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Programs and Events Guide December 2022

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TW – 12/1, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Tween Club: Holiday Wood Slice Ornament
Create a holiday wood slice ornament. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

C/A – 12/2, 2 pm, Friday
Streaming Movies with OCL
Learn about all of the ways that you can stream movies from the comfort of your own home with your Ocean County Library card. **REG**

A – 1 pm, Mondays
Monday Movies
12/5: *Mack & Rita* (PG-13) 95 min.
12/12: *Top Gun: Maverick* (PG-13) 131 min.
12/19: *Four Christmases* (PG-13) 88 min.

A/PA – 12/6, 7 pm, Tuesday
Burr Street Book Cafe
Drop in to talk about what you are reading and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea.

CH – 12/7, Wednesday
Hanukkah Story and Craft Bundle
Pick up a Hanukkah themed story and craft bundle. While supplies last. Ages 4 – 8.

CH – 12/7, 10 am, Wednesday
Toddler Storytime
Join us for stories, rhymes, music, and light movement. Ages 18 – 36 months with a caregiver. **REG**

T – 6 pm, All Wednesdays
Teen Game Night
Ages 12 – 18. Drop in.

T – 12/7, 6 pm, Wednesday
Teen Anime Club
Join us to watch and discuss the latest anime. Ages 12 – 18. Drop in.

CH/PA – 12/8, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Holiday Cookie Decorating
Decorate holiday shaped sugar cookies. Ages 5+. **REG**

CH – 12/9, 12/16, 10 am, Fridays
Preschool Storytime
Come for stories, songs, and a craft. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

A – 12/9, 3 pm, Friday
Jingle Bell Wreath Door Hanger
Spread some holiday cheer and assemble a jingle bell wreath door hanger for your home. Sponsored by the Friends of the Barnegat Library. **REG**

CH/PA – 12/13, 10 am, Tuesday
Santa Claus Storytime
Holiday themed stories and songs followed by a visit from Santa Claus. Enjoy refreshments sponsored by the Friends of the Barnegat Library. Ages 2+. **REG**

A – 12/13, 2 pm, Tuesday
Embroidered Greeting Cards
Learn how to embroider your own paper cards for a fun homemade gift with local artist, Linda Johnson. **REG**

T – 12/14, 6 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Holiday Party
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

T/PA – 12/14, 7 pm, Wednesday
Chocolate Making for Teens
Melt and pour chocolate into molds. Enjoy your creations or give them as a gift. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

CH – 12/15, 6 pm, Thursday
Family Movie Night
The Grinch (PG) 90 min. Drop in.

T – 12/16, 3:30 pm, Friday
DIY Snow Globes
Design a piece of artwork, then watch glitter and "snow" fall around your creation. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

A – 12/17, 10 am, Saturday
Jingle Bell Rocks! Documentary
(NR) 94 min.

A/T – 12/17, 2 pm, Saturday
Christmas with the King
Award-winning Elvis Presley tribute artist and "Elvis-torian" George "Ruben" Castillo will step into character for the live musical Yuletide journey. **REG**

CH – 12/21, 10 am, Wednesday
Baby & Me
Come for rhymes, songs, and stories. Ages up to 18 months with a caregiver. **REG**

T – 12/21, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Yoga for Teens
Come out and unwind with Yoga for Teens hosted by Certified Yoga Instructor Courtney MacKay. Please bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

CH – 12/29, 2 pm, Thursday
Model Magic
Come and play with model magic. Ages 4+. **REG**

CH – 12/30, Friday
Drop-in New Year's Eve Craft
Drop in for a New Year's Eve themed craft. Ages 4+.

PROGRAM KEY

A	Adult Program
BD	Book Discussion
C	Computer
CH	Children's Program
DIV	Diversity Program
ED	Exhibits and Displays
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.

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.

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

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

The Ocean County Library system makes every effort to provide access to our programs for people with disabilities. Please call your local branch prior to attending the program for special arrangements.

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

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BEACHWOOD 732-244-4573

A – 12/1, Thursday
Take & Make for Adults: String Art
Stop by the Branch and take home a string art craft. While supplies last. **REG**

A – 12/5, 6:30 pm, Monday
Acoustic Jam Session
Bring an instrument and play with other musicians. All skill levels and musical styles are welcome. **REG**

T – 12/6, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Mini Vase Painting for Teens
A friendly environment for teens to express their creativity through painting mini vases. Space is limited. **REG**

CH – 12/7, 11 am, Wednesday
Open Play
Bring your kids to the library to play and socialize with others. Ages up to 6 years. **REG**

A – 12/8, 3 pm, Thursday
Creative Writing Club
Explore the art of writing with others and get feedback on your work. All styles of writing are welcome. **REG**

T – 12/12, 4 pm, Monday
Teen Board Game Afternoon
Teens can stop by the library, hang out, and play board games. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

CH – 12/15, 11 am, Thursday
Winter Storytime
Bundle up and enjoy some winter-themed stories and activities. Ages up to 8 years. **REG**

CH/TW – 12/20, 11 am, Tuesday
DIY Sewing Animals
Space is limited. Ages 5 – 12. **REG**

BERKELEY 732-269-2144

G – December
Pop-in Puzzle
Stop in and help us complete a puzzle.

CH – December
I Spy Bulletin Board
See what you can spy on our interactive bulletin board display. Find all the hidden items and win a prize.

G – 12/1 – 12/15
Gingerbread House Contest
Create a festive gingerbread house and drop it off to the Berkeley Branch. Construction materials can be anything you have on hand, it does not need to be edible. Maximum size: 12 by 12. Prizes sponsored by the Friends of the Berkeley Library will be awarded to the winners in the following groups: Children (0 – 12), Teens (13 – 17), Adults (18+).

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

A – 1 pm – 4 pm, All Thursdays
Mah Jongg
Weekly play for Mah Jongg Mavens. Players bring their own set and current card.

T/PA – 12/3, 3 pm, Saturday
Teen Movie Matinee
Watch a movie and enjoy snacks with other teens. **REG**

A – 11:30 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.

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BERKELEY
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A – 10 am, All Wednesdays
Book Café for Adults with Special Challenges
Select your favorite books, relax and share with friends. Call ahead to reserve your group's favorite titles.

A – 12/7, 6 pm, Wednesday
Design and Build a Terrarium
Learn the history of terrariums as you make your own to take home.

BD – 12/9, 1 pm – 2:30 pm, Friday
Afternoon Book Discussion
Please contact the Berkeley Branch for details.

CH – 12/14, 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.

A/PA – 12/14, 6 pm – 8:30 pm, Wednesday
Essential Oils
Essential oils have antibacterial, anti-microbial, antiviral, anti-inflammatory, antiseptic and antibiotic properties. They are also impactful on our brain chemistry, emotional well-being, and spiritual wellness. Participants will receive a "take home" sample.

T – 12/15, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

A – 12/17, 3 pm, Saturday
Crafternoon with Julie: Winter Gnomes

G – 12/19, 6:30 pm, Monday
Nutcracker in a Nutshell
The students from Basically Ballet Studio condense the classic ballet into a 30-minute performance.

CH/PA – 12/20, 4 pm – 5 pm, Tuesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs.

T – 12/22, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Game Night
Play familiar and new games, just for teens. **REG**

CH – 12/23, 10:30 am, Friday
Toddler Time
Play with your little one as we share stories, rhymes, songs, and dance. Ages 1 – 2.

A – 12/28, 6 pm, Wednesday
Psychic Ability
In this program we will discuss the similarities and differences between intuition and psychic ability. We will discuss auras, prophetic dreams, and astral projection. At the end of the discussion we'll briefly meditate and share our experiences.

BRICK
732-477-4513

ED – December
Exhibition by Dr. Scarpelli (Meeting Room)

A/T – 12/1, 7 pm, Thursday
Elvistory – Aloha and Beyond: 1973 – 1977
Elvis-Storian and Elvis tribute performer George "Ruben" Castillo explores Elvis in the mid-seventies. Highlights from the Aloha from Hawaii concert, the Jungle Room Sessions, and his final show broadcast on CBS. **REG**

A – 12/3, 2 pm, Saturday
S. Hunter Gray in Concert
The Brick Library presents S. Hunter Gray, a singer-song-writer, poet, and storyteller who's appeared throughout New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. His songs are what happens when blues, pop, country, folk, and jazz have a head-on collision. **REG**

A – 12/5, 6 pm, Monday
Documentary Film: *Secrets of Diana's Last Royal Christmas*
(NR) 57 min. **REG**

T – 12/6, 3:45 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

CH – 12/6, 6 pm, Tuesday
Decorate the Library Drop-in
Drop in to help make some winter decorations to put up around the library.

