CH/PA – 12/12, 10 am, Tuesday Professional Santa Claus Storytime
Holiday themed stories and songs followed by a visit from Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. Refreshments will be provided. Ages 2+. REG

A – 12/13, 10 am, Wednesday Norman Rockwell: An American Portrait
NR 60 min. REG

T – 12/13, 6 pm, Wednesday Crochet 101 for Teens
Join us for this month’s meeting of the teen crochet group. Never crocheted before? No problem. We will go over the basics and learn as we go. Ages 12 – 18. REG

G – 12/15, 1 pm, Friday Robert L. Horbelt Intermediate School Christmas Carolers
Celebrate the holiday season at the library. Songs of the season will be performed live at the library by 5th and 6th grade chorus students as well as other select ensembles of the Robert L. Horbelt Intermediate School. REG

A – 12/19, 2 pm, Tuesday Colonial and Victorian Christmas Customs
Whether it is decorating with holly and mistletoe, eating gingerbread, or going caroling, these Christmas customs have been handed down from Colonial and Victorian times. Join us as we welcome Judith Krall Russo who will talk about these customs, and learn about their similarities, as well as their differences. REG

CH – 12/20, 10 am, Wednesday Toddler Art: Contact Paper Christmas Tree
Toddlers can come and create a mess-free Christmas tree craft using contact paper and craft supplies. Ages 2+. REG

CH/PA – 12/20, 6 pm, Wednesday Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18

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.
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CH – 12/12, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Incredible Infants
Join us for songs, rhymes and playtime. For infants up to 18 months. REG

CH – 12/14, 10:30 am, Thursday
Happy Holidays Storytime
Join us for storytime followed by a craft. Ages 3+. REG

T – 12/18, 6 pm, Monday
Teen Scene
Stop by the library, hang out, and make a simple craft. Ages 13 – 17. REG

A – 12/27, 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 – 12/4, 10:30 am – 2 pm, Mondays
Movies for Adults with Special Challenges
Individuals and day programs for adults with special challenges are welcome to enjoy a movie in our meeting room. The audience will select their film on the day of the showing. Room opens at 10:30 am, movie starts at 11:30 am. REG

A – 12/4, 11 am, Monday
Puzzle Piece Snowflake
Learn how to transform old puzzle pieces into beautiful snowflakes. REG

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

C/A – 12/6, 6 pm, Wednesday
Intro to Computers
Stop by with your own device for this introductory course. REG

A – 1 pm – 4 pm, All Thursdays
Mah Jongg
Join a weekly session for experienced players of Mah Jongg. Players must bring their own set and current card. Call the Branch at 732-269-2144 to register once for all sessions. REG

BD – 12/8, 1 pm – 2:30 pm, Friday
Friday Afternoon Book Discussion
Please contact the Berkeley Branch for details.

G – 12/11, 7 pm, Monday
Petra and the Wolf presented by Basically Ballet
An all-female cast will perform a retelling of the classic story, Peter & the Wolf. REG

T – 12/12, 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

CH – 12/13, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Baby and Me
Rhythm, rhyme, music and movement for babies up to 12 months with caregiver. This is designed for babies who are not yet walking. REG

MKR/G – 12/13, 3:30 pm, Wednesday
Holiday Green Screen Photos
Stop in to have your picture taken in front of a festive holiday background and receive a digital photograph. REG
T/PA – 12/14, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Holiday Movie Night
Watch a festive movie and enjoy snacks with other teens. REG

T/TW/PA – 12/15, 10:30 am, Friday
Homeschool Hang Out
Enjoy snacks, crafts, and hang out with other teen and tween homeschoolers. REG

DiV/A – 12/16, 3 pm, Saturday
Kwanzaa Corn Husk Vase
Learn about how corn traditionally pays tribute to the circle of life in Kwanzaa celebrations, and how these vases are a unique way to pass along this custom. REG

CH/PA – 12/19, 4 pm, Tuesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. REG

T/A – 12/19, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Acoustic Jam Session
Bring an instrument and play with other musicians. All musical styles and skill levels are welcome. Ages 13+. REG

A/PA – 12/20, 6 pm, Wednesday
Hot Chocolate Flight Program
Learn how to prepare hot chocolate from around the world and warm up on a cold evening at the library. REG

CH – 12/21, 10:30 am, Thursday
Toddler Time
Play with your little one as we share stories, rhymes, songs, and dance. Ages 1 – 2. REG

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

CH – 12/27, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Baby and Me
Rhythm, rhyme, music and movement for babies up to 12 months with caregiver. This is designed for babies who are not yet walking. REG

T – 12/28, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Game Night
Play familiar and new games, just for teens. REG

CH – 12/30, 11 am, Saturday
Noon Year’s Eve
Celebrate the New Year one day early with dance, crafts, noise, and a countdown to noon. Ages 2 – 5. REG

A – 12/2, 1 pm, Saturday
A Rockin’ Holiday Concert with NGXB
Celebrate the holiday season with pianist NGXB as he performs hit seasonal and contemporary songs that will get you into the festive spirit. NGXB incorporates rock, pop, and all other genres of contemporary music into his performances on the piano in a virtuosic style, while also displaying his charismatic personality. Sponsored by the Friends of the Brick Library. REG

A – 12/4, 2 pm, Monday
Advanced French Club
Join us at the Brick Branch and speak French with other French speakers in the community. Intermediate and Advanced speakers welcome. REG

CH – 12/4, 6 pm, Monday
Decorate an Owl Bank
Dress to make a mess and paint a ceramic owl bank. Ages 7+. REG

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

A/PA – 12/6, 10 am, Wednesday
Pups and Grownums: A Holiday Visit from Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs for Adults with Special Challenges
Enjoy the company of gentle therapy dogs while relaxing, listening to festive music, and coloring. We will also have the green screen set up if you wish to take photos with holiday backgrounds. REG

A – 12/6, 6 pm – 8 pm, Wednesday
Twisted Stitchers of Ocean County
New knitters welcome. If you are already a knitter, please join our group to share your expertise with others. Our group will meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 6 pm – 8 pm.

T – 12/6, 7 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 12/7, 10:30 am, Thursday
Fireside Storytime
Come enjoy some cozy stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. REG

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

CH – 12/8, 3 pm, Friday
Santa Letter Craft Day
It’s time to write that letter to Santa. Ages 2+. REG

CH – 12/9, 3 pm, Saturday
Deer Drop-in Craft
Drop in to make a fun deer craft. Ages 2+.

