**T** – 1/3, 6 pm, Wednesday  
New Year’s Word Bracelets and Keychains  
Relax and unwind as we will be making word bead bracelets and keychains to inspire us for our best year yet. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**  

**TW** – 1/4, 6 pm, Thursday  
*Diary of a Wimpy Kid* Party  
Calling all *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* fans. Come for themed games and activities. See who can earn the most Mom Bucks. Ages 8 – 11. **REG**  

**CH** – 1/6, 2 pm, Saturday  
Saturday Movie & Open Play  
Enjoy watching a movie while playing with toys. **REG**  

**A** – 1 pm, Mondays  
Monday Movie  
1/8: *Hypnotic* (R) 112 min.  
1/15: *Barbie* (PG-13) 114 min.  
1/22: *Blue Beetle* (PG-13) 127 min.  
1/29: *The Equalizer 3* (R) 109 min.  

**CH** – 1/9, 10 am, Tuesday  
Preschool Storytime  
Come for stories, songs, and a craft. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**  

**A** – 1/10, 10 am, Wednesday  
Borrowing Digital Library Books  
Did you get a new Kindle or iPad? Do you want to learn how to get digital library books for free with your library card? Join us to learn how to borrow library books with Libby and hoopla. **REG**  

**T** – 1/10, 6 pm, Wednesday  
Crochet 101 for Teens  
Join us for this month’s meeting of the teen crochet group. Never crocheted before? No problem. We will go over the basics and learn as we go. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**  

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

**CH** – 1/16, 10 am, Tuesday  
*Toddler Time*  
Join us for stories, rhymes, and play. Ages 18 – 36 months with a caregiver. **REG**  

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

**DIV/A** – 1/17, 3 pm, Wednesday  
National Day of Racial Healing: *The Uncomfortable Truth*  
(NR) 85 min. **REG**  

**CH** – 1/18, 5 pm, Thursday  
Preschool Playdate  
We will begin by reading a story. Then, make a craft and spend time playing and making new friends. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**  

**CH** – 1/23, 10 am, Tuesday  
*Baby & Me*  
Come for rhymes, songs, and stories. Ages up to 18 months with a caregiver. **REG**  

**CH** – 1/24, 10 am, Wednesday  
Homeschool STEM: Ozobot®  
Learn the basics of coding with the Ozobot®. For children up to 12 years. **REG**  

**T** – 1/24, 6 pm, Wednesday  
MLK Day of Service Teen Volunteer Project  
In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, come into the Library to design and create a dog toy that will be donated to the Friends of Southern Ocean County Animal Shelter. Participants will earn a community service hour. Please submit the teen volunteer application prior to the program. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**  

**DIV/A** – 1/26, 10 am, Friday  
From Bitter Earth  
In honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day join us for a documentary. (NR) 64 min. **REG**  

**CH** – 1/30, 10 am, Tuesday  
*Toddler Open Play: Balance*  
Children will be able to work on their balance and coordination with WePlay® Balance equipment. Ages 2 – 4. Drop in. **REG**  

**T** – 1/31, 6 pm, Wednesday  
*Teen Advisory Board (TAB)*  
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. 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.
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BEACHWOOD
732-244-4573

CH – 1/18, 10:30 am, Thursday
Snow! Storytime
Join us for storytime followed by a craft. Ages 3+. REG

CH – 1/19, 11 am, Friday
Homeschool Hangout
Join us for watercolor painting just for homeschoolers. Ages 6 – 10. REG

CH/PA – 1/22, 4:30 pm, Monday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of a gentle therapy dog, Mikey. Ages 3+. REG

CH – 1/23, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Toddler Art
Join us for a winter art project. Ages 2 – 5. REG

A – 1/24, 11 am, Wednesday
Knit Wits
Stop by the Library with your knitting and crocheting projects and meet new friends. REG

T – 1/29, 6 pm, Monday
Teen Scene
Teens can stop by the library, hang out, and make a simple craft. Ages 13 – 17. REG

BERKELEY
732-269-2144

A – 1/3, 6 pm, Wednesday
Intro to Computers
Stop by the library with your own device for this introductory course. REG

CH – 1/4, 10:30 am, Thursday
Toddler Time
Play with your little one as we share stories, rhymes, songs, and dance. Ages 1 – 2. 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. Call the Branch at 732-269-2144 to register once for all sessions. REG

A – 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 10:30 am – 2 pm, 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. The room opens at 10:30 am, and the movie starts at 11:30 am. REG

T – 1/9, 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

T – 1/11, 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

Prom Dress Collection

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!
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BERKELEY
732-269-2144

T/TW/PA – 1/12, 10:30 am, Friday
Homeschool Hang Out
Enjoy snacks, crafts, games, and hang out with other teen and tween homeschoolers. REG

BO – 1/12, 1 pm – 2:30 pm, Friday
Friday Afternoon Book Discussion
Please contact the Berkeley Branch for details.

A – 1/13, 3 pm, Saturday
Wish Bracelets
Put your wishes for the New Year into a wish bracelet. Learn how to create this simple hemp and beaded bracelet. REG

DIV/CH – 1/15, 6 pm, Monday
Dove of Peace Drop-in Craft
Stop by the children’s section to make a dove of peace in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and learn about King’s life and impact. Drop in.

CH/PA – 1/16, 4 pm, Tuesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. REG

T/A – 1/16, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Acoustic Jam Session
Bring an instrument and play with other musicians. All musical styles and skill levels are welcome. Ages 13+. REG

MKR/TW – 1/17, 3:30 pm, Wednesday
Tween Builders’ Club
Discover the fun of STEAM and explore creative constructions with the library’s building kit. Ages 9 – 12. REG

CH – 1/18, 10:30 am, Thursday
Toddler Time
Play with your little one as we share stories, rhymes, songs, and dance. Ages 1 – 2. REG

T – 1/18, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 1/20, 10 am – 11:30 am, Saturday
Playtime Fun
Drop in anytime between 10 am – 11:30 am to play with our toys, socialize with other kids, and more. This is a great place for parents and caregivers to make new friends and have fun. Ages 1 – 4.

A – 1/22, 3 pm, Monday
Saltshaker Snowperson
Transform a simple saltshaker into a fun festive snowperson. REG

T – 1/25, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Game Night
Play familiar and new games, just for teens. REG

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

A – 1/3, 6 pm, Wednesday
Twisted Stitches of Ocean County
Are you a knitter? Do you want to learn to knit? Join our group to learn or bring your own project. Drop in.

