Time to Make a Difference

In 2017, New Jersey voters passed the Library Construction Bond Act. Since then, the library has been raising money that will be eligible to be matched through the act. The Bridging Space to Place campaign is our community’s effort to invest in its library and show local and state government that their financial support is needed, too. Every dollar we raise before the grant application is available (expected by year-end) is potentially eligible to be matched dollar-for-dollar.

Now is the time to help! Our current layout is inflexible and our infrastructure is aging. The Bridging Space to Place project will unify the existing library space into a welcoming, dynamic place for library users of today and tomorrow. Plans include a new Teen Center and STEM room, renovations to the Children’s Room, a new business center, expanded local history facilities, an improved access ramp, more study spaces, and flexible meeting rooms.

Last year, more than 245,000 patrons visited the library for books, movies, information, or one of the 1,336 programs we hosted! In addition, the use of our meeting rooms by community groups has greatly increased in the past few years. More than a library, we are a community center.

Since the campaign’s early stages, there has been overwhelmingly positive support for it. Thank you so much to all who have generously donated. To meet our funding goal of $4.5 million, we need the support of all our friends and neighbors to maximize the matching funds we can request from the state. Please donate today. Gifts of all sizes have an impact, and naming opportunities are available for leadership gifts. To learn more or to give online, visit chathamlibrary.org/donate-now.

Thank you,

Andy Hollander, President, Board of Trustees
Karen Brodsky, Executive Director
**Programs and Events**

**Adults**

**SEPTEMBER**

**English as a Second Language**

*Thursdays, September 5 through October 24*  
*1:30 to 2:30 pm*  
*Registration required*

For those wanting to improve their English language skills, we are starting our fall session of ESL classes. The program will be conducted by LEARN Associates and volunteer tutors for 8 weeks. Students will be divided into small groups by skill level. Books and other learning materials will be provided. The program is free – you need is a commitment to learn! Register online, in person, or call 973-635-0603.

**Social Security Workshop: 67 Is the New 65**

*Monday, September 9 – 7 pm*  
Retired Human Resources professional Neil Berger will present this Social Security workshop in layman’s terms. Topics will include how much you can earn in a year and still collect Social Security benefits; whether you can collect benefits on your ex-spouse’s work record; and when you should apply.*

**Meditation Classes with Jean Leigh**

*Saturdays, September 14 & 28 – 10 to 11 am*  
Jean Leigh, a meditation teacher from Morristown, will present guided meditation classes. Benefits of meditation include relief of stress, enhancement of focus, increased memory, and a sense of peace.*

**Waterworks Artists’ Exhibit**

*Opening reception Sunday, September 15 – 2:15 to 4 pm*  
The Waterworks Artists will show the watercolor and acrylic paintings of Lyle Brehm, Sandra McTernan, Ann Piekarz, George Polazzi, Gail Silver, and Jill Vondervor-Frank. The show will be available for viewing Saturday, September 6 through the end of the month.  
*Reception sponsored by Friends of the Library*  

**Nonfiction Author Series: Nancy Kislin**

*Monday, September 23 – 7 pm*  
See back cover for details.

**What is CBD and What Are the Benefits?**

*Tuesday, September 24 – 7 pm*  
Alan Brown, owner and compounding pharmacist at Liberty Drug & Surgical in Chatham, will discuss the medical effects of Cannabidiol (CBD), a legal, non-addictive, non-psychoactive compound derived from the hemp plant. CBD has been used to treat pain, anxiety, inflammation, stress, arthritis, insomnia, seizures, and headaches. Learn how CBD works and how you can obtain a quality product.

**Book Group: There There**

*Wednesday, September 25 – 1 pm*  
The group will discuss There There by Tommy Orange. You may pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk.

**The U.S. Constitution:**

*Its History and Current Interpretations*  
*Monday, September 30 – 7 pm*  
Salvatore Santoro, retired attorney and lecturer, will discuss the U.S. Constitution and how it applies to issues such as impeachment, the Electoral College, and federal vs. state government jurisdictions.

**OCTOBER**

**Performance of Doctor Faustus by the Hudson Shakespeare Company**

*Saturday, October 5 – 2 pm*  
Jon Ciccarelli, artistic director of the Hudson Shakespeare Company, and his troupe of actors will present Christopher Marlowe’s Doctor Faustus. The tragedy portrays Doctor Faustus, a dissatisfied intellectual who strikes a bargain with the devil in his quest to learn magic.

