



Ocean County Library

# Programs and Events Guide

## March 2024



**BARNEGAT**  
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

3/4: *A Haunting in Venice* (PG-13) 103 min.

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.

### WHM/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**

### WHM/T – 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.

### CH – 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**

## PROGRAM KEY

A	Adult Program
BD	Book Discussion
C	Computer
CH	Children's Program
DIV	Diversity Program
FR	Friends Meeting
G	General Audience
MKR	Maker Program
PA	Potential Allergens
REG	Please Register
S	Sensory Program
T	Teen Program
TW	Tween Program
WHM	Women's History Month

The Ocean County Library is a truly multicultural institution. We respect, honor, and celebrate individual and cultural differences. Our collections, programming, outreach, policies, and personnel practices reflect this commitment. We are inclusive and understanding of our co-workers and of the communities we serve, and we seek out others to join on this journey.

## ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

*All Library programs are free and open to the public, but registration may be limited.* To avoid disappointment, please call the branch where the program is offered to register.

Program dates and times are subject to change.

All activities pose a degree of risk. We urge you to talk to your physician before beginning any exercise program and to be especially careful if you have any health issues. If you experience any pain or discomfort associated with any activity, you should stop immediately to prevent injury.

Visit our *Calendar of Events* for more information on our in-person and virtual programs: [bit.ly/OCLevents](https://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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## 2024 Prom Dress

### Giveaway

If you need a dress for prom or a dance then stop by one of the following Ocean County Library branches from 4pm - 8pm to look through our collection of FREE dresses:

#### Toms River Branch

732-349-6200

Monday 3/11

Tuesday 3/12

Wednesday 3/13

#### Little Egg Harbor Branch

609-294-1197

Tuesday 3/19

Wednesday 3/20

#### Brick Branch

732-477-4513

Monday 3/25

Tuesday 3/26

Dresses are  
**FREE!**

Limited to  
2 per student,  
grades 8-12



**BEACHWOOD**

732-244-4573

**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**

**WHM/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, Tuesday**

**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**



**BERKELEY**

732-269-2144

**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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### BERKELEY 732-269-2144

#### **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**



### BRICK 732-477-4513

#### **CH – 3/1, 10:30 am, Friday Read Across America Day Storytime and Craft**

Join us as we celebrate Read Across America Day with a few of our favorite Mo Willems books and make a fun craft. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

#### **A – 3/2, 10:30 am, Saturday Crochet Around the Corner**

A community crochet block project. Join us each month to receive a new block pattern, as we work toward a holiday display of the blocks. All levels are welcome. Please bring a size I-9 hook. Drop in.

#### **CH – 3/4, 10:30 am, Monday Perfect Pigs Storytime**

Enjoy fun stories and a craft to celebrate National Pig Day. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

#### **A – 3/4, 2 pm, Monday Advanced French Club**

Join us and speak French with other French speakers in the community. Intermediate and Advanced speakers welcome. **REG**

#### **T – 3/4, 3:45 pm, Monday Terrible Teen Art**

Be a part of this silly competition to see who can create the best artistic mess. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

#### **WHM/A – 3/5, 2 pm, Tuesday Women's History Month Documentary**

*Susan B. Anthony Slept Here* (NR) 47 min. **REG**

#### **A – 3/6, 6 pm, Wednesday Twisted Stitchers 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 – 3/11, 10:30 am, 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**

#### **WHM/CH – 3/12, 6 pm, Tuesday**

**Women's History Month Craft**  
Make a craft to celebrate Women's History Month. Ages 7 – 12. **REG**

#### **A – 3/13, 10 am or 11 am, Wednesday Craft for Adults with Special Challenges**

Join us for a fun craft. **REG**

#### **A/PA – 3/13, 6:30 pm, Wednesday Coffee and Coloring**

Spend an evening coloring, listening to soothing music, drinking coffee, and relaxing with like-minded adults at the library. Light refreshments will be served. **REG**

#### **CH – 3/15, 10:30 am, Friday New Jersey Makers Day: Shrinky Dinks®**

Join us in making some fun Shrinky Dinks®. Ages 2+. **REG**

#### **A – 3/15, 2 pm, Friday 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/PA – 3/18, 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**





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### BRICK 732-477-4513

#### 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 adventuring 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**



