Newsletter of Library of The Chathams



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A Legacy of Poetry and

Generosity

If you have visited the Youth Services Department recently, you may have noticed a new



addition to the children's room - our very own Thomas the Tank Engine train table! Constantly in use since its purchase, the table is proving to be much more than just fun. It has also been a useful tool in teaching our youngest patrons skills such as sharing and working together.

The purchase of the train table was made possible by a generous donation given to the library by Lester Daniell, an avid library user and World War II veteran who passed away last year. A prolific poet, Mr. Daniell holds a special place in the hearts of the staff members. A poem entitled "In Praise of the Staff of the Children's Section of the Library of The Chathams" is among those contained in a collection of his poetry which can be found at the Information Desk.

Gifts such as Mr. Daniell's enable us to provide materials, programs and services that make visiting the library a memorable and enriching experience.

For adults who are nostalgic for old toys, we have a display of Lionel trains from the 1950s in the Gallery downstairs.

THANK YOU FRIENDS!

Friends of the Library raised \$26,022.68 from this year's Book Sale. Gifts from the Friends have funded numerous programs at the library, from chess classes, animal visits and music programs to adult education. In addition, the Friends donated 130 new comfortable chairs for the library's meeting rooms. Thank you Friends for all your hard work and dedication!

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Join our Summer Reading Club

Build a Better World For Chatham residents only

Ending on August 17 at noon Earn points! Win prizes!

Summer Reading Club Picnic Thursday, August 17 - 3 to 4:30 pm **Memorial Park**

For Chatham children who have earned enough points **Amusements! Dance!** Hot dogs and ice cream!

Picnic sponsored by Kiwanis Club of the Chathams and Friends of the Library















Programs and Events Adult

SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS



Tell us about the books you are reading!
Write and submit a brief review
about a book you have read
to become eligible to win prizes
awarded at the end of July and August.
Each submission is an entry form to win.

JULY

Tai Chi for Health

Mondays, July 10, 17, 24 and 31 - 7 pm
Registration required Limit: 12 participants
Cathryn Iorio, RN, MS, CHC and owner of
Simply Self Care, will offer beginner Tai Chi
classes to help decrease stress and improve balance,
strength and flexibility. This is a progressive class,
and we ask participants to attend all four sessions. ❖

Book Group: Nine Inches: Stories

Wednesday, July 26 - 1 pm

The library book group will discuss *Nine Inches: Stories* by Tom Perrotta. You may reserve a copy of the book at the Information Desk.

When the Sun Goes Dark

Saturday, July 29 - 2 pm Rain date Saturday, August 5 - 10 am

Bob Reichman, a volunteer astronomer at Raritan Valley Community College, will share facts about the Sun and the upcoming solar eclipse. See back cover for details.

Bring Your Own Device

Tuesdays, July 11 & 18; August 1 & 15

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.

AUGUST

Jewelry-Making Class with Helena Axelrod

Wednesday, August 2 - 7 pm

Registration required Limit: 15 participants

Helena Axelrod, member of the Art League of the Chathams, will help participants create a beaded bracelet. Helena has a degree in art from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and has taught jewelry-making



classes at The Adult School of the Chathams, Madison and Florham Park. There will be a \$5 fee for supplies payable on the day of the workshop. �

Arcade Weekend

Friday, August 11 - 3 to 5:30 pm Saturday, August 12 - 9:30 am to 4:30 pm All Ages

See tear-out calendar for details. *In Memory of Alexander Butta*

Gen Y Networking Group

Wednesdays, July 19 & August 16 - 7 pm

Gen Y Networking Group is a forum dedicated to Generation Y young adults interested in job search, networking, and career development.

All are welcome to attend.

Programs and Events Teen

All Teen programs and events sponsored by Friends of the Library, unless noted otherwise

JULY

Video Game Club

Fridays, July 7, 14 & 21 - 3 to 4:45 pm Grades 6 to 12

Stop by to play Super Smash Bros. on the big screen!

TEEN SUMMER READING CLUB

The Teen Summer Reading Club continues through August 17 for students in grades 6 to 12.

Submit a review of a book you have read in one of the following ways: written review, photo essay, drawing, book trailer, comparison of the book and movie, verbal report to the librarian, or any other media – to earn entries for weekly and grand prize drawings.

This year's grand prize will be an iPad Mini!
The best entries will be displayed in the library or on the library's website and social media.

