Ocean County Library
Programs and Events Guide
March 2024

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609-698-3331

CH – 3/2, 11 am, Saturday
Read Across America Read Aloud
Celebrate Read Across America Day at the Library. Join us for a read aloud and craft. Ages 3+. REG

A – 1 pm, All Mondays
3/11: Dumb Money (R) 105 min.
3/18: Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny (PG-13) 154 min.
3/25: My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 92 min.

WHMA/A – 3/5, 7 pm, Tuesday
Judy Garland (1922 – 1969)
Join us as we welcome back musical historian Fred Miller who will perform his lectures-in-song on Judy Garland. Sing along, and celebrate the life of Judy Garland, from her humble beginnings to the peak of Hollywood stardom. REG

WHMT – 3/6, 6 pm, Wednesday
Women in Textiles:
Sew a Flower Brooch
Celebrate Women’s History Month by learning about women’s role in textiles and how to sew a flower brooch by hand. Ages 12 – 18. REG

TW – 3/7, 6 pm, Thursday
Glow Paint Party
Celebrate Youth Art Month® at the Library with Lil Monsters Art. Have fun glowing at this black light paint party. Sponsored by Friends of the Barnegat Library. Ages 8 – 11. REG

A – 3/8, 10 am, Friday
The Irish at Gettysburg Documentary
(NR) 45 min. REG

A – 3/9, 3/23, 10 am, Saturdays, & 3/14, 3/28, 1 pm, Thursdays
EWE Knit and Crochet
Drop in with your own supplies.

A – 3/9, 3 pm, Saturday
New Jersey Shipwrecks
Join us as we welcome New Jersey shipwreck and maritime historian Dan Lieb, who will present an overview of the shipwrecks off the Jersey Shore. REG

CH – 3/12, 10 am, Tuesday
Preschool Storytime
Come for stories, songs, and a craft. Ages 3 – 5. REG

A – 3/12, 7 pm, Tuesday
Rockin’ the Hits on the 88 Keys
NGXB is a solo pianist, arranger and content creator. Being raised with a classical music background, receiving a degree in jazz, and having an adoration for rock and pop music, NGXB captivates everyone with his exuberant personality and creativity. REG

CH – 3/15, 3:30 pm, Friday
New Jersey Makers Day: Stations
Come to the Library and participate in various activities for New Jersey Makers Day. Ages 6 – 11. Drop in.

A – 3/19, 10 am, Tuesday
Baby & Me
Come for rhymes, songs, and stories. Ages up to 18 months with a caregiver. REG

A – 3/19, 1 pm, Tuesday
Art Chat
Meet and talk with local artists. Bring your own work for feedback.

FR – 3/19, 6 pm, Tuesday
Friends of the Barnegat Library Meeting
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

CH – 3/20, 10 am, Wednesday
Toddler Time
Join us for stories, rhymes, and play. Ages 18 – 36 months with a caregiver. REG

T – 3/20, 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

A – 3/22, 10 am, Friday
Impressionists: Renoir and Manet
(NR) 46 min. REG

T – 3/23, 2 pm – 4 pm, Saturday
Crochet 101 for Teens
In this 2-hour class, participants will learn all the basic stitches and how to read a pattern. Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Ages 12 – 18. REG

T – 3/27, 6 pm, Wednesday
Teen Craft: Terrariums
Create a little world by assembling a terrarium. Suitable for people without a green thumb; the plants are artificial. Ages 12 – 18. REG

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.
CH – 3/1, 10:30 am, Friday
Toddler Art: Dr. Seuss™
Join us for a craft in celebration of Read Across America Day.
Ages 2 – 5. REG

A – 3/5, 11 am, Tuesday
Crafty Creations for Adults
Join us in creating a craft for St. Patrick’s Day. REG

CH/PA – 3/11, 4:30 pm, Monday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of a gentle therapy dog. Ages 3+. REG

CH – 3/14, 10:30 am, Thursday
Preschool Storytime
Join us for storytime. Ages 3+. REG

THM/TW – 3/18, 6 pm, Monday
Tween Art Workshop
Join us in creating a paper plane craft in celebration of Amelia Earhart for Women’s History Month. Ages 8 – 12. REG

CH – 3/19, 10:30 am, Thursday
Incredible Infants
Join us for songs, rhymes and playtime. Ages up to 18 months. REG

T – 3/23, 11 am, Saturday
Teen Scene
 Teens can stop by the Library and hang out with board games. Ages 13 – 17. REG

A – 3/27, 11 am, Wednesday
Knit Wits
Stop by the Library with your knitting and crocheting projects and meet new friends. REG

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

CH – 3/5, 9 am – 5 pm, Tuesday
Drop-In Storytime for Read Across America
Celebrate Read Across America Week with Miss Joanne. Stop by anytime between 9 am and 5 pm and Miss Joanne will read a story picked just for you. Drop in.

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

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

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

CH – 3/7, 10:30 am, Thursday
Toddler Time
Play with your little one as we share stories, rhymes, songs, and dance. Ages 1 – 2. REG
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A – 1 pm – 4 pm, All Thursdays
Mah Jongg
Join a weekly session for experienced players of Mah Jongg. Players must bring their own set and current card. Drop in.

T/TW/PA – 3/8, 10:30 am, Friday
Homeschool Hang Out
Enjoy snacks, crafts or games, and hang out with other teen and tween homeschoolers. REG

BD – 3/8, 1 pm, Friday
Friday Afternoon Book Discussion
Please contact the Berkeley Branch for details.

CH – 3/9, 10 am, Saturday
Playtime Fun
Drop in 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.

