NEW! Launchpads Are Here

With help from the Friends of the Library, we have purchased a brand-new collection of Launchpads – tablets with content just for children. Launchpads, specifically designed for libraries and schools, allow every child to have the opportunity to experience a tablet for free. They are 100% secure ensuring no risk of exposure to unintended content.

Each tablet comes with a different pre-loaded pack of science, math and reading apps aimed at a specific age group. These tablets are easy to use and fun to explore. They are built to last, with tough plastic cases and a rubber bumper. Check out our new collection of Launchpads in the Children’s Room!

In This Edition:

Programs and Events
- Adults: Page 2
- Teens: Page 4
- Children: Page 4
- Featured Program: Back

Friends of the Library of the Chathams remind you:

The Book Sale begins Saturday, March 12 at 9:30 am and runs through Friday, March 18. Open 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 your Friends today!

Browse new book gifts at www.chathamlibrary.org or pick up a list at the library.

United States Census 2020

Volunteer Assistance available at the library!
For more information, call 973-635-0603

Connect with us! 📚_MEDIUM_
**Programs and Events**

**Adults**

**MARCH**

**Income Tax Assistance**
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) continues on Wednesdays through April 15 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 2019, copies of your 2018 Federal and State tax returns, photo ID, all printed and blank forms from the Internal Revenue Service, and proof of Social Security Number for all dependents.

**Mahjong: Open Play**
Wednesdays, March 18 through April 29 – 12:30 pm
Players of all abilities are welcome for an afternoon of Mahjong at the library. Registration is required for each date that you are coming to play.*

**Book Group: Born a Crime**
Wednesday, March 25 – 1 pm
The group will discuss *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. You may pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk.

**Notable Women of New Jersey Panel**
Wednesday, March 25 – 7 pm
Join us for our fifth 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 cover for details.*

**Rutgers Master Gardener: Pruning or Ruining?**
Thursday, March 26 – 7 pm
Master Gardener Gail Di Domenico will discuss the basics of what, why, when, and how to prune your trees and shrubs, what tools to use, and when to consult with a professional. Learn how to shear hedges, deadhead flowering shrubs and perennials, and how and when to pinch back and cut down your herbaceous perennials. Learn techniques to keep your plants healthy, vigorous and beautiful.

**APRIL**

**Notable Women of New Jersey: Mikie Sherrill**
Thursday, April 2 – 6:15 pm
Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill represents New Jersey’s 11th Congressional District. She sits on the House Armed Services Committee, as well as the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, where she is the Chairwoman of the Environment Subcommittee.

Congresswoman Sherrill spent almost 10 years on active duty in the United States Navy, flying missions throughout Europe and the Middle East. She also served as a Russian policy officer, working on the implementation of our nuclear treaty obligations and overseeing the relationship between the U.S. Navy and Russian Federation Navy.

After leaving the Navy in 2003, Congresswoman Sherrill worked to keep our communities safe, prosecuting federal cases and advising law enforcement on investigations as an Assistant U.S. Attorney.*