### ISLAND HEIGHTS 732-270-6266

#### T – 3/4, 7 pm, Monday Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

#### CH – 3/6, 10:30 am, Wednesday Baby and Me

Ages up to 18 months. **REG**

#### TW – 3/12, 3:30 pm, Tuesday Tween Tuesday

Hang out with friends for games and crafts. Ages 10 – 12. **REG**

#### WHM/CH/TW – 3/15, 3:30 pm, Friday

##### New Jersey Makers Day: Women Aviators Paper Airplanes

Celebrate Women's History Month and New Jersey Makers Day by hearing stories about famous women aviators and compete to make the best paper airplane. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

#### CH – 3/20, 10:30 am, Wednesday Toddler Time

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs. Ages 18 months – 3 years. **REG**

#### T – 3/22, 3 pm, Friday Teen Afternoon

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

#### FR – 3/23, 12:30 pm, Saturday The Trustees of the Library Meeting

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

#### 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 the other craft supplies you couldn't wait to use as a child.



### JACKSON 732-928-4400

#### 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, Wednesday

##### Seuss in the Sensory Space

Join us for a sensory friendly viewing of *Dr. Seuss' The Lorax*. **REG**

#### CH – 3/27, 2 pm – 8 pm, Wednesday

##### Read Across America Day Drop-In Crafts

Enjoy some fun crafts in celebration of Read Across America Day.

#### S/G – 3/27, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm, Wednesday

##### Seuss in the Sensory Space

Join us for a sensory friendly movie of *Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who*. **REG**

#### T – 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**



### LACEY 609-693-8566

#### 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

**Beanstack is your one stop shop for tracking your reading progress and activities at the Ocean County Library.**

**All branches of the Ocean County Library will be closed March 29th for Good Friday and March 31st for Easter Sunday**



All Branches will be open normal hours on Saturday, March 30th.



**OCL is on Social Media!**

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**LACEY**  
609-693-8566

### 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. **REG**

### T – 3/7, 3:30 pm, Thursday Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

### 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. **REG**

### CH – 3/12, 6 pm – 8 pm, Tuesday

#### Celebrate Youth Art Month®

Reception for students and families. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Library. Drop in.



### A – 3/12, 6 pm, Tuesday Meet the Mayor

Join us 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/A/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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**LACEY**  
609-693-8566

### 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 – 3/20, 3:30 pm, Wednesday LEGO® Free Play

Drop in.

### CH – 3/21, 3/28, 10 am, Thursdays Preschool Storytime

Stories, rhymes and songs followed by a simple craft. Ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver. **REG**

### T – 3/21, 3:30 pm, Thursday Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

### WHM/T/A – 3/21, 3:30 pm, Thursday

#### American Women and Titled Marriages: New Jersey's Dollar Princesses

Are you obsessed with the Gilded Age and the so-called American "Dollar Princesses" who married into titled European families? Join Monmouth University Professor Melissa Ziobro as she discusses the lives of these American "Dollar Princesses" of the Gilded Age including a few with roots in New Jersey. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Library. **REG**

### TW/PA – 3/25, 2 pm, Monday Tween Homeschool Eats

Cooking chemistry activities. Ages 11 – 15. **REG**

### FR – 3/26, 4 pm, Tuesday Friends of the Lacey Library Meeting

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

### T – 3/26, 6 pm, Tuesday DnD Club

Join a group of adventurers in *Dungeons & Dragons*®. New and experienced players are welcomed. Space is limited. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

### T/PA – 3/27, 3:30 pm, Wednesday Teen Paint & Sip

Enjoy homemade Italian sodas while painting a relaxing scene in honor of Youth Art Month®. Ages 12 – 18. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Library. **REG**

### WHM/MKR/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.



**LAKEWOOD**  
732-363-1435

### C/A – Computer Classes by Appointment

Contact us at 732-363-1435 ext. 2100 to book a one-on-one computer class. Topics include Microsoft® Word, Excel, PowerPoint, computer and eReader basics, Facebook®, Universal Class™, and more.

### CH – 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 1:30 pm, Fridays Friday Fun

Preschool craft. Ages up to 5.

### A – 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.

### 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

Free after-school homework help. Not tutoring or reading help. Ages 5 – 12.

### T – 3/4, 3 pm, Monday Guitar Club

Bring in your guitar and practice with fellow players. Ages 12 – 18.

### WHM/C/A – 3/5, 10 am, Tuesday The Women Who Grooved Using Freegal Music+® Database

Learn how to access the Freegal Music+® database to listen to your favorite female performers. Library card required. **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.



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FORWARD**

Daylight Saving Time  
Begins March 10th





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**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 by learning all about Barbie®'s "jobs" and history. 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**

Play video games. Ages 5 – 12.

**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 characters 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®: Thumbprint Dandelion**

Celebrate Youth Art Month® and create a dandelion. Ages 5 – 12.

