



Ocean County Library

Programs and Events Guide

January 2024



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609-698-3331

T – 1/3, 6 pm, Wednesday New Year's Word Bracelets and Keychains

Relax and unwind as we will be making word bead bracelets and keychains to inspire us for our best year yet. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

TW – 1/4, 6 pm, Thursday
Diary of a Wimpy Kid Party
Calling all *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* fans. Come for themed games and activities. See who can earn the most Mom Bucks. Ages 8 – 11. **REG**

CH – 1/6, 2 pm, Saturday
Saturday Movie & Open Play
Enjoy watching a movie while playing with toys. **REG**

A – 1 pm, Mondays
Monday Movie
1/8: *Hypnotic* (R) 112 min.
1/15: *Barbie* (PG-13) 114 min.
1/22: *Blue Beetle* (PG-13) 127 min.
1/29: *The Equalizer 3* (R) 109 min.

CH – 1/9, 10 am, Tuesday
Preschool Storytime
Come for stories, songs, and a craft. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

A – 1/10, 10 am, Wednesday
Borrowing Digital Library Books
Did you get a new Kindle or iPad? Do you want to learn how to get digital library books for free with your library card? Join us to learn how to borrow library books with Libby and hoopla. **REG**

T – 1/10, 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**

A – 1/11, 1/25, 1 pm, Thursdays, and 1/13, 1/27, 10 am, Saturdays
EWE Knit and Crochet
Drop in with your own supplies.

TW – 1/11, 6 pm, Thursday
No-Sew Barbie™ Clothes
Learn how to create no-sew clothes for your doll. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

CH – 1/16, 10 am, Tuesday
Toddler Time
Join us for stories, rhymes, and play. Ages 18 – 36 months with a caregiver. **REG**

A – 1/16, 1 pm, Tuesday
Art Chat
Meet and talk with local artists. Bring your own work for feedback.

DIV/A – 1/17, 3 pm, Wednesday
National Day of Racial Healing: The Uncomfortable Truth
(NR) 85 min. **REG**

CH – 1/18, 5 pm, Thursday
Preschool Playdate
We will begin by reading a story. Then, make a craft and spend time playing and making new friends. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

CH – 1/23, 10 am, Tuesday
Baby & Me
Come for rhymes, songs, and stories. Ages up to 18 months with a caregiver. **REG**

CH – 1/24, 10 am, Wednesday
Homeschool STEM: Ozobot®
Learn the basics of coding with the Ozobot®. Ages 7 – 10. **REG**

T – 1/24, 6 pm, Wednesday
MLK Day of Service Teen Volunteer Project
In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, come into the Library to design and create a dog toy that will be donated to the Friends of Southern Ocean County Animal Shelter. Participants will earn a community service hour. Please submit the teen volunteer application prior to the program. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

DIV/A – 1/26, 10 am, Friday
From Bitter Earth
In honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day join us for a documentary. (NR) 64 min. **REG**

CH – 1/30, 10 am, Tuesday
Toddler Open Play: Balance
Children will be able to work on their balance and coordination with WePlay® Balance equipment. Ages 2 – 4. Drop in.

T – 1/31, 6 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.



BEACHWOOD
732-244-4573

CH – 1/12, Friday
Penguin Drop-in Craft for Kids
Stop by the Library any time for a craft. For children up to 12 years.

CH – 1/16, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Incredible Infants
Join us for songs, rhymes and playtime. For infants up to 18 months. **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

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



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 Collection

We are accepting gently used prom dresses from January 2nd until February 23rd. Short and long styles from within the last 5 years. Please donate dry cleaned dresses ready for attending prom. No accessories, shoes or purses.

Donations collected at all Ocean County Library Branches until February 23rd.

Questions? 732-349-6200



Dresses for
8th-12th grade
only, please!



BEACHWOOD
732-244-4573

CH – 1/18, 10:30 am, Thursday
Snow! Storytime
Join us for storytime followed by a craft. Ages 3+. **REG**

CH – 1/19, 11 am, Friday
Homeschool Hangout
Join us for watercolor painting just for homeschoolers. Ages 6 – 10. **REG**

CH/PA – 1/22, 4:30 pm, Monday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of a gentle therapy dog, Mikey. Ages 3+. **REG**

CH – 1/23, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Toddler Art
Join us for a winter art project. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

A – 1/24, 11 am, Wednesday
Knit Wits
Stop by the Library with your knitting and crocheting projects and meet new friends. **REG**

T – 1/29, 6 pm, Monday
Teen Scene
Teens can stop by the library, hang out, and make a simple craft. Ages 13 – 17. **REG**



BERKELEY
732-269-2144

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. The room opens at 10:30 am and the 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.

A – 1/3, 6 pm, Wednesday
Intro to Computers
Stop by the library with your own device for this introductory course. **REG**

CH – 1/4, 10:30 am, Thursday
Toddler Time
Play with your little one as we share stories, rhymes, songs, and dance. Ages 1 – 2. **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**

A – 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 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. The room opens at 10:30 am, and the movie starts at 11:30 am. **REG**

T – 1/9, 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 – 1/10, 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 not yet walking. **REG**

T – 1/11, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Dungeons & Dragons® for Teens
Join fellow teen adventurers at the library's *Dungeons & Dragons®* program. Open to new and experienced players. Space is limited. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**



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BERKELEY
732-269-2144

T/TW/PA – 1/12, 10:30 am, Friday
Homeschool Hang Out
Enjoy snacks, crafts, games, and hang out with other teen and tween homeschoolers. **REG**

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

A – 1/13, 3 pm, Saturday
Wish Bracelets
Put your wishes for the New Year into a wish bracelet. Learn how to create this simple hemp and beaded bracelet. **REG**

DIV/CH – 1/15, 6 pm, Monday
Dove of Peace Drop-in Craft
Stop by the children's section to make a dove of peace in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and learn about King's life and impact. Drop in.

CH/PA – 1/16, 4 pm, Tuesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. **REG**

T/A – 1/16, 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**

MKR/TW – 1/17, 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 – 1/18, 10:30 am, Thursday
Toddler Time
Play with your little one as we share stories, rhymes, songs, and dance. Ages 1 – 2. **REG**

T – 1/18, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 1/20, 10 am – 11:30 am, Saturday
Playtime Fun
Drop in anytime between 10 am – 11:30 am 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.

A – 1/22, 3 pm, Monday
Saltshaker Snowperson
Transform a simple saltshaker into a fun festive snowperson. **REG**

T – 1/25, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Game Night
Play familiar and new games, just for teens. **REG**



BRICK
732-477-4513

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

A – 1/3, 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 – 1/4, 10:30 am, Thursday
Baby Art
Join us at the library for painting fun. Dress to make a mess. For babies up to 18 months with caregiver. **REG**

CH – 1/5, 10:30 am, Friday
Happy 'Mew' Year
Ring in the new year with cat stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

A – 1/8, 2 pm, Monday
Advanced French Club
Join us to speak French with other French speakers in the community. Intermediate and Advanced speakers welcome. **REG**

CH – 1/9, 6 pm, Tuesday
Decorate the Library Drop-in Craft
Drop in within the hour to help us color in some fun winter shapes to decorate the Library. Ages 2+.

