with, and hang out with the visiting furry friends. This recurring program meets the second Thursday of the month during the school year.

BD/A – 2/8, 6 pm, Thursday
Read with Pride Adult Book Club
Homebodies by Tembe Denton-Hurst. 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

A – 2/8, 7 pm, Thursday
What is Sensory Processing Disorder?
Occupational therapists from Children’s Specialized Hospital will explain the different types of SPD, signs that your loved one may have it, how to cope with meltdowns, and treatment options. REG

A – 2/9, 2 pm, Friday
Craftapalooza
Bring your creativity and we will provide the supplies. Come make a variety of crafts from shell painting to jewelry making and a host of other great projects. REG

CH/TV – 2/9, 2 pm, Friday
Magical Movies
Wall-E (G) 98 min. Ages 3 – 12. Drop in.

CH – 2/12, 10:30 am, Monday
I Love the Library Storytime
Listen to stories and make a library themed craft to celebrate National Library Lovers Month. Ages 3 – 5. REG

FR – 2/12, 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.

Lacey
Art Exhibit:
Barbara Defranza
Abstract Kaleidoscope Art
(Meeting Room)

Long Beach Island
Looking A’ Round:
Photographs by Amy Stewart

Manchester
2/1 – 2/24
Art Exhibit:
Frederick B. Woodland Jr.
CH/TW/PA – 2/12, 6:30 pm, Monday
DIY Ice Cream
Make some yummy ice cream in a bag. Ages 8 – 12. REG

T/PA – 2/12, 6:30 pm, Monday
Chocolate Covered Strawberries for Teens
Teens will learn how to make their own sweet treats and leave with giftable boxes of decked-out strawberries to share the love. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. REG

BHM/CH – 2/13, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Celebrate Black History Month: “Things that Go” Preschool Storytime
In honor of Black History Month, join us for a vehicle and traffic themed storytime surrounding Garrett Morgan, inventor of the traffic light. Ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver. REG

BO – 2/13, 7 pm, Tuesday
Evening Book Discussion This Time Tomorrow by Emma Straub.
REG

A – 2/14, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Teddy Bear Building for Adults with Special Challenges
Come join us and build your own bear with Debby, our local fun party planner. REG

CH/TW – 2/14, 2 pm, Wednesday
Drop-in Valentine’s Day Card Making
Stop by the Children’s Department to make a Valentine’s Day card for someone special. Ages 3 – 12. Drop in.

T – 2/14, 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

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

CH – 2/15, 10 am, Thursday
Read, Build, Play Storytime
Listen to a story and foster social skills by working together to build DUPLO® creations and more. Ages 2 – 5. REG

T/PA – 2/15, 6 pm, Thursday
Teen Pop Culture Crafting Club: Pokéball Hot Chocolate Bomb & DIY Mug
Come join us as we hang out and do DIY’s from our favorite fandoms. Do you like Pokémon™? At this meeting, we will be making hot chocolate bombs that look like Pokéballs and decorate mugs using the Cricut® Mug Press. Ages 13 – 18. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. REG

BHM/G/PA – 2/17, 12 pm – 3 pm, Saturday
Black History Month Celebration with the Toms River Area NAACP
Celebrate Black History Month with a food tasting prepared by members of Toms River Area NAACP and entertainment by soul and jazz vocalist Rhonda Denet and the Silver Fox Song Trio as they present “Songs of Liberation and Love.” Sponsored by the Toms River Area NAACP and the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. REG

CH/TW – 2/17, 2:30 pm, Saturday
Drop-in Video Games for Kids
Play video games and make some new friends. Ages 4 – 12. REG

A – 2/20, 10 am, Tuesday
Computer Mouse for Beginners
Learn the basics of using a computer mouse including: how to click, scroll, and open links. This program is for beginners. No experience using a mouse is required. REG

S/G – 2/20, 6 pm, Tuesday
Sensory Friendly Movie: Clifford the Big Red Dog
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. (PG) 97 min. REG

A – 2/20, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Hands on CPR
CPR for the Friends and Family is a user-friendly course that is video driven under the guidelines of the American Heart Association. This class will include instruction and hands on practice for CPR steps and how to relieve choking for adult, child and infant victims. Participants will receive an instructional booklet that includes a participation card. Hands on practice is encouraged but not required. This program is conducted by Hands On CPR founder Cherie Hands On CPR. REG

CH/TW/PA – 2/21, 4:30 pm, Wednesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Ages 5 – 12. REG

A – 2/21, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
The Guild Theatreworks Presents: Belles
Actors from The Guild Theatreworks will perform a reading of Belles, a play about six Southern sisters who try to bridge the distance between them via telephone and come to terms with their family history. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. REG