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

C/A – 12/7, 10 am, Wednesday
iPhone Basics
Learn about the major features of an iPhone and get the most out of using this device. **REG**

TW – 12/7, 4 pm, Wednesday
Tween Art
Stop by for a fun art project. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

T/PA – 12/7, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Doki Doki Anime Club
Gather, watch, and talk about Japanese animation. Try Japanese snacks, practice your drawing skills or just enjoy the viewing. Ages 13 – 18. **REG**

A – 12/10, 1:30 pm, Saturday
Feature Film: *Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris*
(PG) 92 min. **REG**

CH – 12/12, 10:30 am, Monday
Cookie Storytime
Join us for cookie themed stories and a craft. Ages 2+. **REG**

A – 12/12, 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 – 12/13, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Hot Chocolate Storytime
Come enjoy cozy stories and a craft. Ages 2+. **REG**

C/A – 12/13, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Learn to Use Facebook®
Learn to like, post, and upload photos on Facebook®. **REG**

A – 12/14, 10 am, Wednesday
Craft for Adults with Special Challenges
Join us for a fun craft. **REG**

T – 12/14, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
DIY Holiday Ornaments
Join us to make a variety of holiday ornaments. Ages 13 – 18. **REG**

A – 12/15, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Night Crafting for Adults
We will be making a ribbon pine cone ornament. **REG**

A – 12/17, 2 pm, Saturday
The Navesink Brass Quintet: a Holiday Concert
Take a break from the holiday bustle and enjoy a festive concert. This Monmouth County ensemble is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2022 and will perform traditional classics as well as musical numbers from several cultures. **REG**

CH – 12/19, 10:30 am, Monday
Candy Cane Crafts & Scavenger Hunt
Join us for some candy cane crafts and a candy cane scavenger hunt. **REG**

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C/A – 12/20, 7 pm, Tuesday
Winter Reads
Learn about the Library's Adult Winter Reading Program and resources for finding your next fireside book. **REG**

CH/PA – 12/21, 4 pm, Wednesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Ages 5+.

A – 12/21, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Adult Crafting
Join us for a seasonal craft. **REG**

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

CH – 12/27, 6 pm, Tuesday
Pajama Storytime
Wear your pajamas for some cozy stories. Ages 2+. **REG**

C/A – 12/27, 7 pm, Tuesday
Brainfuse: HelpNow™
Learn about this online tutoring service that provides live help in a number of subject areas for elementary, middle school, high school, and college students. Active library card required. **REG**

CH – 12/28, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Snowflake Decorating Craft
Stop by to decorate paper snowflakes. Ages 2+. **REG**

A – 12/28, 2:30 pm, Wednesday
Feature Film: *Bullet Train*
(R) 126 min. **REG**

C/A – 12/28, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
How to Navigate Amazon®
Learn how to navigate Amazon® to browse for and locate items you are interested in. **REG**

ISLAND HEIGHTS 732-270-6266

A – 12/5, 6:30 pm, Monday
Chair Yoga
Join us for simple yoga movements. **REG**

CH – 12/7, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Preschool Storytime: Snowflake Time
Stories and activities. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

A – 12/10, 11:30 am, Saturday
Chair Yoga
Join us for simple yoga movements. **REG**

A – 12/12, 3:30 pm, Monday
Adult Crafternoon Drop-in
Socialize with other crafters.

CH – 12/14, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Baby & Me
Stories and songs. Ages up to 12 months. **REG**

T – 12/21, 3:30 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 12/23, 3:30 pm, Friday
DIY Winter Craft Drop-in
Let's create a special card for the holidays.

JACKSON 732-928-4400

CH – December
Look & Learn Activities
Visit the Jackson Branch to participate in themed activities to do on your own time. Scavenger Hunts are sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library.

T – December
Paint Chip Haikus
Stop by the Teen Zone throughout December to learn about the Japanese poetry form Haiku. Explore its thirteenth century origins and its traditional elements. Read some examples by the masters. Then create your own. Ages 12 – 18.

A – 12/1, 2:30 pm, Thursday
Holiday Concert: Swinging Jazz and Holiday Classics
Deb Lyons of The Mamas and The Papas and John Bianculli, who opened for Céline Dion, play jazz and holiday favorites for your enjoyment. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library. **REG**

MKR/CH – 12/3, 10 am – 2 pm, Saturday
Maker Drop-in Building: Magna Tiles
Drop into the Children's Department and explore the full range of building with magna tiles.

A – 12/3, 10:30 am, Saturday
Soundbath with Shazia
Immerse yourself in the harmonic and healing frequencies of Alchemy Crystal Singing Bowls, which emit vibrations that allow the body's energy flow to harmonize and balance. For optimum relaxation, this session is best experienced lying down. Please bring a mat, pillow and blanket. Chairs will also be provided. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library. **REG**

A – 12/5, 12/19, 10 am, Mondays
Knit Chat Chain
Items are donated to hospitals.

MKR/A – 12/5, 2:30 pm, Monday
Adultz Paint Party
Come paint along with an art instructor from Carazy Paint Studio. **REG**

MKR/A – 12/6, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Create a Woven Basket
Join Steven Carty of the Pinelands Basketry Center to weave a cylindrical basket using natural materials. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library. **REG**

CH – 12/6, 5 pm, Tuesday
Pinecones Woodland Creatures
Learn about forest animals and create a cute creature using pinecones and felt. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

A – 12/6, 12/20, 6:30 pm, Tuesdays
Jackson Writers Group
Bring your work in progress, any genre.

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

BD – 12/6, 7 pm, Tuesday
***The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah**

CH – 12/7, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Toddler Storytime
Join us for stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

A – 12/7, 2:30 pm, Wednesday
Adult Winter Coloring
Take a break at the Library this busy season with some adult winter coloring while restful nature sounds relax away your holiday stress. **REG**

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

All Branches of the Ocean County Library will be closed
December 24th, 25th, and 26th
Branches will resume normal hours on Tuesday, December 27th

JACKSON
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MKR/A – 12/8, 2:30 pm, Thursday
Holiday Ornament Craft
Make a beautiful holiday ornament or framed art using a wooden embroidery hoop, fabric and embellishments to display or gift. **REG**

CH – 12/9, 9 am – 12 pm, Friday
Drop-in Craft: Animal Crafts
Drop by and make some fun crafts in the Children's Department.

MKR/TW – 12/12, 3:30 pm, Monday
Cardboard Gingerbread Houses
Test your creativity and engineering skills by constructing a gingerbread house using cardboard. Ages 8 – 14. **REG**

A – 12/12, 6 pm, Monday
Knit Chat Chain
Items are donated to hospitals.

BD – 12/13, 1 pm, Tuesday
***Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict**

MKR/T – 12/13, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Teenz Paint Party
Come paint along with an art instructor from Carazy Paint Studio. Ages 13 – 18. **REG**

A – 12/14, 2:30 pm, Wednesday
Film and Discussion: Craft in America – Holiday
(TV-PG) 53 min. Discussion 15 min. **REG**

A/T – 12/14, 6 pm, Wednesday
Elvistory – King of Vegas 1970 – 1972
Award-Winning Elvis-Storian and Elvis tribute performer George "Ruben" Castillo takes you back to the early '70s. **REG**

MKR/TW – 12/15, 10:30 am, Thursday
Homeschool Makers: Makedo Creations
Come make cool cardboard creations for the Library's Makedo kit. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

FR – 12/15, 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 – 12/16, 10:30 am, Friday
Babytime
Engage with your baby in an interactive program. Ages up to 18 months. **REG**

CH – 12/17, 10 am – 2 pm, Saturday
Drop-in Craft: Holiday Crafts
Visit the library to create a craft themed for Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa.

MKR/CH – 12/17, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm, Saturday
Kidz Paint Party
Come paint along with an art instructor from Carazy Paint Studio. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

CH – 12/19, 3:30 pm, Monday
Desk Pet Club: Cozy Home
Create a beautiful home for your eraser pet. **REG**

CH – 12/20, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Sensory Time
Explore your senses with fun station-based play. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

A – 12/20, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
'90s through Today Trivia Game
Join us for an exciting game of '90s through today trivia. Test your knowledge of popular movies, music and more. **REG**

MKR/T – 12/20, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Diode Zodiac
Create a backlit zodiac constellation. Learn about astronomy and circuits. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

MKR/CH – 12/27, 10 am – 2 pm, Tuesday
Drop-in Building
Drop into the Children's Department for some building fun.

BD/T – 12/27, 7:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen Gumshoes
The Agathas by Kathleen Glasgow and Liz Lawson. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 12/28, 10 am – 2 pm, Wednesday
Drop-in Crafts
Make some fun crafts during Winter Break. Ages 5+.

CH – 12/29, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Pajama Movie Night
Wear your comfiest pajamas to enjoy a movie. *Mr. Popper's Penguins* (PG) 94 min. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

LACEY
609-693-8566

ED – December
Photography Exhibit: Kaylee McGrath (Meeting Room)

A – 12 pm, All Thursdays
Mah Jongg Mavens & Masters
Have you always wanted to learn how to play Mah Jongg? Learn by watching seasoned players. Do you already know? Either way, join us.

A – 12/3, 10:30 am, Saturday
Lacey Shore Memory Café
Early-Stage Memory Cafés provide opportunities for persons diagnosed with early-stage memory loss, and their care partner(s), to engage with peers in a relaxed, unstructured environment. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association of Greater New Jersey.

G – 12/5, 6:30 pm, Monday
Basically Ballet Studio presents *Nutcracker in a Nutshell*
The classic ballet condensed into a 30-minute performance. **REG**

A – 12/6, 10 am, Tuesday
Stitch It Club
Knit, crochet, sew, or embroider with fellow Stitch It members. Share leisurely conversation & tips. All skill levels are welcome.

