As I write this on Tax Day, smiling that another tax season is over, except for the extensions, I look forward to some time to relax, enjoy the spring and our Library programs.

Don't forget to register for the remaining programs for April-
Fraud Watch is on April 25th at 2pm - a necessary program for so many of us- to be alert to all the scams going on. Be safe.
And, remember our movies at the library- another one next week on Tuesday and Saturday.

The May calendar is already out, with many programs again. Hackensack Meridian will be here on May 2nd, to discuss: knowing your risk for a stroke; then on May 11th, we have a speaker telling us about tasty meals for one or two people. Don't we all get tired of cooking the same things? Maybe some new ideas! On May 16th, there is a Friends sponsored program: The Asian Tea Experience. Sound intriguing? Come and find out. Check the calendar for the programs requiring registration.

Our book discussion groups are rapidly expanding! We started with one and now are up to three! What a great accomplishment for our little library! The group that I am a part of had a very lively discussion last week, with a great sharing of thoughts, and opinions.

The OC Purls is also expanding: I can remember days when we had 5 or 6 attendees- on April 14th, we had a group of 14 in attendance, all working on different projects! Please feel free to join our group- bring whatever project you are working on- and if you need help, there are always those available who are willing to help. It's a wonderful way to relax, make new friends, and accomplish knitting or crocheting projects.

PLEASE DONATE BOOKS!! Again, I put out my plea for book donations! For the Christmas in July event, as well as the Christmas book sale, MaryEllen Garlick, Book Sales Chair, needs newer hard cover books, within 5 years publication, with book jackets. We are also hoping to be a part of Founders Day in September, and hope to have a table to sell paperbacks at that. And, of course, our book shelves at the front of the library. Please look through your bookcases to see what you have. Staff will accept them at the library.

Our annual membership mailing is scheduled to go out in early May. Remember it is your dues and donations that help us to provide both adult and children’s programs for all of us to enjoy. If you meet someone at another event, who lives in the area, ask them if they are a member of the Friends- if not, try to encourage them to join.
Increasing membership is one of our goals- remember, Upper Shores Library is all of us. We need your help!

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Hope to see you on the Boardwalk, at the library, or anywhere around town!
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