CH – 1/4, 10:30 am, Thursday
Baby Art
Join us at the library for painting fun. Dress to make a mess. For babies up to 18 months with caregiver. REG

CH – 1/5, 10:30 am, Friday
Happy ‘Mew’ Year
Ring in the new year with cat stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. REG

A – 1/8, 2 pm, Monday
Advanced French Club
Join us to speak French with other French speakers in the community. Intermediate and Advanced speakers welcome. REG

CH – 1/9, 6 pm, Tuesday
Decorate the Library Drop-in Craft
Drop in within the hour to help us color in some fun winter shapes to decorate the Library. Ages 2+.

A – 1/10, 10 am & 11 am, Wednesday
Craft for Adults with Special Challenges
Join us for a fun craft. REG

A/PA – 1/11, 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 – 1/11, 6 pm, Thursday
Dungeons & Dragons®
It’s always best to be prepared before you go on an adventure. Join us for session zero and learn the basic game mechanics on how to play D&D and build your own player character for the quests ahead. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A/PA – 1/15, 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

T – 1/15, 3 pm, Monday
MLK Day of Service
Earn volunteer service hours in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s National Day of Service. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 1/16, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Mystery Craft Day
We’ll make several different mystery crafts. Ages 2 – 5. REG

A – 1/16, 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 – 1/16, 3:45 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 1/18, 10:30 am, Thursday
Dragon Storytime
Celebrate Dragon Appreciation Day with stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. REG

A – 1/18, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Night Crafting for Adults
We will be making a snowflake painted bottle. REG

CH – 1/22, 10:30 am, Monday
Penguin Storytime
Celebrate Penguin Awareness Day with stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. REG

A – 1/23, 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

T – 1/24, 7 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

T – 1/25, 2 pm, Thursday
Retro Game Day (Castlevania 1986)
Swing by and play. Learn the history behind this classic platforming game that helped blaze a trail during early development of video games. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 1/30, 6 pm, Tuesday
Pajama Storytime
Wear your pajamas for some cozy stories. Ages 2 – 5. REG

CH – 1/31, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Wonderful Winter Craft Day
Celebrate winter with different cozy crafts. Ages 2 – 5. REG
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BRICK
732-477-4513
T – 1/31, 6 pm, Wednesday
Northern Lights Pastel Art
Create the stunning bright colors of the northern lights using chalk pastels. Ages 12 – 18. REG

C/A – 1/31, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Universal Class® for Libraries
Learn how to use Universal Class®, a place where you can continue your online education and learn something new. Courses are free with your Library card. An active library card and email address are required to register. REG

ISLAND HEIGHTS
732-270-6266

TW – 1/2, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Twen Tuesday
Join us to hang out with friends for games and crafts. Ages 10 – 12. REG

T – 1/8, 7 pm, Monday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

G – 1/10, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Storytime Around Town:
Island Heights Fire Department
Meet the Island Heights Fire Department and join them for storytime at 15 Lake Ave in Island Heights. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 1/15, 10:30 am, Monday
Dove of Peace Drop-in Craft
Drop in to make a dove of peace in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A/PA – 1/15, 6:30 pm, Monday
Cookbook Book Club
Bring in a dish from the selected cookbook of the month to share and discuss with fellow culinary enthusiasts. REG

JACKSON
732-928-4400

T – 1/2, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
In Honor of MLK Day of Service
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Our January meeting will be in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service. Ages 12 – 18. REG

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

CH – 1/15, 10 am – 2 pm, Friday
National Bird Day Drop-in Crafts
Drop by the Children’s Department and make a bird craft in celebration of National Bird Day. A – 1/10, 1 pm – 3 pm, Wednesday
Diabetes Education with Screenings
This program offers basic education regarding diabetes and what caring for the disease entails. Blood pressure and glucose screenings provided. Presented by the Ocean County Health Department. REG

S/T – 1/16, 6 pm – 8 pm, Tuesday
Maker Drop-in Building:
Squigz™
Drop into the Children’s Department for some building fun. Ages 12 – 18. REG

S/A – 1/9, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Snowflake Craft for Adults with Special Challenges
Join us and create a popsicle stick snowflake. Caregiver must be present. REG

BD – 1/9, 1 pm, Tuesday
The Book of Two Ways by Jodi Picoult

CH – 1/10, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Storytime
Join us for stories, songs, and a craft perfect for children ages 3 – 5. REG

A – 1/10, 1 pm – 3 pm, Wednesday
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MKR/T – 1/11, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Makerspace: Sew a Scrunchie
Are you a sewing machine expert or a sewing machine newbie? Either way, we’ll help you use one to make a nifty accessory. Ages 12 – 18. REG

DIV/A – 1/16, 7 pm, Tuesday
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day / Day of Service: The Tuskegee Airmen – America’s First Black Pilots
Learn about the formation of the Tuskegee Airmen, their de-segregation training in a segregated military, their wartime accomplishments and service to the nation, and the unit’s effect on American society. Presented by Paul Zigo, Director, World War II Studies Institute. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library. REG

B/SA – 1/12, 10:30 am, Friday
Homeschool Sensory Space Social Hour
Join us in the Sensory Space for a relaxing social hour. Ages 6 – 12. REG

CH – 1/15, 10:30 am, Monday
Babytime
Join us for 15 – 20 minutes of songs and activities followed by an hour of adult and child socialization. Ages up to 18 months. REG

MKR/A – 1/15, 2 pm, Monday
Crochet Class
Join us for a relaxing crochet class. Crochet experience recommended. Bring your own project or utilize provided patterns and materials. REG

S/CH – 1/12, 10:30 am, Friday
Homeschool Sensory Space Social Hour
Join us in the Sensory Space for a relaxing social hour. Ages 6 – 12. REG

CH – 1/15, 10:30 am, Monday
Bird Day
Join us for stories, songs, and a craft perfect for children ages 18 months – 3 years. REG

CH – 1/9, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Messy Art
Station based art play. Dress for a mess. Ages 2 – 5. REG

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MKR/A – 1/17, 2:30 pm, Wednesday
Crochet an Ear Warmer
Join us to make a crocheted ear warmer. Previous beginner crochet experience required. REG

DIV/A – 1/17, 6 pm, Wednesday
Holocaust Remembrance Day Film & Discussion:
We Remember: Songs of Survivors
(NR) 54 min. Discussion 15 min. REG

A – 1/18, 2:30 pm, Thursday
Long Seasons of Color in Your Garden
Learn about how to plant to have color in your garden throughout the year. Presented by a Master Gardener of Ocean County. REG

MKR/T/PA – 1/18, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Makerspace:
Soap Making
Design your own soap. Choose a color, a scent, and a shape for your creation. Have some good, clean fun. Ages 12 – 18. REG

FR – 1/18, 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 – 1/22, 10:30 am, Monday
Storytime
Join us for stories, songs, and a craft perfect for children ages 3 – 5. REG

S/G – 1/22, 6 pm – 8 pm, Monday
Sensory Friendly Movie:
Onward
(PG) 102 min. Join us for a sensory friendly movie viewing of Onward, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and singing, walking, rolling, and dancing are welcome. REG

S/A – 1/23, 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. REG

CH – 1/23, 6 pm – 8 pm, Tuesday
Maker Drop-in Building:
LEGOs®
Drop into the Children’s Department for some building fun.