CH/PA – 12/11, 10:30 am, Monday
Candy Cane Crafts and Scavenger Hunt
We’ll create some candy cane themed crafts and then enjoy a candy cane scavenger hunt. Ages 2 – 5. REG

CH – 12/11, 6 pm, Monday
Hanukkah Drop-in Craft
Drop in to celebrate the holiday. Ages 2+.

A – 12/11, 6:30 pm, Monday
Adult Crafting
We will be decorating bottles with snowmen. REG

A – 12/12, 10 am, Tuesday
Vaccine Clinic
The Ocean County Health Department will be offering flu and COVID-19 vaccines. Please visit www.ochd.org/covid19 for more information or call 732-341-9700 x7411.

T – 12/12, 3:45 pm, Tuesday
Clay Holiday Ornaments
Use air-dry clay to create cute ornaments for any winter holiday. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A – 12/13, 10 am, Wednesday
Craft for Adults with Special Challenges
REG

CH – 12/14, 10:30 am, Thursday
Cookie Storytime
Enjoy some cookie themed stories and decorate a craft. Ages 2 – 5. REG

A/PA – 12/14, 2:30 pm, Thursday
Coffee and Coloring
Spend an afternoon coloring, listening to soothing music, drinking coffee, and relaxing with like-minded adults at the library. Light refreshments will be served. REG

CH – 12/14, 6 pm, Thursday
Mystery Drop-in Craft
Drop in to make a fun craft. Ages 2+.

CH – 12/15, 2:30 pm, Friday
Baby Green Screen
We’ll provide some fun holiday green screen backgrounds you can use to take some custom photos of your babies. For babies up to 18 months with caregiver. REG
ISLAND HEIGHTS
732-270-6266

CH – 12/16, 10:30 am, Saturday
Snow Queen & Ice Princess Storytime
Winter stories, songs, games, and meet-and-greet with the Snow Queen and Ice Princess. Sponsored by the Friends of the Brick Library. Ages 2+. REG

A/PA – 12/18, 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

A – 12/19, 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. Our group will meet on every third Tuesday of each month from 1 pm – 3 pm.

CH – 12/19, 6 pm, Tuesday
Pajama Storytime
Wear your pajamas for some cozy stories. Ages 2+. REG

A – 12/19, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Writers Group
Looking for a friendly community of writers? Spark your writing creativity and participate in friendly, peer critiques on novels, short stories, memoirs, or any writing project you are working on.

CH – 12/20, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Decorate a Gingerbread Ornament
Come in and make a gingerbread ornament. Ages 2 – 5. REG

T – 12/20, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Teen Pride Club
An ongoing, inclusive club designed to bring LGBTQ+ teens and their allies together in a safe and fun space. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 12/21, 10:30 am, Thursday
Winter Storytime
Join us for winter stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. REG

A – 12/21, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Night Crafting for Adults
We will be making a bracelet for Kwanzaa. REG

CH – 12/13, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Baby and Me
For ages up to 12 months. REG

CH/PA – 12/16, 11 am, Saturday
Teen Takeover: Keepy Uppy Party
The Teen Advisory Board is organizing and leading a themed party for our favorite friendly dog games and snacks.

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

A – 12/19, 2 pm, Tuesday
Adult Craft: Woven Snowflakes
Learn how to make woven decorative snowflakes. Ages 12 – 18. REG

T – 12/26, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen Craft: Woven Snowflakes
Learn how to make woven decorative snowflakes. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 12/27, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Toddler Time
Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs. Ages 18 months – 3 years. REG

G/PA – 12/29, 2 pm, Friday
Tea and Coloring
Unwind from the busy holiday season with tea and coloring. Ages 2 – 5. REG

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732-928-4400

A – 12/2, 2 pm, Saturday
Holiday Flute and Guitar Concert
Enjoy a flute and guitar concert with Marjorie Koharski and Keith Calmes featuring holiday classical music. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library. REG

A – 12/4, 12/18, 10 am, Mondays
Knit Chat Chain
Join our knitting and crocheting group. Bring your own project or make items to donate to those in need.

CH – 12/4, 10:30 am, Monday
Baby & Me Social Hour
Make new friends in our relaxed open-play setting. Ages up to 24 months. REG

MKR/A – 12/4, 2:30 pm, Monday
Sensory Friendly Movie
Abominable (PG) 97 min. Join us for a sensory friendly movie viewing of Abominable, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and singing, walking, rolling and dancing are welcome. REG

CH – 12/6, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Storytime
Join us for stories, songs, and a craft perfect for children ages 18 months – 3 years. REG

S/A – 12/6, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Wednesday
Sensory Friendly Movie for Adults with Special Challenges: Abominable
(PG) 97 min. Join us for a sensory friendly movie viewing of Abominable, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and singing, walking, rolling and dancing are welcome. REG

DIV/A – 12/6, 2 pm, Wednesday
Rosa Parks Day
Conmemoration Film: The Rosa Parks Story (TV-PG) 94 min. REG

MKR/T – 12/7, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Makerspace: Floral Embroidery
We'll learn embroidery stitches. Then, we'll put them together to make flowers bloom on fabric. Ages 12 – 18. REG

S/CH – 12/8, 10:30 am, Friday
Homeschool Sensory Space Social Hour
Join us in the Sensory Space for a relaxing social hour. Ages 6 – 12. REG

A – 12/9, 2 pm, Saturday
Holiday Concert with Navesink Brass
Join us for holiday selections with the Navesink Brass. Members of the group are professional musicians and music teachers who have performed together since 1992. Sponsored by the Navesink Brass. REG

CH – 12/11, 10:30 am, Monday
Babytime
Join us for 15-20 minutes of songs and activities followed by an hour of adult and child socialization. Ages up to 18 months. REG

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY
A – 12/11, 2 pm, Monday
Crochet Class
Join us for a relaxing crochet class. Crochet experience recommended. Bring your own project or utilize provided patterns and materials. REG

S/G – 12/11, 6 pm – 8 pm, Monday
Sensory Friendly Movie: The Grinch
(PG) 90 min. Join us for a sensory friendly movie viewing of The Grinch, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and singing, walking, rolling and dancing are welcome. REG

A – 12/11, 6:30 pm, Monday
Knit Chat Chain
Join our knitting and crocheting group. Bring your own project or make items to donate to those in need.