**A – 3/27, 6 pm, Wednesday**  
**Cross Stitch Club**

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

**T – 3/27, 6 pm, Wednesday**  
**Coloring Night**

Celebrate National Crayon Day with a nice, relaxing coloring session. Ages 12 – 18.

**CH – 3/28, 6 pm, Thursday**  
**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.



**LITTLE EGG HARBOR**  
609-294-1197

**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 Association and face painting with Debby Pease. Ages 3 – 12. **REG**

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**LITTLE EGG HARBOR**  
**609-294-1197**

**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**

**CH/TW – 3/15, 3 pm, Friday**  
**New Jersey Makers Day: Drop-In Activity**  
Stop by the library to spark your imagination and create a fun project.

**BD – 3/19, 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.



**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**  
3/4: *Norma Rae* (PG) 114 min.  
3/18: *Belfast* (PG-13) 97 min.  
3/25: *Dead Poets Society* (PG) 128 min.

**CH – 3/5, 3/12, 9:30 am, Tuesdays**  
**Toddler Time**  
Come in to read stories and sing some songs together. Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver. **REG**

**A – 3/5, 11 am, Tuesday**  
**Blood Pressure Clinic**  
Free blood pressure screening by the LBI Health Department. Walk-ins welcome.





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**LONG BEACH ISLAND**  
**609-494-2480**

**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](mailto: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**

Songs and tales of the Emerald Isle will spring to life during An Irish Serenade with Jessica Carroll. Jessica will lead her audience in a tribute to Ireland in story and song, accompanied by her gentle acoustic guitar and incomparable vocals. **REG**

**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  
Italian Cultural Society of LBI**  
Sponsored by the Italian Cultural Society of LBI. **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 Boueil, a retired high school Latin teacher and classicist, will highlight some interesting facts about Caesar's life and his legacy. **REG**

**WHM/A – 3/16, 10 am – 2 pm,  
Saturday  
National Quilting Day  
Demonstration**

Women and quilting have long been an important part of our history and is steeped in many traditions. The *Pieceful Shores Quilters Guild* will host live demonstrations, answer questions, and offer many different types of quilts on display in the meeting room for the day and in the lobby display case for the month.

**G – 3/16, 3:30 pm, Saturday  
Knit Happens**

Bring your yarn, needles, or hooks, and join us for a casual knitting circle. All ages and levels are welcome. **REG**

**CH – 3/19, 3/26, 10 am,  
Tuesdays  
Toddler Time**

Come in to read stories and sing some songs together. Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver. **REG**

**G – 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.

**G/PA – 3/19, 6 pm, Tuesday  
Family Movie Night: *Peter Rabbit***

(PG) 100 min. Bring your own refreshments to watch the movie in person. **REG**

**CH/TW – 3/20, 3:30 pm,  
Wednesday  
Flower Power:  
Youth Garden Club**

The Garden Club of LBI – make a flower arrangement to share with your family. Registration will open four weeks prior to the event. Register each family member individually. Grades 3 – 6. **REG**

**A – 3/20, 6 pm, Wednesday  
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**

**G/PA – 3/21, 3:30 pm,  
Thursday  
Paws for Reading**

Practice your reading skills in the company of a gentle therapy dog. **REG**

**WHM/TW/T – 3/22, 10 am,  
Friday  
Teen DIY: Sailor Moon  
Garland**

Naoko Takeuchi is the creator of the iconic manga and anime series Sailor Moon. For Women's History Month, in collaboration with New Jersey Makers Day, we will be providing all the materials to make a sailor moon garland. While supplies last in the Teen Zone.

**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**

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. **REG**

**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**



**MANCHESTER**  
**732-657-7600**

**A – 3/2, 2 pm, Saturday  
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**

**BD/A – 3/5, 10:15 am, Tuesday  
Love of My Life by Rosie Walsh**

**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.



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### MANCHESTER 732-657-7600

#### 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.

#### WHM/A – 3/7, 2 pm, Thursday Priscilla (R) 113 min.

#### TW – 3/7, 6 pm, Thursday Tween Takeover: *Super Smash Bros™ & Mario Kart™*

Come and 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 8 – 12. **REG**

#### WHM/TW – 3/7, 7 pm, Thursday Cardboard Crafts: Pirate Figurehead

Come make a pirate figurehead out of cardboard and celebrate Women's History Month by honoring the legendary pirate, Anne Bonny. **REG**



#### 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 in 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. **REG**