A – 1/10, 10 am & 11 am, Wednesday
Craft for Adults with Special Challenges
Join us for a fun craft. **REG**

A/PA – 1/11, 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**

T – 1/11, 6 pm, Thursday
Dungeons & Dragons® Session 0
It's always best to be prepared before you go on an adventure. Join us for session zero and learn the basic game mechanics on how to play D&D and build your own player character for the quests ahead. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

A/PA – 1/15, 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**

T – 1/15, 3 pm, Monday
MLK Day of Service
Earn volunteer service hours in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s National Day of Service. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

CH – 1/16, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Mystery Craft Day
We'll make several different mystery crafts. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

A – 1/16, 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 – 1/16, 3:45 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

CH – 1/18, 10:30 am, Thursday
Dragon Storytime
Celebrate Dragon Appreciation Day with stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

A – 1/18, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Night Crafting for Adults
We will be making a snowflake painted bottle. **REG**

CH – 1/22, 10:30 am, Monday
Penguin Storytime
Celebrate Penguin Awareness Day with stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

A – 1/23, 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**

T – 1/24, 7 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

T – 1/25, 2 pm, Thursday
Retro Game Day (Castlevania 1986)
Swing by and play. Learn the history behind this classic platforming game that helped blaze a trail during early development of video games. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

CH – 1/30, 6 pm, Tuesday
Pajama Storytime
Wear your pajamas for some cozy stories. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

CH – 1/31, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Wonderful Winter Craft Day
Celebrate winter with different cozy crafts. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**



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**T – 1/31, 6 pm, Wednesday
Northern Lights Pastel Art**
Create the stunning bright colors of the northern lights using chalk pastels. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**C/A – 1/31, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Universal Class® for Libraries**
Learn how to use Universal Class®, a place where you can continue your online education and learn something new. Courses are free with your Library card. An active library card and email address are required to register. **REG**



ISLAND HEIGHTS 732-270-6266

**TW – 1/2, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Tween Tuesday**
Join us to hang out with friends for games and crafts. Ages 10 – 12. **REG**

**T – 1/8, 7 pm, Monday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**G – 1/10, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Storytime Around Town:
Island Heights Fire Department**
Meet the Island Heights Fire Department and join them for storytime at 15 Lake Ave in Island Heights. **REG**

**CH – 1/15, 10:30 am, Monday
Dove of Peace Drop-in Craft**
Drop in to make a dove of peace in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**A/PA – 1/15, 6:30 pm, Monday
Cookbook Book Club**
Bring in a dish from the selected cookbook of the month to share and discuss with fellow culinary enthusiasts. **REG**

**CH – 1/19, 3:30 pm, Friday
Perler™ Beads for Kids**
Make a Perler™ bead creation. Ages 7 – 12. **REG**

**T – 1/23, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen Craft: Bead Lizard Keychains**
Warm up from the winter weather by learning how to make this classic summer camp craft. **REG**

**G – 1/24, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Storytime Around Town:
Ocean County Artist Guild**
Come visit the Ocean County Artist Guild, located at 22 Chestnut Ave in Island Heights, for a storytime. **REG**

**FR – 1/29, 7 pm, Monday
The Trustees of the Library Meeting**
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.



JACKSON 732-928-4400

**T – 1/2, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
In Honor of MLK Day of Service**
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Our January meeting will be in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service. Ages 12 – 18.

**T – 3:30 pm, All Wednesdays
Teen Volunteer Hour**
Earn a community service hour. Learn about the Library. Effect positive change. Ages 12 – 18.

**CH – 1/5, 10 am – 2 pm, Friday
National Bird Day Drop-in Crafts**
Drop by the Children's Department and make a bird craft in celebration of National Bird Day.

**CH – 1/8, 10:30 am, Monday
Storytime**
Join us for stories, songs, and a craft perfect for children ages 18 months – 3 years. **REG**

**CH – 1/9, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Messy Art**
Station based art play. Dress for a mess. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**S/A – 1/9, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Snowflake Craft for Adults with Special Challenges**
Join us and create a popsicle stick snowflake. Caregiver must be present. **REG**

**BD – 1/9, 1 pm, Tuesday
The Book of Two Ways by Jodi Picoult**

**CH – 1/10, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Storytime**
Join us for stories, songs, and a craft perfect for children ages 3 – 5. **REG**

**A – 1/10, 1 pm – 3 pm, Wednesday
Diabetes Education with Screenings**
This program offers basic education regarding diabetes and what caring for the disease entails. Blood pressure and glucose screenings provided. Presented by the Ocean County Health Department. **REG**

**MKR/T – 1/11, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Makerspace: Sew a Scrunchie**
Are you a sewing machine expert or a sewing machine newbie? Either way, we'll help you use one to make a nifty accessory. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**S/G – 1/11, 6 pm – 8 pm, Thursday
Sensory Friendly Movie: Ice Age**
(PG) 81 min. Join us for a sensory friendly movie viewing of *Ice Age*, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and singing, walking, rolling, and dancing are welcome. **REG**

**S/CH – 1/12, 10:30 am, Friday
Homeschool Sensory Space Social Hour**
Join us in the Sensory Space for a relaxing social hour. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

**CH – 1/15, 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**

**MKR/A – 1/15, 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**

**CH – 1/16, 6 pm – 8 pm, Tuesday
Maker Drop-in Building: Squigz™**
Drop into the Children's Department for some building fun.

**S/T – 1/16, 6 pm – 8:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen Sensory Friendly Movie Night: Raya and the Last Dragon**
(PG) 114 min. Join us for a sensory friendly movie viewing of *Raya and the Last Dragon* in the Sensory Space. After the movie, have fun creating origami dragons. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**DIV/A – 1/16, 7 pm, Tuesday
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day / Day of Service: The Tuskegee Airmen – America's First Black Pilots**
Learn about the formation of the Tuskegee Airmen, their de-segregated training in a segregated military, their wartime accomplishments and service to the nation, and the unit's effect on American society. Presented by Paul Zigo, Director, World War II Studies Institute. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library. **REG**



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JACKSON
732-928-4400

**MKR/A – 1/17, 2:30 pm,
Wednesday
Crochet an Ear Warmer**

Join us to make a crocheted ear warmer. Previous beginner crochet experience required. **REG**

**DIV/A – 1/17, 6 pm,
Wednesday
Holocaust Remembrance
Day Film & Discussion:
We Remember: Songs of
Survivors**

(NR) 54 min. Discussion 15 min. **REG**

**A – 1/18, 2:30 pm, Thursday
Long Seasons of Color in
Your Garden**

Learn about how to plant to have color in your garden throughout the year. Presented by a Master Gardener of Ocean County. **REG**

**MKR/T/PA – 1/18, 3:30 pm,
Thursday
Teen Makerspace:
Soap Making**

Design your own soap. Choose a color, a scent, and a shape for your creation. Have some good, clean fun. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**FR – 1/18, 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 – 1/22, 10:30 am, Monday
Storytime**

Join us for stories, songs, and a craft perfect for children ages 3 – 5. **REG**

**S/G – 1/22, 6 pm – 8 pm,
Monday
Sensory Friendly Movie:
Onward**

(PG) 102 min. Join us for a sensory friendly movie viewing of *Onward*, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and singing, walking, rolling, and dancing are welcome. **REG**

**S/A – 1/23, 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 game. **REG**

**CH – 1/23, 6 pm – 8 pm,
Tuesday
Maker Drop-in Building:
LEGOS®**

Drop into the Children's Department for some building fun.

**CH – 1/24, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Storytime**

Join us for stories, songs, and a craft perfect for children ages 18 months – 3 years. **REG**

**MKR/A – 1/24, 2:30 pm,
Wednesday
Cricut® Class**

Learn the basics of using the Cricut® Maker™ Machine and Cricut® Design Space Software. **REG**

**TW – 1/25, 10:30 am,
Thursday
Tween Homeschool Makers**
Come learn something new.
Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

**MKR/T – 1/25, 3:30 pm,
Thursday
Teen Makerspace: Polymer
Clay Pendants and Pins**
Use Sculpey® clay to express yourself. Make a unique pin or a pendant. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**CH – 1/29, 2 pm – 8 pm,
Monday
National Puzzle Day Drop-in**
Drop into the Children's Department and experience the joy and challenge of puzzle solving.

**CH – 1/30, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Baby & Me Social Hour**
Make new friends in our relaxed open-play setting. Ages up to 24 months. **REG**

**A – 1/30, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Financial Data Resources**
Learn how to use Library financial resources such as Morningstar® and ValueLine Investment Survey™. **REG**



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All Branches of the Ocean County Library will be closed

January 1st

Branches will resume normal hours on Tuesday, January 2nd.



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732-928-4400

**TW – 1/31, 6 pm – 8 pm,
Wednesday
Tween Circuits Drop-in**

Stop by and make some cool creations with littleBits™. Ages 8 – 12.