CH – 12/12, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Winter Sensory Time
Explore your senses with fun station-based play. Ages 2 – 5. REG

BD – 12/12, 1 pm, Tuesday
This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger

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

MKR/A – 12/13, 2:30 pm, Wednesday
Embroidered Photo Ornament
Join us to make an embroidered house-shaped ornament for the holidays that holds a photo. REG

G – 12/13, 4 pm, Wednesday
Family Green Screen Play: Holiday Card Edition
Celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, and/or Kwanzaa with a family photo in front of our green screen. Please avoid wearing green. REG

TW – 12/14, 10:30 am, Thursday
Tween Homeschool Makers
Come learn something new. Ages 8 – 12. REG

A – 12/14, 2 pm, Thursday
World AIDS Day Movie: Bohemian Rhapsody
(PG-13) 134 min. REG

MKR/T – 12/14, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Makerspace: Duct Tape Wallet
Brush up your measuring skills. We’re making duct tape wallets. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 12/14, 4 pm, Thursday
Decorative Boxes
Use decoupage to decorate and personalize gift boxes. Ages 6 – 12. REG

S/A – 12/19, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Game Hour for Adults with Special Challenges
Join us for some fun times playing board games and cards in the Sensory Space. Feel free to bring your favorite if you have one. REG

S/G – 12/19, 6 pm – 8 pm, Tuesday
Sensory Friendly Movie: Megamind
(PG) 96 min. Join us for a sensory friendly movie viewing of Megamind, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and singing, walking, rolling and dancing are welcome. REG

CH – 12/20, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Storytime
Join us for stories, songs, and a craft. Ages 3 – 5. REG

MKR/T – 12/21, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Makerspace: Create a Winter Scene Using Watercolor Pencils
Draw and paint with us. We’ll create a winter scene using watercolor pencils. Ages 12 – 18. REG
**JACKSON**

**732-928-4400**

**FR – 12/21, 4 pm, Thursday**
Jackson Friends of the Library Meeting
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

**CH – 12/27, 12 pm – 5 pm, Wednesday**
Drop-in Crafts
Visit the Children’s Department for fun crafts.

**MKR/T – 12/28, 3:30 pm, Thursday**
Teen Makerspace:
Resolution Mood Board
What are your New Year’s resolutions? What do you want your 2024 to look like? Brainstorm all you can achieve, dig into our collection of DIY and self-help books, and make a mood board to reflect your vision. Ages 12 – 18.

**LACEY**

**609-693-8566**

**APA – 12/2, 2 pm, Saturday**
Kaylee McGrath’s Photography Display Reception
Meet the artist and enjoy the photos. Light refreshments will be served.

**A – 12/4, 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.

**G – 12/4, 7 pm, Monday**
Petra & the Wolf presented by Basically Ballet
An all-female cast will perform a retelling of the classic story of Peter & the Wolf. REG

**CH – 12/5, 10 am, Tuesday**
Open Playtime
Ages 1 – 5 with a caregiver. Drop in.

**T/PA – 12/5, 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.

**CH – 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 10 am, Wednesdays**
Mother Goose Time
For babies up to 18 months with a caregiver. REG

**CH/PA – 12/6, 4:30 pm, Wednesday**
Kids Cook: Hanukkah Cookie Gift Jars
Ages 6 – 12. REG

**CH – 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 10 am, Thursdays**
Toddler Time
Ages 19 – 36 months with a caregiver. REG

**T – 12/7, 4 pm, Thursday**
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

**AP – 12/9, 10 am, Monday**
Preschool Storytime
Ages up to 5 with a caregiver. REG

**T/A – 12/9, 3:30 pm, Monday**
From Scratch: Cookie Mix Jars
Learn how to make cookie mix jars from scratch. REG

**CH – 12/12, 10:30 am, Tuesday**
Toddler Art
For ages 19 – 36 months with a caregiver. REG

**A – 12/12, 6 pm, Tuesday**
Meet the Mayor
Join us as the Lacey Branch hosts Meet the Mayor with Lacey Mayor Timothy McDonald. During this event you will be able to ask questions directly to the Mayor in an informal setting.

**T – 12/12, 3:30 pm, Thursday**
DnD Club
Join a group of adventurers in Dungeons & Dragons®. New and experienced players are welcomed. Space is limited. Ages 12 – 18. REG

**A – 12/12, 6:30 pm, Thursday**
Meet the Mayor
Join us as the Lacey Branch hosts Meet the Mayor with Lacey Mayor Timothy McDonald. During this event you will be able to ask questions directly to the Mayor in an informal setting.

**CH/PA – 12/13, 12/20, 12/27, 10 am, Wednesdays**
Mother Goose Time
For babies up to 18 months with a caregiver. REG

**T/A – 12/13, 3:30 pm, Tuesday**
Stitch It Club
Knit, crochet, sew, or embroider with fellow Stitch It members. Share leisurely conversation & tips. All skill levels are welcome.

**CH – 12/14, 10 am, Tuesday**
Open Playtime
Ages 1 – 5 with a caregiver. Drop in.

**T/PA – 12/14, 6 pm, Tuesday**
Anime & Manga Café
Relax and hang out with friends while watching anime, enjoying Japanese snacks, and reading the latest manga. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Library.

**CH – 12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 10 am, Fridays**
Preschool Storytime
Ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver. REG

**T/A – 12/15, 3:30 pm, Tuesday**
From Scratch: Cookie Mix Jars
Learn how to make cookie mix jars from scratch. REG

**AP – 12/16, 10 am, Monday**
Prep Before Pet
Learn how to prep your home before adopting a pet, forms needed before pet adoption, how to go about selecting a pet, what pet health care is needed prior/after adoption, and what to expect once you bring your adopted pet home. Program presented by the Lanoka Oaks Veterinary Center. REG

**T/A – 12/16, 3:30 pm, Monday**
From Scratch: Cookie Mix Jars
Learn how to make cookie mix jars from scratch. REG

**CH – 12/19, 3:30 pm – 5 pm, Tuesday**
LEGO® Free Play

**CH – 12/22, 2 pm, Friday**
Homeschool STEAM
Ages 5 – 10. REG

**CH/PA – 12/28, 4 pm – 5 pm, Thursday**
Paws for Reading
Practice reading in the company of gentle therapy dogs.

**A – 12/28, 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.

**CH – 12/29, 10:30 am, Friday**
Art Explorers: Winter Folk Art Trees
Ages 6 – 12. REG

**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 – 1:30 pm, All Fridays**
Friday Fun
Preschool craft. Ages up to 6.

**A – 12/2, 2 pm, Friday**
World AIDS Day Documentary
Rock Hudson: All That Heaven Allowed (PG-13) 104 min.

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A – 12/4, Monday
Citizenship Prep Class Registration
This 8-week class will help you pass the naturalization test to become a US Citizen. Registration begins December 4th. Attendance at all sessions is required. Classes meet 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, beginning Thursday, January 11th through February 29th. Class size is limited. To be eligible, you must be a qualified immigrant at least 18 years or older. To register, contact 732-363-1435 ext. 2100 or at the Branch in person.

