Will You Vote?

In response to your letters to our elected officials, a ballot measure will include the following public question in the November 7, 2017 general election.

**NEW JERSEY LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BOND ACT**

Do you approve the “New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act?” This bond act authorizes the State to issue bonds in the aggregate principal amount of $125 million. The proceeds of the bonds will be used to provide grants to public libraries. The grants will be used to build, equip, and expand public libraries to increase capacity and serve the public.

Library of The Chathams is working on plans for an RMR Project to Renovate, Modernize and Reorganize our existing building. If New Jersey residents vote in favor of the Library Construction Act, proceeds from the bonds could be used to provide partial funding for the project.

Visit Friends of the Library at [www.chatlib.org/friends](http://www.chatlib.org/friends) for more information about how the Library Construction Bond Act would benefit Chatham residents.

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**HOLIDAY BOOK SALE**

Saturday, December 2
11 am to 2 pm

Friends of the Library will hold their annual Holiday Book Sale for one day only. Browse the wonderful selection of holiday books, children’s hardcover picture books, cookbooks and gift books.

Browse new book gifts at [www.chathamlibrary.org](http://www.chathamlibrary.org) or pick up a list at the library.
Programs and Events

Adult

NOVEMBER

Gen Y Networking Group
Wednesdays, November 1 & 15 - 7 pm
All are welcome to attend this forum dedicated to Generation Y young adults interested in job search, networking, and career development.

Financial Life Planning for the “Sandwich Generation”
Wednesday, November 1 - 7:30 pm
Tom Furda, a certified financial planner at Financial Life Focus, will present a workshop for adults aged 40 to 60 who support children and aging parents. Topics will include: how one’s financial life is impacted in this situation; understanding financial planning considerations; stimulating communication between generations; knowing what questions to ask; and where to find assistance and helpful resources. Pre-registration is requested.

The Old Asylum and Other Stories with Wheeler Antabanez
Thursday, November 2 - 7 pm
Author Wheeler Antabanez will read from his recent book, *The Old Asylum and Other Stories*, inspired by his exploration of the abandoned Overbrook Asylum in Cedar Grove, New Jersey. The author is best known for the *Weird Nj* special issue *Nightshade on the Passaic* and his underground classic *gasstationthoughts*. Pre-registration is requested.

Art Show Featuring Waterworks
Opening reception
Sunday, November 5 - 2:15 to 4 pm
Waterworks Artists will show their watercolor floral and landscape paintings through November. Reception sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Spanish Conversation Group
Wednesday, November 8 - 7 pm
Would you like to improve your Spanish language skills? Native speakers María José Suárez and Andrea Plitt moderate this discussion group.

DECEMBER

Holiday Trees and Wreaths
The holiday trees that grace the lobby and Children’s Room have been decorated by the Town and Country Garden Club of the Chathams. Featuring unique ornaments created with all natural materials, the trees have displayed the members’ handiwork at the library for over 30 years. The beautiful wreaths that are placed on the entrances to the library were provided by the Woman’s Club of Chatham. Thank you to both groups for decorating the library this holiday season.

Holiday Concert with the Concord Singers
Saturday, December 2 - 3 pm
The Concord Singers, founded in 1977, is a women’s community chorus dedicated to high quality choral performances. The group will offer a holiday concert entitled *Myths and Mystery* featuring music such as *Hodie Christus Natus Est*, *Adam Lay Ybounden*, *Nes Gadol*, and *Fum, Fum, Fum*. All are invited to attend.

Query Quandaries: From Manuscript to Agent
Thursday, November 16 - 7 pm
Are you ready to pitch your manuscript to an agent but aren’t sure how to begin? Perhaps you have your letter ready to go but are afraid of rejection. Join Lyndsay Faye, author of *Jane Steele, The Gods of Gotham* and *Dust and Shadow*, as she explains how to write a winning query letter and avoid stumbling blocks such as fear of rejection and procrastination on your journey to becoming a published writer.

Italian Conversation Group
Friday, November 17 - 1 pm
Are you a bit rusty with your Italian language skills? Native speaker Luciana Santoriello moderates this discussion group.