LACEY
609-693-8566

**A – 1/2, 11 am, Tuesday
Book Club for Adults with
Special Challenges**

Winter reads and a fun craft. **REG**

**T/PA – 1/2, 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 – 1/3, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Preschool Messy Art**

Art and sensory activities for ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver. **REG**

**CH – 1/4, 10 am – 11:30 am,
Thursday
Open Playtime**

Ages 1 – 5 with a caregiver. Drop in.

**T – 1/4, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

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

**A – 1/8, 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.

**CH – 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 10 am,
Tuesdays
Mother Goose Time**

For babies up to 18 months with a caregiver. **REG**

**A – 1/9, 6 pm, Tuesday
Meet the Mayor**

Join us as the Lacey Branch hosts Meet the Mayor. During this event you will be able to ask questions directly to the Lacey Mayor in an informal setting.

**CH – 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 9:30 am
& 10:30 am, Wednesdays
Toddler Time**

For ages 19 – 36 months with a caregiver. **REG**

**T/PA – 1/10, 3:30 pm,
Wednesday
Teen Game Afternoon**

Enjoy a variety of board games and video games with fellow teens. Snacks will be provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Library.

**CH – 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 10 am,
Thursdays
Preschool Storytime**

Ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver. **REG**

**DIV/CH – 1/15, 10:30 am,
Monday**

**MLK Day of Service:
Movie and Project**

We'll watch *Martin's Big Words*, a short film based on the award-winning book by Doreen Rappaport, and work together on a service project. Ages 6 – 12. (NR) 8 min. **REG**

**T/A – 1/15, 2:30 pm, Monday
MLK Day of Service:
Charity Crafts**

Drop in to work on community service craft projects and earn volunteer hours. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Library.

**C/A – 1/17, 2:30 pm,
Wednesday**

Library Where You Are: Libby
Learn how to borrow eBook, audiobooks, and magazines on the Libby application. Please bring your own device. Active library card is required. **REG**

**T – 1/18, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

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

**CH – 1/19, 2 pm, Friday
Homeschool STEAM**
Ages 5 – 10. **REG**

**TW/PA – 1/22, 2 pm, Monday
Tween Homeschool Eats**
Cooking chemistry activities. Ages 11+. **REG**

**G – 1/23, 3:30 pm – 5 pm,
Tuesday
LEGO® Free Play**
Drop in.

**C/A – 1/24, 2:30 pm,
Wednesday
Library Where You Are:
hoopla**

Learn how to borrow eBooks, audiobooks, music, and more on the hoopla application. Please bring your own device. Active library card is required. **REG**

**CH/PA – 1/25, 4 pm, Thursday
Paws for Reading**

Practice reading in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Drop in.

**A – 1/25, 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 – 1/26, 10:30 am, Friday
Toddler Dance**

Music and movement activities for ages 19 – 36 months with a caregiver. **REG**

**CH – 1/29, 6 pm, Monday
Pajama Tales Family
Storytime**

Stories, songs and rhymes followed by a simple craft. Ages 3+. **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 – 3 pm – 6 pm, Mondays –
Thursdays & 3 pm – 4:45 pm,
Fridays**

Homework Help

Free afterschool homework help. Not tutoring or reading help. Ages 5 – 12.

**CH – 3 pm – 6 pm, Lunes –
Jueves & 3 pm – 4:45 pm,
Viernes**

Ayuda Con Las Tareas

Ayuda con las tareas gratis. No es tutoría o ayuda con la lectura. Edades 5 – 12.

**T – 1/2, 3 pm, Tuesday
Sci-Fi Day Craft**

Come make a galaxy jar to celebrate National Sci-Fi Day.

**T – 1/2, 6 pm, Tuesday
Teen Movie Night**
Ages 12 – 18.

**A/PA – 1/3, 10:30 am,
Wednesday
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**



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CH – 1/4, 6 pm, Thursday
Video Games
Ages 5 – 12.

T – 1/4, 6 pm, Thursday
SMART Goals for the New Year
Set yourself up for success in 2024. Learn to make goals and action plans for your New Year's Resolutions. Ages 12 – 18

C – 1/5, 10 am, Friday
Gmail™ Basics
Learn how to set up an email and navigate its basic functions. **REG**

CH – 1:30 pm, All Fridays
Friday Fun
Preschool craft. Ages up to 5.

CH – 1:30 pm, Todos Los Viernes
Viernes De Diversion
Manualidades para niños en preescolar. Edades hasta 5.

T – 1/8, 3 pm, Monday
Guitar Club
Bring in your guitar and practice with fellow players. Ages 12 – 18.

C – 1/9, 6 pm, Tuesday
Drop-in Tech Hour
Bring your computer questions to our staff.

A/PA – 1/10, 1 pm, Wednesday
Movie Matinee
The Shining (R) 144 min. Water bottles and light snacks will be provided. **REG**

CH – 1/10, 6 pm, Wednesday
Igloo Craft
Ages 5 – 12.

CH – 1/11, 6 pm, Thursday
Snowflake Craft
Ages 5 – 12.

A – 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29, 6:30 pm, Thursdays
Free Citizenship Prep Class
This 8-week class will help you pass the naturalization test to become a US Citizen. Class every Thursday from January 11 – February 29, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. To be eligible, you must be a qualified immigrant at least 18 years or older. Attendance at all sessions is required. Class size is limited. **REG**

A – 1/12, 2 pm, Friday
Switch™ Club for Adults
Bring your Nintendo® Switch™ and favorite game or check out the Library's collection of games.

CH – 1/15, 5:30 pm, Monday
DIY Rain Clouds
Rain cloud science experiment. Ages up to 12.

DIV/A – 1/15, 6 pm, Monday
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Documentary
Join us for a documentary in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

A – 1/16, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Winter Craft for Adults with Special Challenges
Join us in making a paper plate snowman. **REG**

T/PA – 1/16, 3 pm, Tuesday
Makeup Mash
Bring in your makeup to practice, hang with fellow teens and view video tutorials. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 1/16, 6 pm, Tuesday
Draw A Dragon
Draw a dragon to celebrate Appreciate A Dragon Day. Ages 5 – 12.

CH – 1/17, 6 pm, Wednesday
Family Movie Night
Come watch a (G or PG) movie with us. Ages up to 12.

T – 1/17, 6 pm, Wednesday
Paper Lantern
Come make a paper lantern with paper towels, chop sticks, and markers.

CH – 1/18, 4 pm, Thursday
Paper Roll Snowman Craft
An easy winter-themed craft for younger kids. Ages up to 5.

CH – 1/18, 6 pm, Thursday
Winnie the Pooh Day
Ages 5 – 12.

C – 1/18, 6 pm, Thursday
OCL Digital Services
Learn how to access the Library's digital collection. Library card required. **REG**

CH – 1/22, 6 pm, Monday
Penguin
Make a penguin for National Penguin Day. Ages 5 – 12.

A – 1/23, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Tarot Tuesday
Learn, share, and discuss all things tarot.

T – 1/23, 6 pm, Tuesday
Cricut® Fun
Bring in a plain, cotton t-shirt and choose a design for the librarian to cut out on the Cricut® and iron on. Ages 12 – 18.

A – 1/24, 6 pm, Wednesday
Adult Craft: Paint Splatter Party
Make a mess while making a masterpiece.

CH – 1/25, 6 pm, Thursday
Mitten Monsters
Make a cuddly monster out of a glove. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

T – 1/25, 6 pm, Thursday
Teen Craft Club
Join your fellow teens to work on some crocheting, knitting, drawing, painting, collage, and/or anything else you can imagine. Ages 12 – 18.

A – 1/26, 2:30 pm, Friday
Book Rec Corner
Discover new titles, including read-alikes for popular authors like Colleen Hoover and James Patterson.

T – 1/30, 2 pm, Tuesday
National Escape Day: Escape Room
Come complete our escape room that is all about getting away on vacation. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 1/30, 6 pm, Tuesday
Draw a Dinosaur
Draw a dinosaur on National Draw a Dinosaur Day. Ages up to 12.

T – 1/30, 6 pm, Tuesday
Barbie™ Bash
Barbie™ (PG-13) 114 min. Wear your favorite pink and come watch the new *Barbie™* movie. Ages 12 – 18.