CH – 1/24, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Storytime
Join us for stories, songs, and a craft perfect for children ages 18 months – 3 years. REG

MKR/A – 1/24, 2:30 pm, Wednesday
Cricut® Class
Learn the basics of using the Cricut® Maker™ Machine and Cricut® Design Space Software. REG

TW – 1/25, 10:30 am, Thursday
Tween Homeschool Makers
Come learn something new. Ages 8 – 12. REG

MKR/T – 1/25, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Makerspace: Polymer Clay Pendants and Pins
Use Sculpey® clay to express yourself. Make a unique pin or a pendant. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 1/29, 2 pm – 8 pm, Monday
National Puzzle Day Drop-in
Drop into the Children’s Department and experience the joy and challenge of puzzle solving.

CH – 1/30, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Baby & Me Social Hour
Make new friends in our relaxed open-play setting. Ages up to 24 months. REG

A – 1/30, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Financial Data Resources
Learn how to use Library financial resources such as Morningstar® and ValueLine Investment Survey™. REG

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Branches will resume normal hours on Tuesday, January 2nd.
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JACKSON
732-928-4400

TW – 1/31, 6 pm – 8 pm, Wednesday
Tween Circuits Drop-in
Stop by and make some cool creations with littleBits™. Ages 8 – 12.

A – 1/2, 11 am, Tuesday
Book Club for Adults with Special Challenges
Winter reads and a fun craft. REG

T/PA – 1/2, 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 – 1/3, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Preschool Messy Art
Art and sensory activities for ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver. REG

CH – 1/4, 10 am – 11:30 am, Thursday
Open Playtime
Ages 1 – 5 with a caregiver. Drop in.

T – 1/4, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A – 1/8, 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.

CH – 1/9, 10 am – 11:30 am, Thursday
Toddler Time
For ages 19 – 36 months with a caregiver. REG

CH – 1/9, 2 pm, Friday
Homeschool STEAM
Ages 5 – 10. REG

CH/PA – 1/25, 4 pm, Thursday
Paws for Reading
Drop in.

A – 1/25, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Toddlers STEAM Jumpstart
Knit, crochet, sew, or embroider with fellow Stitch It members. Share leisurely conversation & tips. All skill levels are welcome.

T/PA – 1/31, 6 pm – 8 pm, Tuesday
Tween Circuits Drop-in
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**LAKEWOOD**

**732-363-1435**

**CH – 1/4, 6 pm, Thursday**

**Video Games**

Ages 5 – 12.

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**T – 1/4, 6 pm, Thursday**

**SMART Goals for the New Year**

Set yourself up for success in 2024. Learn to make goals and action plans for your New Year’s Resolutions. Ages 12 – 18

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**C – 1/5, 10 am, Friday**

**Gmail™ Basics**

Learn how to set up an email and navigate its basic functions. REG

**CH – 1/5, 6 pm, Thursday**

**Snowflake Craft**

Ages 5 – 12.

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**T – 1/5, 6 pm, Thursday**

**FREE Citizenship Prep Class**

This 8-week class will help you pass the naturalization test to become a US Citizen. Class every Thursday from January 11 – February 29, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. To be eligible, you must be a qualified immigrant at least 18 years or older. Attendance at all sessions is required. Class size is limited. REG

**CH – 1/10, 6 pm, Thursday**

**Paper Roll Snowman Craft**

An easy winter-themed craft for younger kids. Ages up to 5.

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**CH – 1/10, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29, 6:30 pm, Thursdays**

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**CH – 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29, 6:30 pm, Thursdays**

**Family Movie Night**

Come watch a (G or PG) movie with us. Ages up to 12.

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**CH – 1/12, 2 pm, Friday**

**Switch™ Club for Adults**

Bring your Nintendo® Switch™ and favorite game or check out the Library’s collection of games. REG

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**CH – 1/15, 5:30 pm, Monday**

**DIY Rain Clouds**

Rain cloud science experiment. Ages up to 12.

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**CH – 1/15, 6 pm, Monday**

**Penguin**


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**CH – 1/16, 10:30 am, Tuesday**

**Tarot Tuesday**

Learn, share, and discuss all things tarot.

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**CH – 1/16, 6 pm, Thursday**

**Winnie the Pooh Day**

Ages 5 – 12.

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**CH – 1/17, 6 pm, Wednesday**

**Paper Lantern**

Come make a paper lantern with wallpaper, chop sticks, and markers.

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**CH – 1/22, 6 pm, Monday**

**Penguin**


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**CH – 1/22, 6 pm, Thursday**

**Paper Roll Snowman Craft**

An easy winter-themed craft for younger kids. Ages up to 5.

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**CH – 1/23, 6 pm, Tuesday**

**Cricut® Fun**

Bring in a plain, cotton t-shirt and choose a design for the librarian to cut out on the Cricut® and iron on. Ages 12 – 18.

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**A – 1/24, 6 pm, Wednesday**

**Adult Craft: Paint Splatter Party**

Make a mess while making a masterpiece.

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**CH – 1/25, 6 pm, Thursday**

**Mitten Monsters**

Make a cuddly monster out of a glove. Ages 8 – 12. REG

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**LITTLE EGG HARBOR**

**609-294-1197**

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**A – 1/12, 6 pm, Thursday**

**Transformers Day**

Join us to celebrate the Transformers! Ages 5 – 12.

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**A – 1/26, 2:30 pm, Friday**

**Book Rec Corner**

Discover new titles, including read-alikes for popular authors like Colleen Hoover and James Patterson.

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**T – 1/30, 2 pm, Tuesday**

**National Escape Day: Escape Room**

Come complete our escape room that is all about getting away on vacation. Ages 12 – 18.

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**A – 1/31, 10:30 am, Wednesday**

**Trivia Contest for Adults with Special Challenges**

Small prizes will be given. REG

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**CH – 1/31, 4 pm, Wednesday**

**Pinecone Snowy Owl Craft**

Ages 8 – 12.

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**A – 1/31, 6 pm, Wednesday**

**Cross Stitch Club**

Bring your own project or check out the patterns the Library has to offer. REG

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**A – 2/1, 7 pm, Thursday**

**Year, New You**

New year off right.