#### 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. **REG**

#### 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. **REG**

#### 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. **REG**

#### 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. **REG**

#### 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.

#### T – 3/14, 6 pm, Thursday Teen & Tween Takeover: *Smash Bros™ & Mario Kart™* Come and 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 & tweens who love to play video games. Ages 10 – 16. **REG**

#### T – 3/14, 6 pm, Thursday Teen & Tween Takeover: Chess Club Learn how to play chess with other like-minded folks. Ages 10 – 16. **REG**

#### A/PA – 3/15, 2 pm, Friday Calming Coloring 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**

#### CH – 3/16, 10 am – 12 pm, Saturday New Jersey Makers Day: LEGO® Zip Line Experiment with LEGO® zip lines as part of New Jersey Makers Day. **REG**

#### A – 3/19, 1 pm – 3 pm, Tuesday Ask a Master Gardener Drop in and talk to a Master Gardener from the Rutgers Masters Gardeners of Ocean County. They will be able to answer any questions you may have about horticulture,

integrated pest management, wildlife control, or other environmental concerns. You may bring a sample of any problem you may be having in the garden for diagnosis.

#### CH – 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. **REG**

#### CH – 3/20, 10:30 am, Wednesday Build & Play Calling all future engineers, architects, and sculptors. Join us for playtime with modeling compounds and building toys. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

#### 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. **REG**

#### 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@dementialsolutions.com](mailto:fran@dementialsolutions.com). **REG**

#### CH – 3/22, 10 am, Friday Homeschool Hangout Meet other homeschool families and do themed activities. Ages 5 – 12. **REG**





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732-657-7600

**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 6 months – 3 years. **REG**

**WHM/CH – 3/26, 10:30 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**

**WHM/A – 3/26, 3 pm, Tuesday  
Women in Song**

Celebrate Women's History Month with vocalist Cosette Lynchski 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**



**PLUMSTED**  
609-758-7888

**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/A – 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**

**A – 3/25, 6:30 pm, Monday  
English/Spanish  
Conversation Group**

New to speaking Spanish? Join us for a conversation group where participants can help one another learn. Discuss pop culture, and current events.

**A – 3/26, 2:30 pm, Tuesday  
Adult Craft and Relax: Spring  
Collage**

We provide the items; you provide the imagination. **REG**

**T – 3/26, 3 pm, Tuesday  
Teen Volunteer Hour**

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

**CH – 3/28, 10:30 am,  
Thursday  
We're Going on a Bear Hunt  
Storytime**

Join us in celebrating Read Across America Week with stories and songs, and a *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* inspired craft. Ages 3+. **REG**



**PT. PLEASANT BEACH**  
732-892-4575

**CH – 3/4, 10:30 am, Monday  
Preschool Storytime  
Celebrates Read Across  
America Day**

Please join us for songs, stories and fun. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

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

**CH – 3/5, 10:30 am, Tuesday  
Toddler Fun: Stories &  
Scarves**

Please join us for songs, stories and fun for toddlers. Ages 18 months – 3 years. **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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**PT. PLEASANT BEACH**  
**732-892-4575**

### **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



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### **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.

### **A – 3/7, 6:30 pm, Thursday** **Open Mic Night**

Join Dennis “The Heavy Metal Poet” Townsend for a night of local talent. Sign-ups begin at 6 pm; performances start at 6:30 pm.

### **A – 3/7, 3/21, 7:30 pm, Thursdays** **Adult Writers Group**

Explore your writing skills in a fun, friendly, informal setting.

### **A/PA – 3/13, 6 pm, Wednesday** **Ask a Master Gardener**

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

### **CH – 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 Buidling**

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.**

### **WHM/CH – 3/20, 10 am, Wednesday** **Girl Power Storytime**

Please join us to celebrate Women’s History Month. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

### **BD – 3/20, 6 pm, Wednesday** **Open Our Mind Book Club**

*Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng.

### **A – 3/20, 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.

### **G – 3/21, 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**

### **CH – 3/25, 10 am, Monday** **Homeschool Hangout: STEAM Time**

Come explore, create and learn using STEAM kits and materials. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

### **CH – 3/26, 10 am, Tuesday** **Sensory Play**

Come join us for some sensory play. Ages 2 – 5. **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.



**STAFFORD**  
**609-597-3381**

### **CH – 3/1, 10 am, Friday** **Dr. Seuss™ Stories and Games**

In celebration of Read Across America Day, join in the Dr. Seuss™ storytime fun. Listen to *Green Eggs and Ham* and hunt for colored eggs. **REG**

### **A – 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 12:30 pm – 4 pm, Fridays** **Mah Jongg**

Bring your current year gaming cards and game sets. Drop in.