Prizes provided by the Woman's Club of Chatham

July 2017 Programs

ADULT (A) TEEN (T) CHILDREN (C)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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2 Library Closed	3	4 Library Closed	5	6 Blood Pressure 10 am-12 pm (A) Yoga Storytime 10, 10:45 am (C) Sew a Cute Smurf 4-5 pm (C)	7 Video Game Club Gr 6-12 3-4:45 pm (T)	8 Free SAT Practice Test 10 am-2 pm (T)	
9 Library Closed	10 Chess for Kids 3, 4, 5 pm (C) ShopRite Nutrition: Crazy about Corn! 4 pm (C) Tai Chi for Health 7 pm (A)	11 Storytime 10, 10:30 am (C) BYO Device 11 am, 2 pm (A) Sciencetellers 2 pm (C) College Essay Workshop 3-5 pm (T) No-Sew Lightning McQueen 4-5 pm (C)	12 Storytime 10, 10:30 am (C) Coding for Kids 3:30-4:30 pm (C) Architecture 4-6 pm (C) Spanish Conversation Group 7 pm (A)	13 Music with Mr. John 10, 10:45 am (C) Sew a Cute Smurf 4-5 pm (C) Movie Night 7 pm	14 Video Game Club Gr 6-12 3-4:45 pm (T)	15 Free ACT Practice Test 10 am-2 pm (T)	
16 Library Closed	17 Chess for Kids 3, 4, 5 pm (C) Tai Chi for Health 7 pm (A)	18 Storytime 10, 10:30 am (C) BYO Device 11 am, 2 pm (A) College Essay Workshop 3-5 pm (T) No-Sew Lightning McQueen 4-5 pm (C) Art Kids Academy 4-5:15 pm (C)	19 Storytime 10, 10:30 am (C) Coding for Kids 3:30-4:30 pm (C) Therapy Dogs 4-5 pm (C) Architecture 4-6 pm (C) Gen Y 7 pm (A)	20 Magic and Puppets 10, 10:45 am (C) Sew a Cute Smurf 4-5 pm (C) Art Kids Academy 4-5:15 pm (C) Teen Advisory Group 5:30 pm (T) Teen Movie Night: Paper Towns 7 pm (T)	21 Legopalooza! 10 am (C) Italian Conversation Group 1 pm (A) Video Game Club Gr 6-12 3-4:45 pm (T)	22	
23 Library Closed	24 Chess for Kids 3, 4, 5 pm (C) Tai Chi for Health 7 pm (A)	25 Storytime 10, 10:30 am (C) College Essay Workshop 3-5 pm (T) Art Kids Academy 4-5:15 pm (C)	26 Storytime 10, 10:30 am (C) Book Group 1 pm (A) Coding for Kids 3:30-4:30 pm (C) Eyes of the Wild 4-4:45 pm (C) Architecture 4-6 pm (C) Spanish Group 7 pm (A)	27 Miss Carol Dance 10, 10:45 am (C) Jewelry-Making for Teens 4pm (T) Art Kids Academy 4-5:15 pm (C) Movie Night 7 pm	28 Emoji Cupcakes for Teens 4-4:45 pm (T)	29 When the Sun Goes Dark 2 pm (All Ages)	
30 Library Closed	31 Chess for Kids 3, 4, 5 pm (C)	For preschoolers and their caregivers EVERY THURSDAY IS LIBRARY DAY! Choose either 10 - 10:30 am or 10:45 - 11:15 am No registration required					
	7 pm (A)	Yoga Storytime July 6 August 17	Music	with Bob hn Magic	Conrad & Puppets Lly 20 gust 24	Miss Carol Dance July 27 August 3	