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**A – 2/1, 11 am, Thursday**

**New Year, New You**

Join guest speaker Kayla DelVento, Nurse Clinical Liaison from Seacrest, to discuss healthy eating habits with tips to start the new year off right. REG

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**A – 2/4, 2pm, Monday**

**DIY Rain Clouds**

Rain cloud science experiment. Ages up to 12.

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**A – 2/5, 6 pm, Thursday**

**Paper Lantern**

Come make a paper lantern with wallpaper, chop sticks, and markers.

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**A – 2/12, 2 pm, Friday**

**Barbie™ Bash**

Barbie™(PG-13) 114 min. Wear your favorite pink and come watch the new Barbie™ movie. Ages 12 – 18.

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**A – 2/18, 6 pm, Thursday**

**Gmail™ Basics**

Learn how to access the Library’s digital collection. Library card required. REG

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**A – 2/19, 6 pm, Thursday**

**Paper Lantern**

Come make a paper lantern with wallpaper, chop sticks, and markers.

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**A – 2/20, 6 pm, Thursday**

**Pinecone Snowy Owl Craft**

Ages 8 – 12.

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**A – 2/22, 6 pm, Thursday**

**Snowflake Craft**

Ages 5 – 12.

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**A – 2/26, 2:30 pm, Friday**

**Book Rec Corner**

Discover new titles, including read-alikes for popular authors like Colleen Hoover and James Patterson.

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**T – 1/30, 6 pm, Tuesday**

**Draw a Dinosaur**

Draw a dinosaur on National Draw a Dinosaur Day. Ages up to 12.

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**T – 1/30, 6 pm, Tuesday**

**Barbie™ Bash**

Barbie™(PG-13) 114 min. Wear your favorite pink and come watch the new Barbie™ movie. Ages 12 – 18.

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**A – 1/31, 10:30 am, Wednesday**

**Trivia Contest for Adults with Special Challenges**

Small prizes will be given. REG

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**CH – 1/31, 4 pm, Wednesday**

**Pinecone Snowy Owl Craft**

Ages 8 – 12.

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**A – 1/31, 6 pm, Wednesday**

**Cross Stitch Club**

Bring your own project or check out the patterns the Library has to offer. REG

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**A – 2/1, 7 pm, Thursday**

**Year, New You**

New year off right.

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**A – 2/1, 11 am, Thursday**

**New Year, New You**

Join guest speaker Kayla DelVento, Nurse Clinical Liaison from Seacrest, to discuss healthy eating habits with tips to start the new year off right. REG

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LITTLE EGG HARBOR
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A/T – 1/4, 7 pm, Thursday New Years Tarot
Local yoga teacher and practitioner of tarot and oracle Belle Burns will teach the basics of reading the tarot and provide instruction for dealing a New Years tarot spread. Join us as we explore the tarot, reflect on the lessons and achievements of the past year, and discover where to focus our energy in the new year. REG

CH/TW/T – 1/5, 10 am, Friday Homeschool Hangout
Our interactive sessions spark curiosity and passion for lifelong learning. Embrace a supportive network of parents and kids while fostering social skills and empowering each student’s unique educational journey. Ages 5 – 18. REG

CH – 1/10, 10 am, Wednesday Morning Storytime
Following the story, children will have the opportunity to participate in age-appropriate crafts and/or activities related to the story. This program is perfect for nurturing a love for reading and promoting early literacy skills. Ages 2 – 5. REG

T – 1/15, 10 am & 2 pm, Thursday MLK Day of Service Teen Volunteer Hours
Earn community service hours. Learn about the Library. Registration and a current teen volunteer application required. Ages 12 – 18. REG

BD – 1/16, 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.

BD – 1/16, 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.

CH – 1/17, 10 am, Wednesday Baby Messy Time
Explore safe textures, colors & sensory play. Enhance motor skills & bonding through creative mess and learning through joyful chaos. REG

T – 1/25, 6 pm, Thursday Teen Game Night
Play familiar and new games, just for teens. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 1/19, 10 am, Friday Stay-at-Home Parent Get-Together
An opportunity for stay-at-home parents to come together and connect with others in a fun and supportive environment. Join us for an hour of activities, including engaging games and crafts. REG

A – 1/19, 2 pm, Friday Adult Gaming: Canasta
Join in some friendly competition playing the classic card game Canasta. REG

A – 1/2, 11 am, Tuesday Blood Pressure Clinic
Free blood pressure screening by the Long Beach Island (LBI) Health Department. Walk-ins welcome.

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. While we sing, we will be moving and wiggling to the music. Sing-along time can help with bonding, language recognition, and emotional development in babies and toddlers. REG

CH – 1/5, 10 am, Wednesday Morning Storytime
Following the story, children will have the opportunity to participate in age-appropriate crafts and/or activities related to the story. This program is perfect for nurturing a love for reading and promoting early literacy skills. Ages 2 – 5. REG

FR – 1/24, 6 pm, Wednesday Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Branch Meeting
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the library. New members welcome.

TW – 1/5, 4 pm, Friday Tween Art Club
Ages 9 – 12. REG

A – 1/8, 1/22, 12:30 pm, Mondays Knitting at the Library
Join us for knitting at the Library. Relax and chat with other yarn enthusiasts, work on your knit or crochet projects.

CH/TW – 1/9, 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, friendship, and adventure. Grades 2 – 6. REG

CH – 1/9, 7:30 pm, Tuesday Sibling Get Together
This program provides a safe and nurturing space for siblings of children with special challenges to connect & share experiences. Through engaging activities, we aim to empower these remarkable siblings while celebrating their unique roles and fostering lasting friendships. Grades 1 – 6. REG

CH – 1/10, 10 am, Wednesday Morning Storytime
Following the story, children will have the opportunity to participate in age-appropriate crafts and/or activities related to the story. This program is perfect for nurturing a love for reading and promoting early literacy skills. Ages 2 – 5. REG

T – 1/11, 6 pm, Thursday Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 1/12, 6:30 pm, Tuesday Learn to Sew
Create a small plushy animal while learning basic stitches. Ages 5+. REG

A – 1/14, 1 pm, Thursday LBI Poker Tournament
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 Branch in the meeting room each month.