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

T/PA – 12/7, 6 pm, Wednesday
Cult Classic Movie Night for Teens
Watch a cult classic film while enjoying snacks and games. Ages 13 – 18. **REG**

A – 12/9, 10 am, Friday
Craft Corner for Adults
Get crafty and create a holiday ornament. **REG**

A/PA – 12/10, 1 pm, Saturday
The Art of Natural Fragrance: Create Your Own Scent
Join perfume enthusiast, Megan Ruisch, for this engaging hands-on DIY program, where participants will learn how to blend natural ingredients and create their own fragrant balm. Space is limited. This program is not recommended for those with asthma, allergies, or skin sensitivity. **REG**

A – 12/13, 10:30 am & 11:30 am, Tuesday
Craft for Adults with Special Challenges
Craft kit is sponsored by the KearnyBank Foundation Grant. **REG**

A – 12/13, 6 pm, Tuesday
Meet the Mayor
Join us as the Lacey Branch hosts Meet the Mayor with Lacey Mayor Mark Dykoff.

CH – 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 10 am, Wednesdays
Mother Goose Time
For babies up to 18 months with a caregiver. **REG**

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CH/PA – 12/14, 4:30 pm, Wednesday
Gingerbread House Decorating
Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

CH – 12/16, 2 pm, Friday
Homeschool Book Club
Best for ages 5+. **REG**

CH – 12/19, 10:30 am, Monday
Preschool Crafters: Holidays!
Best for ages 3 – 5. **REG**

BD – 12/19, 1 pm, Monday
Lacey Book Discussion
The Fly Girls by Ann Hood. Contact Lacey circulation for more information.

A/PA – 12/20, 10 am, Tuesday
Movie for Adults with Special Challenges
A Christmas Carol (PG) 60 min. Bring a snack to enjoy with the movie. **REG**

CH/PA – 12/21, 4:30 pm, Wednesday
Kids Cook: Latkes
Ages 7 – 12. **REG**

A – 12/29, 7 pm, Thursday
Cultural History Night: Kwanzaa
Kwanzaa: A Cultural Celebration (NR) 30 min.

CH/PA – 12/31, 11 am, Saturday
Noon Year's Eve Family Dance Party
Ring in the New Year at this family-friendly dance party with crafts, snacks and a silent scavenger hunt. Be sure to wear your dancing shoes. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Library. **REG**

T – 12/31, 3 pm, Saturday
After Party: a Mystery Escape Room
After the party's over can you solve the mystery? Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

LAKEWOOD 732-363-1435

C/A – December
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 – 12/1, 6 pm, Thursday
Video Games
Ages 6 – 14.

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

A/PA – 12/5, 1 pm, Monday
Movie Matinee
The Grand Budapest Hotel (R) 100 min. **REG**

T – 12/5, 2 pm, Monday
3D Snowflakes
Learn how to make a 3D snowflake.

C – 12/6, 10 am, Tuesday
Microsoft® Word Basics
Learn how to create and format a simple document. Mouse skills required. **REG**

A – 12/7, 1 pm, Wednesday
Creating with Clay for Adults with Special Challenges
Instructor will teach, encourage and support participants as they create a snowman pottery dish. **REG**

T/A – 12/7, 2 pm, Wednesday
Fiber Craft Group
Bring your current project and join us in knitting, crocheting, or a fiber project of your choice. Don't know how to knit or crochet? No problem we can teach you.

CH – 12/7, 6 pm, Wednesday
Newspaper Polar Bear
Make a polar bear. Ages 7 – 12.

CH/PA – 12/8, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Ages 5 – 9. **REG**

T – 12/9, 3 pm, Friday
Dewey Decimal System Day Craft
Make your own Dewey the Cat craft and learn about how the Dewey Decimal System works. Ages 12 – 18.

CH/TW – 12/10, 1 pm, Saturday
3D Fun
Make a 3D flower. Ages 6 – 14.

C/A – 12/12, 6 pm, Monday
Drop-in Tech Hours
Bring your computer questions to our staff.

CH – 12/12, 6 pm, Monday
Snowflake Craft
Make snowflakes. Ages 6 – 12.

C/A – 12/13, 10 am, Tuesday
Request Materials Online
Learn how to request titles not in our catalog. Library card required. Mouse skills required. **REG**

CH – 12/13, 4 pm, Tuesday
Make a Snow Globe
Fun and easy craft. Ages 6 – 12.

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

A – 12/13, 7 pm, Tuesday
Anime Club for Adults
Join us for anime viewing in our computer lab.

T – 12/14, 3 pm, Wednesday
Present Wrapping Workshop
Learn how to wrap presents and make bows. Bring your own gifts to wrap. Ages 12 – 18.

G – 12/14, 5:30 pm, Wednesday
Family Game Club
Join us for an afternoon of board game fun using the Library's collection of tabletop games. **REG**

G – 12/14, 6 pm, Wednesday
Family Movie Night
Watch a (G) or (PG) rated film. All ages.

CH – 12/15, 10:30 am, Thursday
Bouncing Babies
Join other caregivers for stories, songs, and play time. Ages up to 24 months.

CH/TW – 12/15, 6 pm, Thursday
Crafty Kids
Mitten monsters. Ages 8 – 14. **REG**

CH – 12/19, 5:30 pm, Monday
Holiday Cards
Make a card. Ages 5 – 12.

A – 12/20, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Trivia Contest for Adult with Special Challenges
Trivia contest about a variety of topics. Small prizes will be given. **REG**

T – 12/20, 2 pm, Tuesday
National Game Day
Play board games and Switch™ in the Teen Zone to celebrate the holiday. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 12/20, 6 pm, Tuesday
Snowman Craft
Create a snowman. Ages 6 – 12.

CH – 12/21, 2 pm, Wednesday
Watercolor Hat
Create winter hats. Ages 3 – 10.

CH – 12/22, 4 pm, Thursday
Reindeer
Reindeer craft. Ages 6 – 12.

T – 12/22, 6 pm, Thursday
Snow Globes
Make a wintery snow globe. Ages 12 – 18.

LAKEWOOD
732-363-1435

T – 12/28, 2 pm, Wednesday
Ribbon Memo Board
Stay organized in the New Year by making a ribbon memo board. Ages 12 – 18.

CH/PA – 12/28, 2:30 pm, Wednesday
Gingerbread House
Create a graham cracker gingerbread house. Ages 5 – 12. **REG**

A – 12/28, 6 pm, Wednesday
Adult Craft:
Miniature Winter Wreaths
Make a small, seasonal wreath to hang for the winter. **REG**

CH – 12/29, 6 pm, Thursday
Handprint Penguins
Simple penguin craft. Ages 5 – 12. **REG**

T – 12/30, 3 pm, Friday
New Year's Resolution Planning
Post your New Year's Resolution on the Teen Zone's bulletin board. Ages 12 – 18.

LITTLE EGG HARBOR
609-294-1197

T/PA – 12/1, 6 pm, Thursday
Teen Movie Night
Bring a travel chair, blanket, sleeping bag, or beanbag chair to get comfy in our meeting room. Popcorn will be provided. Please bring your own drinks. Call the branch for the title, rating, and run time.

MKR/G – 12/2, 2 pm, Friday
Green Screen Holiday Photos
Stop in to have a holiday photo taken in front of our green screen. Select a festive background and we will snap a picture and email you a digital file that can be shared on social media or used to order holiday cards from your favorite online shop.

G – 12/3, 3 pm, Saturday
Decorative Mosaics
Be inspired by the decorative mosaics that capture the spirit of Rajasthan, the desert state of India. Join *Enjoy Explore India* with lively folk music and haunting melodies as you make your own beautiful mosaic tile. In this workshop you will use tiles, mirrors, laces, and jewels to create a scintillating mosaic pattern that you will be proud to hang in your own home or give as a gift. **REG**

A – 12/5, 12/19, 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.

TW – 12/5, 4 pm, Monday
Page Turners:
Tween Book Club
Bring a favorite book to talk about or come for recommendations and a craft. Ages 9 – 12. **REG**

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

A – 12/6, 7 pm, Tuesday
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 50s, 60s and 70s. NGXB is often compared to Liberace by many, as he performs all of his solo piano arrangements with little or no singing throughout the act and has a dynamic stage presence and personality. **REG**

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

A – 12/8, 3 pm, Thursday
Therapeutic Clay Project
Don't be afraid to get creative and try your hand at a new craft. Join us for a therapeutic clay project as we make a candy dish using air dry clay. **REG**

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

CH – 12/9, 2:30 pm, Friday
What is Money Anyway?
Learn the values of the different paper and coin money, what a bank account is, and much more. Ages 5 – 7. **REG**

TW/T – 12/13, 6 pm, Tuesday
Painting Lesson with Lil Monsters Art
Join artist and teacher Jamie Jarka of Lil Monsters Art for a painting lesson. Ages 9 – 17. **REG**

A – 12/13, 7 pm, Tuesday
Holiday Program featuring Flute and Guitar
Celebrate the holiday season with a festive flute and guitar concert. Flutist Marjorie Koharski and guitarist Keith Calmes will perform a variety of holiday music including classical selections, international carols, and holiday standards. **REG**

A – 12/14, 7 pm, Wednesday
Acoustic Concert with Todd Meredith
Join us for an acoustic concert with local musician/author, Todd Meredith. Todd will play a variety of rock, pop, and country songs from all decades, and will even take some requests. **REG**

T – 12/15, 6 pm, Thursday
Teen Game Night
Play familiar and new games, just for teens. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

A – 12/15, 7 pm, Thursday
Drop-in Gaming for Adults
Join community members for a fun and friendly evening. Chat with others about your favorite game or play an exciting game provided by the library.

