A – February – May
2 Free Virtual Health Management Courses for Chronic Conditions or Diabetes
Take Control of Your Health for Chronic Diseases or Diabetes Self-Management Workshops. These weekly two-hour sessions will continue for six weeks via Zoom. Registration is ongoing. Developed by Stanford University for Seniors 60+. Funded by Ocean County Office of Senior Services, Meals on Wheels and Ocean County Library. Register online here: https://csimow.org/take-control-health/ or Contact Louanne Kane MA, NCC for more information and/or to register 732-281-8391 lkane534@comcast.net

A – February
Grab & Go Bundles
Pick up an Adult Book and Movie Bundle at the Long Beach Island Branch. Bundles are available for a wide variety of topics and may include fiction and nonfiction books and/or movies. Bundles are a “grab and go” item and are meant to be taken as a set. Each book must be checked out separately and may be returned separately.

A – February
Take & Make: Origami Hearts
Create a custom Valentine for a special someone with color and glitter and add a message to personalize. While supplies last at the Long Beach Island Branch.

DIV/A – February
Take & Make: Mandala Art
Learn about Mandala Art with this take home craft kit. Bonus coloring pages included. One per person, while supplies last at the Long Beach Island Branch.

A – 2/1 – 2/2
Take & Make: The Joyfulness Journey
Our Manchester Branch staff has compiled some inspirational ideas and activities into four weekly take-home kits focusing on joy and happiness. Kits include nostalgic games, riddles, coloring activities, library resources, and much more. Registration is required. Please register once for the entire four-week Joyfulness Journey series. Please pick up all four kits 2/1 – 2/2 during operating hours. REG

A – 2/1 – 2/6
Take & Make: Fragrant Llama Sachets
Make two fragrant llama patterned sachets to keep a drawer smelling fresh or hang as an air freshener. Scissors, needle and thread are required to complete this project. Registrants will be notified to pick up their kits at the Jackson Branch. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library. REG

A – 2/1 – 2/22
Make a Hex Nut Bracelet: The Braid Technique
Watch and learn how to create a chic and stylish bracelet using hex nuts and macramé cord. This inexpensive and easy-to-make bracelet makes a great, unique gift for men and women. YouTube link will be available starting February 1.

A – 2/1 – 2/26
Take & Make: Valentine Coloring Booklet
Enjoy this heartwarming booklet of Valentine pictures to take home and color yourself or with your loved ones. Pick up at the Jackson Branch. While supplies last.

A – 2/1 – 2/26
Which One – Washington or Lincoln
How well do you know these presidents? Match the information provided in this take-home activity packet with either President Washington or President Lincoln. Pick up at the Jackson Branch while supplies last.

A – 2/1 – 2/26
Black History Month
African-American Singular Successes Trivia
You may have heard of Phyllis Wheatley, but have you heard of Lucy Terry? Test your knowledge of African-Americans who have excelled in various fields of accomplishment with this trivia quiz. Those who answer all questions correctly will be entered to receive a gift bag of library goodies.

A – 2/2, 10 am – 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Take & Make: Flannel Heating Pad
Create a do-it-yourself flannel heating pad. This easy to make craft will help soothe any aches and pains or keep you warm on a cold winter’s day. A microwave is needed to heat. This kit is available at the Toms River Branch lobby while supplies last.

A – 2/8, 6 pm, Monday
Advanced French Club Virtual Program
Join us for a live virtual meeting and converse with other French speakers in the community. Participants must have a speaker and microphone to participate in this event. Intermediate and advanced speakers welcome. Please register to receive the Zoom link by email. REG

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.

Please note, all Take & Make programs are provided on a first come, first served basis. While supplies last.

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.

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.

Please see our event guide (http://bit.ly/OCLEventGuide) for more information on how to access these virtual programs.

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A Adult Program
BHM Black History Month
CH Children’s Program
DIV Diversity
G General Audience
REG Please Register
T Teen Program
TW Tween Program
A – 2/8 – 2/9
Take & Make: Pompon Love Birds
Pick up your personalized Pompon Love Bird craft kit at the Manchester Branch to take home with you. All supplies included, except for scissors. Registration required. Your personalized kit will be available for pick up at the Manchester Branch on Monday, February 8th and Tuesday, February 9th. REG

A – 2/8 – 2/15
Take & Make: Paper Quilling Heart
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Pick up at Waretown Branch.