CH – 1/15, 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. Dress for a mess. Ages 6 months+. REG

CH – 1/20, 11 am, Tuesday 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

CH – 1/21, 9:30 am, Tuesday Toddler Time
Come in to read stories and sing some songs together. Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver. REG

A – 1/10, 2 pm, Wednesday Italian Cultural Society of LBI
Sponsored by the Italian Cultural Society of LBI. REG

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CH – 1/16, 10 am, Wednesday MLK Day of Service Teen Volunteer Hours
Earn community service hours. Learn about the Library. Registration and a current teen volunteer application required. Ages 12 – 18. REG

T&W – 1/18, 6 pm, Thursday Teen Cozy Night
Enjoy a night of crafts and hot cocoa to keep your insides warm while it’s cold outside. REG

CH – 1/2, 10 am, Tuesdays Toddler Time
Come in to read stories and sing some songs together. Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver. REG

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

CH – A – 1/10, 2 pm, Wednesday Italian Cultural Society of LBI
Sponsored by the Italian Cultural Society of LBI. REG

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A – 1/11, 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.

A – 1/12, 1/19, 2 pm, Fridays
LBI Canasta
Play Canasta with other Teams and players. All are welcome to play for fun from 2 pm – 5 pm.

TW/T – 1/10, 5:30 pm, Wednesday
Clay Accessory Design: Part 1
Use air dry clay to make your own unique accessories such as pins and pendants. In the first session we will build our clay and in the second session we will paint them. This is a two-part craft, as the clay takes time to dry to full hardness.

G – 1/16, 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.

CH/TW/T – 1/26, 3:45 pm, Friday
Upcycled Shirts DIY
Reduce, reuse, recycle. Bring in a shirt that you have grown out of. Instead of throwing it away, learn how to turn it into something totally new. Ages 7+.

A – 1/30, 1 pm – 6 pm, Tuesday
American Red Cross Blood Drive
Make a difference and donate blood. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

CH/TW/T – 1/24, 5:30 pm, Wednesday
Zine 101
What is a zine? A zine is a self-published mini magazine. A zine can be about any topic that interests you. These DIY pamphlets came into popularity from the punk-rock movement of the 70s, 80s, and 90s. They can be a great way to practice creativity, self-expression, and activism.

CH – 1/19, 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. Perfect for if you are looking to make new friends or learn social skills before starting school.

CH – 1/22, 10 am, Monday
Craft it Out: Polka Dots
Celebrate National Polka-Dot Day. We have all the ingredients you need to make a fun craft. Available while supplies last.

CH – 1/22, 10:15 am – 11:30 am, Wednesday
The Secrets We Kept by Lara Prescott
Are you an anime fan? Come and discuss your favorite anime and manga with like-minded people.

CH – 1/26, 3:45 pm, Friday
Upcycled Shirts DIY
Reduce, reuse, recycle. Bring in a shirt that you have grown out of. Instead of throwing it away, learn how to turn it into something totally new. Ages 7+.

REG

CH – 1/29: Travels of a Boy Genius (PG-13) 130 min.
Monday Movie Matinee
Bring your own refreshments.

CH/TW/T – 1/30, 10 am, Late February
Polka Dots
Celebrate National Polka-Dot Day. We have all the ingredients you need to make a fun craft. Available while supplies last.

CH – 1/31, 10 am, Thursday
This Just in Storytime
Join us for a storytime in the Children’s Department with books hot off the shelves. Ages 2 – 6.

A – 1/5, 2 pm, Friday
Movement Music and Memories Informational Session
Please stop by this information session about the Movement Music & Memories program. The Movement Music & Memories program will take place the third Thursday of the month. 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. If interested in attending the Movement Music & Memories program, you must attend this information session.

CH – 1/6, 10 am, Saturday
This Just In Storytime
Join us for a storytime in the Children’s Department with books hot off the shelves. Ages 2 – 6.

REG

A – 1/1, 10 am, Monday
Project InVOLVe
Representatives from 15 local non-profit organizations will be at the Library answering questions, providing information about their organizations and talking with you about volunteer opportunities, if you are interested in pursuing that option. Drop in anytime during this event on this Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service.

A – 1/3, 10 am, Monday
Make a difference and donate blood. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

CH – 1/6, 10 am, Saturday
This Just In Storytime
Join us for a storytime in the Children’s Department with books hot off the shelves. Ages 2 – 6.
A – 1/11, 1/25, 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 – 1/12, 1/26, 1 pm – 3 pm, Fridays
Quilting Bee
Come join other quilters to work on individual and group projects.

A – 1/16, 2 pm, Tuesday
AARP Fraud Watch Network Basics
Empower yourself in the fight against fraud with proven resources and tools provided by AARP to help you spot and avoid identity theft and other fraud. Topics include identity theft, cyber safety, and investment scams. REG

A – 1/18, 2 pm, Thursday
Tween Trivia
Tweens will gather and play a Jeopardy-style trivia game together. Ages 8 – 12. REG

A – 1/24, 1 pm – 3 pm, Tuesday
Movement Music & Memories
Don’t miss this 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.

A/T – 1/22, 7 pm, Monday
Human Trafficking: The Basics
Join us for this informative program by the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking. What is human trafficking vs what is human trafficking? Where and why does it occur? Who are its victims? What are the red flags to help identify human trafficking? All these questions and more will be thoroughly discussed. REG

A/P – 1/19, 2 pm, Friday
Calming Coloring
Coloring is a great method of stress relief for adults. Spend a relaxing afternoon creating art, listening to soothing music and relaxing with like-minded adults at the library. Coloring sheets and simple crafts are provided along with crayons, markers, and pens. Alternatively, you can bring your own coloring projects and coloring tools. For even more de-stressing, we offer aromatherapy and therapy animals. REG

A – 1/24, 2 pm, Wednesday
Teen Takeover: Anime Adventures
Meet like-minded lovers of fandom and watch various episodes of different anime together. Ages 13 – 18. REG

A – 1/25, 3 pm, Saturday
Homeschool Hangout
Meet other homeschool families and do themed activities. Ages 5+. REG

CH – 1/19, 10 am, Friday
Homeschool Hangout
Meet other homeschool families and do themed activities. Ages 5+. REG
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T – 1/25, 6 pm – 8 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 13 – 18. REG

CH/PA – 1/27, 10 am, Saturday
Mad Hatter Tea Party
Join us for Lewis Carroll’s birthday tea party, and your un-birthday celebration. There will be Flamingo crochet, rose painting and hat making all while dining on delectable morsels. Sponsored by Friends of the Manchester Branch. Ages 5 – 12.

