Fostering Learning and Building Community in a Safe, Effective Space: Library RMR Plan Status

The library’s existing space fulfills many community needs. But after many structural changes and additions over the years, the space needs to be reorganized with more efficiency and enhanced safety. The Modernization Plan will address these needs.

RMR (RENOVATE, MODERNIZE, REORGANIZE) PLAN HIGHLIGHTS
All within the building’s existing footprint!

• Teen Center (benefits teens AND adults who want a quiet library!)
• New Children’s Activity Room
• Multi-Use STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)/Conference Room doubling as meeting room
• Three new quiet study rooms
• A modern, cataloged local history room
• Modern, efficient lighting
• Unobstructed walkways and many other improvements enhancing patron safety
• Space for expanded programming

FUNDING GOALS AND PROGRESS TO DATE
Target: $4.5 million
Raised to date: $1.2 million
Board of Trustees presented the RMR Plan and requested funding of $3 million from Chatham Township and Chatham Borough on November 10 and 14, 2016 respectively. As soon as we hear back, we will update our community.

Karen Brodsky, Director

DID YOU KNOW?
LIBRARY USAGE IN 2016
238,527 Visits to library
227,352 Visits to library website
227,147 Items checked out
1,348 Youth, adult, and community group programs attracted 24,904 visitors
604 Children signed up for Summer Reading Club and read 12,224 books
80% of Chatham Borough and Chatham Township residents have a library card!

Friends of the Library of The Chathams remind you:

Book Sale 2017!
Saturday, March 11 - 9:30 am to 4 pm
(Early entry 7:30 - 9:30 am, $25)
Bag Sale opening early this year!
Sunday, March 12 - 10 am to 4 pm
March 13 & 14
During regular library hours
Did you receive your annual appeal letter?
Mail back the enclosed card or donate online at www.chathamlibrary.org/make-a-donation and support Friends of the Library today!
MARCH

Income Tax Assistance
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
Wednesdays through April 12
from 10 am to 2 pm.
Appointments for this free service may be made in person or by calling the library at 973-635-0603. Please bring all your financial records from 2016, copies of your 2015 Federal and State tax returns, proof of health insurance, and all printed and blank forms from the Internal Revenue Service.

Gen Y Networking Group
Wednesdays, March 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.

Bring Your Own Device
Tuesdays, March 7 & 21 - 11 am or 2 pm
Saturdays by appointment
Bring your smartphone or tablet to the library for individual training with a reference librarian. Learn to download library eBooks to your own device. Call for an appointment at 973-635-0603.

Friends of the Library Book Sale
Saturday, March 11 through Tuesday, March 14
See front page for hours
Thousands of books! All genres! Proceeds benefit Library of The Chathams.

Notable Women of New Jersey
Tuesday, March 28 - 7:30 pm
Join us for our second annual celebration of Women’s History Month to meet and hear the stories of notable women who work, live and serve in New Jersey. See back page for details.

Book Group: Americanah
Wednesday, March 29 - 1 pm
The library book group will discuss Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. You may reserve a copy of the book at the Information Desk.

APRIL

Fool for Love Dance
Saturday, April 1 - 2 pm
Learn to dance the Merengue and the Hustle with a dance instructor from the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Morristown. Sign up online or call 973-635-0603.

Bring Your Own Device
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CALL: Chatham Adult Lifeworks Learning
New Directions in American Foreign Policy: The Trump Administration
Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25 - 11 am
Dr. Douglas W. Simon, professor emeritus of political science specializing in international affairs, and a two-time recipient of the President’s Award for Distinguished Teaching at Drew University, will present a four-part series on changes in American foreign policy. A $40 fee for this series is required payable to Friends of the Library by March 28.

Featured Database:
ReferenceUSA®
One of our most amazing online resources comes to us through the New Jersey State Library. Reference USA is a powerful database that provides detailed, accurate and current directory information on millions of U.S. and Canadian businesses and residents. Search by company name, business type, geographic locations, satellite images and more.

To use Reference USA, go to our website at www.chathamlibrary.org and select the Research tab.
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**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**

Wednesdays through April 12 from 10 am to 2 pm  
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or by calling the library at 973-635-0603.