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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 home-schoolers using a green screen background and email the photos to attendees. Wear any color except green. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

**BD – 3/4, 12 pm, Monday  
AAUW Monday Book  
Discussion**

This month the group will be discussing *Don’t Look For Me* by Wendy Walker.

**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**

**WHM/A – 3/5, 10 am, Tuesday  
Reclaiming our Voice: NJ  
and the Fight for Women’s  
Suffrage**

Professional storyteller and independent historian, Carol Simon Levin, portrays Lillian Feickert, NJ Woman’s Suffrage Association president from 1912-1920, to tell the story of the role of NJ women in the struggle for women’s right to vote. **REG**

**CH – 3/5, 4 pm, Tuesday  
STEM Builders with LEGOS®**  
Ages 4 – 12. **REG**

**BD – 3/6, 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)**  
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

**VIRTUAL  
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PROGRAMS**

**MARCH 6  
4:00 PM**

**The Power of Friendships with NPR Legal  
Affairs Correspondent Nina Totenberg**  
NPR Legal Affairs Correspondent and  
New York Times Bestselling Author

**MARCH 14  
4:00 PM**

**20 Years of Dragon-Riding in YA Fantasy  
with International Bestselling Author  
Christopher Paolini**  
International Bestselling Author of  
Eragon, Eldest, Brisingr, and Inheritance

**MARCH 21  
7:00 PM**

**On Retelling Greek Classics: An  
Exploration of the Modern Epics  
with Madeline Miller**  
New York Times Bestselling Author of  
The Song of Achilles and Circe





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**TW/T – 3/13, 6:30 pm,  
Wednesday  
Green Screen: Youth Art  
Month®**

Celebrate Youth Art Month® with green screen photos. Staff will take pictures using a green screen background to create youth art. Photos will be emailed to attendees. Wear any color except green. Ages 8 – 17. Drop in.

**A – 3/14, 10 am, Thursday  
Hypertension and  
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, treatment options and risk factors for heart disease and stroke. Presented in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health. **REG**

**A – 3/14, 1 pm, Thursday  
Friends Adventure: An  
Irish Serenade with Jessica  
Carroll**

In honor of Ireland and St. Patrick come listen to Jessica Carroll's gentle acoustic guitar and incomparable vocals. Her songs and tales of the Emerald Isle will spring into life in this musical tribute. Sponsored by the Friends of the Stafford Library. **REG**

**CH – 3/14, 6 pm, Thursday  
Green Shamrocks and  
Leprechauns**

Listen to stories with leprechauns and shamrocks and make a craft. Wear green. **REG**

**A – 3/15, 10:30 am, Friday  
New Jersey Makers Day:  
Odds and Ends Art for Adults  
with Special Challenges**

Paint, draw or sculpt anything you want using craft supplies and other items provided. Let your imagination run wild. **REG**

**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.

**A – 3/18, 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**

**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**

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

**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  
Story and Craft**

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**

**G/PA – 3/28, 6 pm, Thursday  
Seeing Eye Dog Program**  
Learn about Seeing Eye Dogs and meet the trainers and some dogs. **REG**



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**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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**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 Backpack Coloring**  
Teens: relax and unwind as you meet with friends, do hands-on activities, and learn about and practice self-care. In this session, we'll kick off Youth Art Month® by decorating a totally zen drawstring backpack. **REG**

**WHM/CH – 3/5, 10:30 am, Tuesday**  
**Celebrate Women's History Month: Sharks Preschool Storytime**  
Enjoy a shark themed storytime and craft surrounding Dr. Eugenie Clark, also known as "The Shark Lady." Ages 3 – 5 with caregiver. **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**

**MKR/G – 3/6, 3/20, 2 pm, Wednesdays**  
**Weird Engineering Wednesdays**  
If you build it, make it weird. Can you make the tallest tower or the longest marble run? Have fun building whatever you can imagine using our various building blocks, then have some more fun knocking it all down. **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 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**

**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**

**MKR/G – 3/12, 3/26, 2 pm, Tuesdays**  
**Technology Tuesdays**  
Join us in the Sparks's Lab Makerspace for tech related activities and challenges using robots, circuit kits, and more. **REG**

**CH – 3/12, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**Lullaby Baby Storytime**  
Wear your best pajamas, and participate in interactive bedtime stories, songs, and activities. For babies up to 23 months. **REG**

**S/G – 3/12, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**Sensory Friendly Movie: The Super Mario Bros. Movie**  
(PG) 92 mins. Join us in the Sensory Space for a sensory friendly movie where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and dancing, walking, rolling, singing and shouting are welcome. All ages with caregiver. **REG**

**A/PA – 3/12, 6:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Master Gardeners of Ocean County: The Dirt on Houseplants**  
Plants are not only for the outside. Three different types of houseplants and their care and maintenance will be presented. **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**  
**LGBTTeens**  
Join us for LGBTTeens, 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**

## March Art Displays and Exhibits

**Lacey**

**Art Exhibit: Celebrate Youth Art Month®**

**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**



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**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.