A – 1/30, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
LEGO® Club
Join us for open LEGO® play. Ages 6 – 12. REG

A – 1/31, 2 pm, Wednesday
Tech Savvy Tips (For the Not-So-Tech-Savvy)
This class will provide you with some helpful technology tricks and tips. Learn how to send prints from your phone or computer directly to the Library, find a downloaded file on your phone, scan using your iPhone or Android, take screenshots, and much more. REG

T – 1/30, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
National Day of Racial Healing Teen Volunteer Hour
REG

CH – 1/30, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Snow Painting
Dress up a mess and join us for a fun snow painting experience. REG

A – 1/31, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Toddler/Preschool Building and Play
Join us for a toddler open play, and an opportunity for caregivers to connect. Ages 1 – 4. REG

MT. PLEASANT BEACH
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CHA/PA – 1/9, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Thomas the Tank Week

CH – 1/9, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Toddler Read Along
Join us for stories and songs with Miss Liz. Ages 18 months – 36 months. REG

TW/T – 1/5, 1/19, 3 pm, Fridays
Afternoon Dungeons & Dragons®
Learn how to play this game of storytelling and adventure. Open to new and experienced players. Ages 10 – 18. REG

PT. PLEASANT BEACH
732-892-4575

A – 1/22, 5 pm, Monday
Pickin’ at Point
Bring your acoustic instrument and a song to share at this drop-in acoustic jam session.

CH – 1/17, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Preschool Storytime: I Have a Dream
Join us for stories that signify kindness and learn about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ages 3 – 6. REG

DIV/A – 1/15, 7 pm, Monday
Documentary Screening: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr: A Historical Perspective: An Authorized Biography of a Civil Rights Hero
(NR) 60 min. REG

CH – 1/16, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Toddler Read Along
Storytime with Miss Liz
Each child will have a read along copy of Dear Zoo to help strengthen early literacy skills. Ages 2 – 3. REG

A – 1/22, 5 pm, Monday
Pickin’ at Point
Bring your acoustic instrument and a song to share at this drop-in acoustic jam session.

CH – 1/23, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Toddler Fun:
Stories & Scarves
Please join us for songs, stories and fun for toddlers. Ages 18 months – 3. REG

CH – 1/27 – 2/2, Saturday – Friday
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.
A – 1/5, 1 pm – 3 pm, Friday Games for Adults
Bring a friend and have fun playing a variety of board games.

CH – 1/6, 10:30 am, Saturday
Wonders of Winter: Yoga for Kids
This interactive and playful children’s Yoga class presented by certified yoga instructor Rebecca White of Bee Centered incorporates movement, breathing exercises, and story to encourage imagination and inspiration. No previous yoga experience is required. Sponsored by Friends of the Pt. Pleasant Borough Branch. Ages 5 – 12. REG

CH – 1/8, 10 am, Tuesday
Cars, Cars, Cars Storytime
Get your motor running for some storyline fun. Ages 2 – 5. REG

CH – 1/11, 10 am, Thursday
Baby & Me
Please join us for songs, music, rhymes, and stories. Up to 18 months with caregiver. REG

CH – 1/12, 10 am, Fridays
Lil Builders Club
Drop in for some open block building with your little one. Ages 1 – 5.

A – 1/12, 1:30 pm, Friday
Friday Afternoon Movie: The 355
(PG-13) 124 min.

T – 1/12, 2:30 pm, Friday
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Journals
Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by making your own dream journals. Ages 12 – 18.

A – 1/13, 11 am, Saturday
Chair Yoga
Led by certified yoga instructor Linda Higley, chair yoga is a gentle yoga practice while remaining seated. REG

BD – 1/15, 10:30 am, Monday
Friends Book Club
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr.

T – 1/15, 2:30 pm, Monday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

G – 1/15, 3 pm, Monday
Family Craft Time Celebrates MLK: Cooperative Kindness Paper Chain
Join us for our Family Craft Time, we will be making a cooperative kindness paper chain while listening to music and having lively conversations with other families in the community. REG

FR – 1/16, 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 – 1/16, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Elder Fraud
This presentation helps empower individuals in the fight against fraud with proven resources and tools to help you identify and avoid fraud. Presented by the Ocean County Department of Consumer Affairs Investigator, Paul Wnek. REG

A – 1/16, 6 pm, Tuesday
Tuesday Evening Movie: Everything Everywhere All at Once
(R) 140 min.

A/PA – 1/17, 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.

CH – 1/18, 10 am, Thursday
Toddler Fun: Stories & Scarves
Please join us for songs, stories and fun for toddlers. Ages 18 months – 3. REG

CH – 1/22, 10 am, Monday
Homeschool Hangout: STEAM Time
Come explore, create and learn using the Library’s STEAM kits and materials. Ages 6 – 12. REG

CH – 1/23, 10 am, Tuesday
Music & Movement
Sing, chant, play instruments and dance while exploring sounds, rhythms and patterns that make up our language. Ages 2 – 5. REG

BD – 1/24, 7:30 pm, Wednesday
Good Readers Book Club
The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes.

CH – 1/29, 10 am, Monday
Toddler Art
Come create some awesome art for the fridge door. Dress for mess. Ages 2 – 3. REG

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BD – 1/3, 10 am, Wednesday
First Wednesday Book Club
Ordinary Grace by William Krueger.

A – 1/3, 2 pm, Wednesday
New Release Movie Matinee
Check with the Branch for the upcoming film title. REG
A – 1/4, 1/18, 1 pm – 3 pm, Thursdays & 1/6, 1/20, 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 year gaming cards and game sets. Drop in.

CH/TWT – 1/8, 10 am, Monday
Homeschooler’s Workshop: Marshmallow Snowflakes
Put your engineering skills to the test and join us in building marshmallow snowflakes. Ages 8 – 13. REG

BD – 1/8, 12 pm, Monday
AAUW Monday Book Discussion

A – 1/8, 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

A – 1/9, 10 am, Tuesday
Pre-Diabetes
Join us for this informative program and find out early warning signs, symptoms and changes you can make to avoid diabetes. Presented in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health, Tonja Werkman, RD. REG

A – 1/10, 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. REG

T – 1/10, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 1/11, 6 pm, Thursday
STEM Builders
Drop in and explore building with magnetic shapes, LEGOS®, and more. Ages 4 – 12.

A – 1/14, 1/28, 2 pm, Sunday
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 at 2 pm. REG

A – 1/15, 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

G – 1/15, 2 pm, Monday
I Have a Dream, What’s Yours?
Join us for MLK National Day of Service and share your dreams for the community, watch a video of his famous speech and create an inspirational bookmark. All ages. Drop in.