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

A/T – 3/12, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Acoustic Jam Session
Bring an instrument and play with other musicians. All styles and skill levels are welcome. REG

CH – 3/13, 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

MKR/TW – 3/15, 3 pm, Friday
New Jersey Makers Day: Cardboard Construction
Celebrate New Jersey Makers Day by creating a cardboard structure with the Library’s building kit. Ages 9 – 18. REG

WHM/A – 3/16, 3 pm, Saturday
Yayoi Kusama Painting
Celebrate Women’s History Month by learning how to create a mushroom collage painting in the style of this influential female artist. REG

CH/PA – 3/19, 4 pm, Tuesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. REG

MKR/TW – 3/20, 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 – 3/21, 10:30 am, Thursday
Toddler Time
Play with your little one as we share stories, rhymes, songs, and dance. Ages 1 – 2. REG

T – 3/21, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A – 3/25, 3 pm, Monday
Spring Bunny Pots
Learn how to create a cute little bunny just in time for spring. REG

CH – 3/27, 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

T – 3/28, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Game Night
Play familiar and new games. REG

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CH – 3/1, 10:30 am, Friday
Read Across America Day
Celebrate National Pig Day. Ages 2 – 5. REG

CH – 3/1, 10:30 am, Friday
Storytime and Craft
Enjoy fun stories and a craft to celebrate Read Across America Day. Ages 2 – 5. REG

CH – 3/1, 3 pm, Monday
Youth Art Month® Craft Day
Celebrate Youth Art Month® with some fun crafts. Ages 2 – 5. REG

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

A/T – 3/13, 10 am or 11 am, Wednesday
Teen Book Discussion – 3/13, 10 am or 11 am
TEEN (NR) 50 min.

A/T – 3/15, 2 pm, Friday
New Jersey Makers Day: New Jersey Makers Day: Shrinky Dinks®
Join us in making some fun Shrinky Dinks®. Ages 2+. REG

A – 3/15, 3 pm, Saturday
New Jersey Makers Day: Makers Day Mixing
We’ll mix up fun experiments for adults using everyday items. REG

A – 3/16, 1:30 pm, Saturday
Neil Diamond: Singer & Songwriter
Join Phil Bruschi as he sings and presents an engaging multimedia concert about the legendary career of Neil Diamond. REG

T – 3/16, 2 pm, Saturday
New Jersey Makers Day: Neurographic Art
Make beautiful art with these simple and soothing techniques. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A – 3/18, 12 pm, Monday
Lunchtime Movie for Adults
Bring your own lunch and watch a movie in our meeting room. The audience will select their film on the day of the showing. REG
A – 3/18, 6:30 pm, Monday
Narrative Threads: New Jersey Quilts & Textiles
Join us for a program presented by the Museum of Early Trades & Crafts (METC). Participants will discover some historic pieces from METC’s collection and will handle and explore some of the complex materials and tools involved in making textiles. REG

CH – 3/19, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Hello Spring Storytime
Celebrate Spring with stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. REG

A – 3/19, 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 – 3/19, 3:45 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A/PA – 3/19, 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

CH – 3/20, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Playful Puppies Storytime
Celebrate National Puppy Day with stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. REG

A – 3/21, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Night Crafting for Adults
We will be making a bunny in a pot. REG

CH – 3/23, 10 am, Saturday
Rhino Drop-In Craft
Drop in for a fun rhino craft.

T – 3/25 & 3/26, 4 pm – 8 pm, Monday & Tuesday
Prom Dress Giveaway
If you need a dress for prom, junior prom, or the eighth-grade dance, stop by for our Prom Dress Giveaway Event. Dresses are completely free. No registration needed.

T – 3/28, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Dungeons & Dragons® for Beginners
Become a part of Brick Library’s adventurous party of heroes as we delve into the world of Forgotten Realms. This program is designed for teens looking to try their hand at a tabletop role-playing game. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A – 3/26, 2 pm, Tuesday
Bad Art Afternoon
Celebrate creativity and awaken your inner child by joining us for a bad art afternoon. Get out your hot glue guns and create a masterpiece using rhinestones, beads, feathers, glitter and all other the craft supplies you couldn’t wait to use as a child.

T – 3/28, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Seuss in the Sensory Space
Join us for a sensory friendly celebration of Read Across America Day. Enjoy some fun crafts in celebration of Dr. Seuss’ The Lorax.

CH – 3/25, 2 pm – 5 pm, Monday
New Jersey Makers Day: Drop-In Building
Come play and explore with the Library’s building toys including MAGNA-TILES®, Squigz™ and more.

S/G – 3/27, 10 am – 12 pm, Thursday
Youth Art Month®: Sew a Pillow
Select a timeslot to learn sewing basics and create a simple pillow. Ages 8 – 12. REG

CH – 3/27, 3:30 pm, Wednesday
Teen Volunteer Hour
Earn a community service hour. Learn about the Library. Effect positive change. Ages 12 – 18.

WHM/A – 3/27, 6 pm, Wednesday
Women’s History Month Film & Discussion: On the Basis of Sex
(PG-13) 120 min. REG

A – 3/28, 9 am – 1 pm, Thursday
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.

MKR/TW – 3/28, 2 pm – 4 pm, Thursday
Youth Art Month®: Sew a Pillow
Select a timeslot to learn sewing basics and create a simple pillow. Ages 8 – 12. REG

CH – 3/1, 10:30 am, Friday
Story Explorers: This is a Story by John Schu
Crafts & activities in celebration of Read Across America Day. Ages 3 – 6 with a caregiver. REG

A – 3/4, 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.

A – 3/5, 10 am, Tuesday
Book Talking for Adults with Special Challenges
REG
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Beanstack is your one stop shop for tracking your reading progress and activities at the Ocean County Library.

T/PA – 3/5, 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.

A – 3/6, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
I Literally Can Knot: Beginner Embroidery
Discover the art of embroidery with this beginner-friendly program. Whether you’re a beginner or looking to refresh your skills, this course provides a solid foundation for mastering this timeless craft. Attendees will leave with the supplies needed to work on a piece of their own after the class.

T – 3/7, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

A – 3/7, 7 pm, Thursday
Crafting Bird-friendly Habitats
We will embark on an avian adventure, presented by the Southern Ocean Birding Group and by Bailey Sanders, who is Stewardship Specialist of the Barnegat Bay Partnership & Jersey-Friendly Yard program. The program is centered on crafting bird-friendly habitats through the thoughtful utilization of native plants in New Jersey.

A – 3/12, 6 pm, Tuesday
Meet the Mayor
Join us as we host Meet the Mayor with Lacey Mayor Peggy Sue Juliano. During this event, you can ask questions directly to the Mayor in an informal setting.