TW – 12/16, 4 pm, Friday
Tween Art Club
Ages 9 – 12. **REG**

BD – 12/20, 12:30 pm, Tuesday
Little Egg Harbor Book Discussion
Join us for a discussion of *The Guardians* by John Grisham. New members welcome.

CH – 12/20, 5:30 pm, Tuesday
Drop-in Holiday Craft & Scavenger Hunt
Ages 3+.

BD – 12/20, 7 pm, Tuesday
Marvelous Sleuths Book Discussion
Join us for a discussion of *Camino Island* by John Grisham. New members welcome.

A – 12/21, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Navesink Brass Holiday Concert
The Navesink Brass is a professional brass quintet comfortable with all styles of music from the Renaissance to Jazz and Rock. Formed in 1992 in Red Bank, New Jersey, the ensemble took the name of the local river flowing through Monmouth County. Come celebrate the Yuletide in style as the Navesink Brass performs a concert of seasonal and holiday numbers from several cultures. Sponsored by the Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Branch. **REG**

CH – 12/22, 11:30 am – 12 pm, Thursday
Baby Messy Time
Little ones can explore their world by making a mess with all things squishy, colorful, and fun. Ages 9 – 18 months. **REG**

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LITTLE EGG HARBOR 609-294-1197

FR – 12/28, 6 pm, Wednesday
Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Branch Meeting
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

CH – 12/29, Thursday
New Year's Eve Take & Make
Available while supplies last. Ages 3+.

A – 12/31, 2 pm, Saturday
Saturday Movie
Please call the branch at 609-294-1197 for the film title, rating, and other details.

LONG BEACH ISLAND 609-494-2480

ED – December
Exhibit – Acrylic Paintings by Tina Crepezzi

CH – 12/1, 10 am, Thursday
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. All children must wear or bring painting smock. Ages 6 months+. **REG**

A – 12/1, 1 pm, Thursday
Long Beach Island (LBI) Poets Studio
To attend virtually contact Sue Cummings via email scummings817@comcast.net. This group 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 – 12/2, 1 pm, Friday
Holiday Puzzles from Around the World
Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Christmas – come learn about these different cultures through their holiday symbols and words.

A – 12/2, 1 pm, Friday
Baker's Dozen: Holiday Cookie Recipes from around the World
Here is a baker's dozen of recipes and where they originate from around the world. Bake to impress those taste buds with some new, different, and unique flavors.

A – 12/3, 11 am, Saturday
Indian Mosaic Tiles
Be inspired by the decorative mosaics that capture the spirit of Rajasthan, the desert state of India. Enjoy lively folk music and haunting melodies as you make your own beautiful mosaic tile. In this workshop you will use tiles, mirrors, laces, and jewels to create a scintillating mosaic pattern that you will be proud to hang in your own home. Sponsored by the Friends of the Island Library. **REG**

A/PA – 12/5, Monday
Double Feature Monday
10:30 am – *Top Gun* (PG) 110 min.
1:30 pm – *Top Gun Maverick* (PG-13) 130 min.
There will be a short intermission between films (~ 12:30 pm). We welcome you to bring a bagged lunch and/or snacks. Cider and cookies will be provided. **REG**

A – 12/6, 11 am, Tuesday
Blood Pressure Clinic
Free blood pressure screening the first Tuesday of the month by the LBI Health Department. Walk-ins welcome.

G – 12/7, 4:30 pm, Wednesday
Outside the Lines – Winter Gift Making For Kids
Arts & crafts supplies will be available buffet style, for children of all age groups to drop in and create art. This month, we will be making fun winter-themed decorations that you can hang up at home. Young children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

FR – 12/8, 10 am, Thursday
Friends of the Island Library Meeting

G – 12/8, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Craft it Out – Hanukkah
Create a fun craft and learn about different holidays people celebrate in December. One example is Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights.

CH – 12/9, 12 pm, Friday
Preschool Pals
Read some stories and work on a fun craft together. A parent and/or guardian must be present with the child for the duration of the program. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

A – 12/9, 1 pm, Friday
Adult Magic Scratch Ornaments
For the sports enthusiast among your family and friends. Scratch off one for yourself and one for them.

G – 12/10, 10 am, Saturday
LEGOS®/DUPLOS® with Movie
While playing we will be watching the movie *The Nutcracker and the Four Realms* (PG) 99 min. All children 8 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for the duration of the program. **REG**

G – 12/10, 2 pm, Saturday
The Strictly 60s Band
Musical tribute to the 1960s with the holidays thrown in. The music includes many artists like Elvis, Dion, Beach Boys, The Four Seasons, and Beatles to name a few and we incorporate music with trivia, musical facts, and an interactive sing along in all our shows. **REG**

A/PA – 12/12, 1 pm, Monday
Adult Movie Kit: *Willow*
(PG) 126 min. Movie available for check out while supplies last.

CH – 12/13, 9:30 am, Tuesday
Toddler Time
Come in to read stories and sing some songs together. Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver. **REG**

A – 12/13, 3 pm, Tuesday
Holiday Water Bottles
Decorate a water bottle for yourself or someone special in a winter motif.

A – 12/14, 2 pm, Wednesday
Italian Cultural Society of LBI
Sponsored by the Italian Cultural Society of LBI. **REG**

G/PA – 12/14, 6 pm, Wednesday
Holiday Concert with The Waterview Singers
A family-friendly event, this concert will include many of your favorite holiday songs and Christmas carols. In addition to the full ensemble performing throughout, members of the group will sing solos, duets and small combos. The audience will be invited to join in singing some of the season's most well-known carols. You'll be sure to leave full of holiday cheer. Refreshments will be provided. **REG**

CH – 12/16, 10 am, Friday
Sensory Space
Enjoy unstructured play with a variety of stations. These games and activities will help build gross motor skills, strengthen cognitive development, and inspire free thinking creativity. Be sure to wear clothing you don't mind getting messy. Ages 6 months+. **REG**

G/PA – 12/19, 1:30 pm, Monday
Monday Movie Matinee: *Miracle on 34th Street*
(NR) 96 min. See it on our big screen. Bring your own refreshments. **REG**

CH – 12/20, 10 am, Tuesday
Toddler Time
Come in to read stories and sing some songs together. Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver. **REG**

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G – 12/20, 2 pm, Tuesday
Friends of the Island Library Monthly Book Sale
Get six books for $1 and help the Friends of the Island Library continue to provide great programs and support.

G/PA – 12/20, 6 pm, Tuesday
Family Movie Night In-Person & Kit: *The Muppets Christmas Carol*
(G) 85 min. See it on our big screen. Bring your own refreshments. Can't make it? Stop by during the day and pick up a movie kit and check out a copy of the film so you can enjoy it at your leisure. Available while supplies last. **REG**

CH/TW – 12/21, 3:30 pm, Wednesday
Flower Power: Youth Garden Club
The Garden Club of LBI – arrive between 3:30 – 3:45 pm and make a Holiday flower arrangement to share with your family. Registration will open four weeks prior to the event. Register each family member individually. Grades 3 – 6. **REG**

G – 12/21, 6 pm, Wednesday
Shake it Out! Sing Along
We will sing along to videos from some of your favorite movies. Get ready to sing, dance, and shake. **REG**

TW/T – 12/21, 7:30 pm, Wednesday
Write On!
Teens and Tweens are welcome to join us and work on writing skills. Grades 6 – 12. **REG**

CH – 12/22, 10 am, Thursday
Baby Bouncers
We will focus on songs with movement and sensory activities. This will help develop the baby's spatial and motor skills. This is an interactive program for babies and their guardians. Ages 6 – 18 months who can sit and hold their head up. **REG**

G – 12/22, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Craft it Out - Kwanzaa
Create a fun craft about Kwanzaa, an African-American holiday based on African Harvest Festival traditions.

CH – 12/23, 12 pm, Friday
Preschool Pals – Holidays Around the World
Read some stories about Holidays around the world, and work on a fun craft together. A parent and/or guardian must be present with the child for the duration of the program. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

G – 12/27, 2 pm, Tuesday
LEGOS®/DUPLOS® with Movie
While playing we will be watching a movie. All children 8 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for the duration of the program. **REG**

T – 12/28, 7:30 pm, Wednesday
Weird History for Teens - Krampus
Learn about weird moments in history and have a round-table discussion. For the winter season we will be discussing the German folktales of Krampus. **REG**

G – 12/29, 10 am, Thursday
Fairytale Theater: The Snow Queen
Once upon a time... the Long Beach Island Library put on a puppet show. Celebrate the wintertime with the Danish fairytale of the Snow Queen. This is the fairy tale that inspired Disney's Frozen. **REG**

G – 12/29, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Craft it Out – Mari Lwyd
Create a fun craft about the Spooky Midwinter festival of Mari Lwyd, celebrated in Southern Wales.