---

*S Sign up at www.chathamlibrary.org or call 973-635-0603.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sunday</th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
<th>Saturday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Storytime</td>
<td></td>
<td>KOOV</td>
<td>Drop-In</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>9:45, 10:15, 11 am (C)</td>
<td>10, 10:30 am (C)</td>
<td>VITA 10 am-2 pm</td>
<td>Coding Class</td>
<td>Storytime 11 am (C)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Italian Conversation Group</td>
<td>7:15 pm</td>
<td>Yoga Storytime*</td>
<td>10, 10:45 am (C)</td>
<td>4-5:30 pm (C)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Storytime</td>
<td></td>
<td>KOOV</td>
<td>Friends of the Library Book Sale</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>9:45, 10:15, 11 am (C)</td>
<td>10, 10:30 am (C)</td>
<td>VITA 10 am-2 pm</td>
<td>Coding Class</td>
<td>9:30 am-4 pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Italian Conversation Group</td>
<td>7:15 pm</td>
<td>Homework Helpers 3:30-5 pm (C)</td>
<td>Music with Carolyn Dempsey*</td>
<td>4-5:30 pm (C)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friends of the Library Book Sale</td>
<td>Friends of the Library Book Sale</td>
<td>Friends of the Library Book Sale</td>
<td>VITA 10 am-2 pm</td>
<td>Miss Carol Dance*</td>
<td>Italian Conversation Group</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 am-4 pm</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Mahjong: Open Play 12:30 pm (A)</td>
<td>10, 10:45 am (C)</td>
<td>1 pm (A)</td>
<td>4-5:30 pm (C)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Art of Cinema: Ida</td>
<td>Author Visit: Virtuous Cornwall</td>
<td></td>
<td>VITA 10 am-2 pm</td>
<td>Jumpin’ Jamie</td>
<td>Video Game Club</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2:30 pm (A)</td>
<td>10:30 am (C)</td>
<td></td>
<td>Mahjong: Open Play 12:30 pm (A)</td>
<td>10, 10:45 am (C)</td>
<td>3-4:45 pm (T)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>ShopRite Nutrition: Spring Vegetables 4-5 pm (C)</td>
<td>Book Group: Born a Crime 1 pm (A)</td>
<td>Rutgers Master Gardener: Pruning 7 pm (A)</td>
<td>KOOV Coding Class 4-5:30 pm (C)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Homework Helpers 3:30-5 pm (C)</td>
<td>Notable Women of New Jersey Panel 7 pm (A)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Crafts with Miss Stephanie 4-5 pm (C)</td>
<td>Chinese Conversation Group 7:15 pm</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>29</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>35</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Art of Cinema: A Place in the Sun</td>
<td>Storytime</td>
<td>Storytime</td>
<td>VITA 10 am-2 pm</td>
<td>Jumpin’ Jamie</td>
<td>Video Game Club</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2:30 pm (A)</td>
<td>9:45, 10:15, 11 am (C)</td>
<td>10, 10:30 am (C)</td>
<td>Mahjong: Open Play 12:30 pm (A)</td>
<td>10, 10:45 am (C)</td>
<td>3-4:45 pm (T)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Book Group: Born a Crime 1 pm (A)</td>
<td>Rutgers Master Gardener: Pruning 7 pm (A)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Homework Helpers 3:30-5 pm (C)</td>
<td>Notable Women of New Jersey Panel 7 pm (A)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Chinese Conversation Group 7:15 pm</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Yoga Storytime with Miss Rachael</th>
<th>Music with Carolyn Dempsey</th>
<th>Miss Carol Dance</th>
<th>Jumpin’ Jamie Music and Puppets</th>
<th>Drop-In Crafts</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>March 5* April 2</td>
<td>March 12* April 30</td>
<td>March 19* April 23</td>
<td>March 26 April 16</td>
<td>April 9</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For more information, visit or call 214 Main Street • Chatham • NJ • 973-635-0603 • www.chathamlibrary.org  
Mon-Thu 9:30 am - 9 pm • Fri 9:30 am - 6 pm • Sat 9:30 am - 5 pm • Sun 2 pm - 5 pm
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sunday</th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