CH – 3/13, 3/27, 10 am, Wednesdays
Mother Goose Time
Rhythm, rhyme, music and movement for babies up to 18 months and their caregivers. REG

CH – 3/15, 10:30 am, Friday
New Jersey Makers Day: Eric Carle Collage Art
Ages 6 – 12. REG

T/PA – 3/15, 3:30 pm, Friday
New Jersey Makers Day: Planters
In honor of New Jersey Makers Day, stop by to create your own unique planter. Soil and seeds will be available. REG

A – 3/16, 2 pm, Saturday
Mindfulness Meditation: On Wisdom of Trees
Join us and experience the nurturing and grounding essence of trees in this beautiful meditation. This is a compassion-based practice. Followed by Q&A. Open to new and experienced practitioners. REG

A – 3/18, 10:30 am, Monday
Craft for Adults with Special Challenges: Celebrate Spring
Join us as art instructor Linda Higley leads a craft celebrating the Spring season. Program made possible by a grant from the Kearny Bank Foundation. REG

BD/A – 3/18, 1 pm, Monday
Lacey Book Discussion
The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead. Contact Lacey Circulation for more information.

CH – 3/19, 3/26, 9:30 am or 10:30 am, Tuesdays
Toddler Time
Stories, rhymes, music and movement for ages 19 – 36 months with a caregiver. REG

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A – 3/19, 2 pm, Tuesday
Nutrition: Making Healthy Choices
In honor of Nutrition Awareness Month, learn how to eat healthy and incorporate nutritional foods into your daily diet. Presentation led by Registered Dietitian Nutritionists Meg McCarthy-Klein and Matthew Holland from the Ocean County Health Department. REG

A – 3/20, 2:30 pm, Wednesdays
Chair Yoga with Linda Higley: Afternoon Series
Join us for a relaxing afternoon session of chair yoga led by certified yoga instructor, Linda Higley. A waiver form must be signed before the start of the program to participate. Waiver will be available before the program begins. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Library. REG

CH – 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 1:30 pm, Fridays
Friday Fun
Preschool craft. Ages up to 5. REG

T – 3/1, 2 pm, Friday
Switch™ Club for Adults
Bring your Nintendo® Switch™ and favorite game or check out the Library’s collection of games. REG

CH – 3/2, 2 pm, Saturday
Read Across America Day Storytime
Listen to some Dr. Seuss™ stories.

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

T – 3/4, 3 pm, Monday
Guitar Club
Bring in your guitar and practice with fellow players. Ages 12 – 18.

WHM/KR/T – 3/28, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Makerspace: Cut Paper Silhouettes in Honor of Women’s History Month
Learn about the historic art form of cut paper silhouettes. When they were popular, silhouettes were the most democratic form of portraiture, as people from all walks of life could learn to make them and could afford to purchase them. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH/PA – 3/28, 4 pm, Thursday
Paws for Reading
Practice reading in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Drop in.

A – 3/28, 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.

T – 3/5, 6 pm, Tuesday
Teen Movie Night
Come watch a PG-13 movie. Ages 12 – 18.

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

CH – 3/5, 6 pm, Tuesday
Flying Birds
Make a paper bird that can fly. Ages 5 – 12.

T – 3/5, 6 pm, Tuesday
Teen Movie Night
Come watch a PG-13 movie. Ages 12 – 18.
LAKEWOOD
732-363-1435

C – 3/6, 10 am, Wednesday
eBooks with Libby® and hoopla®
Learn how to access the Library’s
digital collection. Library card
required. REG

T – 3/6, 3 pm, Wednesday
Unplug at the Library
Unplug for National Day of
Unplugging with board games,
puzzles, books, and mingling
with fellow teens. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 3/6, 6 pm, Wednesday
Beaded Dragonflies
Make a dragonfly with beads and
pipe cleaners. Ages 8 – 12.

WHM/T – 3/6, 6 pm, Wednesday
Barbie® Day
Celebrate all that women can
be and do for Women’s History
Month with a fun game of trivia.
Ages 12 – 18.

A – 3/7, 10:30 am, Thursday
Bingo for Adults with Special
Challenges
Small prizes will be given. REG

CH – 3/7, 6 pm, Thursday
Video Games

C – 3/8, 10 am, Friday
Gmail® Basics
Learn how to set up an email
account and navigate its basic
functions. REG

T – 3/8, 3 pm, Friday
DIY Ramadan Paper Lanterns
Create your very own paper
lanterns to celebrate Ramadan.
Ages 12 – 18.

WHM/A – 3/9, 2 pm, Saturday
Movie Matinee
Celebrate Women’s History
Month by watching Dolores (NR)
96 min.

C – 3/11, 6 pm, Monday
Drop-In Tech Hour
Bring your computer questions
to our staff.

WHM/CH – 3/11, 6 pm, Monday
Make Your Own Bookmarks
Bookmarks inspired by the work
of Anne Carroll Moore. Ages up
to 12.

A – 3/13, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Coloring for Adults
Relax and color while listening
to soothing music. REG

T – 3/13, 3 pm, Wednesday
Kindness is Cool
Hide positive notes in books to
brighten someone’s day in honor
of Good Samaritan Day. Ages 12 –
18.

A – 3/14, 6 pm, Thursday
New Jersey Makers Day: Metal Models
Kick-off New Jersey Makers Day by
making 3-D metal models of
popular sci-fi icons. REG

CH – 3/15, 1:30 pm, Friday
New Jersey Makers Day:
Paper Ramp Challenge
Test your maker skills building a
ramp using only paper and tape
for New Jersey Maker Day. Ages
8 – 12. REG

A – 3/15, 2:30 pm, Friday
Exploring Islam: Book Café
During the month of Ramadan,
check out titles about Islam or
those featuring Muslim char-
acters or authors.

T – 3/15, 3 pm, Friday
The Ides of March
Play superstition trivia and learn
all about this inauspicious date.
Ages 12 – 18.

WHM/A – 3/19, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Women’s History Trivia
Celebrate Women’s History
Month with a fun game of trivia.
REG

T – 3/19, 3 pm, Tuesday
Earth Day: Sweater Box
Upcycling
In honor of Earth Day, learn to
upcycle your old sweaters into
boxes. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 3/20, 6 pm, Wednesday
Family Movie Night
Come watch a (G) or (PG) movie
with us.

A/PA – 3/21, 10:30 am, Thursday
Movie Time for Adults with Special
Challenges
Come watch a (G) or (PG) film
of the group’s choosing. Water
bottles and light snacks will be
provided. REG

T – 3/21, 6 pm, Thursday
Tarot for Teens
Learn about the basics of
reading tarot, do a magical craft,
and maybe get your cards read.
Ages 12 – 18.