CH – 12/30, 10 am, Friday
New Year's Craft
It's almost 2023, come in and celebrate with a craft.

A/PA – 12/31, 1:30 pm, Saturday
Saturday Movie Matinee & Craft: *The Holiday*
(PG-13) 136 min. **REG**

MANCHESTER 732-657-7600

ED – 12/1 – 12/19
Art Exhibit: Richard Lewis
Come in and enjoy photographs by Richard Lewis.

A – 12/1, 10 am, Thursday
Manchester Memory Cafe
This Virtual Early-Stage Memory Café provides opportunities for persons diagnosed with early-stage memory loss, and their care partner(s), to engage with peers in a relaxed, unstructured environment. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association of Greater New Jersey on the first Thursday of every month. To register call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline (800) 272-3900.

A/PA – 12/2, 3 pm, Friday
Creating Healthy Holiday Traditions
Jennifer Klein, MS, RD, will discuss strategies for 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 make-and-take holiday snack. **REG**

A – 12/5, 3 pm, Monday
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**

A – 12/6, 2 pm, Tuesday
Pottery Painting Workshop
Just Kil'n Time ceramics studio in Waretown will be providing everything you need to paint a bisque ceramic piece and make it your own. **REG**

A – 12/8, 12/22, 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.

A – 12/9, 10 am, Friday
Weathering Winter
Be ready for the cold and ice with these tips and tricks for staying safe and healthy when winter whips through. **REG**

A – 12/9, 12/23, 1 pm – 3 pm, Fridays
Quilting Bee
Come join other quilters to work on individual and group projects.

A – 12/12, 2 pm, Monday
Seasonal Sing-Along
Join us in singing various festive and holiday tunes during these cold, winter days. **REG**

CH/TW/PA – 12/12, 6:30 pm, Monday
Christmas Craftapazlooza
Join us for Christmas themed crafts and snacks. Please notify staff of food allergies prior to registering for the program. Ages 4 – 12. **REG**

A – 12/13, 10 am, Tuesday
Brain Games: Keep the Mind Sharp
This interactive, fun presentation discusses our brain as the "master computer" and the important topic of brain health. There are routine maintenance activities we can do on a daily basis that helps to keep this master organ healthy and in best working order, even as we age. Diet, physical exercise and proper rest will be touched upon. There will also be games and exercises played that stimulate and exercise different areas of our brain to help increase our memory. A strongly exercised brain can help keep our memory strong. **REG**

A – 12/13, 2 pm – 4 pm, Tuesday
Writers Group
Bring your poetry, essays, and short stories. The Writers Group critiques each other's works and provides feedback.

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CH/TW/PA – 12/13, 6 pm, Tuesday
Blending Fun with Amy – Winter Smoothies
Blending Fun with Amy as our culinary guide, children and tweens will learn to make healthy winter-themed smoothies using fresh ingredients. There will be a chocolate mint flavor and more to delight your taste buds. There will be a blending demo, taste testing, guessing games, take home recipes and more. Please notify us of any food allergies prior to registering for the program. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

A – 12/14, 2 pm, Wednesday
Winter Ornaments for Adults
Make decorative ornaments using paper and other basic supplies. Since nearly everyone is pressed for time and money during the holiday season, the focus is on crafts that are easy, fast and inexpensive to complete. Participants must bring their own scissors. **REG**

CH/TW – 12/16, 10 am, Friday
Drop-in Hanukkah Craft
Join us in the Children's Department for a Hanukkah Craft. Ages 4 – 12.

A/PA – 12/16, 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 aroma-therapy and therapy animals. This program meets once per month, on the third Friday from 2 pm to 3:30 pm. **REG**

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CH – 12/1, 10 am, Thursday
Drop-in Holiday Countdown Craft
Children and their caregivers can drop in to make paper chain holiday countdowns in the kid's zone. Ages 2+.

T – 12/7, 3 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

T – 12/7, 3 pm, Wednesday
Vintage Gaming
Get some practice in and prepare for our spring vintage gaming tournament. This month we are playing Pac-Man. Ages 12 – 18.

A – 12/8, 2 pm, Thursday
Warm and Bright: Dakota & Elle Sing Holiday Hits
Celebrate the holidays with live music from local tenor & soprano, Dakota & Elle. Enjoy classic holiday hits like "Winter Wonderland," "Hallelujah," and "Let it Snow." **REG**

A – 12/12, 7 pm, Monday
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 50s, 60s and 70s. NGXB is often compared to Liberace by many, as he performs all of his solo piano arrangements with little or no singing throughout the act and has a dynamic stage presence and personality.

A/PA – 12/13, 2 pm, Tuesday
Chocolate Covered Pretzels: Adult Craft and Relax
Learn how to dip and decorate your own holiday chocolate covered pretzels. Space is limited. **REG**

CH/TW/T – 12/15, 10:30 am, Thursday
Homeschool Art: Project to be Determined
Join us for our monthly Home-school Art Club. Ages 6+. **REG**

CH – 12/16, 10 am, Friday
Drop-in Pebble Art
Children and their caregivers can drop in to make pebble art ornaments, or table decorations, in the kid's zone. Ages 2+.

CH – 12/17, 11 am, Saturday
Big Book Storytime
Join us for stories and songs in the children's collection. Ages 3+. **REG**

CH/TW/T – 12/19, 2 pm, Monday
Jenkinson's Aquarium: Penguin Pointers
Plumsted Branch is hosting Jenkinson's Aquarium for a fun, educational 45-minute program with live penguins. We will learn about penguins, their habitat, eating habits and more. Ages 3+. **REG**

CH – 12/30, 10 am, Friday
Drop-in New Year's Craft
Children and their caregivers can drop in to make a New Year's Eve, "Party in a Bag," in the kid's zone. Ages 2+.

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CH – 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 11 am, Thursdays
Toddler Sing-Along
Ages 18 – 36 months. **REG**

A – 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 7:30 pm, Mondays
English Conversation Group
New members welcome. **REG**

CH – 12/6, 11 am, Tuesday
Tales for Tots: Cookies!
Please join us for cookie themed songs, stories and fun for toddlers. For children ages 18 months to 3 years. **REG**

A – 12/6, 1 pm, Tuesday
Craft for Adults: Gingerbread House
Make a decorative gingerbread house. Sponsored by the Friends of the Point Pleasant Beach Branch. **REG**

CH – 12/7, 11 am, Wednesday
Preschool Storytime: Penguins & Polar Bears
Please join us for songs and stories featuring penguins and polar bears. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

TW/T – 12/9, 3 pm, Friday
Afternoon *Dungeons and Dragons*
Learn how to play this game of storytelling and adventure. Open to new and experienced players. Ages 10 – 18. **REG**

A – 12/10, 11 am, Saturday
Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation with Shazia Zaman
Join us in quiet time for self-care to experience and embody mindfulness through a guided meditation, facilitated by Shazia Zaman, a certified Mindfulness Meditation instructor. Shazia will follow the meditation with a Q&A. **REG**

A – 12/12, 1 pm, Monday
Knitting and Crocheting at the Beach
Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels welcome.

A – 12/12, 5 pm, Monday
Pickin' at Point
Bring your acoustic instrument and a song to share at this drop-in acoustic jam session.

CH – 12/13, 11 am, Tuesday
Baby & Me
Please join us for songs, music, rhymes, and stories. Up to 18 months with caregiver. **REG**

CH/PA – 12/13, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs.

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CH – 12/14, 11 am, Wednesday
Preschool Storytime: Hanukkah & Christmas Cheer
Please join us for songs and stories that celebrate Hanukkah and Christmas. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

PT. PLEASANT BORO
732-295-1555

ED – December
Jean Kramer Christmas Bears (Display Case)

A – 12/1, 1 pm, Thursday
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 – 12/1, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Open Mic Night
Join Dennis "The Heavy Metal Poet" Townsend for a night of local talent. Signups begin at 6 pm; performances start at 6:30 pm.

A – 12/1, 12/15, 7:30 pm, Thursdays
Adult Writers Group
Explore your writing skills in a fun, friendly, informal setting.

A – 12/2, 1 pm – 3 pm, Friday
Games for Adults
Bring a friend and have fun playing a variety of board games.

TW/CH – 12/6, Tuesday
Tween Drop-in Craft: Penguin Thermometer Craft
While supplies last. Ages 8+.

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A – 12/6, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Relax and Restore with Acupressure
Acupressure is a wonderful self-care technique that will improve your overall health, increase self-awareness, and promote relaxation. Explore simple acupressure points and massage techniques to boost immunity and relieve common symptoms such as sinus congestion, general aches and pains, low energy, and anxiety and stress. We will also practice basic breathing and self-care methods to help you stay grounded and relaxed throughout the day. Please wear comfortable, non-restrictive clothing and flat soled, flexible, non-skid shoes. Feel free to bring water to drink and a journal for notes. **REG**

CH – 12/7, 10 am, Wednesday
Toddler Storytime: Full Moon Fun
Come join us as we celebrate tonight's full moon with stories, songs and a craft. Ages 2 – 3. **REG**

CH/PA – 12/7, 4 pm, Wednesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs.