**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**

**CH – 3/15, 10:30 am, Friday**  
**Dinosaur Storytime**

Hear some dinosaur tales and make a craft. Ages 3 – 5. **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**

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**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.

**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**

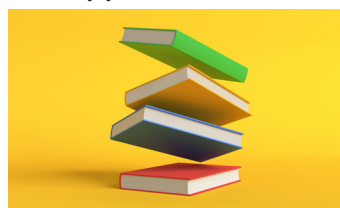
Come create a gratitude journal in a relaxing environment in the Sensory Space. **REG**

**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**

Play video games and make some new friends. Ages 4 – 12. Drop in.

**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 create, build, and compete in fun STEAM-inspired challenges with fellow teens. **REG**

**WHM/CH – 3/26, 10:30 am, Tuesday**  
**Celebrate Women's History Month: Preschool Storytime**

To celebrate Women's History Month, develop pre-reading skills with stories about Ameila Earhart, songs, movement, and a fun craft. Ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver. **REG**

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**T – 3/26, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**Solar Astronomy for Teens**

Want to get started with Solar Astronomy? You need to have the right gear to safely observe the sun. Join Jim Webster from the Astronomical Society of the Toms River area and we will review what is needed to enjoy solar astronomy safely. Ages 13 – 18. **REG**

**BD – 3/26, 6:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Trevor's Banned Book Club**

Gather to read books that have been subject to bans across the country. Title to be determined.

**A – 3/26, 6:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**The Beatles: From Liverpool to Abbey Road**

Vinnie Bruno, Beatles Scholar & 60s Rock Historian, will take us through the Beatles' historical journey. Vinnie will discuss each individual's post-Beatles works. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

**A – 3/26, 7 pm, Tuesday**  
**Vinyl Record Nights**

Come unwind and listen to curated vinyl records under the stars in our atrium.

**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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### TOMS RIVER 732-349-6200

#### A – 3/27, 7 pm, Wednesday Jazz Performance with Brian Betz Duo

Jazz duo Brian Betz (on guitar) and Behn Gillece (on vibraphone) will perform a selection of American standards and classic jazz songs. A Q&A period will follow the program. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

#### BD – 3/28, 2 pm, Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion *Gateway to the Moon* by Mary Morris. **REG**

#### CH/TW – 3/28, 6:30 pm, Thursday DIY Flowerpot Bunnies

Create your own bunny craft out of a flowerpot. Ages 7 – 12. **REG**



### TUCKERTON 609-296-1470

#### CH – 3/2, 11 am – 1 pm, Saturday Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss™ Drop-In Craft

Make a fun craft on this very special birthday.

#### CH/TW – 3/4, 4:30 pm, Monday Perler® Bead Crafting

Choose a pattern or create your own item. Ages 7 – 12. **REG**

#### A – 3/4, 7 pm, Monday Adult Crafting

Make an adorable hedgehog from folded book pages. **REG**

#### CH – 3/5, 11 am, Tuesday Toddler Time: Lions

Will March come in like a lion? Join us for stories, fingerplays and a craft. **REG**



#### A – 3/6, 2 pm, Wednesday Rockin' the Hits on the 88 Keys

NGXB is a solo pianist, arranger and content creator, who is no stranger to an audience. 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**

#### A – 3/7, 10 am, Thursday Art Chat

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

#### WHM/T/A – 3/11, 6 pm, Monday Flappers: The Birth of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Woman (NR) 53 min.