CH – 2/22, 10 am, Thursday
Waddler Time
Interactive stories, songs, and more for you and your little one. Ages 12 – 23 months. REG

BD – 2/22, 2 pm, Thursday
Afternoon Book Discussion The Guardians by John Grisham.
REG

CH/TW – 2/23, 2 pm, Friday
Magical Movies

Find us online at: www.theoceancountylibrary.org
BHM/A – 2/24, 2 pm, Saturday
Bishop Kids Present
The Bridge
In honor of Black History Month, this production tells the story from an elderly person’s perspective on life and at the same time tells the story from a young adult’s perspective on life in today’s world where each one is trying to bridge the gap between the two worlds. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River.

CH – 2/26, 10 am, Monday
Explore the Floor
Visit the library for toys and activities that encourage skill building and creativity. Siblings are welcome. Ages 2 – 5.

A/PA – 2/26, 2 pm, Monday
Hot Cocoa Bombs for Adults
Love hot cocoa? Come make your very own hot cocoa bombs at this delicious program.

MKR/TW/T/A – 2/26, 6 pm, Monday
Library LEGO® Master Building Challenge
Love building with LEGO® bricks? Join us in the Maker Space and compete in a night of LEGO® themed challenges. Who will be crowned Library LEGO® Master? It could be you. Ages 10+.

A – 2/26, 6:30 pm, Monday
Tarot 101 for Adults
Join us to learn about the basics of reading tarot to get you started in your own practice. Led by local yoga instructor & practitioner of tarot and oracle, Belle Burns. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River.

CH – 2/27, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Preschool Storytime
Develop pre-reading skills with stories, songs, movement, and a fun craft. Ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver.

A – 2/27, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Ernest Shackleton & the Age of Antarctic Exploration
Join historian Greg Caggiano for a look at Ernest Shackleton’s ill-fated Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition of 1914 – one of the greatest and most harrowing stories of survival and courage in the history of exploration.

A – 2/27, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Vision Boarding
What do you want your future to look like? Join us in the Toms River Sensory Space to create your own vision board: a collage of images, pictures, and affirmations of one’s dreams and desires, designed to serve as a source of inspiration and motivation. You are encouraged to bring photos, printouts, items cut from old magazines and other items that you would like to include in your project based on what you would like to envision for your future.

A – 2/27, 7 pm, Tuesday
Vinyl Record Nights
Come unwind and listen to curated vinyl records under the stars of the atrium at the Toms River Branch.

CH – 2/28, 10 am, Wednesday
Baby & Me
Visit the library for an interactive program for you and your baby. Ages up to 12 months old.

T – 2/28, 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. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River.

CH/TW – 2/29, 2 pm, Thursday
Magical Movies
Space Jam (PG) 88 min. Ages 3 – 12. Drop in.
A – 2/1, 10 am, Thursday
Art Chat
Meet and talk with local artists. Bring your own work for feedback.

DIV/CH/TW – 2/5, 4:30 pm, Monday
Happy Lunar New Year
Learn about the Year of the Dragon and make a lantern. Ages 8 – 12. REG

BHM/A – 2/5, 6 pm, Monday
Hughes’ Dream Harlem (NR) 64 min.

CH – 2/6, 11 am, Tuesday
Toddler Time: Beach Party
Ignore the thermometer and join us for warm stories, fingerplays and a craft. REG

A – 2/12, 6 pm, Monday
Movie Night
While You Were Sleeping (PG) 103 min.

CH – 2/13, 11 am, Tuesday
Toddler Time: Valentine's Day
Enjoy sweet stories, fingerplays and a craft. REG

BD – 2/1, 3 pm, Thursday
Thursday Book Discussion
The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict.

BD – 2/2, 10 am, Friday
Morning Book Discussion
The Librarian of Burned Books by Brianna Labuskes.

BD – 2/2, 3 pm, Friday
Afternoon Book Discussion
The Book Haters’ Book Club by Gretchen Anthony.

A – 2/13, 10 am, Saturday
Library Where You Are: hoopla
Learn how to borrow eBooks, audiobooks, and more on the hoopla app. Please bring your own device. Active library card is required. REG

CH – 2/20, 11 am, Tuesday
Toddler Time: Snow Fun
Enjoy some frozen fun with stories, fingerplays and a craft. REG

BD/A – 2/26, 6:30 pm, Monday
Tuckerton Adult Book Discussion
The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict.