<th>Saturday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>SPRING STORYTIME</strong>&lt;br&gt;Limit: One 8-week session per child&lt;br&gt;Storytime is a progressive program for preschoolers and their caregivers. Registration is required and opens on Monday, March 23&lt;br&gt;Mondays, March 30 through May 18&lt;br&gt;9:45 - 10:15 am 24 months &amp; younger&lt;br&gt;10:15 - 11 am 3 ½ - 5 years&lt;br&gt;11 - 11:30 am 2 - 3 years&lt;br&gt;Tuesdays, March 31 through May 19&lt;br&gt;10 - 10:30 am 24 months &amp; younger&lt;br&gt;10:30 - 11 am 2 - 3 years</td>
<td><strong>5</strong>&lt;br&gt;Drew Art Show&lt;br&gt;Opening Reception&lt;br&gt;2:15-4 pm (A)</td>
<td><strong>6</strong>&lt;br&gt;Storytime&lt;br&gt;9:45, 10:15, 11 am (C)&lt;br&gt;Vikings in NJ with&lt;br&gt;Fran Drew&lt;br&gt;7 pm (A)</td>
<td><strong>7</strong>&lt;br&gt;Storytime&lt;br&gt;10, 10:30 am (C)&lt;br&gt;Mahjong Class&lt;br&gt;1-3 pm (A)&lt;br&gt;Italian Conversation Group&lt;br&gt;7:15 pm (A)</td>
<td><strong>8</strong>&lt;br&gt;VITA 10 am-2 pm&lt;br&gt;Mahjong: Open Play&lt;br&gt;12:30 pm (A)&lt;br&gt;Benefits of Orthotics&lt;br&gt;7 pm (A)</td>
<td><strong>9</strong>&lt;br&gt;Drop-In Crafts&lt;br&gt;10, 10:45 am (C)&lt;br&gt;Esl&lt;br&gt;1-2 pm (A)&lt;br&gt;Chess for Kids&lt;br&gt;4, 5 pm (C)</td>
<td><strong>10</strong>&lt;br&gt;Library closed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>12</strong>&lt;br&gt;Library closed</td>
<td><strong>13</strong>&lt;br&gt;Storytime&lt;br&gt;9:45, 10:15, 11 am (C)&lt;br&gt;Religions of the World: Judaism&lt;br&gt;10 am-1 pm (A)</td>
<td><strong>14</strong>&lt;br&gt;Storytime&lt;br&gt;10, 10:30 am (C)&lt;br&gt;Mahjong Class&lt;br&gt;1-3 pm (A)&lt;br&gt;Culinary Adventure: India&lt;br&gt;5-6 pm (C)</td>
<td><strong>15</strong>&lt;br&gt;VITA 10 am-2 pm&lt;br&gt;Mahjong: Open Play&lt;br&gt;12:30 pm (A)&lt;br&gt;Read Aloud to Therapy Dogs&lt;br&gt;4-5 pm (C)&lt;br&gt;Gen Y 7 pm (A)</td>
<td><strong>16</strong>&lt;br&gt;Jumpin' Jamie&lt;br&gt;10, 10:45 am (C)&lt;br&gt;Esl&lt;br&gt;1-2 pm (A)&lt;br&gt;Be Brave Aware&lt;br&gt;4-5 pm (C)&lt;br&gt;Chess for Kids&lt;br&gt;4, 5 pm (C)</td>
<td><strong>17</strong>&lt;br&gt;Italian Conversation Group&lt;br&gt;1 pm (A)&lt;br&gt;Video Game Club&lt;br&gt;3-4:45 pm (T)&lt;br&gt;KOOV Coding Class&lt;br&gt;4-5:30 pm (C)</td>
<td><strong>18</strong>&lt;br&gt;Meditation Class&lt;br&gt;10-11 am (A)&lt;br&gt;Drop-In Storytime&lt;br&gt;11 am (C)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>19</strong>&lt;br&gt;Art of Cinema:&lt;br&gt;<em>The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared</em>&lt;br&gt;2:30 pm (A)</td>
<td><strong>20</strong>&lt;br&gt;Storytime&lt;br&gt;9:45, 10:15, 11 am (C)&lt;br&gt;Religions of the World: Islam&lt;br&gt;10 am-1 pm (A)</td>
<td><strong>21</strong>&lt;br&gt;Storytime&lt;br&gt;10, 10:30 am (C)&lt;br&gt;Mahjong Class&lt;br&gt;1-3 pm (A)&lt;br&gt;Culinary Adventure: USA: Texas&lt;br&gt;5-6 pm (C)</td>
<td><strong>22</strong>&lt;br&gt;Mahjong: Open Play&lt;br&gt;12:30 pm (A)&lt;br&gt;Homework Helpers&lt;br&gt;3:30-5 pm (C)&lt;br&gt;Crafts with Miss Stephanie&lt;br&gt;4-5 pm (C)&lt;br&gt;Chinese Conversation Group&lt;br&gt;7:15 pm (A)</td>
<td><strong>23</strong>&lt;br&gt;Miss Carol Dance&lt;br&gt;10, 10:45 am (C)&lt;br&gt;Esl&lt;br&gt;1-2 pm (A)&lt;br&gt;Chess for Kids&lt;br&gt;4, 5 pm (C)</td>
<td><strong>24</strong>&lt;br&gt;Candy Flower&lt;br&gt;Cupcake Decorating&lt;br&gt;3:30-4:30 pm (T)&lt;br&gt;KOOV Coding Class&lt;br&gt;4-5:30 pm (C)</td>
<td><strong>25</strong>&lt;br&gt;Meditation Class&lt;br&gt;10-11 am (A)&lt;br&gt;Drop-In Storytime&lt;br&gt;11 am (C)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>26</strong>&lt;br&gt;Art of Cinema:&lt;br&gt;<em>In Our Water</em>&lt;br&gt;2:30 pm (A)</td>
<td><strong>27</strong>&lt;br&gt;Storytime&lt;br&gt;9:45, 10:15, 11 am (C)&lt;br&gt;Religions of the World: Confucianism&lt;br&gt;10 am-1 pm (A)</td>
<td><strong>28</strong>&lt;br&gt;Storytime&lt;br&gt;10, 10:30 am (C)&lt;br&gt;Mahjong: Open Play&lt;br&gt;12:30 pm (A)&lt;br&gt;Book Group:&lt;br&gt;<em>The Dutch House</em>&lt;br&gt;1 pm (A)</td>
<td><strong>29</strong>&lt;br&gt;Mahjong: Open Play&lt;br&gt;12:30 pm (A)&lt;br&gt;Preventing Sports Injuries&lt;br&gt;7 pm (A)</td>
<td><strong>30</strong>&lt;br&gt;Music with&lt;br&gt;Carolyn Dempsey&lt;br&gt;10, 10:45 am (C)&lt;br&gt;Esl&lt;br&gt;1-2 pm (A)&lt;br&gt;Chess for Kids&lt;br&gt;4, 5 pm (C)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
English as a Second Language