*Held next door at St. Paul's Church*
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Programs and Events

Teen

All Teen programs and events sponsored by Friends of the Library

MARCH

Teen Advisory Group
Thursday, March 16 - 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.

Henna Art Workshop for Teens
Friday, March 17 - 4 to 5 pm
Ages 14 & Up    Limit: 20 students
Registration opens Friday, March 3
Come to the library to learn about the ancient art of henna - Mehendi. A brief presentation will be followed by a hands-on Henna Art Workshop. Try out your artistic skills on your own skin. All materials will be provided - just bring your artistic talents and a willingness to try new things.

APRIL

Teen Advisory Group
Thursday, April 20 - 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.

Spring Cupcakes for Teens
Friday, April 21 - 4 pm
Ages 12 & Up    Limit: 12 students
Registration opens Friday, April 7
Decorate two designer cupcakes! Make a spring flower cupcake with marshmallows and use fondant to make an Earth Day cupcake.

CALL: Chatham Adult Lifeworks Learning

Post-Impressionism
Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25 - 1 pm
Michael Norris, Ph. D., has been an art educator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art for over 20 years. He will present a four-part series on Post-Impressionism, highlighting artists such as Seurat, van Gogh, Gauguin and Cézanne. A $40 fee for this series is required payable to Friends of the Library by March 28.

Gen Y Networking Group
Wednesdays, April 5 & 19 - 7 pm
All are welcome to attend this forum dedicated to Generation Y young adults interested in job search, networking, and career development.

Honeybees and Beekeeping
Saturday, April 15 - 2 pm
Adele Barree, retired librarian and beekeeping hobbyist for nearly 9 years, will present some facts on honeybee decline; describe what takes place in a honeybee colony; and give a few tips on how anyone, not just beekeepers, can help bees survive. The program will conclude with a varietal honey tasting. Sign up online or call 973-635-0603.

Fossil Fuels and Their Effect on the Environment
Thursday, April 13 - 7 pm
Eric Hausker, member of the Loantaka Group of the Sierra Club in New Jersey, will speak about fossil fuels, their negative impact on the environment, and the necessity to turn to alternative forms of energy. Sign up online or call 973-635-0603.

Book Group: Hot Milk
Wednesday, April 26 - 1 pm
The library book group will discuss Hot Milk by Deborah Levy. You may reserve a copy of the book at the Information Desk.

Blood Pressure Screenings
First Thursday of the Month
March 2 and April 6
10 am to 12 pm

Teen Video Game Club
Fridays, March 24 & 31; April 7 & 28
3 to 4:45 pm
Grades 6 to 12
Stop by to play Super Smash Bros. on the big screen!
Programs and Events

Children

*All Children’s programs and events made possible by Friends of the Library*

MARCH

**Spanish Storytime**
Wednesday, March 1 - 10 to 10:45 am
All Ages
Introduce your child to basic Spanish vocabulary with fun stories, songs and music!

**Homework Helpers**
Wednesdays, March 1, 15 & 29 - 3:30 to 5 pm
Grades K - 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!

**No-Sew Lucky Bear with Miss Polly**
Tuesday, March 7 - 4 to 5 pm
Ages 5 & Up  Limit: 8 children
Registration required
Join Miss Polly to make a no-sew teddy bear for St. Patrick’s Day! Prior scissor experience necessary.

**Stitch a Stuffed Cartoon Kitten with Miss Polly**
Thursdays, March 9, 16 & 23 - 4 to 5 pm
Ages 6 & Up  Limit: 8 children
Registration required
Miss Polly will show you how to stitch your very own cat doll based on a popular cartoon character.

**CHESS FOR KIDS**
Thursdays, March 16 through May 11
(No class April 13)

**Group 1:**
Players who know how pieces move
4:30 - 5:15 pm  Ages 5 to 8  Limit: 12 children

**Group 2:**
Players who can finish a game with checkmate
5:30 - 6:15 pm  Ages 8 & Up  Limit: 16 children

Registration opens Thursday, March 2
Back by popular demand, we are starting a new series of Chess for Kids. Players must be prepared to attend all 8 sessions.