WHM/CH – 3/21, 6 pm, Thursday
Cut Paper Art
Learn about Lois Ehlert and cut
paper art. Ages 5 – 12. REG

A – 3/22, 2:30 pm, Friday
Book Rec Corner
Discover new titles, including
read-alikes for popular authors
like Colleen Hoover and James
Patterson.

T – 3/22, 3 pm, Friday
DIY Purim Groggers
Make your own traditional noise
makers for Purim. Ages 12 – 18.

A – 3/26, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Tarot Tuesday
Learn, share, and discuss all
things tarot.

CH – 3/27, 4 pm, Wednesday
Youth Art Month®:
Thumprint Dandelion
Celebrate Youth Art Month® and
create a dandelion. Ages 5 – 12.

A – 3/27, 6 pm, Wednesday
Purim Family Game Night
Play board games with your family.

T – 3/28, 6 pm, Thursday
Teen Craft Club
Join your fellow teens to work on
some crochet, knitting, drawing,
painting, collage, and/or anything
else you can imagine. Ages 12 –
18.

WHM/TW – 3/1, 4 pm, Friday
Tween Art Club
Prepare to celebrate Women’s
History Month. Learn the stories
behind their masterpieces and
join us in recreating their unique
styles on a creative journey.
Ages 9 – 12. REG

WHM/A – 3/5, 2 pm, Tuesday
Overlooked Ingenuity
Carol Simon Levin will tell the
stories of women who overcame
the combined barriers of gender
and race to create inventions
that have changed our world.
Sponsored by Friends of the
Little Egg Harbor Branch. REG

G/PA – 3/5, 5 pm, Tuesday
Are You Ready for a Small
Animal Pet?
This program will teach you
about the different types of
small animal pets available and
which species would be best for
your family. We will cover cost,
behavior, health, and more. Meet
a live chinchilla and rabbit at the
conclusion of this presentation.
REG

CH/TW/PA – 3/5, 6:30 pm,
Tuesday
Read Across America
Celebration
Celebrate Read Across America
with a book giveaway provided
by Pinelands Education Asso-
ciation and face painting with
Debby Pease. Ages 3 – 12. REG
A – 7 pm, All Tuesdays
English Conversation Group
Practice English in an informal, friendly setting.

CH – 3/6, 10 am, Wednesday
Wednesday Morning Storytime
Following the story, children will have the chance to participate in age-appropriate crafts and/or activities related to it. This program is perfect for nurturing a love for reading and promoting early literacy skills. Ages 2 – 5. REG

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

A – 3/7, 2 pm, Thursday
An Overview of the New Jersey Self-Help Group Clearinghouse
Join Eve Ellsworth, Coordinator for the NJ Self-Help Clearinghouse, in an hour-long presentation on the overview of the services provided by the Clearinghouse. This program is for anyone looking to learn more about self-help groups, and for group leaders and organizations that hold self-support groups who want to learn how to access information on forming groups, and receive education on group facilitation, technical assistance, and support. REG

T – 3/7, 5 pm, Thursday
Teen Volunteer Hours
Earn community service hours. Learn about the Library, Registration and a current Teen Volunteer Application required. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A – 3/8, 2 pm, Friday
Adult Gaming: Canasta
Join in some friendly competition playing the classic card game Canasta. REG

A – 3/11, 3/25, 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 – 3/12, 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. Grades 2 – 6. REG

BD – 3/12, 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 – 3/13, 10 am, Wednesday
Mess Time
Explore safe textures, colors & sensory play. Enhance motor skills & bonding through creative mess and learning through joyful chaos. Best for littles who are crawling or walking. REG

T – 3/14, 6 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

T – 3/19 & 3/20, 4 pm – 8 pm, Tuesday & Wednesday
Prom Dress Giveaway
If you need a dress for prom, junior prom, or the eighth-grade dance, stop by our Prom Dress Giveaway Event. Dresses are completely free. No registration needed.

T – 3/23, 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

CH/TW – 3/28, 2:30 pm, Thursday
Nature Club
Explore nature that can include hands-on activities, games, special guests or guided walks around the branch, cultivating curiosity, respect, and eco-friendly habits. Grades Pre-K – 6. REG

TW/T – 3/28, 6 pm, Thursday
Teen Game Night
Play familiar and new games, just for teens. REG

LONG BEACH ISLAND
609-494-2480

WHM/A – 3/1, 2 pm, Friday
Bridget Riley: Op Art Rippled Creations
Join us in honor of Women’s History Month and create your own Bridget Riley op art masterpiece while learning the techniques used to create Riley’s optical illusions. Op Art captured the imagination of the public and became popular in the 1960’s through the works of Bridget Riley. REG

A/PA – 3/2, 2 pm, Saturday
Art Reception: An Exhibit of Mixed Media by Brunella DeMarco
All are welcome to view the mixed media artwork of Brunella DeMarco. Join us in the Long Beach Island Library Meeting Room to view her exhibit focusing on March Awareness Themes and learn about the purpose and intent of her artwork. Light refreshments will be served. Brunella’s work will be displayed in the meeting room throughout the month.

A – 3/4, 10 am, Monday
Chair Ballet
Experience the joy of chair-based dancing in a class that combines both ballet and exercise specifically for adults. A waiver must be signed before participating. REG

G – 3/4, 10 am, Monday
Craft It Out: Dr. Seuss
To celebrate Read Across America Day, make a fun Dr. Seuss™ themed craft. While supplies last.