A – 1/16, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Adult Crafting Club
Join us for an afternoon of crafting. The crafting club meets once per month on the 3rd Tuesday. REG

A – 1/16, 6 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

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VIRTUAL AUTHOR PROGRAMS

JANUARY 10
8:00 PM
Embrace Love in the New Year: A Heartfelt Conversation with Rebecca Serle
New York Times Bestselling Author of One Italian Summer, In Five Years, and The Dinner List

JANUARY 23
2:00 PM
Your Retirement: Dream or Disaster? How to Avoid the Hidden Traps in Retirement Planning Advice
Rajiv Nagaich, Expert in U.S. Elder Law and Host of Two Popular Public Television Shows

JANUARY 30
2:00 PM
The Lure and the Lies of Processed Food, Nutrition, and Modern Medicine: An Author Talk with Dr. Robert Lustig
Physician and New York Times Bestselling Author of Fat Chance
Hard cover with black pages and words

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\( \text{A – 1/17, 6:30 pm, Wednesday} \)

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.

\( \text{FR – 1/18, 9:30 am, Thursday} \)

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

\( \text{TW – 1/18, 3:30 pm, Thursday} \)

Tween Crafternoon: Snowman Figures
Join us for this month’s Tween Crafternoon and make a Snowman Figure. Ages 9 – 13.

\( \text{A – 1/22, 2 pm, Monday} \)

Documentary: Johnny Cash and Me
(NR) 100 min.

\( \text{TW/T – 1/22, 3:30 pm, Monday} \)

Winter Hat Keychains
Join us to create some winter hat keychains. Ages 9 – 17.

\( \text{A – 1/23, 6 pm, Tuesday} \)

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.

\( \text{CH – 1/9, 10 am, Tuesday} \)

Explore the Floor
Visit the library for toys and activities that encourage skill building and creativity. Ages 2 – 5. Siblings are welcome.

\( \text{A – 1/24, 10 am, Wednesday} \)

Learn and Enjoy Hygge
Learn about the Scandinavian way of life: Hygge. Hygge is a quality of coziness and comfortable conviviality that engenders a feeling of well-being. After we learn about the many aspects of hygge, we will embrace the concept by drinking hot chocolate and creating a hygge-inspired tea-light holder.

\( \text{A – 1/25, 2:30 pm, Thursday} \)

Coloring Club for Adults
Spend an afternoon creating art, listening to soothing music and relaxing with like-minded adults at the Library. Materials are provided or bring your own coloring projects and coloring tools.

\( \text{A – 1/2, 6:30 pm, Tuesday} \)

Game Club for Adults
Come play video and board games at the Library and make new friends. Drop in.

\( \text{CH – 1/3, 10 am, Wednesday} \)

Baby & Me
Visit the Library for an interactive program for you and your baby. For babies up to 12 months old.

\( \text{S/MKR/G – 1/6, 1 pm, Saturday} \)

Textured Penguin Craft
Join the Maker Space and the Sensory Space as we explore different textures while making a penguin craft. Program will be held in Sparks’s Lab on the 2nd floor. All ages with caregiver. While supplies last.

\( \text{CH/TW – 1/6, 2:30 pm, Saturday} \)

Drop-in Video Games for Kids
Play video games and make some new friends. Ages 4 – 12.

\( \text{A – 1/8, 6:30 pm, Monday} \)

New Year Intention Meditation
This hour-long meditation will guide you through a reflection of the past year, and setting intentions for the year ahead, all while creating space to invite new energy in. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River.

\( \text{A – 1/9, 10 am, Tuesday} \)

Manfred “Manny” Lindenbaum – Holocaust Survivor
Join us for a presentation by Holocaust survivor Manfred “Manny” Lindenbaum. At the age of 7 he and his older brother Sig then 9, were shepherded by Polish troops to board the Kindertransport to England a day before World War II began. Manny remains active with the Hebrew Aid Immigration Society, an organization that helped him. Ages 12+.

\( \text{T/PA – 1/9, 3:30 pm, Tuesday} \)

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 learn how to make healthy choices at the grocery store.

\( \text{A/T – 1/9, 6:30 pm, Tuesday} \)

Let’s Talk Tech: New Year Intention
Join in a group volunteer project in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.

\( \text{MKR/TW/A – 1/10, 6 pm, Wednesday} \)

Beginner’s Crochet Class
Join us in the Maker Space for a beginner’s crocheting class and learn to crochet a winter snowflake with certified instructor Robin Nogiewich. Ages 10+.

\( \text{T/PA – 1/11, 2 pm, Thursday} \)

De-Stress with Dogs for Teens
Drop in at 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.

\( \text{T – 1/15, 2 pm, Monday} \)

MLK Day of Service Project for Teens
Come to the Teen Zone to participate in a group volunteer project in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.

\( \text{CH – 1/15, 6:30 pm, Monday} \)

Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a story and craft. Ages 5 – 8.

\( \text{CH – 1/16, 10 am, Tuesday} \)

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.

\( \text{A – 1/17, 10:30 am, Wednesday} \)

Chair Yoga for Adults with Special Challenges
Join us for a session of beginner level chair yoga led by certified yoga instructor Linda Higley. Caregivers will be requested to sign a waiver form. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River.
## Ocean County Library
### Programs and Events Guide
#### January 2024

**TOMS RIVER**

**732-349-6200**

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<td>Join us for LGBTeens, 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</td>
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<td><strong>CH/TW/PA – 1/17, 4:30 pm, Wednesday</strong> Paws for Reading</td>
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<td>Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Ages 5 – 12. REG</td>
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<td><strong>MKR/TW/T/A – 1/17, 6 pm, Wednesday</strong> Happy Accident Crafting</td>
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<td>There are no mistakes here. Use 3D printed pieces that didn’t quite work along with 3D printing pens and paint markers to make new, unique pieces of art. Bring your imagination. Ages 10+. REG</td>
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<td><strong>A – 1/18, 6 pm, Thursday</strong> Achieving Financial Fitness Seminar</td>
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<td>Laura Reeves, Financial Advisor and Daily Money Manager, shares tips on various tools to organize one’s financial documents, such as what documents to keep and what are safe to get rid of. You will also learn about common fraud scams and how to avoid being a victim with ways to protect one’s assets. REG</td>
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<td><strong>T/A – 1/18, 6:30 pm, Thursday</strong> Human Trafficking 101: Introduction to Human Trafficking</td>
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<td>In honor of Human Trafficking Awareness Month, a representative from the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking will give a presentation about human trafficking. Topics covered will include what human trafficking is from both local and global perspectives, who it impacts, how to safeguard against it, and what people can do to raise awareness. REG</td>
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<td><strong>TW/T – 1/22, 6:30 pm, Monday</strong> Zen Zone Mondays: Make Your Own Self Care Kit</td>
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<td>Relax and unwind as you meet with friends, do hands-on activities, and learn about and practice self-care. In this session, we will decorate fun and functional items to put into a personal self-care kit. REG</td>
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<td><strong>CH/TW – 1/22, 6:30 pm, Monday</strong> Perler™ Beads Get creative with Perler™ beads. Ages 8 – 12. Drop in.</td>
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<td><strong>CH – 1/23, 10 am, Tuesday</strong> Little Learners Storytime</td>
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<td>Join us for interactive stories, songs, and more for you and your little one. Ages 2 – 3 with a caregiver. REG</td>
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<td><strong>T – 1/23, 3 pm, Tuesday</strong> Knitting 101 for Teens Learn the basics of knitting, casting on and basic stitching by starting a knitted bookmark. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. Ages 12 – 18. REG</td>
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<td><strong>S/G – 1/23, 6 pm, Tuesday</strong> Sensory Friendly Movie: Abominable (PG) 97 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</td>
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<td><strong>C/A – 1/24, 10 am – 12 pm, Wednesday</strong> Let’s Talk Tech Our Senior Services Department will be available in the lobby to help answer your questions about your phone, laptop or tablet. First come, first serve. REG</td>
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<td><strong>A – 1/26, 2 pm, Friday</strong> Winter Sowing Workshop – Rutgers Master Gardener Join us for a presentation on winter sowing, then plant seeds into winter sowing containers to take home. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. REG</td>
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**Manchester**