A – 1/31, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Trivia Contest for Adults with Special Challenges
Small prizes will be given. **REG**

CH – 1/31, 4 pm, Wednesday
Pinecone Snowy Owl Craft
Ages 8 – 12.

A – 1/31, 6 pm, Wednesday
Cross Stitch Club
Bring your own project or check out the patterns the Library has to offer. **REG**



LITTLE EGG HARBOR
609-294-1197

A – 7 pm, All Tuesdays
English Conversation Group
Practice English in an informal, friendly setting.

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

A – 1/4, 11 am, Thursday
New Year, New You
Join guest speaker Kayla DelVento, Nurse Clinical Liaison from Seacrest, to discuss healthy eating habits with tips to start the new year off right. **REG**



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A/T – 1/4, 7 pm, Thursday **New Years Tarot**

Local yoga teacher and practitioner of tarot and oracle Belle Burns will teach the basics of reading the tarot and provide instruction for dealing a New Years tarot spread. Join us as we explore the tarot, reflect on the lessons and achievements of the past year, and discover where to focus our energy in the new year. **REG**

CH/TW/T – 1/5, 10 am, Friday **Homeschool Hangout**

Our interactive sessions spark curiosity and passion for lifelong learning. Embrace a supportive network of parents and kids while fostering social skills and empowering each student's unique educational journey. Ages 5 – 18. **REG**

TW – 1/5, 4 pm, Friday **Tween Art Club** Ages 9 – 12. **REG**

A – 1/8, 1/22, 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 – 1/9, 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 or an experienced trainer, come join us for an hour of fun, friendship, and adventure. Grades 2 – 6. **REG**

CH – 1/9, 7:30 pm, Tuesday **Sibling Get Together**

This program provides a safe and nurturing space for siblings of children with special challenges to connect & share experiences. Through engaging activities, we aim to empower these remarkable siblings while celebrating their unique roles and fostering lasting friendships. Grades 1 – 6. **REG**

CH – 1/10, 10 am, 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**

T – 1/11, 6 pm, Thursday **Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

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

T – 1/15, 10 am & 2 pm, Monday **MLK Day of Service Teen Volunteer Hours**

Earn community service hours. Learn about the Library. Registration and a current teen volunteer application required. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

BD – 1/16, 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 – 1/16, 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 – 1/17, 10 am, Wednesday **Baby Messy Time**

Explore safe textures, colors & sensory play. Enhance motor skills & bonding through creative mess and learning through joyful chaos. **REG**

TW/T/PA – 1/18, 6 pm, Thursday **Teen Cozy Night**

Enjoy a night of crafts and hot cocoa to keep your insides warm while it's cold outside. **REG**

CH/A – 1/19, 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. **REG**

A – 1/19, 2 pm, Friday **Adult Gaming: Canasta**

Join in some friendly competition playing the classic card game Canasta. **REG**

CH – 1/23, 6:30 pm, Tuesday **Learn to Sew**

Create a small plushy animal while learning basic stitches. Ages 5+. **REG**

CH – 1/24, 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**

FR – 1/24, 6 pm, Wednesday **Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Branch Meeting**

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

T – 1/25, 6 pm, Thursday **Teen Game Night**

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



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CH – 1/2, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 10 am, Tuesdays **Toddler Time**

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

A – 1/2, 11 am, Tuesday **Blood Pressure Clinic**

Free blood pressure screening by the Long Beach Island (LBI) Health Department. Walk-ins welcome.

CH – 10 am, All 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 – 1/4, 1 pm, Thursday **LBI Poets Studio**

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

CH – 1/5, 10 am, Friday **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 – 1/8, 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**

CH – 1/9, 9:30 am, Tuesday **Toddler Time**

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

A – 1/10, 2 pm, Wednesday **Italian Cultural Society of LBI** Sponsored by the Italian Cultural Society of LBI. **REG**

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**TW/T – 1/10, 5:30 pm,
Wednesday**

Clay Accessory Design: Part 1

Use air dry clay to make your own unique accessories such as pins and pendants. In the first session we will build our clay and in the second session we will paint them. This is a two-part craft, as the clay takes time to dry to full hardness. **REG**

**A – 1/11, 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 second Thursday from 2 pm – 3 pm.

**A – 1/12, 1/19, 2 pm, Fridays
LBI Canasta**

Play Canasta with other Teams and players. All are welcome to play for fun from 2 pm – 5 pm.

**TW/T – 1/13, 2:30 pm, Saturday
Clay Accessory Design: Part 2**

Use air dry clay to make your own unique accessories such as pins and pendants. In this session we will paint the accessories we created during our first session. **REG**

**CH – 1/15, 10 am, Monday
Craft it Out: Dr. King**

We have all the ingredients you need to make a craft in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. Available while supplies last.

**A – 1/15, 1 pm, Monday
Project InVOLve**

Representatives from 15 local non-profit organizations will be at the Library answering questions, providing information about their organizations and talking with you about volunteer opportunities, if you are interested in pursuing that option. Drop in anytime during this event on this Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service.

**G – 1/16, 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 – 1/16, 6 pm, Tuesday
Family Movie Night: *Stuart Little***

(PG) 92 min. Bring your own refreshments to watch the movie in person. **REG**

**TW/T – 1/17, 5:30 pm,
Wednesday
Anime Club**

Are you an anime fan? Come and discuss your favorite anime and manga with like-minded people. **REG**

**CH – 1/19, 10 am, Friday
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**

**CH – 1/22, 10 am, Monday
Craft it Out: Polka Dots**

Celebrate National Polka-Dot Day. We have all the ingredients you need to make a fun craft. Available while supplies last.

**A/PA – 1:30 pm, Mondays
Monday Movie Matinee**

Bring your own refreshments. **REG**

1/22: *Singin' in the Rain* (G) 103 min.

1/29: *It's a Wonderful Life* (PG-13) 130 min.

**TW/T – 1/24, 5:30 pm,
Wednesday
Zine 101**

What is a zine? A zine is a self-published mini magazine. A zine can be about any topic that interests you. These DIY pamphlets came into popularity from the punk-rock movement of the 70s, 80s, and 90s. They can be a great way to practice creativity, self-expression, and activism. **REG**

**CH/TW/T – 1/26, 3:45 pm,
Friday**

Upcycled Shirts DIY

Reduce, reuse, recycle. Bring in a shirt that you have grown out of. Instead of throwing it away, learn how to turn it into something totally new. Ages 7+. **REG**

**A – 1/30, 1 pm – 6 pm,
Tuesday
American Red Cross Blood Drive**

Make a difference and donate blood. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org. **REG**



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**BD/A – 1/2, 10:15 am – 11:30 am,
Tuesday**

***The Secrets We Kept* by Lara Prescott**

**A – 1/4, 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.

**CH – 1/4, 10 am, Thursday
This Just In Storytime**

Join us for a storytime in the Children's Department with books hot off the shelves. Ages 2 – 6. **REG**

**TW – 1/4, 6 pm, Thursday
Tween Takeover: Geocache**

Tweens will learn about geocaching and participate in an indoor scavenger hunt to locate a geocache hidden inside the Library. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

**A – 1/5, 2 pm, Friday
Movement Music and
Memories Informational
Session**

Please stop by this information session about the Movement Music & Memories program. The Movement Music & Memories program will take place the third Thursday of the month. 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. If interested in attending the Movement Music & Memories program, you must attend this information session.

**CH – 1/6, 10 am, Saturday
This Just In Storytime**

Join us for a storytime in the Children's Department with books hot off the shelves. Ages 2 – 6. **REG**

**G – 1/6, 2 pm, Saturday
Art Reception**

Meet the artist, Barbara Whelan. Artwork is on mixed media.





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DIV/A – 1/8, 10 am, Monday **Wabi Sabi: The Art of Finding Beauty in Imperfections**

Learn how to transform your life to find more joy in an imperfect world by reconnecting with the beauty around us. Wabi Sabi is a Japanese aesthetic philosophy of finding beauty in things imperfect, impermanent, and incomplete. Presented by Sachiko Komagata, PH.D., P.T., Associate Professor and Program Director of Integrative Health at Georgian Court University. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Manchester Branch.