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

CH – 3/5, 11 am, Tuesday
Walking the Cooper’s Bridge Trail
A journey along the historic Cooper’s Bridge Trail through the woods, fields, and wetlands of Long Beach Island. Includes a guided tour for Adults at 11:00 am and a program for Children at 11:30 am. REG

T – 3/6, 10 am, Thursday
Storytime
Wednesday Morning
Come in to read stories and sing some songs together. Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver. REG

A – 3/8, 2 pm, Friday
Adult Gaming: Canasta
Join in some friendly competition playing the classic card game Canasta. REG

A – 3/9, 5 pm, Saturday
Blood Pressure Clinic
Free blood pressure screening by the LBI Health Department. Walk-ins welcome.
CH – 3/11, 10 am, Monday
Fun with Finger Painting
Finger painting encourages creativity and cognitive development through expressions of color, texture, and patterns and helps develop fine motor skills through finger tracing. Dress for a mess. Ages 6 months+. REG

A – 3/13, 2 pm, Wednesday
Family Movie Night: Peter Rabbit
(SG) 100 min. Bring your own refreshments to watch the movie in person. REG

A – 3/15, 10 am, Friday
The Ides of March: A Caesar Retrospective
Come and join us on the Ides of March and explore Caesar’s world. Learn about his wives, his political rivals, and his impact. Colleen Boue, a retired high school Latin teacher and classicist, will highlight some interesting facts about Caesar’s life and his legacy. REG

CH – 3/19, 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.

A – 3/23, 2 pm, Saturday
New Jersey Makers Day: Pressed Flower Lanterns
In honor of New Jersey Makers Day, create your own decorative lantern using pressed paper flowers. REG

CH – 3/25, 10 am, Monday
Playdate at the Library
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T – 3/27, 5:30 pm, Wednesday
Teen DIY: Vision Boards
Use recycled materials to make vision boards that will inspire you to be your best self and achieve your goals. Ages 13 – 18. REG

A – 3/31, 5 pm, Thursday
Book Besties
Book Besties is a brand-new genre-focused book club that focuses on books that fall into genres like romance, fantasy, science fiction, and mystery. REG

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WHM/G – 3/6, 4 pm, Wednesday
C’mon Barbie® Lets Go Party
Celebrate Women’s History Month with the iconic Barbara Millicent Roberts AKA Barbie®. We will learn about Barbie®’s amazing life and do some fun crafts. REG

CH – 3/7, 3/21, 3/28, 10 am, 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

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

A – 3/8, 3/15, 2 pm, Fridays
LBI Canasta
Play Canasta with other teams and players. All are welcome to play for fun from 2 pm – 5 pm.

A – 3/9, 2 pm, Saturday
An Irish Serenade with Jessica Carroll
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Inspirational Book Reading and Signing
Local author Annie Mac will talk about stories of encouragement and hope from her books. Sea Glass Promises: When Broken Leads to Unbroken and Look Beyond... Ocean of Pain to Horizon of Purpose. She has a MA in Creative Writing and English from Southern New Hampshire University. REG

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MANCHESTER
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G – 3/16, 3/30 pm, Saturday
Knit Happens
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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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G – 3/6, 6 pm – 8 pm, Wednesday
Art Reception: Regional Day School
Students’ mixed media artwork from Regional Day School will be on display.
A – 3/7, 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.

Manchester
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A – 3/11, 10 am, Monday
Trivial Pursuit – Winter Workouts for Your Brain
Beat the Winter Doldrums with Some Fun & Laughter at the Library. Just in time for National Brain Awareness Week (March 11-17) we are hosting Braven Health (NJ BC/BS) who will facilitate a fun group game of Trivial Pursuit. You can choose to participate in the answers or just enjoy observing others as they try to answer the interesting trivia questions.

A – 3/11, 6 pm, Monday
Rockin’ the Hits on the 88 Keys
NGXB is a solo pianist, arranger and content creator, who is no stranger to an audience. Being raised with a classical music background, receiving a degree in jazz, and having an adoration for rock and pop music, NGXB captivates everyone with his exuberant personality and creativity.

A – 3/12, 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 – 3/12, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
LEGO® Club
Join us for open LEGO® play. Ages 6 – 12.

A – 3/13, 2 pm, Wednesday
Ireland: Tea, Food and Folklore
Join us at this informative presentation to learn more about Irish tea habits, favorite foods, and the myths and legends that surround this enchanting island in honor of Irish American Heritage Month.

CH/PA – 3/14, 10 am, Thursday
Pie Day Storytime
Join us for a delicious pie day celebration. We will read stories, make our own felt pies, and sample some sweet treats. Ages 2 – 6.

A – 3/14, 3/28, 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.

CH – 3/20, 9:30 am, Wednesday
Build & Play
Calling all future engineers, architects, and sculptors. Join us for playtime with modeling compounds and building toys. Ages 6 months – 3 years.

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A – 3/20, 2 pm, Wednesday
March Mad-Libs™ at Manchester
March Madness is in full swing, join us for March Mad-Libs™. Have fun and get creative with this laugh-inducing word game.

A – 3/21, 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 – 3/22, 10 am, Friday
Homeschool Hangout
Meet other homeschool families and do themed activities. Ages 5 – 12.
WHM/CH – 3/26, 9:30 am, Tuesday
Parachute & Play
Join us for parachute play and music fun. We will be featuring songs by famous women to celebrate Women’s History Month. Ages 3 – 6. REG

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WHM/A – 3/26, 3 pm, Tuesday
Women in Song
Celebrate Women’s History Month with vocalist Cosette Lyncheski who will discuss and perform songs of women who brought girl power to the music industry. Enjoy the familiar songs of Carole King, Dolly Parton, and Celine Dion along with music of the artists of today. REG

A/PA – 3/28, 2 pm, Thursday
New Jersey Makers Day: Decorate a Miniature Candy Jar for Spring
Create felt flowers that seem to grow out of upcycled baby food jars filled with small candies. Keep one of these “jar topiaries” for yourself or give as a gift. REG

T – 3/28, 6 pm, Thursday
Teen Takeover: Smash Bros™ & Mario Kart™
Come 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

T – 3/28, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Takeover: Escape Room
Test your problem-solving skills by participating in an escape room. You have 1 hour to complete the challenge. Ages 13 – 18. REG

T – 3/1, 3 pm, Friday
Youth Art Month®: Collage Self Portraits
Express yourself using one of our self-portrait collage kits. Ages 12 – 18.

A – 3/5, 1 pm, Tuesday
Classic Movie: Citizen Kane
(PG) 119 min.

A – 3/9, 11 am, Saturday
Documentary: An Irish Goodbye
Join us in honoring Irish American Heritage Month with a viewing of Academy Award winning short film, An Irish Goodbye. (NR) 26 min.