CH – 12/4, 6 pm, Monday
Homework Help

CH – 12/4, 6 pm, Wednesday
Dewey Decimal Scavenger Hunt
Take part in a scavenger hunt by using the Dewey Decimal System to win a prize. Ages 12 – 18.

T – 12/5, 6 pm, Tuesday
Typing 101
Use free resources to improve your skills.

T – 12/6, 6 pm, Thursday
PowerPoint, and Publisher提供的课程
Create a basic introduction to Microsoft® Office programs and see what they can do for you.

A/PA – 12/5, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Microsoft® Office Workshop
Explore a basic introduction to Microsoft® Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher programs and see what they can do for you.

T – 12/5, 6 pm, Tuesday
Teen Movie Night
Come watch a (PG) 1-hour movie. Ages 13 – 18.

CH – 12/6, 6 pm, Monday
Folded Paper Garland
Make a folded paper garland. Ages 5 – 12.

CH – 12/6, 6 pm, Wednesday
Clay Dreidel
Make a dreidel out of clay for Hanukkah. Ages 5 – 12.

CH – 12/6, 6 pm, Thursday
Gingerbread Man Paper Bag Puppet
Create an adorable gingerbread puppet. Ages 8 – 12.

T – 12/6, 6 pm, Thursday
Krampus

CH – 12/7, 6 pm, Thursday
Video Games

C – 12/8, 10 am, Friday
Typing 101
Use free resources to improve your skills.

T – 12/11, 3 pm, Monday
Guitar Club
Bring in your guitar and practice with fellow players. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 12/11, 5 pm, Monday
Name Snowmen
Make a snowman that spells out your name. Ages 5 – 12.

A – 12/12, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Bingo for Adults with Special Challenges
Small prizes will be given.

CH – 12/12, 6 pm, Thursday
Egg Carton Penguins
Make a penguin out of an egg carton. Ages 5 – 12.

T – 12/12, 6 pm, Thursday
Gingerbread Houses
Build a graham cracker gingerbread house. Ages 5 – 12.

T/A – 12/14, 6 pm, Thursday
Oh Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel
Celebrate Hanukkah and win fun prizes. Gelt and dreidels will be provided. Ages 12 – 18.

A – 12/15, 2 pm, Friday
Switch™ Club for Adults
Bring your Nintendo® Switch™ and favorite game or check out the Library’s collection of games.

CH – 12/18, 6 pm, Monday
Watercolor Hat
Design paper winter hats with watercolors. Ages up to 12.

T – 12/19, 6 pm, Tuesday
DIY Body Scrub
Make your own peppermint body scrub. Ages 12 – 18.

A/PA – 12/20, 1 pm, Wednesday
Movie Matinee
Past Lives (PG-13) 105 min. Water bottles and light snacks will be provided.

CH – 12/20, 6 pm, Wednesday
Family Movie Night
Watch a family friendly (G) or (PG) movie. Ages up to 12.

CH – 12/21, 6 pm, Thursday
Polar Bear Craft
Make a polar bear. Ages 5 – 12.

T – 12/21, 6 pm, Thursday
DIY Fidget Toys
Destress from final exams and make your own fidget toys.

CH/PA – 12/23, 2:30 pm, Saturday
Gingerbread Houses
Build a graham cracker gingerbread house. Ages 5 – 12.

A – 12/27, 6 pm, Wednesday
Cross Stitch Club
Bring your own project or check out the patterns the library has to offer.

CH – 12/28, 6 pm, Thursday
Ozobot® Play
Play with Ozobot® robots. Ages 5 – 12.

T – 12/28, 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.

T – 12/29, 2 pm, Friday
New Year’s Resolution
Come decorate the teen zone with your New Year’s resolution. Ages 12 – 18.

T – 12/2, 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

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LITTLE EGG HARBOR
609-294-1197
A – 12/4, 10 am, Monday Embroidered Winter Cards
Unleash your creativity this winter by crafting unique embroidered greeting cards, where threads and beads come to life in delightful designs. REG

A – 12/4, 12/18, 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, and swap patterns. REG

CH/TW/T – 12/5, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Pokémon™ Club
This program is a wonderful opportunity to gather, socialize, and engage in fun Pokémon™ themed activities with other Pokémon™ enthusiasts. Whether you’re new to Pokémon™ or an experienced trainer, come join us for an hour of Pokémon™ fun, friendship, and adventure. Grades 2 – 6. REG

CH – 12/6, 10 am, Wednesday
Wednesday Morning Storytime
Following the story, children will have the opportunity to participate in age-appropriate crafts and/or activities related to the story. This program is perfect for nurturing a love for reading and promoting early literacy skills. Ages 2 – 5. REG

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

TW/T – 12/7, 6 pm, Thursday
Crystal Growing with WILD Jersey
In this hands-on workshop, participants will design their own snowflakes and grow their own crystals. Debbie Hadley will explain the science behind how crystals grow, and participants can take home their creations. Sponsored by the Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Branch. Ages 9 – 17. REG

CH/A – 12/15, 10 am, Friday
Stay-at-Home Parent Get-Together
An opportunity for stay-at-home parents to come together and connect with others in a fun and supportive environment. Join us for an hour of activities, including engaging games and crafts. It’s a perfect chance to make new friends, exchange parenting tips, and create lasting memories. REG

A – 12/15, 2 pm, Friday
Adult Gaming: Canasta
Join in some friendly competition playing the classic card game Canasta. REG

T – 12/15, 2 pm, Friday
Teen Volunteer Hours
Earn community service hours. Learn about the Library. Registration and a current Teen Volunteer Application required. Ages 12 – 18. REG

BD – 12/19, 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.

BD – 12/19, 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 – 12/20, 10 am, Wednesday
Wednesday Morning Storytime
Following the story, children will have the opportunity to participate in age-appropriate crafts and/or activities related to the story. This program is perfect for nurturing a love for reading and promoting early literacy skills. Ages 2 – 5. REG

CH/A – 12/21, 7 pm, Thursday
Holiday Concert with The RB Express
Join us for a Holiday Concert with Jersey Shore doo-wop group The RB Express. Exemplifying the tight harmonies and rhythms of the early street corner groups, The RB Express will deliver a dynamic and engaging performance full of holiday cheer. Sponsored by the Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Branch. REG

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Play familiar and new games, just for teens. Ages 12 – 18. REG

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A – 12/6, 10 am, Wednesday
Faux Gingerbread House
Craft for Adults with Special Challenges
Join us to create the front of a gingerbread house using cardboard, a cardboard stand, brown construction paper and various materials to decorate it. While supplies last.