Book Group: A Piece of the World
Wednesday, November 29 - 1 pm
The library will discuss *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline. Everyone is welcome to attend. You may reserve a copy of the book at the Information Desk.

Sign up online or call 973-635-0603.
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Mon-Thu 9:30 am - 9 pm • Fri 9:30 am - 6 pm • Sat 9:30 am - 5 pm • Sun 2 pm - 5 pm
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Video Game Club
Fridays, November 3, 10 & 17 - 3 to 4:45 pm
Grades 6 to 12
Stop by to play Super Smash Bros. on the big screen!

Teen Advisory Group
Tuesday, November 14 - 7 to 8 pm
Earn a volunteer hour while helping to plan new teen programs. Discuss books, movies, music and more! Snacks will be served.

Teen Advisory Group
Thursday, December 14 - 7 to 8 pm
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Spanish Storytime
Wednesday, November 1 - 10 to 10:45 am
All Ages
Introduce your child to basic Spanish vocabulary with fun stories, songs and music!

Programs and Events
Teen
Sponsored by Friends of the Library

NOVEMBER

Writing a Winning Analytical Essay
Thursdays, November 2, 9 & 16 - 4 to 6 pm
Grades 9 to 12  Limit: 15 students
Must be able to attend all 3 classes
Registration opens
Thursday, October 19
Alisha Davlin will help you learn the building blocks for how to organize and execute a well-structured analytical essay. These skills will transfer to all subjects throughout high school, college and beyond. This program is limited to Chatham residents only; residents of other towns can participate only if space permits.

Sign up online or call 973-635-0603.

Winter Cupcakes
Friday, December 8 - 4 to 4:45 pm
Ages 12 & Up  Limit: 12 students
Registration opens
Monday, November 27
Decorate your own holiday cupcakes that look like a snowball and a cup of hot chocolate, perfect for the season. Eat the cupcake and the cup!

If you have allergy concerns or questions about ingredients, call us at 973-635-0603 before signing up.

Programs and Events
Children
Sponsored by Friends of the Library

NOVEMBER

Spanish Storytime
Wednesday, November 1 - 10 to 10:45 am
All Ages
Introduce your child to basic Spanish vocabulary with fun stories, songs and music!
Homework Helpers
Wednesdays, November 1, 15 & 29 - 3:30 to 5 pm
Grades K to 5  Limit: 6 children per session
Registration opens two weeks prior to each session
Two Chatham High School students will provide
homework help for children in grades K to 5.
All subjects welcome!

Stitch a Justice League Wonder Woman
with Miss Polly
Thursdays, November 2, 9 & 16 - 4 to 5 pm
Ages 6 & Up  Limit: 8 children
Registration required
Sew your own Wonder Woman doll
in this 3-week class!

TRIP AROUND THE WORLD
El Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead
Thursday, November 2 - 4:30 to 5:30 pm
Ages 8 & Up  Limit: 20 children
Registration required
Come join us to learn about one of
Mexico’s most important festivals
where families gather to honor
the dead. By placing marigolds,
fresh bread, candles, sugar skulls,
photographs, and mementos of
the departed on special altars, families welcome
the souls of the dead on their annual visit home.
Leticia Zuniga and her son Santiago Figueroa are
delighted to host this special celebration.

ShopRite Nutrition:
Healthy Holiday Desserts
Monday, November 6 - 4 to 5 pm
Ages 5 to 8  Limit: 15 children
Registration opens Monday, October 23
Who says you can’t have dessert every once in
a while? Let’s make it fruit-focused! Love apple
and pumpkin? This class with ShopRite dietitian
Monica Hansen is a must!

Library Cinema
Thursday, November 9 - 2 pm
Bring a mat or a pillow to get comfortable.
We’ll provide the popcorn.

NEW: CHESS MATES
2 to 4 pm
Saturdays, November 18
December 9 & 16
Ages 6 & Up
Limit: 12 children per session
Registration opens on the Monday before
each session. Priority will be given to
children who are not currently
enrolled in Chess for Kids.
Join Ryan and Darren, members of the
Chatham High School Chess Club, for an
afternoon of chess! They will help beginners
learn how to play. All skill levels welcome.