A – 1/8, 2 pm, Monday **Mobile Device Safety**

Learn how to protect your privacy when using your mobile device. **REG**

CH – 1/8, 6 pm – 8 pm, Monday

Drop-in Community Dream Collaborative Vision Board

Join us in the Children's Department to contribute to a vision board of dreams for our community to be displayed through Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

A – 1/8, 6:30 pm – 8 pm, Monday

Embroidered Greeting Cards

Embroidered greeting cards are perfect for craft enthusiasts of all levels. This hands-on program combines traditional embroidery techniques with modern technology, resulting in unique greeting cards that recipients are sure to treasure. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Manchester Branch. **REG**

A – 1/9, 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 – 1/11, 1/25, 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.

TW – 1/11, 6 pm, Thursday **Tween Trivia**

Tweens will gather and play a Jeopardy-style trivia game together. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

A – 1/12, 1/26, 1 pm – 3 pm, Fridays

Quilting Bee

Come join other quilters to work on individual and group projects.

A – 1/16, 2 pm, Tuesday **AARP Fraud Watch Network Basics**

Empower yourself in the fight against fraud with proven resources and tools provided by AARP to help you spot and avoid identity theft and other fraud. Topics include identity theft, cyber safety, and investment scams. **REG**

MKR/CH – 1/16, 6:30 pm, Tuesday **3D Pen Play**

Try our 3Doodler® pens. Use your imagination to create amazing sculptures. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

CH – 1/17, 9:30 am, Wednesday **Paint & Play**

Join us for messy play and leave the cleanup to us. Playtime with toys, painting, and coloring. Dress for a mess. Ages 6 months – 3 years. **REG**

CH – 1/17, 10:30 am, Wednesday **Paint & Play**

Join us for messy play and leave the cleanup to us. Playtime with toys, painting, and coloring. Dress for a mess. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

A – 1/18, 11 am, Thursday
Movement Music & Memories
Movement Music & Memories is a unique multi-sensory movement to music enrichment

program designed for people living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. The goal is to bring joy while sharing the benefits of multi-sensory stimulation, to improve overall physical cognitive fitness, and to increase opportunities for success and connection to sense of self. This program is presented by Francine Pannella, LPN, CDP, ASFA-CPT. This program takes place every third Thursday of the month. Care partners must be present. Pre-registration is required by calling Francine at 732-801-8191 or by emailing Francine at fran@dementialivingsolutions.com.

DIV/A – 1/18, 2 pm, Thursday **Childhood Under Nazism: Art, Memory and Resistance**

Explore the many roles children had during the Holocaust. Through the examination of survivor testimonies and evidence left behind by child victims, we can see clear manifestations of persistence and hope. This presentation intends to honor these children, and the adults who attempted to protect them. Presented by Zoey Guarino, the Assistant Director of Kean University's Restorative Justice in Education Grant. **REG**

T – 1/18, 6 pm – 8 pm, Thursday **Teen Takeover: Whodunit Mystery**

Have you ever wanted to play a detective and crack a difficult case? Participate in a whodunit scenario. Teens will play interactive roles and uncover the truth behind the mysteries. Ages 13 – 18. **REG**

CH – 1/19, 10 am, Friday **Homeschool Hangout**

Meet other homeschool families and do themed activities. Ages 5+. **REG**

A/PA – 1/19, 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/T – 1/22, 7 pm, Monday **Human Trafficking: The Basics**

Join us for this informative program by the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking. What is human trafficking vs what is not human trafficking. Where and why does it occur? Who are its victims? What are the red flags to help identify human trafficking? All these questions and more will be thoroughly discussed. **REG**

A – 1/24, 2 pm, Wednesday **Book Page Roses: Adult Craft**

Learn how to recycle old book pages into beautiful paper flower creations with help from scissors, a glue stick, a pencil and pipe cleaners, twigs, or wire that can be shaped into stems. **REG**

T – 1/25, 6 pm – 8 pm, Thursday **Teen Takeover: Anime Adventures**

Meet like-minded lovers of fandom and watch various episodes of different anime together. Ages 13 – 18. **REG**



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**T – 1/25, 6 pm – 8 pm,
Thursday**

Teen Advisory Board

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 13 – 18. **REG**

**CH/PA – 1/27, 10 am, Saturday
Mad Hatter Tea Party**

Join us for Lewis Carroll's birthday tea party, and your un-birthday celebration. There will be Flamingo crochet, rose painting and hat making all while dining on delectable morsels. Sponsored by Friends of the Manchester Branch. Ages 5 – 12. **REG**

**CH – 1/30, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
LEGO® Club**

Join us for open LEGO® play. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

**A – 1/31, 2 pm, Wednesday
Tech Savvy Tips (For the Not-So-Tech-Savvy)**

This class will provide you with some helpful technology tricks and tips. Learn how to send prints from your phone or computer directly to the Library, find a downloaded file on your phone, scan using your iPhone or Android, take screenshots, and much more. **REG**



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**A – 1/2, 1 pm, Tuesday
Classic Movie: Penny Serenade**
(NR) 119 min.

**A – 1/3, 1 pm, Wednesday
Drop-in BYO Crochet and Knitting Club**

Bring your own materials and join this low-key crafting afternoon.

**CH – 1/5, 10:30 am, Friday
Drop-in Penguin Popsicle Craft**

Join us in to make a craft to take home.

**CH – 1/10, 10:30 am,
Wednesday**

Snow Painting

Dress for a mess and join us for a fun snow painting experience. **REG**

**A – 1/15, 6:30 pm, Monday
English/Spanish
Conversation Group**

New to speaking English or Spanish? Join us in this low-key conversation group where participants can help one another learn. Discuss pop culture, politics and current events.

**A – 1/16, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Adult Craft and Relax:
Ribbon Rag Wreath**

Space is limited. **REG**

**T – 1/16, 3 pm, Tuesday
National Day of Racial
Healing Teen Volunteer Hour**
REG

**A – 1/17, 1 pm, Wednesday
Drop-in BYO Crochet and Knitting Club**

Bring your own materials and join this low-key crafting afternoon.

**CH – 1/18, 10:30 am,
Thursday**

Hats for Sale Storytime

Join us for stories and songs, and a *Hats for Sale* inspired craft. Ages 3+. **REG**

**BD – 1/22, 6 pm, Monday
Plumsted Evening Book
Discussion**

Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting by Clare Pooley.

**A – 1/25, 2:30 pm, Thursday
New Jersey Shipwrecks: An Overview of Shipwrecks Off the Jersey Shore**

The presentation covers nearly 300 years of shipwreck history in New Jersey waters. **REG**

**T – 1/30, 3 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

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

**CH – 1/31, 10:30 am,
Wednesday**

Toddler/Preschool Building and Play

Join us for a toddler open play, and an opportunity for caregivers to connect. Ages 1 – 4. **REG**



PT. PLEASANT BEACH 732-892-4575

**CH – 1/4, 1/18, 10:30 am,
Thursdays**

Toddler Sing-a-Long

Ages 18 – 36 months. **REG**

**TW/T – 1/5, 1/19, 3 pm,
Fridays**

Afternoon Dungeons & Dragons®

Learn how to play this game of storytelling and adventure. Open to new and experienced players. Ages 10 – 18. **REG**

**A – 1/8, 1/22, 1 pm, Mondays
Knitting and Crocheting at the Beach**

Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels welcome.

**A – 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29,
7:30 pm, Mondays
English Conversation Group**
New members welcome. **REG**

**CH – 1/9, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Baby & Me**

Please join us for songs, music, rhymes, and stories. Up to 18 months with caregiver. **REG**

**CH/PA – 1/9, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Paws for Reading**

Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs.

**CH – 1/10, 1/24, 10:30 am,
Wednesdays
Preschool Storytime Fun with Miss Liz**

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

**DIV/A – 1/15, 7 pm, Monday
Documentary Screening:
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr:
A Historical Perspective: An
Authorized Biography of a
Civil Rights Hero**
(NR) 60 min. **REG**

**CH – 1/16, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Toddler Read Along**

Storytime with Miss Liz

Each child will have a read along copy of *Dear Zoo* to help strengthen early literacy skills. Ages 2 – 3. **REG**

**CH – 1/17, 10:30 am,
Wednesday
Preschool Storytime:
I Have a Dream**

Join us for stories that signify kindness and learn about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

**A – 1/22, 5 pm, Monday
Pickin' at Point**

Bring your acoustic instrument and a song to share at this drop-in acoustic jam session.