A – 2/15 – 3/8
Make a Hex Nut Bracelet: The Square Knot Technique
Virtual Program
Watch and learn how to create a chic and stylish bracelet using hex nuts and macramé cord. This inexpensive and easy-to-make bracelet makes a great, unique gift for men and women. YouTube link will be available starting February 15th.

A – 2/16, 3 pm, Tuesday
Black History Month
Thurgood Marshall: America’s First African-American Supreme Court Justice
Join us for this film detailing Thurgood Marshall’s career as a lawyer, followed by a discussion of his life. His path took him from being the first African-American admitted to the University of Maryland Law School, to his victory in the landmark case Brown v. Board of Education ending “separate but equal” education, and finally to his appointment as the first African-American Supreme Court justice. Film available through OCL’s Access Video on Demand database. 2014 (NR) 23 min. REG

A – 2/17, 5:30 pm, Wednesday
Shipwrecks of the John Minturn Storm of 1846
The New Jersey 1846 John Minturn storm claimed scores of lives and nine vessels. The story of the disaster is retold in Undiminished Violence which narrates the unfortunate circumstances and poor decision-making that gave the storm its name. REG

BHM/A – 2/18, 10:30 am, Thursday
Madam President: The Legacy of Shirley Chisholm
Celebrate the life of Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm and her trailblazing spirit as the first African-American woman to seek a major political party’s nomination for the United States Presidency. Virtual program presentation. REG

A – 2/22, Monday
Take & Make: Weaving Craft
Pick up at the Berkeley Branch. Create your own woven art, using a small circular loom. Supplies and instructions are provided. You can add your own embellishments, yarn, or string if desired. Supplies are limited. REG

A – 2/23, 3 pm, Tuesday
Exploring the World of Tarot: Suit of Wands
In this program we will break down the mysteries of the Minor Arcana, focusing on the Suit of Wands. REG

A – 2/25, 3 pm, Thursday
Armchair Traveling Series: Egypt (Globe Trekker)
Travel around the world without leaving the comfort of your home. This film will take you through Egypt, and a discussion will follow. Film available through OCL’s Access Video on Demand database. 2000 (NR) 50 min. REG

BHM/A – 2/27, 12 pm – 2 pm, Saturday
Virtual Black History Month Celebration with the Toms River Area NAACP
Celebrate Black History Month with a special virtual program presented by Bright Star Theatre. Let it Shine: The American Civil Rights Movement 1955-1968 focuses on this tumultuous time in our history through stories and song. This powerful production shows the high price that was paid by those who fought for equal rights. This free event is sponsored by the Toms River Area NAACP and Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. Registration is required. To register call 732-349-6200 or visit theoceancountylibrary.org. REG
CH – February Storytime To Go Bundles
Celebrate Black History Month with the Toms River Branch and pick up a bundle of picture books perfect for storytime at home.

CH – February Black History Month Book Bundles and Activity Kits
Book bundles featuring African-American authors including Scholastic® Teachables activity packets and a craft. These bundles will be available at the Jackson Branch and will run for the month of February.

CH – February Storytime at Home Book Bundles
Pick up a “Storytime at Home” Book Bundle at the Long Beach Island Branch, available for a wide variety of topics. Each bundle includes both fiction and nonfiction books and a list of songs and rhymes. Bundles are a “grab and go” item and are meant to be taken as a set. Each book must be checked out separately.

CH – February Take & Make: Crafts
A fun craft for children is offered starting every Monday. Pick up at the Tuckerton Branch while supplies last.

CH – February Take & Make: Groundhog Day Crafts
Groundhog crafts for children & families. Pick up at the Upper Shores Branch. Younger children will need help from a parent or caregiver to complete the crafts. From home, you will need crayons or markers, a pencil, scissors and tape. While supplies last. Limit 1 per child.

CH – February Take & Make: Valentine Bumblebee
Pick up a Take & Make: Valentine Bumblebee for children at the Little Egg Harbor Branch. Kits will be available starting February 4 at 10 am. This take-home craft will be available while supplies last. Ages 4 and up.