**Read Aloud to Therapy Dogs**
Wednesday, March 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, March 26 - 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.

**ShopRite Nutrition: Noodles**
Monday, March 27 - 4 to 5 pm
Ages 5 to 8  Limit: 15 children
Registration opens Monday, March 13
ShopRite dietitian Jenn Luster will make some fun and tasty noodle recipes.

APRIL

**ShopRite Nutrition: Artichokes**
Monday, April 3 - 4 to 5 pm
Ages 5 to 8  Limit: 15 children
Registration opens Monday, March 20
ShopRite dietitian Jenn Luster will talk about the health benefits of artichokes and make a fun recipe!

**Spanish Storytime**
Wednesday, April 5 - 10 to 10:45 am
All Ages
Introduce your child to basic Spanish vocabulary with fun stories, songs and music!
Stitch a Fuzzy Tsum Baby Chick with Miss Polly
Thursdays, April 6 & 13 - 4 to 5 pm
Ages 6 & Up    Limit: 8 children
Registration opens Thursday, March 23
Miss Polly will assist you in stitching a sweet spring baby chick stuffed toy in the trendy new Japanese style of ‘Tsum.’

Library Cinema
April 10 (Spring Break) - 2 pm
All Ages
Bring a mat or a pillow to get comfortable. We’ll provide the popcorn.

Legopalooza!
Tuesday, April 11 (Spring Break) - 3 to 4:30 pm
All Ages
Build your own LEGO creation from our enormous collection of LEGO’s. All creations will be put on display in the Children’s Room.

Callin all would-be detectives and treasure seekers...
TREASURES OF THE CHATHAMS SCAVENGER HUNT
Ages: The Whole Family

Join Great Swamp Watershed Association and Library of The Chathams, along with several community partners, for this hands-on exploratory event. Have some springtime fun as you look for answers to clues all around The Chathams. Discover little-known information and fun places right at your doorstep that you never knew existed! Register to pick up your clue book and map at the Kickoff Event or any time thereafter. Join us at the Closing Ceremony for fun activities, to check your answers, and win prizes. You can drop off your finished hunt at the library any time before April 23.

Kickoff Event
Saturday, April 8 - 11 am

Closing Ceremony
Sunday, April 23 - 3 pm
Sponsored by the Great Swamp Watershed Association

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SPRING STORYTIME
Storytime is an 8 week, progressive program for preschoolers and their caregivers.
Registration is required
Registration opens Monday, March 27

Mondays, April 3 through May 22
9:45 - 10:15 am  24 months & younger
10:15 - 11 am     4 - 6 years
11 - 11:30 am    2 - 3 years

Tuesdays, April 4 through May 23
10 - 10:30 am    24 months & younger
10:30 - 11 am     2 - 3 years

Drop-In Storytime - no registration required
Saturdays, April 8 through May 27
11 - 11:30 am    All Ages (Families)

Drop-In Crafts
April 12 (Spring Break) - 10 am to 12 noon
All Ages
Drop in and make an original craft to take home.

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Registration opens Wednesday, April 12
Two Chatham High School students will provide homework help for children in grades K to 5. All subjects welcome!
Featured Program
Notable Women of NJ

On Tuesday, March 28 at 7:30 pm you will have a chance to hear the stories of some of the state’s most accomplished women:

- **Myriam Alvarez** - journalist and writer with 15 years of work at the United Nations and author of the historical novel *Flowers in the Dust*.

- **Anna Maria Chávez** - attorney, inspirational speaker, writer and former CEO of the Girl Scouts of the USA.

- **Mary Ann LoFrumento, MD, FAAP** - medical director of the Newborn Nursery at Morristown Medical Center and co-founder of Hands Up for Haiti.

- **Kelly J. Watson** - National Service Group Leader of KPMG’s Risk Consulting Practice who leads a team of more than 4700 partners and professionals.

The panel will be moderated by **Irene Chang Britt, CEO, ICB Enterprises**. For more information on the participants, please go to https://chathamlibrary.org/notable-women/.

Students and adults welcome. Registration required. Sign up online or call 973-635-0603.