**CH – 1/23, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Toddler Fun:**

Stories & Scarves

Please join us for songs, stories and fun for toddlers. Ages 18 months – 3. **REG**

**CH – 1/27 – 2/2, Saturday –
Friday**

Thomas the Tank Week

Enjoy our meeting room full of Thomas & Friends. Visit our circulation desk or call the branch to schedule your time. Sponsored by the Friends of the Point Pleasant Beach Branch.

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Wednesday
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Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs.

**G – 1/3, 1/17, 6 pm,
Wednesdays
Family Chess Night**

Join us on the first and third Wednesdays of every month for an evening of chess. We will have several chess boards for players of all ages and skill levels to enjoy.

**CH – 1/4, 1/25, 10 am,
Thursdays
Preschool Storytime Fun
with Miss Liz**

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

**A – 1/4, 1 pm, Thursday
Twisted Stitches 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 – 1/4, 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 – 1/4, 1/18, 7:30 pm,
Thursdays
Adult Writers Group**

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

**CH – 1/5, 10 am, Friday
Parachute Play**

This class helps toddlers channel their energy in creative ways. They learn to focus on rhythms, learn how to move with a group of children, and how to follow directions. Ages 18 months – 3 years. **REG**

**A – 1/5, 1 pm – 3 pm, Friday
Games for Adults**

Bring a friend and have fun playing a variety of board games.

**CH – 1/6, 10:30 am, Saturday
Wonders of Winter:
Yoga for Kids**

This interactive and playful children's Yoga class presented by certified yoga instructor Rebecca White of Bee Centered incorporates movement, breathing exercises, and story to encourage imagination and inspiration. No previous yoga experience is required. Sponsored by Friends of the Pt. Pleasant Borough Branch. Ages 5 – 12. **REG**

**CH – 1/9, 10 am, Tuesday
Cars, Cars, Cars Storytime**

Get your motor running for some storytime fun. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**CH – 1/11, 10 am, Thursday
Baby & Me**

Please join us for songs, music, rhymes, and stories. Up to 18 months with caregiver. **REG**

**CH – 1/12, 1/26, 10 am, Fridays
Lil Builders Club**

Drop in for some open block building with your little one. Ages 1 – 5.

**A – 1/12, 1:30 pm, Friday
Friday Afternoon Movie:
The 355**

(PG-13) 124 min.

**T – 1/12, 2:30 pm, Friday
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Dream Journals**

Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by making your own dream journals. Ages 12 – 18.

**A – 1/13, 11 am, Saturday
Chair Yoga**

Led by certified yoga instructor Linda Higley, chair yoga is a gentle yoga practice while remaining seated. **REG**

**BD – 1/15, 10:30 am, Monday
Friends Book Club**

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr.

**T – 1/15, 2:30 pm, Monday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

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

**G – 1/15, 3 pm, Monday
Family Craft Time Celebrates
MLK: Cooperative Kindness
Paper Chain**

Join us for our Family Craft Time, we will be making a cooperative kindness paper chain while listening to music and having lively conversations with other families in the community. **REG**

**FR – 1/16, 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.

**A – 1/16, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Elder Fraud**

This presentation helps empower individuals in the fight against fraud with proven resources and tools to help you identify and avoid fraud. Presented by the Ocean County Department of Consumer Affairs Investigator, Paul Wnek. **REG**

**A – 1/16, 6 pm, Tuesday
Tuesday Evening Movie:
Everything Everywhere All at
Once**

(R) 140 min.

**A/PA – 1/17, 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.

**BD – 1/17, 6 pm, Wednesday
Open Our Mind Book Club**

The Marsh Queen Stars by Virginia Hartman.

**A – 1/17, 6 pm, Wednesday
Twisted Stitches 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.

**CH – 1/18, 10 am, Thursday
Toddler Fun:
Stories & Scarves**

Please join us for songs, stories and fun for toddlers. Ages 18 months – 3. **REG**

**CH – 1/22, 10 am, Monday
Homeschool Hangout:
STEAM Time**

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

**CH – 1/23, 10 am, Tuesday
Music & Movement**

Sing, chant, play instruments and dance while exploring sounds, rhythms and patterns that make up our language. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**BD – 1/24, 7:30 pm,
Wednesday
Good Readers Book Club**
The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes.

**CH – 1/29, 10 am, Monday
Toddler Art**

Come create some awesome art for the fridge door. Dress for mess. Ages 2 – 3. **REG**



STAFFORD
609-597-3381

**BD – 1/3, 10 am, Wednesday
First Wednesday Book Club**
Ordinary Grace by William Krueger.

**A – 1/3, 2 pm, Wednesday
New Release Movie Matinee**
Check with the Branch for the upcoming film title. **REG**





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**A – 1/4, 1/18, 1 pm – 3 pm,
Thursdays & 1/6, 1/20,
10 am – 12 pm, Saturdays
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.

**A – 12:30 pm – 4 pm,
All Fridays
Mah Jongg**

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

**CH/TW/T – 1/8, 10 am,
Monday
Homeschooler's Workshop:
Marshmallow Snowflakes**

Put your engineering skills to the test and join us in building marshmallow snowflakes. Ages 8 – 13. **REG**

**BD – 1/8, 12 pm, Monday
AAUW Monday Book
Discussion**

The Boys: A Memoir of Hollywood and Family by Ron Howard.

**A – 1/8, 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**

**A – 1/9, 10 am, Tuesday
Pre-Diabetes**

Join us for this informative program and find out early warning signs, symptoms and changes you can make to avoid diabetes. Presented in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health, Tonja Werkman, RD. **REG**

**A – 1/10, 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. **REG**

**T – 1/10, 6:30 pm,
Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

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

**CH – 1/11, 6 pm, Thursday
STEM Builders**

Drop in and explore building with magnetic shapes, LEGOS®, and more. Ages 4 – 12.

**A – 1/14, 1/28, 2 pm, Sunday
English Conversation Group**
New to speaking English? Practice English conversation and talk about current events and more in a friendly, informal setting. This volunteer-led group meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 2 pm. **REG**

**A – 1/15, 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**

**G – 1/15, 2 pm, Monday
I Have a Dream, What's
Yours?**

Join us for MLK National Day of Service and share your dreams for the community, watch a video of his famous speech and create an inspirational bookmark. All ages. Drop in.

**A – 1/16, 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**



JANUARY 10 8:00 PM

Embrace Love in the New Year:

**A Heartfelt Conversation
with Rebecca Serle**

**New York Times Bestselling Author of One Italian
Summer, In Five Years, and The Dinner List**

JANUARY 23 2:00 PM

Your Retirement: Dream or Disaster?

**How to Avoid the Hidden Traps in
Retirement Planning Advice**

**Rajiv Nagaich, Expert in U.S. Elder Law and
Host of Two Popular Public Television Shows**

JANUARY 30 2:00 PM

**The Lure and the Lies of Processed Food,
Nutrition, and Modern Medicine:**

**An Author Talk with Dr. Robert Lustig
Physician and New York Times Bestselling
Author of Fat Chance**





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A – 1/17, 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. Third Wednesday of every month.

FR – 1/18, 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 – 1/18, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Tween Crafternoon: Snowman Figures

Join us for this month's Tween Crafternoon and make a Snowman Figure. Ages 9 – 13. **REG**

A – 1/22, 2 pm, Monday
Documentary: *Johnny Cash and Me*
(NR) 100 min.

TW/T – 1/22, 3:30 pm, Monday
Winter Hat Keychains
Join us to create some winter hat keychains. Ages 9 – 17. **REG**

A – 1/23, 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 4th Tuesday. **REG**



A/PA – 1/24, 10 am, Wednesday
Learn and Enjoy Hygge

Learn about the Scandinavian way of life: Hygge. Hygge is a quality of coziness and comfortable conviviality that engenders a feeling of well-being. After we learn about the many aspects of hygge, we will embrace the concept by drinking hot chocolate and creating a hygge-inspired tea-light holder. **REG**

A – 1/25, 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**



TOMS RIVER
732-349-6200

A – 1/2, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Game Club for Adults
Come play video and board games at the Library and make new friends. Drop in.