CH – 12/8, 10 am, Thursday
Baby & Me
Please join us for songs, music, rhymes and stories. Up to 18 months with caregiver. **REG**

CH – 12/9, 12/23, 10 am, Fridays
Lil Builders Club
Drop in for some open block building with your little one. Ages up to 6 years.

G – 12/10, 2 pm, Saturday
Flute and Guitar Holiday Concert
Marjorie Koharski, flutist, and Keith Calmes, classical guitarist will perform an hour program of holiday music. Sponsored by the Friends of the Pt. Pleasant Borough Branch.

A – 12/12, 3 pm, Monday
Adult Crafternoon
Join us and create a holiday ornament or gift topper. **REG**

CH – 12/13, 10 am, Tuesday
Preschool Storytime: Winter is Coming
Come join us for stories, songs and a craft. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

A/T/TW/PA – 12/13, 3 pm, Tuesday
Sip & Swap
Tired of all the coffee mugs in your home? Bring a mug to swap and try our dueling hot chocolate recipes. **REG**

A – 12/13, 4 pm, Tuesday
Tuesday Movie: *The Muppet Christmas Carol*
(G) 85 min.

T/TW – 12/14, 5:30 pm, Wednesday
Make with Michelle: Beaded Snowflakes
Create beaded snowflakes for the winter holidays. Ages 11 – 18.

TW – 12/15, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Holiday Escape Room
Test your skills in our festive Holiday Escape Room where players work to discover the magic code. Ages 7 – 12. **REG**

BD – 12/19, 10:30 am, Monday
Friends Book Discussion
Commonwealth by Ann Patchett.

TW – 12/19, 3:45 pm, Monday
Afterschool Art: Kwanzaa Bracelets
Learn about Kwanzaa celebrations and how to make a Kwanzaa beaded bracelet. Ages 7 – 12. **REG**

CH – 12/20, Tuesday
Elf on a Shelf Scavenger Hunt
Drop by the Point Pleasant Borough Branch for an elf-tastic time. Find all the elves and earn a gold star.

FR – 12/20, 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 – 12/20, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Tuesday Evening Movie: *The Night Before*
(R) 101 min.

T – 12/21, 5:30 pm, Wednesday
Make with Michelle: Homemade Menorahs
Stop by the Point Pleasant Borough Branch to create a homemade menorah to celebrate Hanukkah. Ages 12 – 18.

A – 12/21, 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.

BD – 12/21, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Open Our Mind Book Club
Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman.

CH – 12/22, 10 am, Thursday
Preschool Storytime Fun with Miss Liz
Please join us for songs and stories. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

CH/TW – 12/22, 6:30 pm, Thursday
LEGO® Club
Drop in and test your imagination as you build with the library's LEGO® blocks. Ages 7 – 12.

G – 12/30, 10:45 am, Friday
Happy Noon Year Party
Join the staff and the Friends of the Pt. Pleasant Borough Branch as we ring in the New Year around the world at 12 pm. Sponsored by the Friends of the Pt. Pleasant Borough Branch.

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FR – 12/1, 11 am, Thursday
Friends of the Stafford Library Meeting
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

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

A – 12/3, 12/17, 12/31, 10 am – 12 pm, Saturdays
12/1, 12/15, 12/29, 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 – 12/5, 9 am, Monday
Book Bundles
Check out a bundle of books and a craft to take home. Ages 2+.

BD – 12/5, 11 am, Monday
AAUW Monday Book Discussion
This month the group will be discussing *Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman.

A – 12/5, 12 pm, Monday
Alzheimer's 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. Drop in.

A – 12/6, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
NGXB Concert: Holiday Music and Classic Hits!
Come listen to the music of pianist and arranger NGXB as he performs holiday songs and classic hits by Johnny Mathis, Frank Sinatra, Frankie Vali and more. Known for his dynamic Liberace-like musical style and magnetic personality. **REG**

T – 12/6, 7 pm, Tuesday
Teens Make Crayon Candles
Upcycle old crayons to add vibrant colors to plain white candles. **REG**

BD – 12/7, 10 am, Wednesday
First Wednesday Book Club
This month the group will be discussing *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg.

C/A– 12/7, 2:30 pm, Wednesday
Basic Internet Skills
Learn how to use the internet and search Google. Must have mouse skills. **REG**

T – 12/7, 6 pm, Wednesday
Painting Lesson with Lil Monsters Art
Join artist and teacher Jamie Jarka of Lil Monsters Art for a painting lesson. **REG**

CH – 12/9, 10 am, Friday
Baby's First Stories
Let's get together with rhymes, movement, and stories. Little ones up to 18 months are welcome with a caregiver. **REG**

A – 12/10, 2:30 pm, Saturday
Chair Yoga with Belle
Join Yoga Instructor Belle Burns for chair yoga, a very gentle yoga practice, where you stay seated in a chair. Be assisted through various stretches with focus on the breath and mindfulness. You may get up to do some gentle, chair assisted stretches. Easy on beginners. You will need to sign a waiver to participate. **REG**

A – 12/11, 2 pm, Sundays
English Conversation Group
A local volunteer will assist non-native English speakers to practice conversational English. Talk about current events and more. New members welcome. Drop in.

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

A – 12/14, 2:30 pm, Wednesday
Learn to Folk Dance
Join us and learn traditional dances from around the world. This fun class will introduce you to the richness and variety of international music and dance from countries such as Norway, Mexico, Slovakia, India and more. These dances are easy to learn, and no dance experience is necessary. Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Signed waiver needed to participate. **REG**

CH – 12/15, 10 am – 4 pm, Thursday
I Spy Winter Sensory Bin
Drop in and search through a winter sensory bin to see what you can find. Ages 2+.

TW – 12/15, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Tween Crafternoon
Join us for a relaxing afternoon craft. This month we'll make and paint clay charms. **REG**

A – 12/19, 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, Debra Shar, RN, BSN. Drop in.

A – 12/20, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Holiday Movie: *It's a Wonderful Life*
(PG) 130 min. **REG**

CH – 12/28, 10 am, Wednesday
Toddler Storytime and Ice Painting
Dress for a mess and join us for stories, songs and ice painting fun. Little ones 19 to 36 months are welcome. **REG**

CH – 12/28, 2 pm, Wednesday
The Three Bears with a NJ Naturalist
A naturalist from Cattus Island County Park will introduce us to the three species of bear that live in North America. Through stories, games and crafts, learn about the unique habitats, diets and behaviors of each one. Ages 5 – 10. **REG**

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ED – December
Amanda Santomenna (McConnell Gallery)
Ocean County Family Support Organization (2nd Floor Gallery)

CH – 12/1, 10 am, Thursday
Baby & Me
Visit the library for an interactive program for you and your baby. For babies up to 12 months old with a caregiver. **REG**

S/G – 12/3, 9 am, Saturday
National Sock Day
Celebrate National Sock Day with a sock-themed book bundle available outside of the Sensory Space on the 2nd floor. While you are there, spend some time in the Sensory Space with special lighting, sounds and equipment to create a calming experience. Book Bundles will be available while supplies last.

CH – 12/3, 10 am, Saturday
Read as You Grow
Foster family and community bonds with stories, songs, and activities built around basic principles of early childhood development. This program is geared toward babies and toddlers up to age 3 (and their families). **REG**

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S/MKR/G – 12/3, 1 pm – 2:30 pm, Saturday
Sensory Snowy Water Bottles
Create a winter wonderland themed sensory shaker bottle. Caregivers must be present. While supplies last. All ages.

CH – 12/5, 10:30 am, Monday
First Art
Join us for our monthly toddler art program. Dress for a mess. Ages 2 – 3. **REG**

A – 12/5, 2 pm, Monday
Create a Winter Flower Arrangement
Make a mixed color flower basket. Bring your own clippers. Instruction and supplies provided by the Whiting Flower Shoppe. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

MKR/CH/TW/T – 12/5, 2 pm, Monday
Homeschooling STEAM Academy for Teens
Visit our Sparks's Lab and learn all about robotics, 3D printing, DIY projects, and more. This program is for homeschooling children and teens, ages 6 – 16. **REG**

A – 12/5, 6 pm, Monday
Toms River Shore Memory Cafe
Early-Stage Memory Cafes provide opportunities for persons diagnosed with early stage memory loss, and their care partner(s), to engage with peers in a relaxed, unstructured environment that promotes social engagement and support through interaction with others experiencing similar changes. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association of Greater New Jersey in partnership with the Ocean County Library. To register contact the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 272-3900 or www.alz.org. **REG**

CH – 12/6, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Happy Teeth
Listen to stories and learn what you can do to keep your teeth and gums healthy with a special guest from Ocean Pediatric Dental Associates. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

G – 12/6, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Basically Ballet Presents: *Nutcracker in a Nutshell*
Nutcracker in a Nutshell condenses the classic ballet into a 30-minute performance. **REG**

A – 12/6, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Game Club for Adults
Come play familiar and new games at the library. December's game will be Dungeons & Dragons. **REG**

CH – 12/7, 10 am, Wednesday
Let's Play
Encourage curiosity and discovery with unstructured playtime. Activities will include gross and fine motor movement, sensory play, and more. Best for babies and toddlers up to age 4. **REG**

A – 10 am, All Wednesdays
English Conversation Group
New to speaking English? Join us and talk about current events and more. New members welcome.