CH – February Take & Make: Fire-Breathing Dragon
Pick up at the Waretown Branch while supplies last.

CH – Ongoing, starting 2/9, Tuesday
Cooking with Miss Joanne
Celebrate National Pizza Day by learning how to make garlic bread pizza. REG

CH – All Fridays Take & Make: Fire-Breathing Dragon
This take-home craft will be available while supplies last. Ages 4 and up.

CH – BHM/CH – 2/1, Monday
Take & Make: Black Heroes of Space
Take & Make a rocket ship to honor trailblazing African-American space pioneers. Available at the Lakewood Branch while supplies last. All ages.

CH – BHM/BD/CH – 2/8, Monday
Black History Month Family Book Discussion: A Ride to Remember: A Civil Rights Story
In 1963, Gwynn Oak Park was segregated. Everything changed when Sharon Langley became the first African-American child to ride the carousel. Pick up the book at the Upper Shores Branch or create a hoopla account with your library card to access it digitally. Then, pick up your packet with discussion questions, crafts, and links to explore further with library databases. Best for ages 5+ with adult.

CH – BHM/CH – 2/15, Monday
Take & Make: Wilma Rudolph Medalist Wilma Rudolph’s life story
Recommended for ages 2 – 8. You will need crayons or markers, a pencil, scissors and tape. While supplies last. Limit 1 per child.

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BHM/CH – February
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DIV/CH – 2/11, 10:30 am, Thursday
Lunar New Year
Join us for a live virtual story time on Zoom featuring stories about the Lunar New Year. Recommended for ages 2 – 8. All are welcome. REG

CH – 2/12, Friday
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CH – 2/15 – 2/17
Artist Showcase: Sculptor Augusta Savage
Augusta Savage was a renowned sculptor and teacher who also fought for the civil rights of African-Americans. Join the Jackson Branch in learning more about this revered artist and create a masterpiece of your own. Participants will receive clay and tools in addition to a virtual presentation on the works and legacy of the artist. REG

BHM/CH – 2/15 – 2/21
Take & Make Craft: Peace Dove
Children can celebrate Black History Month by making a simple Peace Dove, while you discuss the Civil Rights Movement’s desire for peace and equality. Available while supplies last from the Tuckerton Branch.

CH/G – 2/16, Tuesday
Take & Make: Paper Snowman
Stop by the Lakewood Branch and pick up a Take & Make kit at the Youth Service Desk. Available while supplies last. Ages 6 – 12.

BHM/CH – 2/18, 10:30 am, Thursday
Move & Groove Storytime
Join us for a live virtual story time on Zoom. We'll get moving with songs and rhymes and share books about dancing by Black authors and illustrators. Recommended for children ages 2 – 6. All are welcome. REG

CH – 2/22 – 2/24
Sensory Play Kit
Sensory Play kits offer children an opportunity for screen-free fun while benefitting their cognitive growth, fine and gross motor skills, and problem-solving skills. These kits are sponsored by the Jackson Friends of the Library. Registrants will be notified to pick up their kits at the Jackson Branch. Limit 1 per family. REG

T – February
DIY Crayon Lip Gloss
Learn how to repurpose old crayons into a tinted lip gloss. REG

T – February
DIY Duct Tape Roses
Learn how to make roses out of duct tape and pipe cleaners. REG

T – February
Take & Make: Heart Pendant
Create a beautiful pendant with recycled book pages. Stop by the Teen Zone at the Berkeley Branch and pick up our newest Take & Make while supplies last.

T – February
Take & Make: “Bookagami” Heart
Learn how to transform a discarded book into a Heart. Stop by the Teen Zone at the Berkeley Branch and pick up our newest Take & Make while supplies last.

T – February
Take & Make: Felt Coffee Cozy
Warm up with your favorite warm beverage with this cute coffee cup cozy. Stop by the Teen Zone at the Berkeley Branch and pick up our newest Take & Make while supplies last.

T – February
DIY Tassel Bookmarks
Learn how to make tassel bookmarks out of yarn.

T – February
Take & Make: Locks
Learn about the African-American Inventor W. A. Martin. Decorate your own lock or use one ours to create a display in the Library. Stop by the Teen Zone at the Berkeley Branch and pick up our newest Take & Make while supplies last.