CH – 12/7, 10 am, Thursday
Craft It Out: Hanukkah
Celebrate the first night of Hanukkah with a fun craft. While supplies last.

CH – 12/7, 12/21, 12/28, 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.

A – 12/7, 1 pm, Thursday
LBI Poets Studio
To attend virtually contact Sue Cummings via email scummings817@comcast.net. Meets the 1st Thursday of every month from 1 pm – 3 pm. You can also choose to come to the Library meeting room to attend in person.

A – 12/8, 12/15, 2 pm – 5 pm, Fridays
LBI Canasta
Play Canasta with other Teams and players.

CH – 12/11, 12 pm, Monday
Winter Holiday Storytime
Celebrate winter holidays such as Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas, and New Years with stories and a craft. Ages 1 – 4. REG

A – 12/13, 10 am, Wednesday
Birch Tree Painting for Adults with Special Challenges
Join us to create a birch tree painting using cardboard, string, cotton balls, markers, and paint. While supplies last.

CH/TW – 12/13, 3:30 pm, Wednesday
Flower Power: Youth Garden Club
The Garden Club of LBI – make a flower arrangement to share with your family. Please register each family member individually. Grades 3 – 6. REG

A – 12/14, 2 pm, Thursday
Adult Coloring & Conversation
Spend a relaxing afternoon coloring and listening to soothing music with like-minded adults. Materials are provided for use but feel free to bring your own coloring supplies. This program meets once a month on the 2nd Thursday from 2 pm – 3 pm.

A – 12/16, 2 pm, Saturday
Jazz with the Brian Betz Duo
Enjoy the guitar stylings of Brian Betz and George Vanderbilt for an afternoon of jazz music. Sponsored by the Friends of the Island Library. REG

A – 12/18, 10 am, Monday
Chair Ballet: The Nutcracker
Experience the joy of dancing in a class that combines both ballet and exercise specifically for adults to holiday music from The Nutcracker while seated in a chair. Learn the basic ballet positions and achieve correct posture, muscle usage, balance, and grace all while having fun. Please wear socks, sneakers, or ballet slippers and wear comfortable clothing. A waiver must be signed before participating. Space is limited. REG

CH – 12/19, 12/26, 10 am, Tuesdays
Toddler Time
Come in to read stories and sing some songs together. Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver. REG

G – 12/19, 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 – 12/19, 6 pm, Tuesday
Family Movie Night: Smurfs: The Lost Village
(PG) 90 min. Bring your own refreshments. REG

CH/TW/T – 12/20, 5:30 pm, Wednesday
Holiday Perler™ Beads
Make Perler™ bead decorations to align with the winter holiday you celebrate. REG

CH – 12/22, 12 pm, Friday
Craft It Out: Merry Christmas
Make a fun craft for the holiday. While supplies last.

CH – 12/27, 10 am, Wednesday
Craft It Out: Kwanzaa
Kwanzaa is celebrated from December 26 to January 1st. Learn about this holiday and make a fun craft. While supplies last.

A – 12/27, 12 pm, Wednesday
New Year’s Pop-Up Card
Celebrate the New Year by creating your own 3D pop-up card to give to a friend or a loved one. While supplies last.

G – 12/29, 10 pm, Friday
Paper Chain Snowmen
Make a snowman decoration using the paper chain method. Ages 5+. REG

G – 12/30, 10 am, Saturday
LEGOS®/DUPLOS® with Movie: The Super Mario Movie
(PG) 92 min. REG

A/PA – 12/4, 2 pm, Monday
Clay Diffuser Ornaments
Make scented ornaments from air-dry clay infused with essential oils. Use them to decorate for the holidays or for every day. REG

CH – 12/4, 6:30 pm, Monday
Sign Painting Gift Making
Paint a wooden sign that makes a great holiday gift. Ages 6 – 12. REG

A – 12/5, 2 pm, Tuesday
Paper Gingerbread House Craft for Adults with Special Challenges
Create your own paper gingerbread house using cardboard, construction paper and other various materials to decorate it. Due to limited supplies, registration is required. Caretakers please do not register, only participants please.

A – 12/16, 2 pm, Saturday
Pastels with Watercolor Underpainting – Scott Molnar
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CH – 12/6, 10 am, Wednesday
Baby Playtime
Join other babies and caregivers for a playdate. For babies not yet walking. REG

A – 12/7, 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. REG

CH – 12/7, 10 am, Thursday &
12/9, 10 am, Saturday
Snowy StoryWalk
Join us on an adventure as we walk around the branch and listen to a snowy story. Ages 2 – 6.

A/PA – 12/7, 2 pm, Thursday
Creating Healthy Holiday Traditions
A registered dietician will discuss healthier holiday meal preparation as well as healthier eating strategies while you are at those holiday get-togethers. We will also share some heart healthy holiday recipes and create a holiday treat. REG

TW – 12/7, 6 pm – 8 pm, Thursday
Tween Takeover: Smash Bros™ & Mario Kart™
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

TW – 12/7, 6 pm, Thursday
Tween Takeover: Make Your Own Wrapping Paper
Create your own wrapping paper for holiday presents. Ages 8 – 12. REG

A – 12/8, 12/22, 1 pm – 3 pm, Fridays
Quilting Bee
Come join other quilters to work on individual and group projects.

CH – 12/11, 10 am, Monday
Toddler Movement
This movement class with Miss Sabrina provides a structured environment where coordination, rhythm, & translating music to movement are introduced in creative and imaginative ways. Dance clothes and shoes are not required but please dress your toddler in comfortable, non-restrictive clothing. Ages 2 – 5. REG

A – 12/11, 1 pm, Monday
Self-Hypnosis for Relaxation
Come and join this empowering group class where you’ll learn effective self-hypnosis, mindful and breathing techniques designed to reduce stress and make you feel better. Sponsored by the Friends of the Manchester Branch. REG

A – 12/12, 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.