WHM/C/CA – 3/12, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Database Deep Dive: Women’s History Month
During this session we will be exploring articles, videos, primary sources, images, biographies and timelines using databases: Biography Reference Bank, Modern World History Online, and New Jersey Courier Digital Archive. REG

CH – 3/15, 10:30 am, Friday
New Jersey Makers Day: Leprechaun Traps
Join us in celebration of New Jersey Makers Day and build your own leprechaun trap. Build, test, and bring it home to use. REG

BD – 3/18, 6 pm, Monday
Plumsted Evening Book Discussion
The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner.

CH – 3/20, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Inspire your Heart with Art: Self Portraits
Dress for a mess and join us for a fun collage making experience in honor of Youth Art Month®. REG

WHM/CH – 3/6, 3/20, 10:30 am, Wednesdays
Preschool Storytime Celebrates Women’s History Month
In honor of Women’s History Month please join us for songs and books written by women authors. Ages 3 – 6 years. REG

CH – 3/7, 3/21, 10:30 am, Thursdays
Toddler Sing-a-Long
Ages 18 – 36 months. REG

TW/T – 3/8, 3/22, 3 pm, Fridays
Nintendo® Gaming Club
Play Super Smash Bros.™, Mario Kart 8™ and other Nintendo® games. REG

A – 3/11, 3/25, 1 pm, Mondays
Knitting and Crocheting at the Beach
Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels welcome.

A – 3/11, 6:30 pm, Monday
Film Screening: Hidden Figures
(PG) 127 min. REG

CH – 3/12, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Baby & Me
Please join us for songs, music, rhymes, and stories. Ages up to 18 months with caregiver. REG

CH/PA – 3/12, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs.

CH – 3/13, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Preschool Storytime: The Color Green
Please join us for songs, stories and fun. Ages 3 – 6. REG

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BD – 3/14, 12 pm, Thursday Literature & Lunch
The Book of Two Ways by Jodi Picoult.

T – 3/15, 3:30 pm, Friday New Jersey Makers Day: Code With Arduino
Learn basic computer coding concepts with the open-sourced electronics platform Arduino. REG

CH – 3/19, 10:30 am, Tuesday Toddler Read Along Storytime with Miss Liz
Each child will have a read along copy of The Three Little Bears to help strengthen early literacy skills. Ages 2 – 3. REG

BD – 3/25, 7 pm, Monday In Five Years by Rebecca Serle

CH – 3/14, 10 am, Thursday Baby & Me
Join us for songs, music, rhymes, and stories. Ages up to 18 months with caregiver. REG

G – 3/14, 6:30 pm, Thursday Family Craft Time: DIY Birdhouse
We will be making a DIY birdhouse while listening to music and having lively conversations with other families in the community. REG

A – 3/16, 11 am, Saturday Chair Yoga
Led by certified yoga instructor, Linda Higley, chair yoga is a gentle yoga practice while remaining seated. REG

G – 3/16, 3 pm, Saturday New Jersey Makers Day: Family Building
Drop in to play with assorted building toys.

BD – 3/18, 10:30 am, Monday Friends Book Club
The Man Who Died Twice by Richard Osman.

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

FR – 3/19, 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.

WHM/A – 3/19, 3 pm, Tuesday Notable Women of Ocean County: Stories You Should Know
Join Librarian Elizabeth Cronin and enjoy her research about women who have changed Ocean County through community activism, art, politics, business and military service. REG.

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CH – 3/25, 10 am, Monday Homeschool Hangout: STEAM Time
Come explore, create and learn using STEAM kits and materials. Ages 6 – 12. REG

A – 3/26, 6 pm, Tuesday Tuesday Evening Movie: The Good House
(R) 114 min.

BD – 3/27, 7:30 pm, Wednesday Good Readers Book Club
Anxious People by Fredrik Backman.

CH – 3/1, 10 am, Friday Preschool Storytime Celebrates Read Across America Day
Please join us for songs, stories and fun. Ages 3 – 6. REG

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

CH – 3/5, 10 am, Tuesday Toddler Art Celebrates Youth Art Month®
Come create some awesome art for the fridge door. Dress for mess. Ages 2 – 3. REG

CH/PA – 3/6, 4 pm, Wednesday Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs.

BD – 3/15, 3:30 pm, Wednesday Putt and Amen
A friendly and casual way to enjoy the beauty of the golf course while playing golf and enjoying some light refreshments. REG

CH – 3/16, 11 am, Saturday Chair Yoga
Join certified yoga instructor Linda Higley for a gentle yoga class while remaining seated. REG

G – 3/16, 3 pm, Saturday New Jersey Makers Day: Family Building
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BD – 3/20, 9:30 am, Wednesday Friends Book Club
A Place for Us by Dr. Jennifer S. Elia

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A – 3/2, 3/16, 3/30, 10 am – 12 pm, Saturdays & 3/7, 3/28, 1 pm – 3 pm, Thursdays
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.

CH/TW/T – 3/4, 10 am, Monday
Homeschooler’s Spring Picture Day
Staff will take pictures of homeschoolers using a green screen background and email the photos to attendees. Wear any color except green. Ages 6 – 12. REG

A – 3/4, 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 – 3/4, 10 am, Wednesday
First Wednesday Book Club
Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann.

A – 3/6, 2 pm, Wednesday
New Release Movie Matinee
Check with the Stafford Branch for the upcoming film title. REG

G – 3/7, 6 pm, Thursday
Family Holiday Photos
Staff will take pictures using a green screen background and email the photos to attendees. Wear any color except green. REG

A – 3/10, 3/24, 2 pm, Sundays
English Conversation Group
Practice English conversation and talk about current events and more in a friendly, informal setting. This volunteer-led group meets every second and fourth Sunday at 2 pm. REG

WHM/A – 3/11, 2:30 pm, Monday
The Codebreaker: American Experience Documentary
(TV-PG) 52 min. REG

WHM/A – 3/12, 2 pm, Tuesday
Notable Women of Ocean County: Stories You Should Know
Join Librarian Elizabeth Cronin and enjoy her research about women who have changed Ocean County through community activism, art, politics, business and military service. Have you heard of Lila Thompson or Elizabeth Sculthorpe Force? REG

A – 3/13, 10 am, Wednesday
Coloring for Adults with Special Challenges
Spend the morning listening to music and coloring. Materials are provided but you may bring your own coloring projects and coloring tools. Meets on the second Wednesday of the month. REG

T – 3/13, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
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CH/TW/PA – 3/15, 2:30 pm, Friday 
New Jersey Makers Day: The Great Candy Science Experiment
In celebration of New Jersey Makers Day, watch and discover what happens to Skittles with water and milk. Observe and ask questions along the way. Enjoy a story about colors. No food will be served in this program, including candy/snacks. Ages 8 – 12. REG

TW/T – 3/15, 3:30 pm, Friday 
New Jersey Makers Day: DIY Bookmarks
Drop in to celebrate 2024 Makers Day and pick up a DIY maker bookmark kit. Ages 9 – 17. Drop in.