A – 10:30 am, All Wednesdays
Fun Activities for Adults with Special Challenges
Every Wednesday, we provide block building, coloring and many other fun activities for adults with special challenges. These activities not only keep them physically fit, but also encourage them to interact and develop their cognitive abilities. Caregivers must be present. Drop in.

MKR/A – 12/7, 6 pm, Wednesday
Wine Cork Ornaments
Decorate your house for the holidays with your very own DIY ornament, using wine corks. **REG**

A – 12/7, 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 *Our Miss Brooks, The Life of Riley, and My Friend Irma*. **REG**

CH – 12/8, 10:30 am, Thursday
Penguin Storytime
Hear some winter fun stories and make a penguin craft. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

A – 12/8, 11 am, Thursday
Gyotaku Fish Printing
Learn about Gyotaku, the art of Japanese fish printing. Participants will learn about fish anatomy and behavior and then create a colorful fish print to take home. For adults with special challenges. Space is limited. **REG**

MKR/T/A – 12/8, 3 pm, Thursday
Watercolor Salt Painting
Come to Sparks's Lab and learn to use and apply texture to your watercolor paintings. Ages 13+. **REG**

CH – 12/9, 10:30 am, Friday
Arty Party
Join us for our monthly preschool art program. Dress for a mess. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

A – 12/9, 2 pm, Friday
Easy Crafts for Adults
Easy crafts for adults are held once a month. Every month we will do a different craft to help you release stress and be creative. **REG**

CH – 12/10, 10 am, Saturday
Winter Solstice Lantern Drop-in
Create a glowing mini winter solstice lantern. While supplies last. Ages 5 – 11.

A – 12/10, 2:30 pm, Saturday
Qigong for Health and Vitality
Qigong is an ancient self-healing system that increases and balances your internal energy. Learn and experience Qigong principles and techniques to calm your nervous system, reduce stress and chronic tension, build strength and stamina, optimize your health, and elevate your mood. **REG**

A – 12/12, 6:30 pm, Monday
Beginner Chair Yoga
Join us for a session of beginner level chair yoga led by certified yoga instructor, Belle Burns. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

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

A – 12/13, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Concert with Ken Lelen: "She Did It Her Way"
Join vintage guitarist and singer, Ken Lelen, as he celebrates the lives, romances, careers and hit songs of female vocalists and recording artists such as Peggy Lee, Ella Fitzgerald, Dinah Shore, Judy Garland, Billie Holiday and others. **REG**

CH/TW – 12/13, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Young Artist's Studio
Join us for our monthly art program, featuring ornaments. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

CH – 12/14, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Elf Storytime and Craft
Listen to stories about Santa's elves and participate in a fun craft. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

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MKR/G – 12/14, 3 pm, Wednesday
Cricut® Class
Learn the basics of using the Cricut® Maker™ machine and Cricut® Design Space Software. All ages. **REG**

CH – 12/15, 10 am, Thursday
Shake, Rattle, & Read Storytime
Grow little one's love of the library with interactive stories, songs, playtime, and more. Ages 12 months – 3 years with a caregiver. **REG**

MKR/T/A – 12/15, 2 pm – 3:30 pm, Thursday
DIY Non-Edible Gingerbread House
Come design, build and decorate your own non-edible gingerbread house. Ages 13+. **REG**

CH/PA – 12/16, 10:30 am, Friday
Winter Wonderland
Join us for our annual holiday party, featuring a special guest. Food will be served; please contact us regarding potential allergens. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

MKR/G – 12/16, 3 pm, Friday
Cricut® Creative Crafting
Have experience with the Cricut® Design Space software? Come and create something of interest to you on the Cricut® machine. Create labels and decals for t-shirts, thermal water bottles, mugs and more. Previous experience with the Cricut® software and machine is encouraged. All ages. **REG**

CH/TW – 12/17, 10:30 am, Saturday
Crafty Kids Drop-in
Join us for a fun winter-themed craft. Ages 3 – 12.

MKR/TW/T/A – 12/17, 2 pm, Saturday
Navigating Thingiverse – Intro to 3D Printing
Visit the Maker Space and learn all about navigating thingiverse.com and browse for desired content. Ages 10+. **REG**

CH – 12/19, 10:30 am, Monday
Preschool: Just Crafts
Join us for a fun winter-themed craft. Dress for a mess. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

MKR/G – 12/19, 3 pm, Monday
3D Printed Cookie Cutters
Register to receive 2 – 3 different types of holiday themed cookie cutters. Made with the Lulzbot 3D Printer. All ages. **REG**

CH/TW – 12/19, 6:30 pm, Monday
Rock Painting
Paint some rocks and chill. Ages 7 – 12. **REG**

MKR/G – 12/20, 3 pm, Tuesday
3D Print Ornament Making
Drop in the Sparks's Lab and choose from a variety of 3D printed holiday themed ornaments to paint. While supplies last.

A – 12/20, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Sing Lustily of Winter: A Garland of Seasonal Songs
Join Liberty Tree for a set of songs relating to events and customs of wintertime throughout the ages. **REG**

A – 12/21, 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 a craft. Come join us once a month. **REG**

CH/TW/PA – 12/21, 4:30 pm, Wednesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Ages 5 – 12. **REG**

MKR/A – 12/21, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Crafter Dark Meetup for Adults
Join us for an informal crafting meetup in our Maker Space. Adults can get together for craft time at the library, whether it be a provided craft or bring your own project to work on. Located in the Sparks's Lab on the second floor.

CH – 12/22, 10:30 am, Thursday
Holidays Rock Storytime
Join us for stories, music, and movement to celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, & Kwanzaa, followed by a winter wreath craft. Ages 18 months – 4 years. **REG**

MKR/G – 12/22, 3 pm, Thursday
Cricut® Class
Learn the basics of using the Cricut® Maker™ machine and Cricut® Design Space Software. All ages. **REG**

BD/A – 12/22, 7 pm, Thursday
Read with Pride Book Club
Join us for the monthly Read with Pride Adult Book Club. Each month will showcase a different theme and will focus on books featuring prominent LGBTQ+ characters. This month our theme is World AIDS Day. Suggested books are *Tell the Wolves I'm Home* by Carol Rifka Brunt and *The AIDS Crisis* by Katie Kawa. The books are available on Libby by OverDrive, hoopla or in print at the library. This book discussion is for those who identify as LGBTQ+, or who simply want to learn more about LGBTQ+ stories, narratives, and experiences. All are welcome. **REG**

CH/PA – 12/23, 10:30 am, Friday
Preschool Storytime: Jingle Jam
'Tis the season for festive stories and more. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

CH – 12/27, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Puffy Paint Snowman
Make a cute snowman out of puffy paint. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

MKR/TW/T/A – 12/27, 3 pm – 5 pm, Tuesday
3D Printing Pens: Snowflakes
Learn how to use the newest equipment addition to the Sparks's Lab, 3D Pens. Come create your own 3D snowflake for the winter season. First come, first served basis. Ages 10+.

S/G – 12/27, 6 pm, Tuesday
Sensory Friendly Family Movie: *The Grinch*
(PG) 90 min. Join us for a sensory friendly family movie where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and dancing, walking, rolling, singing and shouting are welcome. All ages. Caregiver must be present. **REG**

CH/TW – 12/28, 2 pm, Wednesday
Holiday Break Drop-in Craft
Drop in for some crafty, winter-themed library fun. While supplies last. Ages 4 – 12.

CH/TW/PA – 12/30, 11 am, Friday
New Year's at Noon
Ring in the New Year before bedtime. Join us for crafts, snacks, music, and a countdown. For children up to age 12. **REG**

MKR/G – 12/31, 2 pm, Saturday
Navigating Thingiverse – Intro to 3D Printing
Visit the Maker Space and learn all about navigating thingiverse.com and browse for desired content. All ages. **REG**

TUCKERTON 609-296-1470

A/CH – 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, Mondays
December Crafts to Go
Please call the Branch ((609) 296-1470) to see what craft to go kits are available for children and adults. Available while supplies last.

G/PA – 12/5, 6:30 pm, Monday
Gingerbread Cookie Storytime
Join us for a family fun filled storytime followed by a cookie craft. **REG**

A – 12/6, 12/20, 10 am, Tuesdays
Art Chat
Meet and talk with local artists. Bring your own work for feedback.

CH – 12/8, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Hat Day
Wear your favorite hat to Hat Day. Don't have a favorite hat? Come make a funny hat. See national, military, occupational, and FUN hats. National Hat Day is celebrated every January 15th – prepare now. Ages 3+. **REG**

TW/T – 12/12, 6 pm, Monday
Painting Lesson with Lil Monsters Art
Join artist and teacher Jamie Jarka of Lil Monsters Art for a painting lesson. Ages 10 – 18. **REG**

T – 12/15, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

G – 12/19, 6 pm, Monday
Free PG Movie: *Home Alone*
Families are welcome to join us in a showing of a classic holiday favorite. Feel free to bring your favorite blanket. (PG) 103 min.