August 2017 Programs

ADULT (A) TEEN (T) CHILDREN (C)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Storytime 10, 10:30 am (C) BYO Device 11 am, 2 pm (A) Art Kids Academy 4-5:15 pm (C)	2 Storytime 10, 10:30 am (C) The Magic of Sharks 2-2:45 pm (C) Coding for Kids 3:30-4:30 pm (C) Architecture 4-6 pm (C) Jewelry-Making Class 7 pm (A)	3 Miss Carol Dance 10, 10:45 am (C) Blood Pressure 10 am-12 pm (A) Art Kids Academy 4-5:15 pm (C)	4 Video Game Club Gr 6-12 3-4:45 pm (T)	5 When the Sun Goes Dark - <i>Rain date</i> 10 am (All Ages)
6 Library Closed	7 Chess for Kids 3, 4, 5 pm (C) ShopRite Nutrition: Watermelon 4-5 pm (C)	8 Storytime 10, 10:30 am (C) Build a Birdhouse 4 pm (T)	9 Storytime 10, 10:30 am (C) Coding for Kids 3:30-4:30 pm (C) Spanish Conversation Group 7 pm (A)	10 Music with Mr. John 10, 10:45 am (C) Movie Night 7 pm	11 Legopalooza! 10 am (C) Arcade Weekend 3 to 5:30 pm (All Ages)	12 Arcade Weekend 9:30 am-4:30 pm (All Ages) Super Smash Bros. Tournaments Ages 10 & Under 11:30 am Ages 11 & Up 2:30 pm
13 Library Closed	14 Chess for Kids 3, 4, 5 pm (C)	15 Storytime 10, 10:30 am (C) BYO Device 11 am, 2 pm (A) Jazz Dance 4-4:45 pm (C)	16 Storytime 10, 10:30 am (C) Coding for Kids 3:30-4:30 pm (C) Read Aloud to Therapy Dogs 4 pm (C) Gen Y Group 7 pm (A)	17 Yoga Storytime 10, 10:45 am (C) Summer Reading Club Picnic 3-4:30 pm (C)	18 Video Game Club Gr 6-12 3-4:45 pm (T)	19
20 Library Closed	21	22	23 Spanish Conversation Group 7 pm (A)	24 Bob Conrad Magic and Puppets 10, 10:45 am (C) Movie Night 7 pm	25 Video Game Club Gr 6-12 3-4:45 pm (T)	26
27 Library Closed	28	29	30	31		

ARCADE WEEKEND FOR ALL AGES

Friday, August 11 3 to 5:30 pm

Saturday, August 12 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

There will be many systems set up to play, from the original Atari, Nintendo, and Sega consoles to newer systems like the Wii U.

In Memory of Alexander Butta

SUPER SMASH BROS. TOURNAMENTS

Saturday, August 12

Registration opens Friday, July 28
Ages 10 & Under - 11:30 am Limit: 16 participants
Ages 11 & Up - 2:30 pm Limit: 16 participants

Compete in this Wii U tournament on our big screen!
There will be group battles or 1v1 single-elimination battles.
Battle for 1st and 2nd will be best 2 out of 3 rounds.

Prizes will be awarded in each tournament: \$25 GameStop gift card for 1st place and \$15 GameStop gift card for 2nd place.

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FREE PRACTICE TESTS

SAT
Saturday, July 8
10 am to 2 pm

ACT

Saturday, July 15 10 am to 2 pm

Registration required Limit: 100 students each test

Not sure where to start or if the SAT or ACT is right for you? Take these free, full-length practice tests administered by Princeton Review. You will get the benefit of seeing how you would do if you took the test without it appearing on your official record. You will get your score in 2 weeks. Arrive at 9:45 am, bring a calculator and #2 pencils.

College Essay Writing Workshop with Alisha Davlin

Tuesdays, July 11, 18 & 25 - 3 to 5 pm Attendance at all 3 classes required Registration opens Tuesday, June 27 Limit: 12 students

One essay sizzles off the page and another—perhaps equally compelling—falls flat. To construct a powerful essay, you need to know



Alisha Davlin

the building blocks. What story do I tell? Where do I start? Ms. Davlin will guide you through every step from brainstorming to final edits. You want the reader to connect with your voice, and most importantly, to remember you. Alisha Davlin worked as an English and creative writing teacher at The Pingry School; prior to that, she served as creative writing professor at NYU. She is currently an outside undergraduate admissions reader at NYU. Having been on both sides of the college admissions process, Ms. Davlin brings her unique perspective to this class.

Teen Advisory Group

Thursday, July 20 - 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Earn a volunteer hour while helping to plan new teen programs. Discuss books, movies, music and more! Snacks will be served.

Teen Movie Night: Paper Towns

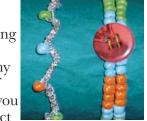
Thursday, July 20 - 7 pm

Adapted from the bestselling novel by author John Green, *Paper Towns* is a coming-of-age story centering on Quentin and his lifelong crush Margo, who after taking him on an all-night adventure, disappears, leaving behind clues that Quentin and his friends follow on the journey of a lifetime.