CH – 3/19, 10 am, Tuesday 
Celebrate First Day of Spring
In celebration of Spring, listen to stories and make a craft. Ages up to 6. REG

A – 3/19, 1:30 pm, Tuesday 
Banksy-Inspired Art: Adult Crafting Club
This month, we’ll learn about the controversial anonymous street artist Banksy and create a Banksy-inspired craft. Adult crafting club meets once per month on the third Tuesday. REG

A – 3/20, 2:30 pm, Wednesday 
Disasters, Near Disasters and Near Chaos of Long Beach Island: Facts, Stories and Recollections
You know about the Hindenburg but did you know the devastating tale of the Akron, an airship that crashed off of LBI in the 1930s? Long-time LBI resident and independent historian Marc Lipman shares the gripping tale of the Akron and recounts incidents of natural and man-made disasters, near disasters, and other stories.

A – 3/20, 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. Meets every third Wednesday of the month.

FR – 3/21, 9:30 am, Thursday 
Friends of the Stafford Library Meeting
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TW – 3/21, 3:30 pm, Thursday 
Tween Crafternoon: Youth Art Month®
Join us in the Teen Lab for this month’s Tween Crafternoon and celebrate Youth Art Month® by painting your very own canvas. Ages 9 – 13. REG

WHM/CH – 3/21, 6 pm, Thursday 
On a Magical Do-Nothing Day
In celebration of Women’s History Month, share and learn about female, contemporary illustrator Beatrice Alemagna. Listen to On A Magical Do-Nothing Day and color a picture. REG

A – 3/25, 10 am, Monday 
Writers Gathering for Adults
Talk about writing, work on writing prompts and read a sample of your work. REG

A – 3/26, 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 fourth Tuesday. REG

CH – 3/27, 10 am, Wednesday 
Messy Art
Listen to a story and paint. Dress for a mess. Ages 3+. REG

A – 3/28, 2:30 pm, Thursday 
Reverse Coloring™: Coloring Club for Adults
This month, we’ll explore the Reverse Coloring™ book created by artist Kendra Norton. Reverse coloring is a totally new idea in creativity and mindfulness. There will also be other projects for you to color. Materials are provided or bring your own coloring projects and coloring tools. REG

A – 3/2, 10 am, Saturday 
Gentle Yoga with Belle
Join us for a yoga session led by certified yoga instructor, Belle Burns. Please bring your own mat or towel. REG

WHM/A – 3/2, 2 pm, Saturday 
Key Arts Productions: The Spirit of a Woman
Join us for live commentary and musical performance combined with video images in a multimedia performance that tells the story of the achievements of remarkable African American women. They overcame huge odds, reaching the pinnacle of success in social reform, athletics, the arts and sciences, women’s rights, and politics. REG

CH – 3/4, 10 am, Monday 
Dr. Seuss™ Storytime
Celebrate Dr. Seuss™ birthday with a storytime and craft. Ages 3 – 5. REG

MKR/G – 3/4, 3/18, 2 pm & 6 pm, Mondays 
Mad Science Mondays
Channel your inner mad scientist in the Sparks’s Lab Makerspace for slime-making mayhem. Add color, glitter, googly eyes, or even 3D printed bones to your slime monster. REG
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**TOMS RIVER**
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**CH/TW – 3/4, 6:30 pm, Monday**
**Paper Plate String Art**
Make some cool string art. Ages 8 – 12. REG

**A – 3/4, 6:30 pm, Monday**
**Irish Concert with Charlie Zahm**
In celebration of St. Patrick’s Day, spend the evening on a musical journey through the Emerald Isle with performer Charlie Zahm. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. REG

**T/TW – 3/4, 6:30 pm, Monday**
**Zen Zone Mondays: Mandala Making**
Join us for a story or two followed by slime making. Dress for a messy. Ages 4 – 8. REG

**WHM/CH – 3/5, 10:30 am, Tuesday**
**Celebrate Women’s History Month: Sharks Preschool Storytime**
Enjoy a shark themed storytime and craft. Ages 8 – 12. REG

**A – 3/5, 6:30 pm, Tuesday**
**Game Club for Adults**
Come play video and board games at the Library and make new friends.

**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 – 3/6, 10 am, Wednesday**
**It’s Fun to Be One Storytime**
Grow little one’s love for the Library with stories, songs, playtime, and more. Ages 12 – 23 months with a caregiver. REG

**CH – 3/12, 10 am, Tuesday**
**Little Learners Storytime**
Join us for interactive stories, songs, and more for you and your little one. Ages 2 – 3 with a caregiver. REG

**CH/PA – 3/7, 10:30 am, Thursday**
**Homeschool Storytime & Slime**
Join us for a story or two followed by slime making. Dress for a mess. Ages 4 – 8. REG

**WHM/T – 3/7, 6 pm, Thursday**
**DIY Suffragette Sashes and Feminist Buttons for Teens**
March is Women’s History Month. Show your feminist pride by making your own suffragette sash made with the Cricut Heat Press and a feminist button. Ages 13 – 18. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. REG

**CH – 3/8, 10 am, Friday**
**Toddler Art**
Make some art. Dress for a mess. Ages 2 – 3. REG

**FR – 3/11, 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.

**T – 3/11, 3/12, 3/13, 4 pm – 8 pm, Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday**
**Prom Dress Giveaway**
If you need a dress for prom, junior prom, or the eighth-grade dance, stop by our Prom Dress Giveaway Event. Dresses are completely free. No registration needed.