A – 12/14, 12/28, 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 – 12/14, 6 pm – 8 pm, Thursday
Teen Takeover: Smash Bros™ & Mario Kart™
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T – 12/19, 6 pm – 8 pm, Thursday
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

CH – 12/26, 6 pm, Tuesday
LEGO® Club
Join us for open LEGO® play. Ages 6 – 12. REG

T – 12/28, 6 pm – 8 pm, Thursday
Teen Takeover: Anime Adventures
Meet like-minded lovers of fandom and watch various episodes of different anime together. Ages 8 – 12. REG

A – 12/15, 2 pm, Friday
Calming Coloring
Coloring is a great method of stress relief for adults. Spend a relaxing afternoon creating art, listening to soothing music and relaxing with like-minded adults at the library. Coloring sheets and simple crafts are provided along with crayons, markers, and pens. Alternatively, you can bring your own coloring projects and coloring tools. For even more de-stressing, we offer aromatherapy and therapy animals. REG

A – 12/18, 2 pm, Monday
Seasonal Sing-Along
Celebrate the season by singing various festive and holiday tunes during the cold, winter days. REG

A – 12/20, 7 pm, Wednesday
Sounds of the Season: Flute and Guitar Duo Holiday Concert
Marjorie Koharski, flutist, and Keith Calmes, classical guitarist, will perform a program of holiday music. They will feature music from composers Bach and Tchaikovsky, along with international carols and holiday standards. REG

T – 12/21, 6 pm – 8 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 12/26, 6 pm, Tuesday
LEGO® Club
Join us for open LEGO® play. Ages 6 – 12. REG

CH – 12/1, 10 am, Friday
Drop-in Holiday Countdown Craft
Join us to make a Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or Christmas countdown craft.

CH – 12/4, 5:30 – 8:30 pm, Monday
Meet and Greet with Santa Claus
Join us for a photo opportunity, a meet and greet with Santa Claus, and a craft. Letters to Santa will be collected. Caregivers will be responsible for taking their own photos. Sponsored by the Friends of the Plumsted Library. REG

A – 12/5, 1 pm, Tuesday
Classic Movie: We’re No Angels
(NR) 104 mins.
A – 12/7, 2:30 pm, Thursday
NGXB: Rockin’ the Hits on 88 Keys
Pianist and arranger, NGXB, loves to give the “rock n roll” experience on all 88 keys. His concert features classic hits and standards from the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s. He is the winner of PBS’s “Celebration of Music” in Greater Leigh Valley Philadelphia and has performed in many large venues throughout the east coast. REG

CH – 12/8, 10 am, Friday
Drop-in Dreidel Game and Craft
A – 12/11, 7 pm, Monday
Acoustic Musician’s Guild
Join us for an engaging performance with the Acoustic Musician’s Guild, featuring some classic tunes and vocals. REG

A/PA – 12/13, 2 pm, Wednesday
Devon’s Kitchen: Seasonal Winter Cooking Demonstration
Space is limited. REG

CH – 12/14, 10:30 am, Thursday
Toddler/Preschool Building and Play
Join us for a toddler open play and an opportunity for caregivers to connect. Ages 1 – 4. REG

CH/PA – 12/16, 10:30 am & 12 pm, Saturday
Gingerbread House Decorating
Join us for our yearly gingerbread house decorating. Ages 4+. REG

T/PA – 12/16, 10:30 am & 12 pm, Saturday
Teen Volunteer Opportunity
Volunteer with us to assist with our gingerbread house decorating. REG

T – 12/18, 6:30 pm, Monday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.
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A – 12/7, 1 pm, Thursday & 12/20, 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.

A – 12/7, 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 – 12/7, 12/21, 7:30 pm, Thursdays
Adult Writers Group
Explore your writing skills in a fun, friendly, informal setting.

CH – 12/11, 10 am, Monday
Homeschool Hangout: STEAM Time
Come explore, create and learn using our STEAM kits and materials. Ages 6 – 12. REG

MKR/T – 12/11, 2:30 pm, Monday
Tissue Paper Snowflakes
Stop by to make snowflake sun catchers with our Cricut™ machine and tissue paper to display at the Point Boro Branch. Ages 12 – 18. REG

CH – 12/12, 10 am, Tuesday
Dogs, Dogs, Dogs Storytime
Come in for stories, songs, and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. REG

A – 12/12, 6 pm, Tuesday
Tuesday Evening Movie: Violent Night
(R) 112 min.

CH – 12/14, 10 am, Thursday
Baby & Me
Please join us for songs, music, rhymes, and stories. Up to 18 months with caregiver. REG

BD – 12/18, 10:30 am, Monday
Friends Book Club
The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot by Marianne Cronin.

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

BD – 12/20, 6 pm, Wednesday
Open Our Mind Book Club
The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes.

A – 12/22, 1:30 pm, Friday
Friday Afternoon Movie: Everest
( PG-13) 121 min.

G – 12/27, 3 pm, Wednesday
Family Fun Hour: Bingo
Come out for some family fun playing bingo. REG

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A – 12/30 pm – 4 pm, All Fridays
Mah Jongg
Bring your current year gaming cards and game sets. Drop in.

A – 12/2, 12/16, 12/30, 10 am – 12 pm, Saturdays & 12/7, 12/21, 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/PA – 12/4, 10 am, Monday
Homeschooler’s Workshop:
Gingerbread Houses
Create festive and tasty gingerbread houses with icing, graham crackers, and candies galore. Ages 8 – 13. REG

BD – 12/4, 12 pm, Monday
AAUW Monday Book Discussion
I Let You Go by Clare Mackintosh.

A – 12/4, 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, Debra Shar, RN, BSN. REG

CH – 12/5, 6 pm, Tuesday
STEM Builders
Drop in and explore building with magnetic shapes, LEGOS®, and more. Ages 4 – 12.

BD – 12/6, 10 am, Wednesday
First Wednesday Book Club
The Maid by Nita Prose.

A – 12/6, 2 pm, Wednesday
New Release Movie Matine Check with the Stafford Branch for the upcoming film title. REG

CH – 12/8, 10 am, Friday
Messy Art: Winter Drop-in
Fun is in order with paint, stamper, and stickers at art stations around the children’s room. Drop in and dress for a mess. Ages 3+.

A – 12/8, 2 pm – 4 pm, Friday
Friends Adventure: Phil Bruschi Presents “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas”
Phil returns to share facts behind some Classic Christmas Songs. Celebrate the spirit of the season listening to Phil sing yuletide songs, such as “White Christmas,” “A Christmas Song,” and “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.” Sponsored by the Friends of the Stafford Library. REG

TW/T – 12/9, Saturday
Do You Want to Build a Snowman?
Drop in and build a snowman bookmark to keep or gift this season. Ages 9 – 18.

A – 12/11, 2 pm, Monday
Life Love Dogs: Film Documentary
(NR) 91 min.