CH – 2/27, 11 am, Tuesday
Toddler Time: Leap Year
Enjoy our extra day by jumping into our storyline with songs and a craft. REG

A – 2/6, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Fall Prevention
Join a trauma nurse expert from Hackensack Meridian Health and learn the causes of balance problems and exercises you can do to help prevent falls. REG

CH – 2/7, 10:30 am, Wednesdays
Baby & Me
Join us for a free play session with various toys and music. Ages up to 18 months with a caregiver. REG

CH/PA – 2/7, 4 pm, Wednesday
Paws for Reading
Join us to practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Ages 3 – 12. REG

FR – 2/7, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Friends of the Upper Shores Branch Meeting
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the library. New members are welcome.

A – 2/7, 7 pm, Wednesday
Libby Prison Minstrels' Presidents' Day Show
Join us for the Libby Prison Minstrels' performance celebrating Presidents’ Day. This program is made possible by a generous donation in memory of Martin C. Unfried, Jr.

CH – 2/8, 10:30 am, Thursday
Preschool Storytime
Join us for storytime and an activity. Ages 3 – 5. REG

A – 2/9, 2/23, 1 pm, Fridays
OC Purls Knitting Group
Enjoy conversation and exchange patterns while you work on your knitting projects.

TW/T – 2/13, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Valentine’s Day Cards
Make a valentine’s day card for a special friend. Ages 10 – 18. REG

CH – 2/14, 3:30 pm, Wednesday
Valentine’s Day Craft
Ages 8 – 12. REG

A/PA – 2/14, 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. Call or visit the branch to register. REG

CH – 2/15, 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

A – 2/17, 1:30 pm, Saturday
Movies at the Library: My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 91 min. REG

BHM/CH – 2/20, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Sam Gilliam Inspired Painting
Paint a draped canvas inspired by Sam Gilliam. Ages 5 – 12.

A – 2/21, 6 pm, Wednesday
Library Where You Are: hoopla
Learn how to borrow eBooks, audiobooks, and more on the hoopla app. Please bring your own device. Active library card is required. REG

CH – 2/22, 10:30 am, Thursday
Sensory Play for Preschoolers
Sensory based activities for preschoolers with their caregivers. Dress for a mess. Ages 3 – 5. REG

A – 2/28, 2 pm, Wednesday
Estate Planning Lecture
Join attorney Paul Daniele for a lecture on estate planning and the importance of being legally prepared. REG

A – 2/28, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Movies at the Library: My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 91 min. REG
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CH – 2/29, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Let’s Learn Spanish
Learn and practice your Spanish by playing games. Ages 5 – 12. REG

CH/TW/T – 2/5, 6 pm, Monday
Thank a Soldier
Join us to create thank you cards for military members who have been deployed. REG

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

A – 2/13, 2/27, 11 am, Tuesdays
Waretown Writers Group
Join other writers to explore your skills in an informal and fun discussion.

A – 2/17, 11 am, Saturday
Saturday Documentary
The Book Makers (PG) 57 min.

BHM/A/T/TW – 2/26, 6 pm, Monday
Harriet Tubman Tales from the Trails
Storyteller Michelle Washington Wilson will present a special glimpse into the life and times of Harriet Tubman: abolitionist, Underground Railroad conductor, and women’s suffrage supporter who traveled through the State of New Jersey. Sponsored by the Friends of the Waretown Library. REG

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DIV/T – February
Year of the Dragon
Dive into these YA books influenced by Asian history, myths, folklore, and legends just in time for Lunar New Year celebrations. Presented by the Brick Branch.

BHM/T – February
Black History Month Reads for Teens
In honor of Black History Month, check out some great book recommendations for teens. Presented by the Toms River Branch.

A – 2/28, 2:30 pm, Wednesday
The Great Storage Cleanout
We all have that closet, basement, garage, or attic overflowing with stuff. Join author and organizer Jamie Novak online and learn simple steps for clearing out the storage space. Register to receive the Zoom link. Presented by the Jackson Branch. REG

This is your opportunity to show others what you love about Ocean County Library. Feel free to share pictures, comments, and stories throughout the month of February on social media using the hashtag #snapshotdaynj.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH READS

ADULT TITLES:

Nightcrawling
by Leila Mottley

My Government Means to Kill Me
by Rasheed Newson

Girl, Woman, Other
by Bernardine Evaristo

TEEN TITLES:

We Deserve Monuments
by Jas Hammonds

There Goes the Neighborhood
by Jade Adia

The Blackwoods
by Brandy Colbert

CHILDREN'S TITLES:

An American Story
by Kwame Alexander

The Green Piano: How Little Me Found Music
by Roberta Flack

That Flag
by Tameka Fryer Brown