Neurodiversity Rocks!
Sensory-Friendly Music,
Bubble and Comedy Show
Monday, November 13 - 4 pm
Ages 6 & Up
Turtle Dance Music helps kids come out of
their shells. This sensory-friendly show is fun
and inclusive for kids with and without autism.
It celebrates neurodiversity and is an exciting
program for all children. Dr. Temple Grandin
says, “The world needs all kinds of minds!” There
will be instruments from all over the world, giant
bubbles, original storytelling, robots, comedy, and
music technology. See back cover for more details.
**Read Aloud to Therapy Dogs**
Wednesday, November 15 - 4 to 5 pm
Grades K & Up
Sit down and read your favorite book to a gentle and loving therapy dog certified by St. Hubert’s.

**Legopalooza!**
Sunday, November 19 - 2:30 to 4 pm
All Ages
Build your own LEGO creation from our enormous collection of LEGOs. All creations will be put on display in the Children’s Room.

**DECEMBER**

**Stories with the Librarian**
Mondays, December 4 & 11 - 10 to 10:30 am
All Ages
Children and caregivers can enjoy a few stories, a few songs and maybe a simple craft.

**ShopRite Nutrition:**
**Winter Squash for the Win!**
Monday, December 4 - 4 to 5 pm
Ages 5 to 8  Limit: 15 children
Registration opens Monday, November 20
Acorn squash, spaghetti squash, butternut squash... can you tell the difference? Join ShopRite dietitian Monicca Hansen to learn about these winter squash and try all three!

**TRIP AROUND THE WORLD**
**Christmas in Germany**
Tuesday, December 5 - 4 to 5 pm
Ages 8 & Up  Limit: 20 children
Registration opens Tuesday, November 21
*Guten Tag Chatham!* We will celebrate the tradition of Saint Nikolaus Day by stuffing children’s shoes with candy and treats and listening to favorite German holiday songs. Saint Nikolaus is the patron saint of children because he was known for his kindness and generosity towards them. This special day marks the beginning of the holiday season in Germany. We will also learn about a variety of holiday traditions in Germany and enjoy Lebkuchen, a favorite cookie of the season. Presented by Torri Van Wei.

**Spanish Storytime**
Wednesday, December 6 - 10 to 10:45 am
All Ages
Introduce your child to basic Spanish vocabulary with fun stories, songs and music!

**Homework Helpers**
Wednesdays, December 6 & 20 - 3:30 to 5 pm
Grades K to 5  Limit: 6 children per session
Registration opens two weeks prior to each session
Two Chatham High School students will provide homework help for children in grades K to 5. All subjects welcome!

**Stitch a Justice League Superman with Miss Polly**
Thursdays, December 7, 14 & 21 - 4 to 5 pm
Ages 6 & Up  Limit: 8 children
Registration opens Tuesday, November 21
Sew your own Superman doll in this 3-week class!

**TRIP AROUND THE WORLD**
**Sinterklaas/Santa Claus**
Thursday, December 7 - 5 to 6 pm
Ages 8 & Up  Limit: 20 children
Registration opens Wednesday, November 22
*Welkom bij de viering van Sinterklaas* (Welcome to the celebration of Santa Claus)! This traditional Dutch holiday on December 6 comes from the Netherlands. Major celebrations start on December 5, when Sinterklaas arrives by boat with his helpers bringing children presents. Come explore and enjoy a fun activity from the Netherlands and taste some *pepernoten* (tiny ginger snaps). Hosted by Ursula von Rydingsvard.

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**ECLC Holiday Concert**
Monday, December 18 - 10 am
Join the choir from ECLC for a lovely holiday concert of traditional favorites.

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Grades K & Up
Sit down and read your favorite book to a gentle and loving therapy dog certified by St. Hubert’s.
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The Library of The Chathams Board of Trustees, the staff and the Friends of the Library would like to thank everyone listed below and those who wish to remain anonymous for your contributions from September 2016 to August 2017. We appreciate your support and generosity throughout the year.

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