A – 12/12, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Am I at Risk of a Stroke?
Learn the signs, symptoms, and risk factors for strokes and how to B.E.F.A.S.T. if someone is having a stroke. Presented in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health, Carol Schoenberger, RN. REG

DIV/A – 12/13, 2:30 pm, Wednesday
Art Around the World: Ukraine: Spider Web Ornaments
Learn about the Ukrainian folktale inspiring this seasonal tradition. Make your own spider web ornament. REG

T – 12/13, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

TW/T – 12/13, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Holiday Photos
Join us for Holiday Photos. Staff will take pictures using a green screen with different backgrounds and email the photos to attendees. Ages 9 – 17. REG

A – 12/18, 12 pm, Monday & 12/27, 12 pm, Wednesday
Support Group for Caregivers
Being a caregiver can be overwhelming. Learn how you can balance it all. Presented in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health, Debra Shar, RN, BSN. REG

TW/T – 12/18, 3:30 pm, Monday
Seasonal Holiday Ornaments
Join us to make some seasonal ornaments for you to keep or gift this season. Ages 9 – 17. REG

A – 12/19, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Adult Crafting Club
Join us for an afternoon of crafting. The crafting club meets once per month on the 3rd Tuesday. REG

BR – 12/20, 4 pm, Wednesday
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NGXB: Rockin' the Classics and Holiday Hits
NGXB is a pianist and arranger with a sparkling personality and huge talent. Come and enjoy classics, oldies and holiday hits. REG

A – 12/20, 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. This group meets once per month on the 3rd Wednesday.

TW – 12/21, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Tween Crafternoon: Homemade Grinch Ornaments
Join us to make homemade Grinch ornaments for the season. Ages 9 – 13. REG

A – 12/28, 2:30 pm, Thursday
Coloring Club for Adults
Spend an afternoon creating art, listening to soothing music and relaxing with like-minded adults at the Library. Materials are provided or bring your own coloring projects and coloring tools. REG

A – 12/28, 6 pm, Thursday
Anime Club
Anime fans can come together, meet fellow adults, watch anime, share artwork, talk about manga and other related topics. This program meets once per month on the 4th Thursday. REG

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CH – 12/1, 10 am, Friday
Toddler Time
Join us for interactive songs, stories and playtime. Ages 2 – 3. REG

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Let’s Talk World Building with YA Fantasy Fiction Superstar Author Victoria Aveyard
#1 New York Times Bestselling Author of the Red Queen Series and the Realm Breaker Series

DECEMBER 5
7:00 PM

Motherhood, Hunger, and Higher Education: An Author Talk with Stephanie Land
New York Times bestselling author of Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother’s Will to Survive

DECEMBER 12
2:00 PM

VIRTUAL AUTHOR PROGRAMS
Toms River
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T/PA – 12/5, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Cooking Matters for Teens
Join a Nutrition Educator from the Community Food Bank of NJ to learn how to make healthy, budget-friendly food choices and lead a more active life. In this session, teens learn more about proteins and healthy fats. Get ready for a snack challenge. REG

A – 12/5, 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.

MKR/TW/T/A – 12/6, 6 pm, Wednesday
Snow-Pal Luminary Papercraft
Join us in the Sparks’s Lab to create luminary papercraft snow-pals. REG

A – 12/6, 7 pm, Wednesday
WREP: When Radio Entertained People
Veteran actors from WREP will perform skits from radio’s “Golden Age” of the 1940s and 1950s. This “broadcast” will feature episodes from the shows Life of Riley, Archie Andrews and Flywheel. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. REG

CH/TW – 12/7, 6:30 pm, Thursday
DIY Wooden Gingerbread Houses
Assemble and decorate your own wooden gingerbread house. Ages 6 – 12. REG

A – 12/7, 6:30 pm, Thursday
2024 Astrological Predictions
Mary will make predictions for the world and each Astrology sign. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. REG

A – 12/11, 2 pm, Monday
Jingle Bell Jazz with The Pettets
Enjoy jazzy renditions of classic holiday favorites. Sing along with mother – daughter duo, Denise and Ashley Pettet. The Pettets have distinguished careers on Broadway, movies, radio and television. REG

MKR/T – 12/11, 6 pm, Monday
DIY Furoshiki Gift Wrap for Teens
Make it a handmade holiday with your own sustainable Japanese furoshiki custom gift wrap. Teens will use special fabric ink to apply patterns to two cloths to take home for holiday wrapping. REG

CH – 12/12, 10 am, Tuesday
It’s Fun to Be One Storytime
Grow little one’s love of the library with stories, songs, playtime, and more. Ages 12 – 23 months with a caregiver. REG

BD/LGBT/A – 12/12, 6 pm, Tuesday
Read with Pride Adult Book Club
Wow, No Thank You, by Samantha Irby. 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

T/PA – 12/14, 2 pm, Thursday
De-Stress with Dogs for Teens
Drop into the Teen Zone and de-stress with therapy dogs. Relax, play with, and hang out with the visiting furry friends. This recurring program meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month during the school year.

CH – 12/12, 6 pm, Wednesday
Explore the Floor
Drop by between 10 am – 11:30 am for toys and activities that encourage skill building and creativity. Ages 1 – 5. Siblings are welcome.

A – 12/13, 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 – 12/13, 3 pm, Wednesday
LGBT Teens
Join us for LGBT Teens, 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

A – 12/13, 11 am, Wednesday
Wow, No Thank You Book Discussion
Join a class of the Performing Arts Academy for a night of music, performance, and poetry. REG

BD/LGBT/A – 12/13, 6 pm, Tuesday
Petra and the Wolf Presented by Basically Ballet
An all-female cast will perform a retelling of the classic story of Peter & the Wolf. REG

MKR/TW/T/A – 12/13, 6 pm, Tuesday
Beginner’s Crochet Class
Join us in the Sparks’s Lab for a beginner’s crocheting class and learn to crochet a winter snowflake with certified instructor Robin Nogiewich. Ages 10+. REG

CH/TW – 12/16, 2:30 pm, Saturday
Drop-in Video Games for Kids
Play video games and make some new friends. Ages 4 – 12.

CH – 12/18, 6:30 pm, Monday
Baby & Me
Visit the library for an interactive program for you and your baby. For babies up to 12 months old. REG

T/PA – 12/18, 6:30 pm, Monday
Zen Zone Mondays: Mason Jar Soy Candles
Relax and unwind as you meet with friends, do hands-on activities, and learn about and practice self-care. In this session, we’ll pour our own custom soy candles to share the light of the season. REG

A – 12/19, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Build Your Own Penguin Pal
With guidance from our friend Debbie Pease, build a penguin pal at the library. Ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver. REG
TOMS RIVER
732-349-6200

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

BD – 12/19, 6 pm, Tuesday
Trevor’s Banned Book Club
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou.