G – 12/22, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Celebrating December Days with Storyteller Anjel Wilson
Anjel Wilson is a second-generation storyteller. Anjel has always had her focus on family and the importance of family time together. The month of December gives families plenty of days and several ways to celebrate. Whether it's the story of a Hanukkah celebration with "The Runaway Dreidel," or stories celebrating Christmas, Kwanzaa or the Winter Solstice, Anjel Wilson brings something for multiple generations to enjoy. **REG**

G – 12/30, 11 am – 3 pm, Friday
Drop-in New Year's Eve Craft
Visit the Library to make a DIY fun craft to help you welcome the New Year.

UPPER SHORES 732-793-3996

A – 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12 pm, Mondays
Mah Jongg Mondays
Play Mah Jongg at the library.

A – 9 am, Tuesdays
Hand and Foot Card Games
Come play this variant card game of Canasta at the library. Players must bring their own cards and game sets.

A – 12/7, 2 pm, Wednesday
In the Mood
This concert, performed by vintage guitarist and singer Ken Lelen, features the romantic tunes of the 1940s that gave pop music its emotional depth and evoked emotions that echoed across the Home Front and Front Lines. **REG**

G – 12/7, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Basically Ballet Presents: *Nutcracker in a Nutshell*
Nutcracker in a Nutshell condenses the classic ballet into a 30-minute performance. **REG**

CH – 12/8, 12/15, 10:30 am, Thursdays
Preschool Storytime
Join us for storytime and a craft. Recommended for ages 3 – 5. **REG**

A – 12/9, 12/23, 1 pm, Fridays
OC Purls Knitting Group
Enjoy conversation and exchange patterns while you work on your knitting projects.

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

CH – 12/14, 12/28, 10:30 am, Wednesdays
Baby & Me
Join us for songs, stories, and hands-on activities. Recommended for babies up to 18 months with a caregiver. **REG**

A – 12/14, 7 pm, Wednesday
Together This Holiday: A Seasonal Concert Performed by Dakota & Elle
Join Dakota & Elle for an evening of holiday favorites including *O Holy Night, Winter Wonderland, The Christmas Song*, and more. **REG**

CH – 12/19, 3 pm, Monday
Spin the Dreidel
Celebrate Hanukkah by learning the game of Dreidel, a traditional spinning-top game played during the holiday. Ages 5+. **REG**

T – 12/20, 6 pm, Tuesday
DIY Felt Sunglasses Holder
Need a last-minute gift for the holidays? Learn how to make a DIY sunglasses holder out of felt. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

A – 12/21, 2 pm, Wednesday
Drop-in Adult Coloring Session
Take some time out of the busy holiday season to relax and color with us. Coloring pages provided, use our colored pencils or bring your own.

A – 12/22, 2 pm, Thursday
Afternoon Movie: *Spencer*
(R) 116 min. **REG**

CH – 12/27, 3 pm, Tuesday
Adinkra Printing
Celebrate Kwanzaa by learning about Adinkra, symbols from West Africa, and creating a print using household objects. Ages 5+. **REG**

G – 12/31, 10 am, Saturday
Family Movie & Craft: *DC League of Super-Pets*
Enjoy a craft and screening of *DC League of Super-Pets* (PG) 100 min. **REG**

WARETOWN 609-693-5133

A/T – 12/3, 12 pm, Saturday
Elvistory – King of the Silver Screen
Join award-winning Elvis-Storian and Elvis tribute performer George "Ruben" Castillo as he takes you to a time where Elvis is the King of Hollywood. **REG**

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G – 12/5, 6 pm, Monday
Holiday Tree Lighting
Celebrate the holidays at our annual holiday tree lighting, featuring songs by the Waretown School Choir. Hosted by the Friends of the Waretown Library.

A – 12/6, 12/20, 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.

CH – 12/8, 11 am, Thursday
Holiday Craft
Join us for a children's holiday craft. Ages 5+. **REG**

CH – 12/12, 6:30 pm, Monday
Nutcracker in a Nutshell
Nutcracker in a Nutshell condenses the classic ballet into a 30-minute performance. **REG**

A/T – 12/17, 11 am, Saturday
Saturday Documentary
Secrets of Diana's Last Royal Christmas: 1991. (NR) 57 min.

T – 12/19, 6 pm, Monday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours.

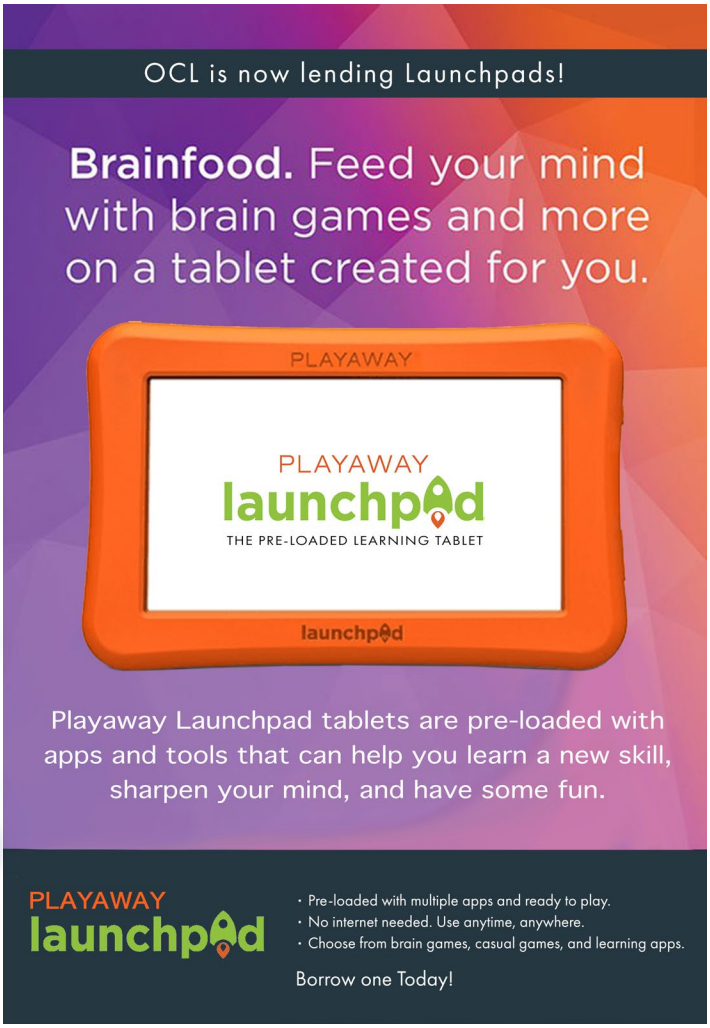
T – 12/19, 7 pm, Monday
Ugly Sweater Movie Night
Join us for an ugly sweater contest and *The Nightmare Before Christmas* (PG) 76 min.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

CH – 12/10, 9 am, Saturday
Watch & Create: Snowman Cards
Learn how to make a fun winter greeting card in this episode of *Watch & Create: Snowman Cards*. Supplies to create a card can be picked up at the Stafford Branch while supplies last. Ages 3 – 12.

CH – 12/17, 9 am, Saturday
Watch & Create: Snowman Cupcake
Learn how to make adorable snowman cupcakes in this episode of *Watch & Create: Snowman Cupcake*. Ages 6 – 12. Sponsored by the Friends of the Stafford Library.

T – 12/30, Friday
Crafting With Miss Chris: Felted Soap Bars
Learn how to make felted soap on our YouTube channel. This easy craft eliminates the need for a washcloth and is great for gift giving or donating to those in need. Presented by the Lakewood Branch.



Cooking with CL

Adult Titles:

The Snowy Cabin Cookbook: Meals and Drinks for Adventurous Days and Cozy Nights by Marnie Hanel
The Southern Baking Cookbook: 60 Comforting Recipes Full of Down-south Flavor by Jenn Davis
Around the Board: Boards, Platters, Plates by Emily Delaney
Sheet Pan 5-ingredient Cookbook: Simple, Nutritious, and Delicious Meals by Sarah Anne Jones
The Complete Autumn & Winter Cookbook: 550+ Recipes for Warming Dinners, Holiday Roasts, Seasonal Desserts, Breads, Food Gifts, and More by America's Test Kitchen

Childrens Titles:

The Recipe-a-Day Kids Cookbook: 365 Fun, Easy Treats by Food Network
Tasty Treats: Easy Cooking for Children by Adina Chitu
The Delish Kids (Super-Awesome, Crazy-Fun, Best-Ever) Cookbook by Joanna Saltz
Star Wars Galactic Baking: the Official Cookbook of Sweet and Savory Treats from Tatooine, Hoth, and Beyond by Insight Editions
Disney Princess Cookbook by Cindy Littlefield

Young Adult Titles:

The Complete Cookbook for Teen Chefs: 70+ Teen-Tested and Teen-Approved Recipes to Cook, Eat, and Share by America's Test Kitchen
Teen Chef Cooks: 80 Scrumptious, Family-Friendly Recipes by Eliana de Las Casas
Tilly's Kitchen Takeover by Matilda Ramsay
Hack Your Cupboard: Make Great Food with What You've Got by Alyssa Wiegand
My Vegan Year by Niki Webster