CH – 1/3, 10 am, Wednesday
Baby & Me
Visit the Library for an interactive program for you and your baby. For babies up to 12 months old. **REG**

S/MKR/G – 1/6, 1 pm, Saturday
Textured Penguin Craft
Join the Maker Space and the Sensory Space as we explore different textures while making a penguin craft. Program will be held in Sparks's Lab on the 2nd floor. All ages with caregiver. While supplies last.

CH/TW – 1/6, 2:30 pm, Saturday
Drop-in Video Games for Kids
Play video games and make some new friends. Ages 4 – 12.

A – 1/8, 6:30 pm, Monday
New Year Intention Meditation

This hour-long meditation will guide you through a reflection of the past year, and setting intentions for the year ahead, all while creating space to invite new energy in. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

CH – 1/9, 10 am, Tuesday
Explore the Floor

Visit the library for toys and activities that encourage skill building and creativity. Ages 2 – 5. Siblings are welcome. **REG**

T/PA – 1/9, 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 how to make healthy choices at the grocery store. **REG**

A/T – 1/9, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Manfred "Manny" Lindenbaum – Holocaust Survivor

Join us for a presentation by Holocaust survivor Manfred "Manny" Lindenbaum. At the age of 7 he and his older brother Sig, then 9, were shepherded by Polish troops to board the Kindertransport to England a day before World War II began. Manny remains active with the Hebrew Aid Immigration Society, an organization that helped him. Ages 12+. **REG**

C/A – 1/10, 10 am – 12 pm, Wednesday
Let's Talk Tech

Our Senior Services Department will be available in the lobby of the Toms River Branch to help answer your questions about your phone, laptop or tablet. First come, first serve.

CH – 1/10, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Preschool Storytime

Develop pre-reading skills with stories, songs, movement, and a fun craft. Ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver. **REG**

CH/TW – 1/10, 2 pm, Wednesday
Magical Movies

Frozen (PG) 102 min. Ages 3 – 12. Drop in.

T – 1/10, 6 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

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

MKR/TW/T/A – 1/10, 6 pm, Wednesday
Beginner's Crochet Class

Join us in the Maker Space for a beginner's crocheting class and learn to crochet a winter snowflake with certified instructor Robin Nogiewicz. Ages 10+. **REG**

T/PA – 1/11, 2 pm, Thursday
De-Stress with Dogs for Teens

Drop in at 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.

T – 1/15, 2 pm, Monday
MLK Day of Service Project for Teens

Come to the Teen Zone to participate in a group volunteer project in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. **REG**

CH – 1/15, 6:30 pm, Monday
Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a story and craft. Ages 5 – 8. **REG**

CH – 1/16, 10 am, Tuesday
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**

A – 1/17, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Chair Yoga for Adults with Special Challenges

Join us for a session of beginner level chair yoga led by certified yoga instructor Linda Higley. Caregivers will be requested to sign a waiver form. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**



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T – 1/17, 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**

CH/TW/PA – 1/17, 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 – 1/17, 6 pm, Wednesday **Happy Accident Crafting**

There are no mistakes here. Use 3D printed pieces that didn't quite work along with 3D printing pens and paint markers to make new, unique pieces of art. Bring your imagination. Ages 10+. **REG**

A – 1/18, 6 pm, Thursday **Achieving Financial Fitness Seminar**

Laura Reeves, Financial Advisor and Daily Money Manager, shares tips on various tools to organize one's financial documents, such as what documents to keep and what are safe to get rid of. You will also learn about common fraud scams and how to avoid being a victim with ways to protect one's assets. **REG**

T/A – 1/18, 6:30 pm, Thursday **Human Trafficking 101: Introduction to Human Trafficking**

In honor of Human Trafficking Awareness Month, a representative from the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking will give a presentation about human trafficking. Topics covered will include what human trafficking is from both local and global perspectives, who it impacts, how to safeguard against it, and what people can do to raise awareness. **REG**

CH/TW – 1/18, 6:30 pm, Thursday

Drop-in Snowman Craft

Visit the Children's Department to make a fun snowman craft. Ages 5 – 12. Drop in.

CH/TW – 1/19, 2 pm, Friday **Magical Movies**

Penguins (G) 76 min. Ages 3 – 12. Drop in.

TW/T – 1/22, 6:30 pm, Monday **Zen Zone Mondays: Make Your Own Self Care Kit**

Relax and unwind as you meet with friends, do hands-on activities, and learn about and practice self-care. In this session, we will decorate fun and functional items to put into a personal self-care kit. **REG**

CH/TW – 1/22, 6:30 pm, Monday **Perler™ Beads**

Get creative with Perler™ beads. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

CH – 1/23, 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**

T – 1/23, 3 pm, Tuesday **Knitting 101 for Teens**

Learn the basics of knitting, casting on and basic stitching by starting a knitted bookmark. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

S/G – 1/23, 6 pm, Tuesday **Sensory Friendly Movie: Abominable**

(PG) 97 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**

C/A – 1/24, 10 am – 12 pm, Wednesday **Let's Talk Tech**

Our Senior Services Department will be available in the lobby to help answer your questions about your phone, laptop or tablet. First come, first serve.

CH/TW – 1/24, 11 am, Wednesday **Homeschool Kids Club**

Stop by for a cool craft. Ages 7 – 12. **REG**

MKR/TW/T/A – 1/24, 2 pm, Wednesday

Beginner's Cricut® Class

Learn the basics of using the Cricut® Maker™ machine and Cricut® Design Space Software. Ages 10+. **REG**

A – 1/24, 6:30 pm, Wednesday **Crafts with Maps**

Travel the world by crafting with maps. We will provide a variety of maps and craft supplies to make unique decorations and gifts. **REG**

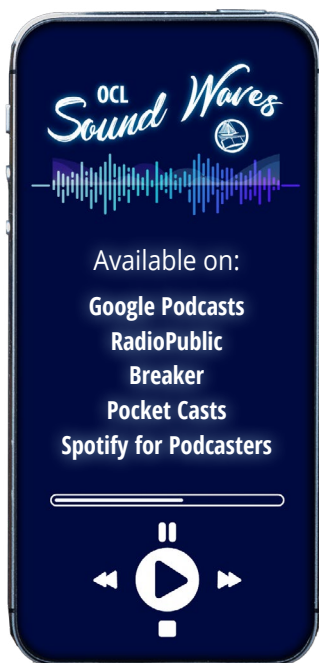
BD – 1/25, 2 pm, Thursday **Afternoon Book Discussion** *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. **REG**

CH/TW – 1/25, 2 pm, Thursday **Magical Movies**

Cinderella (2015) (PG) 105 min. Ages 3 – 12. Drop in.

A – 1/26, 2 pm, Friday **Winter Sowing Workshop – Rutgers Master Gardener**

Join us for a presentation on winter sowing, then plant seeds into winter sowing containers to take home. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**



January

Art Displays and Exhibits

Manchester

1/2 – 1/27

Barbara Whelan

Artwork on mixed media.

Art reception will be held on
Saturday, January 6 at 2 pm.



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TOMS RIVER 732-349-6200

A – 1/27, 10 am, Saturday
Getting Started with Ancestry
Dive into Ancestry Library Edition and learn tips and tricks for locating your family members. This class will cover basic versus advanced searching, search tactics, limiting your search, accessing media galleries, locating documents, and more. **REG**

CH/TW – 1/30, 2 pm, Tuesday
Magical Movies
Elemental (PG) 102 min. Ages 3 – 12. Drop in.

A – 1/30, 7 pm, Tuesday
Vinyl Record Nights
Come unwind and listen to curated vinyl records under the stars in Toms River Branch's atrium.