#### CH – 3/12, 11 am, Tuesday Toddler Time: Silly Fun

Enjoy unstructured fun with Play-Doh®, Lincoln Logs® and LEGOS®. **REG**

#### T/PA – 3/14, 3:30 pm, Thursday Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Enjoy a snack while making a God's eye craft. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

#### G – 3/16, 10:30 am – 1 pm, Saturday New Jersey Makers Day: Get Creative

Join us to make a whirligig or challenge yourself in our Bridge Building Competition or LEGO® Challenge. **REG**

#### A – 3/18, 6 pm, Monday Monday Movie Night *The Goonies* (PG) 114 min.

#### CH – 3/19, 11 am, Tuesday Toddler Time: Spring

Celebrate the official start of spring with stories, songs and a craft. **REG**

#### BD/A – 3/25, 6:30 pm, Monday Tuckerton Adult Book Discussion *Vanderbilt* by Anderson Cooper.

#### CH – 3/26, 11 am, Tuesday Toddler Time: Lambs

Is March leaving like a lamb? Join us for stories, songs and a craft. **REG**



### UPPER SHORES 732-793-3996

#### BD – 3/1, 10 am, Friday Morning Book Discussion *Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting* by Clare Pooley.

#### BD – 3/1, 3 pm, Friday Afternoon Book Discussion *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn.

#### A – 12 pm, All Mondays Mah Jongg Mondays

Play Mah Jongg at the library.

#### A – 9 am, All Tuesdays Hand and Foot Card Games

Come play this variant card game of Canasta at the library.

#### CH/PA – 3/6, 4 pm, Wednesday Paws for Reading

Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Ages 3 – 12. **REG**

#### A – 3/6, 6 pm, Wednesday Rockin' the Hits on the 88 Keys

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#### CH – 3/7, 10:30 am, Thursday Toddler Time

Join us for songs, stories, and hands-on activities. Ages 18 – 36 months with a caregiver. **REG**

#### A – 3/7, 3/21, 12 pm, Thursdays Bridge for All

Play bridge at the library. All skill levels welcome

#### G – 3/7, 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.

#### BD – 3/7, 3 pm, Thursday Thursday Book Discussion *This Time Tomorrow* by Emma Straub.

#### A – 3/8, 3/22, 1 pm, Fridays OC Purls Knitting Group

Enjoy conversation and exchange patterns while you work on your knitting projects.

#### CH – 3/13, 3/27, 10:30 am, Wednesdays Baby & Me

Join us for a free play session with various toys and music. Ages up to 18 months with a caregiver. **REG**

#### CH – 3/13, 3:30 pm, Wednesday Beaded Pipe Cleaner Shamrocks

Ages 5 – 12. **REG**

#### A/PA – 3/13, 6:30 pm, Wednesday Cookbook Club

Bring in a dish from the selected cookbook of the month to share and discuss with fellow culinary enthusiasts. Call or visit the Branch to register. **REG**

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# Programs and Events Guide

## March 2024



### UPPER SHORES 732-793-3996

#### 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**

#### WHM/A – 3/16, 1:30 pm, Saturday Movies at the Library: *On the Basis of Sex*

(PG-13) 180 min. **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**

#### CH – 3/21, 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**

#### TW/T – 3/21, 3:30 pm, Thursday

#### Perler® Beads Art

Create your own Perler® Beads craft. Ages 10 – 18. **REG**

#### WHM/A – 3/26, 6 pm, Tuesday Movies at the Library: *On the Basis of Sex*

(PG-13) 180 min. **REG**

#### A – 3/27, 6 pm, Wednesday Cyber Security

Join IT professional Robert Haines, who can advise you on how to keep your data more secure, so you reduce the chances of having your personal or financial information stolen or compromised. The session will include graphics, handouts and lots of audience participation. Please bring specific concerns and questions to share with the presenter. **REG**

#### CH – 3/28, 10:30 am, Thursday Sensory Play for Preschoolers

Sensory based activities for preschoolers with their caregivers. Dress for a mess. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

#### CH – 3/28, 3:30 pm, Thursday Rainbow Painting Clay Craft

Ages 5 – 12. **REG**



### WARETOWN 609-693-5133

#### CH – 3/1, 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)

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#### T – 3/18, 7 pm, Monday Tween Art Program

Come create a unique piece of art for Youth Art Month®. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**



### VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

#### WHM/T – March Women of Power

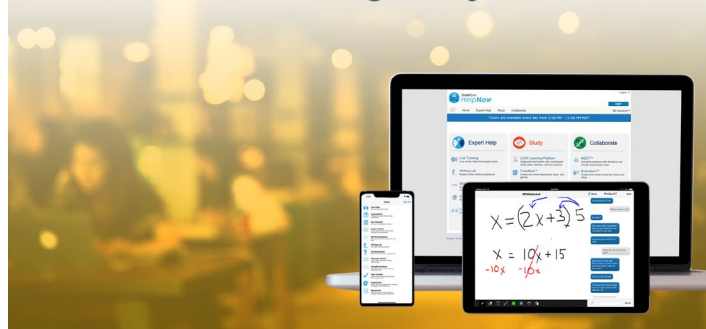
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# New Jersey MAKERS DAY PROGRAMS

Please check the brochure entries for full program description and registration details.