Jewelry-Making for Teens

Thursday, July 27 - 4 to 5 pm Ages 12 & Up Limit: 14 students Registration opens Thursday, July 6

Instructor Helena Axelrod will show you how to make a beaded choker or bracelet using a simple crochet stitch. You will use a silver or gold stretchy cord and 3 colors of beads. If crocheting is not your thing, you can also make the same project



by simple beading. There will be a materials fee of \$5 payable on the day of the workshop.

Emoji Cupcakes for Teens

Friday, July 28 - 4 to 4:45 pm Ages 12 & Up Limit: 12 students Registration opens Friday, July 14 Emojis are everywhere! Use frosting, fondant, and other yummy decorations to create cupcakes

featuring popular emoji smiley face designs.



AUGUST

Video Game Club

Fridays, August 4, 18 & 25 - 3 to 4:45 pm Grades 6 to 12

Stop by to play Super Smash Bros. on the big screen!

Build a Birdhouse

Tuesday, August 8 - 4 to 5 pm Ages 12 & Up Limit: 12 students Registration opens Tuesday, July 25 Build a wooden birdhouse and decorate it with your own creative touch! The finished house can be put outside or used as a decorative piece.





Winner of this year's *Step Into a Story* prize Mariam, Age 6

Programs and EventsChildren

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JULY

Sew a Cute Smurf with Miss Polly

Thursdays, July 6, 13 & 20 - 4 to 5 pm Ages 6 & Up Limit: 8 children Registration opens Thursday, June 22 Miss Polly will show you how to stitch a cute stuffed Smurf in this 3-week class.



ShopRite Nutrition: Crazy about Corn!

Monday, July 10 - 4 to 5 pm Ages 5 to 8 Limit: 15 children Registration opens Wednesday, June 28 ShopRite dietitian Jenn Luster will explain the health benefits of corn and make a tasty summer corn recipe!

Make a No-Sew Lightning McQueen with Miss Polly

Tuesdays, July 11 & 18 - 4 to 5 pm Ages 5 & Up Limit: 8 children Registration opens Wednesday, June 28 Make your very own Lightning McQueen toy from the movie *Cars* in this 2-week class.

DROP-IN SUMMER STORYTIME

For preschoolers and their caregivers
No registration required

Tuesdays, July 11 through August 15

10 - 10:30 am Ages 2 & Younger 10:30 - 11 am Ages 3 & Up

Wednesdays, July 12 through August 16

10 - 10:30 am Ages 3 & Younger 10:30 - 11:15 am Ages 4 & Up

CHESS FOR KIDS

Mondays, July 10 through August 14 Registration opens Tuesday, June 27

Group 1:

Players with little or no experience with chess 3 - 3:45 pm Suggested ages 5 to 8

Limit: 12 children

Group 2:

Players who can finish a game with checkmate 4 - 4:45 pm Suggested ages 8 to 10

Limit: 16 children

Group 3:

Players who can finish a game with checkmate and have previously taken a chess class 5 - 5:45 pm Suggested ages 10 to 13

Limit: 16 children

Instructor Sean Finn will lead our next series of Chess for Kids. Players must be able to attend all 6 classes.



Coding for Kids

3:30 to 4:30 pm

Ages 8 to 11 Limit: 10 students
Registration opens Wednesday, June 28

Must commit to all 6 classes

Explore your inner programmer as you create
your own web page! Come and learn the basics
of HTML and CSS in this six-week coding series.

Learning materials will be provided – just bring your
laptop and logical thinking. (The library can provide
some laptops for class use.) Happy coding!

Wednesdays, July 12 through August 16

Building a Better World through Architecture

Wednesdays, July 12, 19 & 26; August 2 - 4 to 6 pm Ages 11 & Up Limit: 25 children Registration opens Wednesday, June 28 Learn how to transform your community by designing and building a three-dimensional model in this four-week series with local architect Maia Kumari Gilman. We will share our work in an exhibition at the library at the end of the program.

Art Kids Academy: Eiffel Tower

Tuesday, July 18 - 4 to 5:15 pm Ages 7 to 12 Limit: 25 children Registration opens Wednesday, July 5 Learn about the Eiffel Tower in Paris as you design a unique French cityscape.