**CH/TW – 3/11, 6:30 pm, Monday**
**Mario™ Day**
Celebrate Mario™ Day with a fun craft. Ages 8 – 12. REG

**BD – 3/12, 7 pm, Tuesday**
**Evening Book Discussion Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts. REG**

**A – 3/13, 10:30 am, Wednesday**
**Craft for Adults with Special Challenges**
Completing a craft project gives us a profound sense of accomplishment. Through this program, adults with special challenges can be creative and enjoy making crafts. Come join us once a month. REG

**T – 3/13, 3 pm, Wednesday**
**LGBTeens**
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

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**March Art Displays and Exhibits**

**Long Beach Island**
**Watercolor, Photography, and Fiber Art by Brunella DeMarco, Pine Shores Art Association**

**Manchester**
**3/1 – 3/26 Art Exhibit: Regional Day School**
MKR/G – 3/14, 3/28, 2 pm, Thursdays
Thoughtful Arts Thursdays
Come sit, relax, and create art using supplies, materials, or equipment in the Sparks’s Lab Makerspace and find what inspires you. REG

T/PA – 3/14, 2 pm, Thursday
De-Stress with Dogs for Teens
Drop in 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. REG

BD/A – 3/14, 6 pm, Thursday
Read with Pride Adult Book Club
Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult. 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

MKR/G – 3/15, 3/22, 11 am, Fridays
Fractal Fridays
Math is everywhere. Use it to create art, build structures, or to participate in math-themed challenges in the Sparks’s Lab Makerspace. REG

MKR/G – 3/16, 10 am – 4 pm, Saturday
New Jersey Makers Day Celebration
Celebrate New Jersey Makers Day with STEAM-related activities. Try your hand at 3D printing pens, make some slime, build with various block sets, or compete in robot races and obstacle courses. Come to watch our 3D printers at work and stay to learn the basics of using the Cricut machines. Then sit and relax while making an I-Spy bottle with our Sensory Space staff. REG

CH/TW – 3/18, 2 pm, Monday
Drop-In Irish American Heritage Month Activity & Craft
Wear something green, make a fun craft and participate in an activity. Ages 5 – 12. REG

CH – 3/19, 10 am, Tuesday
Shake, Rattle, & Read Storytime
Learn and grow pre-literacy skills together with interactive stories, songs, and activities. Ages 12 months – 3 years. REG

A – 3/19, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Gratitude Journaling
Come create a gratitude journal in a relaxing environment in the Sensory Space. REG

CH – 3/20, 10 am, Wednesday
Drop-In Open Play
Stop by for toys and activities that encourage skill building and creativity. Siblings are welcome. Ages up to 5. Drop in.

A – 3/20, 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

CH/TW/PA – 3/20, 4:30 pm, Wednesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Ages 5 – 12. REG

CH/TW – 3/23, 2:30 pm, Saturday
Drop-In Video Games for Kids

CH – 3/25, 10 am, Monday
Cats Are Cool Storytime
Listen to silly stories and make a craft about cats. Ages 3 – 5. REG

A – 3/25, 6:30 pm, Monday
I Literally Can Knot: Beginner Embroidery
Discover the art of embroidery with this beginner-friendly program. Whether you’re a beginner or looking to refresh your skills, this course provides a solid foundation for mastering this timeless craft. Attendees will leave with the supplies needed to work on a piece of their own after the class. REG

MKR/T/TW – 3/25, 6:30 pm, Monday
New Jersey Makers Day: Teen STEAM Challenge
Challenge yourself in epic (but friendly) battles of scientific and technological proportions as you build with various block sets, printing pens, make some slime, or compete in robot races and obstacle courses. Come to watch our 3D printers at work and stay to learn the basics of using the Cricut machines. Then sit and relax while making an I-Spy bottle with our Sensory Space staff. REG

CH – 3/27, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Bound for Broadway Storytime
Celebrate World Theatre Day by listening to Broadway themed stories and songs and making a fun craft. Ages 3 – 5. REG

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

T – 3/27, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Dungeons & Dragons® for Teens
Join players on an adventure in the world of Dungeons & Dragons®. Open to new and experienced players. Space is limited. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. REG

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UPPER SHORES
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CH – 3/14, 10:30 am, Thursday
Preschool Storytime
Join us for storytime and an activity. Ages 3 – 5. REG

A – 3/14, 2 pm, Thursday
Exercising the Right Way
Join a rehabilitation expert from Hackensack Meridian Health who will discuss the benefits of starting an exercise routine. REG

A – 3/15, 1:30 pm, Friday
Identifying and Sharing Your Needs in Grief and Loss
During this part-lecture, part-writing workshop program, Katie Morgan, bereavement group facilitator, educator and founder of The Grief Ritual, teaches about the ways in which we can begin to identify and communicate our unique and ever-shifting needs following loss. REG

CH – 3/15, 3:30 pm, Friday
New Jersey Makers Day
Celebrate New Jersey Makers Day at the Library. Ages 5 – 12. REG

A – 3/19, 2 pm, Tuesday
Pre-diabetes
Join a Registered Dietitian from Hackensack Meridian Health and learn about what to do if you have been diagnosed with pre-diabetes. REG

WHM/CH – 3/20, 3:30 pm, Wednesday
Paper Airplanes
Make a paper airplane in honor of Amelia Earhart. Ages 5 – 12. REG

A – 3/20, 6 pm, Wednesday
Keep Calm and Color
Listen to instrumental music while you color and calm your mind. REG

WARETOWN
609-693-5133

CH – 3/1/1, 11 am, Friday
Storytime and Craft
Join us for a storytime, and a craft for Read Across America Day. Ages 3 – 5. REG

WHM/A – 3/2, 11 am, Saturday
Saturday Documentary Service: When Women Come Marching Home. (NR) 60 min.

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

A – 3/12, 3/26, 11 am, Tuesdays
Waretown Writers Group
Join other writers to explore your skills in an informal and fun discussion.

CH – 3/16, 12 pm, Saturday
New Jersey Makers Day:
Talewise Presents Science Heroes: Saving Earth Together
In honor of New Jersey Makers Day, join us for an interactive live science program powered by Talewise. Ages 3 – 11. REG

T – 3/18, 6 pm, Monday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

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WHM/T – March
Women of Power
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That Self-Same Metal by Brittany Williams

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Sisters in Science: Marie Curie, Bronia Dluska, and the Atomic Power of Sisterhood by Linda Elovitz Marshall
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