S/G – 12/19, 6 pm, Tuesday
Sensory Friendly Movie: The Grinch (2018) (PG) 90 min. Join us in the Sensory Space for a craft and 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 – 12/20, 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 – 12/20, 4:30 pm, Wednesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Ages 5 – 12. REG

MKR/TW/T/A – 12/20, 6 pm, Wednesday
Beginner’s Cricut® Class
Learn the basics of using the Cricut® Maker™ machine and Cricut® Design Space Software. REG

A – 12/21, 2 pm, Thursday
Faux Gingerbread House Craft for Adults with Special Challenges
Join us to create the front of a gingerbread house using cardboard, a cardboard stand, brown construction paper and various materials to decorate it. Space is limited. REG

CH – 12/23, 10:30 am, Saturday
Drop-in Sparkly Christmas Ornament
Drop in and create a sparkly ornament in time to decorate for the Christmas holiday. Ages 5+.

A – 12/26, 7 pm, Tuesday
Vinyl Record Nights
Come unwind and listen to curated vinyl records under the stars in the atrium.

A – 12/4, 7 pm, Monday
Adult Coloring
Relax by coloring your stress away. REG

CH – 12/5, 11 am, Tuesday
Toddler Time: Holidays
Enjoy songs, fingerplays and a craft. REG

A – 12/7, 10 am, Thursday
Art Chat
Meet and talk with local artists. Bring your own work for feedback.

CH – 12/7, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Holidays Around the World
Learn about different traditions and make a holiday craft. Ages 5+.

A – 12/11, 6 pm, Monday
Monday Movie Night: Serendipity (PG-13) 90 min.

CH – 12/12, 11 am, Tuesday
Toddler Time: Bears & Winter Naps
Enjoy songs, fingerplays and a craft. REG

T/PA – 12/14, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teens Advisory Board (TAB): Cookie Decorating
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. REG

A – 12/18, 6 pm, Monday
Monday Movie Night: Last Holiday (PG-13) 112 min.

CH – 12/19, 11 am, Tuesday
Toddler Time: Winter Solstice
Enjoy songs, fingerplays and a craft. For toddlers and older. REG

G – 12/27, 2 pm – 4 pm, Wednesday
Get Ready for New Year’s Eve
Drop in to make a noisemaker before the big ball drops.

G – 12/29, 2 pm, Friday
Family Bingo
Enjoy a fun afternoon playing this classic game for a chance to win a prize. REG

CH – 12/30, 11 am, Saturday
Saturday Stay ‘n Play
Enjoy watching Cool Runnings while getting creative with our LEGOS®. (PG) 98 min.

TUCKERTON
609-296-1470

A – 12/4, 10 am, Friday
Morning Book Discussion
Hamnet by Maggie O’Farrell.

BD – 12/1, 10 am, Friday
Morning Book Discussion
Send For Me by Lauren Fox.

BD – 12/1, 10 am, Friday
Morning Book Discussion
Hamnet by Maggie O’Farrell.

BD – 12/1, 3 pm, Friday
Afternoon Book Discussion
Send For Me by Lauren Fox.

A – 12/1, 10 am, Friday
Morning Book Discussion
Hamnet by Maggie O’Farrell.

A – 12/5, 2 pm, Tuesday
Embroidered Greeting Cards
Learn how to embroider your own paper cards for a fun homemade gift with local artist, Linda Johnson. Supplies are limited. REG

CH – 12/6, 12/20, 10:30 am, Wednesdays
Baby & Me
Join us for a free play session with various toys and music. For babies up to 18 months with a caregiver. REG

CH/PA – 12/6, 4 pm, Wednesday
Paws for Reading
Join us to practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Ages 3 – 12. REG

CH – 12/7, 12/21, 10:30 am, Thursdays
Toddler Time
Join us for songs, stories, and hands-on activities. Ages 18 – 36 months with a caregiver. REG

UPPER SHORES
732-793-3996

BD/PA – 12/1, 10 am, Friday
Morning Book Discussion
Hamnet by Maggie O’Farrell.

BD – 12/1, 3 pm, Friday
Afternoon Book Discussion
Send For Me by Lauren Fox.

CH – 12/7, 12/21, 10:30 am, Thursdays
Toddler Time
Join us for songs, stories, and hands-on activities. Ages 18 – 36 months with a caregiver. REG

CH – 12/8, 12/11, 12/18, 12 pm, 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.

A – 12/5, 2 pm, Tuesday
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G – 12/7, 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 – 12/7, 3 pm, Thursday
Thursday Book Discussion
Educated by Tara Westover.

A – 12/8, 12/22, 1 pm, Fridays
OC Purls Knitting Group
Enjoy conversation and exchange patterns while you work on your knitting projects.

A – 12/9, 2 pm, Saturday
One Enchanted Christmas:
A Concert with David Podles
Commemorate the holiday season and all the most famous and poignant Christmas music we know and love with acclaimed international concert violinist Dr. David Podles from Riga, Latvia, the birthplace of the Christmas Tree. REG

CH – 12/10, 3:30 pm, Wednesday
Button Wreath Craft
Create a holiday wreath using buttons. Ages 3 – 12. REG

A – 12/11, 7 pm, Monday
G/PA – 12/11, 11 am, Monday
G – 12/18, 6 pm, Monday
Holiday Gift Wrapping & Card Making
Bring your presents to wrap and make holiday cards. Ages 10 – 18. REG.

T/TW – 12/21, 3 pm, Thursday
REG

T – December
Extraordinary Lives:
World AIDS Day
Learn about life during the AIDS crisis through these powerful YA novels. Presented by the Brick Branch.

T – December
YA Books Featuring Hanukkah
Here are some books to help you learn and celebrate Hanukkah this season. Presented by the Brick Branch.

VIRTUAl PROGRAMS

T – December
Crafting With Miss Chris:
Danish Stars
Learn how to make Danish Stars a traditional Christmas decoration made from woven paper. Presented by the Island Heights Branch.

CH – December
Watch & Create:
Hot Chocolate Mix-Ins
Fancify your hot cocoa or create tasty giveaways. Sponsored by the Friends of the Stafford Library.
Adult Titles:

Faking Christmas by Kerry Winfrey
The Matzah Ball by Jean Meltzer
The Rewind by Allison Winn Scotch

Childrens Titles:

Hanukah Upside Down by Elissa Brent
How Does Santa Go Down the Chimney? by Mac Bernett
The People Remember by Ibi Aanu Zoboi

Young Adult Titles:

Eight Nights of Flirting by Hannah Reynolds
Talk Santa to Me by Linda Urban
The Christmas Clash by Suzanne Park