T/TW – February
Book-o-scopes: February Reads for your Sign
Check in each month for book recommendations based on your astrological chart. Available on YouTube.

T – February
Romance Book Bingo
Love a good rom-com title or even a dramatic romance? See if you can get bingo by crossing out these romance tropes. REG

T – February
Magical Girl Anime & Manga Trivia
Test your knowledge on a different anime and manga theme every month. This month, see how much you know about the wonderful world of magical girls, transformations, cute sidekicks, and ladies who truly kick butt.

T – 2/3, Wednesday
Adulting 101: How to Iron
Unprepared for life on your own? Learn how to work that iron and make your clothes presentable when it really counts. Check the Calendar of Events for the YouTube link.

T – 2/5, 10 am, Friday
Black History Book Bundles for Teens
Pick up from the Black History Month Display at the Toms River Branch. Bundles will be available while supplies last.

BHM/T – 2/8, 10 am, Monday
Adinkra Symbols and Meanings
We'll learn about Adinkra symbols and their use in West African culture. These symbols are used in fabrics, logos, and pottery. Ages 11 – 18. REG

BHM/MKR/T – 2/8 – 2/23
Teen Take & Make: Paint Party Kit
Jean-Michel Basquiat, an influential African-American artist, achieved critical success in the 1980s. His paintings transported graffiti from the outside of buildings and trains to inside NYC's toniest galleries. For TEDTalk and Take & Make pick up at the Jackson Branch, visit our calendar of events. Ages 12 – 18. REG

BHM/TW – 2/11 – 2/12
Take & Make: Black History Month Bookmarks
Celebrate Black History Month by designing your own bookmark. Pick up at the Manchester Branch while supplies last.
T – 2/18, 3 pm, Thursday
Adulting 101: How to Check Tire Pressure
Learn the basics of how to check and maintain the tire pressure of your car.
Ages 12 – 18. REG

BHM/T/TW – 2/22, Monday
Take Home Book Club: Rad Girls Can
Pick up the book and the craft at the Upper Shores Branch. While supplies last. Limit 1 per tween/teen. Best for ages 12+.

BHM/T/TW – 2/22, 10 am, Monday
Take Home Book Club: From the Desk of Zoe Washington
Pick up a copy of the book at the Long Beach Island Branch including questions about the book and a craft. Take Home Book Club kits will be available while supplies last. Best for 4th grade reading levels and up.

BHM/T – 2/25, 5 pm – 8 pm, Thursday
Paint Party To-Go
Teens are invited to celebrate Black History Month by creating a painting inspired by Lois Mailou Jones or Alma Thomas. Stop by the Manchester Branch on February 25th between 5 pm – 8 pm to pick up a Paint Party To-Go Kit. Available while supplies last.

MULTI-AGED AUDIENCE

BHM – February
Black History Month Daily Facts
Learn a fact that coincides with each day of Black History Month. REG

BHM – February
Take & Make: Adinkra Charms
Pick up a kit at the Lakewood Branch to learn about the history of Adinkra symbols and create polymer charms highlighting them.

BHM/G – February
Black History Month Digital Scavenger Hunt
How much do you know about famous African-Americans throughout history? Pick up a packet at the Beachwood Branch, use the Library’s online resources and see how many questions you can solve. This is a great activity for families to work on together. Bring your completed packet back to the Branch and receive a small prize.

BHM – February
Black History Month Trivia
Test your knowledge and learn something new in a game that celebrates Black History Month.

A/T – February
Take & Make: Crafts
A new creative craft is offered starting every Monday. Pick up at the Tuckerton Branch while supplies last.

G – February
Love Letters to the Library
Celebrate Valentine’s Day by writing a letter telling us why you love the Library. Stop by the Berkeley Branch and pick up your stationary or use your own materials and drop them off when you are done. All ages, skill levels, and abilities are welcome. The letters will be displayed in the Branch.

G – February
1,000 Cranes Project
Help the Berkeley Branch with our 2021 goal of folding 1,000 origami cranes. According to legend, anyone who folds 1,000 cranes gets a wish granted. Our wish is for a healthy and prosperous year for our community. Pick up supplies and directions at the Branch or feel free to use your own materials. All ages, skill levels, and abilities are welcome. Fold as many as you like and drop them off when you are done.