**1/2 – 1/27**

**Barbara Whelan**

Artwork on mixed media. Art reception will be held on Saturday, January 6 at 2 pm.
CH/TW – 1/30, 2 pm, Tuesday
Magical Movies

A – 1/30, 7 pm, Tuesday
Vinyl Record Nights
Come unwind and listen to curated vinyl records under the stars in Toms River Branch’s atrium.

T – 1/31, 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. Ages 12 – 18. REG

TUCKERTON
609-296-1470

CH – 1/2, 11 am, Tuesday
Toddler Time: Silly Fun
Shake your sills out and join us for songs and playtime. Ages 2+. REG

A – 1/4, 10 am, Thursday
Art Chat
Meet and talk with local artists. Bring your own work for feedback.

CH – 1/8, 7 pm, Monday
A Reckoning in Boston
(PG-13) 90 min. REG

DIV/T/A – 1/15, 7 pm, Monday
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Historical Perspective
(NR) 60 min. REG

A/A – 1/18, 2 pm, Thursday
Keeping Up with Kayla – New Year, New You
Join us for a wellness topic led by Kayla DiLinto, LPN, of Seacrest Village. This month Kayla will share tips on healthy eating, answer your questions and send you home with helpful information. Light refreshments.

T/PA – 1/18, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Enjoy a snack while making a paper bag star. Ages 12 – 18. REG

G – 1/20, 11 am, Saturday
Family Checkers Tournament
Enjoy a fun afternoon playing this classic game for a chance to win a prize. REG

BD/A – 1/22, 6:30 pm, Monday
Tuckerton Adult Book Discussion

G – 1/24, 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.

CH – 1/25, 11 am, Tuesday
Toddler Time: Cats & Kittens
Fabulous felines are the stars of our storytime with a craft. Ages 2+. REG

DIV/T/A – 1/26, Friday
Against All Odds: Surviving the Holocaust
Showtimes: 10:30 am, 12 pm, 1:30 pm and 3 pm. (NR) 79 min.

BD – 1/3, 10:30 am, Thursday
Teen Toddler Time
Join us for a free play session with various toys and music. Ages up to 18 months with a caregiver. REG

CH – 1/3, 1/17, 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

BD – 1/4, 3 pm, Thursday
Thursday Book Discussion
Call the Branch for book information.

CH – 1/4/10, 30 am, Thursday
Family Toddler Time
Join us for songs, stories, and hands-on activities. Ages 18 – 36 months with a caregiver. REG

CH – 1/6, 10 am, Saturday
Library Where You Are: Libby
Learn how to borrow eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines on the Libby application. Please bring your own device. Active library card is required. REG

A – 1/11, 2 pm, Thursday
Exercise and Osteoporosis
Join our rehabilitation expert to learn why it is important to keep moving and exercises you can do to maintain strength and balance. Presented by Hackensack Meridian Health. REG

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

DIV/A – 1/13, 2 pm, Saturday
Documentary at the Library: MLK/FBI
(PG) 106 min. REG
UPPER SHORES
732-793-3996

A – 1/16, 2 pm, Tuesday
Hypertension & Cholesterol: What You Need to Know
Do you know your numbers? Join us and learn how to manage your blood pressure and control your cholesterol. Learn the difference between good and bad cholesterol and the treatment options and risk factors for heart disease and stroke. Presented by Hackensack Meridian Health. REG

T – 1/16, 6 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

TWT – 1/16, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Beaded Pipe Cleaner Snowflakes
Ages 10 – 18. REG

A – 1/17, 6 pm, Wednesday
Library Where You Are: Libby
Learn how to borrow eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines on the Libby application. Please bring your own device. An active library card is required. REG

CH – 1/18, 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

A – 1/18, 1/25, 1 pm, Thursdays
Bridge for All
Play bridge at the Library. All skill levels welcome.

A – 1/20, 2 pm, Saturday
Movies at the Library: Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 108 min. REG

CH – 1/23, 4 pm, Tuesday
Winter Slime
Ages 8 – 12. REG

A – 1/24, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Movies at the Library: Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 108 min. REG

WARETOWN
609-693-5133

A – 1/2, 1/16, 1/30, 11 am, Tuesdays
Waretown Writers Group
Join other writers to explore your skills in an informal and fun discussion.

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

T – 1/15, 6 pm, Monday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

T – 1/15, 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 – 1/20, 11 am, Saturday
Saturday Documentary: In Remembrance of Martin (NR) 57 min.

CH – 1/25, 11 am, Thursday
Storytime and Craft
Join us for a storytime, and a craft. Ages 3 – 5.

A – 1/25, 3 pm, Thursday
Adult Craft
Join us for a craft. REG

CH – 1/25, 11 am, Thursday
Storytime and Craft
Join us for a storytime, and a craft. Ages 3 – 5. REG

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

T – 1/5, Friday
Crafting With Miss Chris: Bead Lizard Keychains
Warm up from the winter weather by learning how to make this classic summer camp craft.
Cozy Up with a Good Book

**Adult Titles:**
- *Murder Uncorked* by Maddie Day
- *Murder in a Cup* by Lauren Elliott
- *A Crafter Quilts a Crime* by Holly Quinn

**Children’s Titles:**
- *Knight Owl* by Christopher Denise
- *Just One Flake* by Tavis Jonker
- *Alebrijes* by Donna Barba Higuera

**Young Adult Titles:**
- *Serious Moonlight* by Jenn Bennett
- *Sense and Second-Degree Murder* by Tirzah Price
- *Winterwood* by Shea Ernshaw