T – 1/31, 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. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**



TUCKERTON 609-296-1470

CH – 1/2, 11 am, Tuesday
Toddler Time: Silly Fun
Shake your sillies out and join us for songs and playtime. Ages 2+. **REG**

A – 1/4, 10 am, Thursday
Art Chat
Meet and talk with local artists. Bring your own work for feedback.

DIV/CH/TW – 1/8, 4:30 pm, Monday
Write Your Name in Braille
January is Braille Literacy Month. Discover how to read Braille books and write your name in Braille. Ages 7 – 12. **REG**

DIV/A – 1/8, 7 pm, Monday
A Reckoning in Boston
(PG-13) 90 min. **REG**

DIV/T/A – 1/15, 7 pm, Monday
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Historical Perspective
(NR) 60 min. **REG**

A/PA – 1/18, 2 pm, Thursday
Keeping Up with Kayla – New Year, New You
Join us for a wellness topic led by Kayla DelVento, LPN, of Seacrest Village. This month Kayla will share tips on healthy eating, answer your questions and send you home with helpful information. Light refreshments. **REG**

T/PA – 1/18, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Enjoy a snack while making a paper bag star. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

G – 1/20, 11 am, Saturday
Family Checkers Tournament
Enjoy a fun afternoon playing this classic game for a chance to win a prize. **REG**

BD/A – 1/22, 6:30 pm, Monday
Tuckerton Adult Book Discussion
Jacqueline in Paris by Ann Mah. New members welcome. Please stop in to reserve a copy.

CH – 1/23, 11 am, Tuesday
Toddler Time: Cats & Kittens
Fabulous felines are the stars of our storytime with a craft. Ages 2+. **REG**

DIV/T/A – 1/26, Friday
Against All Odds: Surviving the Holocaust
Showtimes: 10:30 am, 12 pm, 1:30 pm and 3 pm. (NR) 79 min.

A – 1/29, 7 pm, Monday
Adult Crafting
Make a sweet wreath for yourself or your special someone. **REG**

CH – 1/30, 11 am, Tuesday
Toddler Time: Dogs & Puppies
The doggies will have their day at our fun storytime with a craft. Ages 2+. **REG**



UPPER SHORES 732-793-3996

A – 9 am, All Tuesdays
Hand and Foot Card Games
Come play this variant card game of Canasta at the library.

CH – 1/3, 1/17, 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/PA – 1/3, 4 pm, Wednesday
Paws for Reading
Join us to practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Ages 3 – 12. **REG**

G – 1/4, 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. **REG**

CH – 1/4, 10:30 am, Thursday
Toddler Time
Join us for songs, stories, and hands-on activities. Ages 18 – 36 months with a caregiver. **REG**

BD – 1/4, 3 pm, Thursday
Thursday Book Discussion
Call the Branch for book information.

BD – 1/5, 10 am, Friday
Morning Book Discussion
Call the Branch for book information.

BD – 1/5, 3 pm, Friday
Afternoon Book Discussion
The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles.

A – 1/6, 10 am, Saturday
Library Where You Are: Libby
Learn how to borrow eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines on the Libby application. Please bring your own device. Active library card is required. **REG**

A – 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 12 pm, Mondays
Mah Jongg Mondays
Play Mah Jongg at the library.

CH – 1/10 3:30 pm, Wednesday
Snow Globe Craft
Ages 5 – 12. **REG**

CH – 1/11, 10:30 am, Thursday
Let's Sing, Dance, and Play Instruments: Presented by Kids' MusicRound
Barbara Lysenko, director, and co-founder of Kids' MusicRound, will be at the library with her guitar for a fun time of dancing, singing, and playing rhythm instruments. Children, infants to age 5, along with their special adult, will enjoy this interactive musical performance. Bring your dancing feet. Ages up to 5. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upper Shores Branch. **REG**

A – 1/11, 2 pm, Thursday
Exercise and Osteoporosis
Join our rehabilitation expert to learn why it is important to keep moving and exercises you can do to maintain strength and balance. Presented by Hackensack Meridian Health. **REG**

A – 1/12, 1/26, 1 pm, Fridays
OC Purls Knitting Group
Enjoy conversation and exchange patterns while you work on your knitting projects.

DIV/A – 1/13, 2 pm, Saturday
Documentary at the Library: MLK/FBI
(PG) 106 min. **REG**





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A – 1/16, 2 pm, Tuesday
Hypertension & 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 and the treatment options and risk factors for heart disease and stroke. Presented by Hackensack Meridian Health. **REG**

T – 1/16, 6 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

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

TW/T – 1/16, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Beaded Pipe Cleaner
Snowflakes

Ages 10 – 18. **REG**

A – 1/17, 6 pm, Wednesday
Library Where You Are: Libby

Learn how to borrow eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines on the Libby application. Please bring your own device. An active library card is required. **REG**

CH – 1/18, 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**

A – 1/18, 1/25, 1 pm, Thursdays
Bridge for All

Play bridge at the Library. All skill levels welcome.

A – 1/20, 2 pm, Saturday
Movies at the Library: Book
Club: The Next Chapter
(PG-13) 108 min. **REG**

CH – 1/23, 4 pm, Tuesday
Winter Slime

Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

A – 1/24, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Movies at the Library: Book
Club: The Next Chapter
(PG-13) 108 min. **REG**

CH – 1/25, 10:30 am, Thursday
Sensory Play for
Preschoolers

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



WARETOWN
609-693-5133

A – 1/2, 1/16, 1/30, 11 am,
Tuesdays

Waretown Writers Group

Join other writers to explore your skills in an informal and fun discussion.

A – 12 pm – 4 pm,
All Wednesdays

Mah Jongg

Beginners welcome.

T – 1/15, 6 pm, Monday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

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

T – 1/15, 6:30 pm, Monday
Tarot for Teens

Join us to learn about the basics of reading tarot and get started in your own practice. **REG**

A – 1/20, 11 am, Saturday
Saturday Documentary: In
Remembrance of Martin
(NR) 57 min.

CH – 1/25, 11 am, Thursday
Storytime and Craft

Join us for a storytime, and a craft. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

A – 1/25, 3 pm, Thursday
Adult Craft

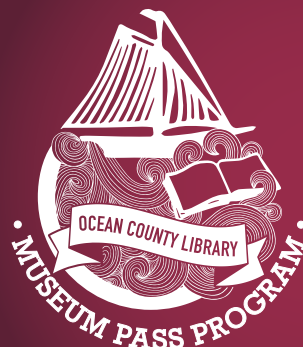
Join us for a craft. **REG**



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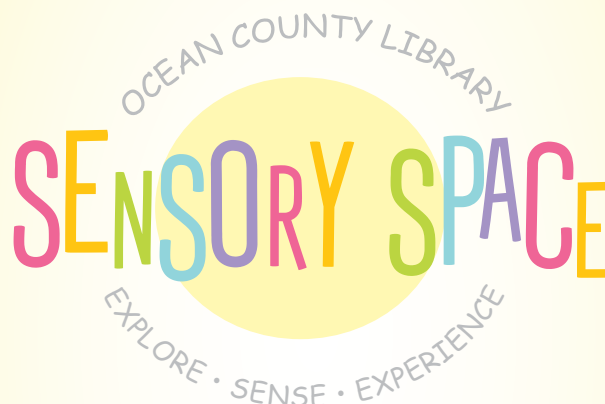
T – 1/5, Friday
Crafting With Miss Chris:
Bead Lizard Keychains

Warm up from the winter weather by learning how to make this classic summer camp craft.



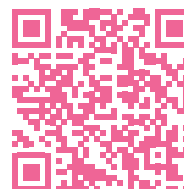
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Toms River and
Jackson Branches

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calendar of events for a
complete list of open hours*



Cozy Up with a Good Book

Adult Titles:

Murder Uncorked
by Maddie Day

Murder in a Cup
by Lauren Elliott

A Crafter Quilts a Crime
by Holly Quinn

Children's Titles:

Knight Owl
by Christopher Denise

Just One Flake
by Tavis Jonker

Alebrijes
by Donna Barba Higuera

Young Adult Titles:

Serious Moonlight
by Jenn Bennett

*Sense and
Second-Degree Murder*
by Tirzah Price

Winterwood
by Shea Ernsshaw