BHM/G – 2/1, Monday
Dream Jars
Celebrate Black History Month by learning how to make Dreams Jars. Dreams Jars are inspired by the renowned poem Dreams by Langston Hughes.

CH/TW – 2/1, 10 am, Monday
Take & Make Monday: Sundials for Groundhog Day
Pick up a Take & Make sundial craft kit at the Long Beach Island Branch and learn about shadows and Groundhog Day. This take-home craft will be available while supplies last.

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BHM/G – 2/8 – 2/28
Virtual Black History Month: State of New Jersey Quiz
Learn some stories and facts of Black History that took place in New Jersey.

DIV/CH/TW – 2/16, 10 am, Tuesday
Take & Make: Lunar New Year Good Luck Ornament
Pick up a Take & Make Lunar New Year craft kit at the Long Beach Island Branch. This take-home craft will be available while supplies last.

A/T – 2/18, 6 pm, Thursday
The History and Impact of Black Superheroes
Join OCL Staff to celebrate black superheroes for this Black History Month program. Learn about the history of black superheroes in Marvel and DC Comic from Black Panther to Falcon. Participate in an online discussion of beloved superheroes, their role in popular culture, their contribution to promoting inclusivity and diversity.

G – 2/19, 12 pm, Friday
Sew Cute
Learn how to make a simple “stuffie” using the blanket stitch.

SNAPSHOT – SHARE YOUR FAVORITE OCL MEMORY AT YOUR LOCAL BRANCH OR ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

SnapShot Day is an annual celebration where the New Jersey libraries come together to document experiences that make up a day in the life of the library.

EARN BADGES ON BEANSTACK THROUGH THE SNAPSHOT FEBRUARY CHALLENGE.
FEATURED READS AND FILMS TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2021:
“The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity”

**Adult Titles**

- **A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering your African-American Ancestors: How to Find and Record your Unique Heritage**
  By Franklin Carter Smith
  Book available in print
  Call Number: 929.1 Smit

- **Quest: An Intimate Portrait of an African-American Family (2017)**
  Directed by Jonathan Olshefski
  Film Available on Kanopy

- **Between the World and Me**
  By Ta-Nehisi Coates
  Book available in:
  - print – Call Number: 305.8009 Coat
  - Audiobook – Call Number: CD 305.8009 Coat
  - eBook & eAudiobook on OverDrive

- **Sweet Home Café Cookbook: A Celebration of African-American Cooking**
  By Albert Lukas
  Book available in print
  Call Number: 641.592 Smit

**Teen Titles**

- **Child of the Dream (Turning 13 In 1963)**
  By Sharon Robinson
  Book available in print - Call Number: JB Robi
  also available on hoopla

- **21**
  By Wilfred Santiago
  Graphic Novel available in:
  - print – Call Number: YA B Clem;
  - eBook - hoopla

- **March**
  By John Lewis
  Graphic Novel Available in:
  - print – Call Number: YA B Lewi;
  - eBook – hoopla & OverDrive

- **Diversity and Multiculturalism**
  Reviewed by Michael T. Barta, PhD, LPC
  Article available via Teen Health and Wellness Database

- **Victor LaValle’s Destroyer**
  By Victor Lavalle
  Graphic Novel available on hoopla

**Children’s Titles**

- **One Crazy Summer**
  By Rita Williams-Garcia
  Book available in:
  - print- Call Number: J Will;
  - eBook and eAudiobook-
  hoopla

- **Lullaby (for a Black mother): a poem**
  By Langston Hughes, illustrated By Qualls
  Book available in:
  - print- Call Number: E811.54 Hugh

- **Hair Love**
  By Matthew A. Cherry
  Book available in:
  - print- Call Number: E Cher; eBook and eAudiobook-OverDrive; eaudiobook-hoopla

- **Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History**
  By Vashti Harrison
  Book available in:
  - print- Call Number: J920.72 Harr;
  - eBook and eAudiobook-
  OverDrive

- **Let the Children March**
  By Monica Clark-Robinson
  Book available in print-Call Number: E Clar, READ ALONG J Clar; eAudio-
  book, movie, and movie read along-hoopla; eBook and eAudiobook-
  OverDrive