## • BARNEGAT •

3/15 • 3:30 pm

New Jersey Makers Day: Stations

## • BERKELEY •

3/15 • 3 pm

New Jersey Makers Day: Cardboard Construction

## • BRICK •

3/15 • 10:30 am

New Jersey Makers Day: Shrinky Dinks®

3/15 • 2 pm

New Jersey Makers Day: Makers Day Mixing

3/16 • 2 pm

New Jersey Makers Day: Neurographic Art

## • ISLAND HEIGHTS •

3/15 • 3:30 pm

New Jersey Makers Day: Women Aviators Paper Airplanes

## • JACKSON •

3/25 • 2 pm – 5 pm

New Jersey Makers Day: Drop-In Building

## • LACEY •

3/15 • 10:30 am

New Jersey Makers Day: Eric Carle Collage Art

3/15 • 3:30 pm

New Jersey Makers Day: Planters

## • LAKEWOOD •

3/14 • 6 pm

New Jersey Makers Day: Metal Models

3/15 • 1:30 pm

New Jersey Makers Day: Paper Ramp Challenge

## • LITTLE EGG HARBOR •

3/15 • 3 pm

New Jersey Makers Day: Drop-In Activity

## • LONG BEACH ISLAND •

3/23 • 2 pm

New Jersey Makers Day: Pressed Flower Lanterns

## • MANCHESTER •

3/16 • 10 am – 12 pm

New Jersey Makers Day: LEGO® Zip Line

3/28 • 2 pm

New Jersey Makers Day: Decorate a  
Miniature Candy Jar for Spring

*\*Potential Allergen*

## • PLUMSTED •

3/15 • 10:30 am

New Jersey Makers Day: Leprechaun Traps

## • POINT BEACH •

3/15 • 3:30 pm

New Jersey Makers Day: Code With Arduino

## • POINT BORO •

3/16 • 3 pm

New Jersey Makers Day: Family Buidling

## • STAFFORD •

3/15 • 10:30 am

New Jersey Makers Day: Odds and Ends Art  
for Adults with Special Challenges

3/15 • 2:30 pm

New Jersey Makers Day: The Great Skittle Experiment

3/15 • 3:30 pm

New Jersey Makers Day: DIY Bookmarks

## • TOMS RIVER •

3/16 • 10 am – 4 pm

New Jersey Makers Day Celebration

3/25 • 6:30 pm

New Jersey Makers Day: Teen STEAM Challenge

## • TUCKERTON •

3/16 • 10:30 am – 1 pm

New Jersey Makers Day: Get Creative

## • UPPER SHORES •

3/15 • 3:30 pm

New Jersey Makers Day

# Women's HISTORY MONTH Reads

## Adult Titles

*The Blood Trials* by N. E. Davenport

*The Foxglove King* by Hannah Whitten

*Starling House* by Alix E. Harrow

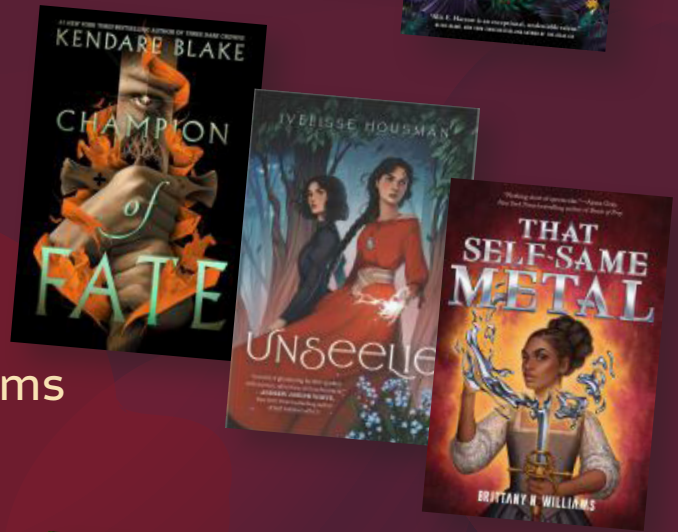


## Teen Titles

*Champion of Fate* by Kendare Blake

*Unseelie* by Ivelisse Housman

*That Self-Same Metal* by Brittany Williams



## Childrens Titles

*The Fire of Stars: The Life and Brilliance of the Woman Who Discovered What Stars Are Made Of* by Kirsten W. Larson

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

*The Moth Keeper* by Kay O'Neill