* Sign up online or call 973-635-0603.
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## FALL STORYTIME

Storytime is an 8-week, progressive program for preschoolers and their caregivers – Registration opens Monday, September 16

**Mondays, September 23 through November 11**
- 9:45 – 10:15 am    24 months & younger
- 10:15 – 11 am      Ages 3½ – 5
- 11 – 11:30 am      Ages 2 – 3

**Tuesdays, September 24 through November 12**
- 10 – 10:30 am      24 months & younger
- 10:30 – 11 am      Ages 2 – 3

**DROP-IN STORYTIME**

(No registration required)

**Saturdays**
- September 28 through November 16
- 11 – 11:30 am  All Ages (Families)

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**Library Hours:**
- Mon-Thu: 9:30 am - 9 pm
- Fri: 9:30 am - 6 pm
- Sat: 9:30 am - 5 pm
- Sun: 2 pm - 5 pm

**Library Location:**
- 214 Main Street, Chatham, NJ, 973-635-0603
- www.chathamlibrary.org
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**The Drew Art Association Show**

Opening reception Sunday, October 6 – 2:15 to 4 pm

Members of the Drew Art Association will hold a show of their multimedia artwork in the Lundt meeting room. The public is invited to attend. The show may also be viewed during regular library hours throughout the month. 

*Reception sponsored by Friends of the Library*

**Remember the Ladies:**

Women During the American Revolution

Monday, October 7 – 7 pm

Joel Farkas, docent at Washington’s Headquarters in Morristown, will speak about women’s lives during the Revolutionary period of our country’s history. He will discuss attitudes toward and expectations of women, their lives during wartime, and women who made a difference.

**Nonfiction Author Series: Amy Ellis Nutt**

Monday, October 14 – 7 pm

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Saturday, October 19 – 10 to 11 am

Jean Leigh, a meditation teacher from Morristown, will present a guided meditation class. Benefits of meditation include relief of stress, enhancement of focus, increased memory, and a sense of peace.*

**Halloween: A Haunted History**

Saturday, October 19 – 2 pm

Author and lecturer Kevin Woyce will discuss the strange history of Halloween from Old World harvest festivals to our modern holiday. Learn about the origins of the jack-o’-lantern, Orson Welles’ 1938 “War of the Worlds” radio broadcast, the first monster movies, haunted lighthouses and hotels, and much more.

**Nonfiction Author Series: Robin Gaby Fisher**

Wednesday, October 23 – 7 pm

See back cover for details.

**C.A.L.L.: Vixens, Volcanoes, and Vipers:**

How Mary Shelley Wrote Frankenstein

Saturday, October 26 – 2 pm

Dr. Corey Abate, Chair of the English Department at The Willow School in Gladstone, NJ, will speak about the circumstances under which Mary Shelley created her most famous novel with one of literature’s most haunting and complex characters.*

**Book Group: The Library Book**

Wednesday, October 30 – 1 pm

The group will discuss The Library Book by Susan Orlean. You may pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk.

* Sign up online or call 973-635-0603.
NEW! Chinese Conversation Group
Wednesdays, September 11 & 25; October 9 & 23 – 7:15 pm
This new program is for teens and young adults. Meetings will include practice in daily conversation, learning new words, introduction to Chinese culture, as well as crafts and games. The topic of the kick-off meeting on September 11 will be Fun Facts about China. *

SEPTEMBER

Creating Safe and Affirming Communities for Transgender Youth
Thursday, September 19 – 6:30 to 8:30 pm
This program has been rescheduled from the original date of June 26.