SCIENCETELLERS: TALL SHIPS AND PIRATE TALES

Tuesday, July 11 - 2 to 2:45 pm Ages 5 & Up

Set sail with us on a thrilling action-packed adventure about a crew of quirky pirates stranded on an island. With mutiny and high tide looming, they must rescue their salty captain and find a way to construct a ship before all hope is lost... at sea! Planks, sails, rigging, rails... what else could you need to build a pirate ship?

Throughout the story, volunteers from the audience will help us explore the incredible science behind clouds, combustion, air pressure, explosions and more. Don't miss this refreshing nautical tale with a twist!

Art Kids Academy: Perfect Pyramids

Thursday, July 20 - 4 to 5:15 pm Ages 7 to 12 Limit: 25 children Registration opens Thursday, July 6 Learn about Egypt and the pharaohs who built the pyramids; create your own pyramid design.

Art Kids Academy: Golden Gate Bridge

Tuesday, July 25 - 4 to 5:15 pm Ages 7 to 12 Limit: 25 children Registration opens Tuesday, July 11 Learn about the iconic Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. Create a waterscape design inspired by this amazing suspension bridge.

EYES OF THE WILD: BUILD A BETTER WORLD NATURALLY

Wednesday, July 26 - 4 to 4:45 pm Ages 4 & Up

Join Eyes of the Wild and their amazing rescued animals for a discussion about a future that can and should include the beautiful creatures and habitats



with whom we share this world. Some animals that *might* be included in this program are a groundhog, degu, alligator, corn snake, ferret, chinchilla, coatimundi or dove.

Art Kids Academy: Statue of Liberty

Thursday, July 27 - 4 to 5:15 pm Ages 7 to 12 Limit: 25 children Registration opens Thursday, July 13 Create your own Statue of Liberty painting as you learn about the history of this amazing statue that stands in the Hudson River.

Read Aloud to Therapy Dogs

Wednesdays, July 19 & August 16 - 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!

Fridays, July 21 & August 11 - 10 to 11:30 am 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.

When the Sun Goes Dark

Saturday, July 29 - 2 to 3 pm Rain date Saturday, August 5 - 10 to 11 am See back cover for details.

AUGUST

Art Kids Academy: Design Your Own Castle

Tuesday, August 1 - 4 to 5:15 pm Ages 7 to 12 Limit: 25 children Registration opens Tuesday, July 18 Learn all about how they constructed castles during the Medieval Period. Design your own castle with details such as turrets, moats, and arches.

THE MAGIC OF SHARKS

Wednesday, August 2 - 2 to 2:45 pm Ages 3 & Up

Magician and family entertainer Steve Woyce is bringing us this educational and entertaining show all about sharks! Audience volunteers will help Steve



with shark-themed comedy magic and learn as they laugh along! This high-energy magic show is guaranteed to be a hit!

Art Kids Academy: The Onion Dome

Thursday, August 3 - 4 to 5:15 pm Ages 7 to 12 Limit: 25 children Registration opens Thursday, July 20 Create onion dome towers inspired by the amazing architecture of the Taj Mahal.

ShopRite Nutrition: Watermelon

Monday, August 7 - 4 to 5 pm Ages 5 to 8 Limit: 15 children Registration opens Monday, July 24 ShopRite dietitian Jenn Luster will have fun and unique recipes using this summertime favorite!

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Special Event for All AgesWhen the Sun Goes Dark

Saturday, July 29 - 2 to 3 pm Rain date Saturday, August 5 - 10 to 11 am

Join astronomy educator Bob Reichman to learn about a unique event happening this summer. In a remarkable coincidence of nature, the Sun, Moon and Earth will align in a total solar eclipse. Reichman will share fascinating facts about our nearest star and the wonders of an eclipse as the August 21 event draws near. This will be the first total solar eclipse seen from the continental US since 1979, though only about ³/₄ of the Sun will be blocked from NJ. We'll have fun exercises to help



everyone better understand the seasons, moon phases, tides, as well as eclipses. Learn where, when and how to safely observe the eclipse from your own backyard.

Learn how to make a pin-hole eclipse viewer out of common household items to **safely** watch as the Moon crosses in front of the Sun. All participating families will receive eclipse projector cards, UV sensitive beads and **approved eclipse viewing glasses**.

Weather permitting, we will go outside after the program to safely observe the Sun through a specialized, hydrogen-alpha solar telescope. We might even be able to see some sunspots and solar prominences!