Free ACT Practice Test
Saturday, September 21 – 10 am to 2 pm
Registration required
Take this free, full-length practice test administered by Princeton Review. See 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. *

J-Pop Club
Thursday, September 26 – 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Grades 6 to 12
Do you love Japanese pop culture? Join our new J-Pop Club! Feel free to talk about anime, manga, cosplay, J-Pop (and K-Pop) music, and make crafts, while trying some Japanese snacks! *

OCTOBER

Stranger Things Breakout Room: Trapped in the Upside Down
Thursday, October 24 – 7 to 8 pm
Grades 6 to 12 Limit: 15 participants
As a member of the Hawkins Middle School AV club, you are distraught to hear that your friend Will has gone missing. You and the remaining members of the club must decipher Will’s messages from the Upside Down in order to get him back before the portal between you closes for good. *

Spooky Halloween Cupcakes
Wednesday, October 30
3:30 to 4:30 pm
Grades 6 to 12
Limit: 12 students
Registration opens Wednesday, October 16
Use cookies, candy, frosting, and other frightfully delicious decorations to make two Halloween-inspired cupcake designs! *

Programs and Events

All children’s programs and events made possible by
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Ann L. Buesing Children’s Fund for the Library of The Chathams of the Community Foundation of NJ
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SEPTEMBER

Stories with the Librarian
Mondays, September 9 & 16 – 10 to 10:30 am
All Ages
Children and caregivers can enjoy stories, songs, and maybe a simple craft.

ShopRite Nutrition: All About Apples!
Monday, September 9 – 4 to 5 pm
Ages 5 to 8
Limit: 15 children
Registration opens Monday, August 26
Let’s celebrate the start of the fall season by honoring a fall favorite: apples! We will make yummy apple treats and learn about the nutrition apples have to offer us.

Coding for Kids: Python
Tuesday, September 10 and Thursday, September 12 – 5 to 7 pm
Ages 10 to 14 Limit: 10 children
Registration opens Tuesday, August 27
Must be able to attend both classes.
Learn how to think like a computer scientist with Python. Get familiar with basic programming concepts and gain hands-on coding experience. Basic computer understanding is required.

* Sign up online or call 973-635-0603.
Culinary Adventure Around the World: Israel
Tuesday, September 24 – 5 to 6 pm
Ages 8 & Up       Limit: 20 children
Registration opens Tuesday, September 10
In September Jewish families around the world will celebrate Rosh Hashanah. Join us to learn about the holiday and make some yummy sweet treats in honor of the Jewish New Year. Presented by Stefanie Mathews.

OCTOBER

ShopRite Nutrition: Spooky Snacks
Monday, October 7 – 4 to 5 pm
Ages 5 to 8    Limit: 15 children
Registration opens Monday, September 23
Join ShopRite dietitian Tory Stroker to make some delicious, healthy and spooky snacks perfect for your Halloween celebrations.

Coding for Kids: Build Games with Scratch and Makey Makey
Tuesday, October 8 and Thursday, October 10 – 5 to 7 pm
Ages 8 to 12    Limit: 10 children
Registration opens Tuesday, September 24
Must be able to attend both classes.
Turn everyday objects into interactive projects with Makey Makey, an electronic invention kit, by using everyday objects as a replacement for keyboards and mice.

Library Cinema
Columbus Day, Monday, October 14 – 2 pm
Bring a mat or a pillow to get comfortable. We’ll provide the movie and popcorn.

Culinary Adventure Around the World: Spain
Tuesday, October 22 – 5 to 6 pm
Ages 8 & Up       Limit: 20 children
Registration opens Tuesday, October 8
¡Bienvenidos a España! Welcome to Spain! We will taste a classic Spanish dish, la tortilla, made with eggs and potatoes. We will also learn about the Spanish language and culture. Presented by Carolyn Dempsey.

Halloween Parade
Thursday, October 31 – 10 am to 12 pm
Meet in the Children’s Room and join the parade around the library grounds. Bring your camera for photo ops with some larger-than-life characters.
Nonfiction Author Series

Nancy Kislin
Monday, September 23 – 7 pm
Nancy Kislin, a psychotherapist and licensed social worker, will discuss her book LOCKDOWN: Talking to Your Kids about School Violence. LOCKDOWN offers professional insight and therapeutic guidance for parents, teachers and social service professionals.

Amy Ellis Nutt
Monday, October 14 – 7 pm

Robin Gaby Fisher
Wednesday, October 23 – 7 pm
Robin Gaby Fisher is the New York Times bestselling author of After the Fire: A True Story of Friendship and Survival, a book about the Seton Hall fire in 2000. A member of a Pulitzer Prize-winning team at The Star-Ledger, she teaches journalism at Rutgers University-Newark, where she is Director of the Journalism Program.