Thursdays, April 2 through May 21
1 to 2 pm
Registration required

For those wanting to improve their English language skills, we are starting our next cycle 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. This is a free program. Register online, in person, or call 973-635-0603.

Meditation Classes with Jean Leigh

Saturdays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25 – 10 to 11 am
Jean Leigh, a meditation teacher from Morristown, will present guided meditation classes. Benefits of meditation include relief from stress, enhancement of focus, increased memory, and a sense of peace.*

Drew Art Show

Opening reception Sunday, April 5 – 2:15 to 4 pm
Members of the Drew Art Association will hold a Fabulous Fakes show featuring their own interpretations of paintings by famous artists. The show may be viewed during regular library hours through Friday, April 24. Reception sponsored by Friends of the Library

Vikings in New Jersey with Fran Drew

Monday, April 6 – 7 pm
In September 1960, immediately after Hurricane Donna, Fran Drew and two family members discovered the skeleton of an old ship at low tide on the Manasquan beach. They hauled the wreckage to their property. Hundreds of people came to see the hulk along with experts from Rutgers, the Smithsonian, and Oslo, Norway. Chatham resident Fran Drew will explain what was learned about her family’s great discovery.

Mahjong Classes

Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21; May 5
1 to 3 pm
Instructor Gina Flanigan will teach beginners how to play. Registration required. Sign up only if you can attend all 4 classes. *

Rutgers Master Gardener: Spring Gardening

Thursday, April 9 – 7 pm
Master Gardener Bill Moran will cover everything from rejuvenating an old garden to creating a new one from scratch. Proper tools and equipment will be discussed along with how to purchase healthy perennials and annuals. He will also explain how to plan a vegetable garden with three growing seasons continuing from mid-March into early January.

Religions of the World

This new series will be taught by professors from Drew University. Most lectures in the series will be in two parts with a break. See details of lectures on Judaism, Islam and Confucianism in date order below. Coming in May: Christianity and Buddhism. A fee of $10 will be charged for each class. If you are unable to pay, please email events@chathamlibrary.org or talk to Assistant Director Galina Natenzon.
All are welcome!

Judaism

Monday, April 13 – 10 am to 1 pm
This lecture will be presented by Dr. Jonathan Golden, Director of the Center on Religion, Culture and Conflict at Drew University. In this class, he will examine the core tenets, practices and beliefs of Judaism, as well as the evolution of Judaism over time, including its influence and interactions with other “Abrahamic” faiths. Finally he will examine Judaism in the modern world, including the intriguing question of Jewish identity.*

The Benefits of Orthotics

Tuesday, April 14 – 7 pm
Dr. William Stone of Chatham will discuss the benefit that foot orthotics provide people suffering from pain in the lower back, knees, hips, and neck, and from shin splints, plantar fasciitis, weak ankles, and flat feet. He will also explain the difference between custom-made vs. over-the-counter orthotics and the importance of body alignment for good health.

* Sign up at www.chathamlibrary.org or call 973-635-0603.
Programs and Events

Children

All Children’s programs and events made possible by Friends of the Library, unless otherwise noted

MARCH

KOOV Coding Classes
Fridays, March 6 through May 1
Grades 3 to 5
Limit: 8 children
Registration required
Register only if you can attend all 8 classes
CMS 8th-grader Manaal Qureshi will teach kids how to code using our new Sony KOOV coding blocks. Young innovators will build and program vehicles, cameras, animals, etc. and bring them to life with the help of sensors. They will learn skills that they will ultimately use to create and code their own robots.

BOOKENDS MARCH - APRIL 2020

Author Visit: Susannah Cahalan
Thursday, April 16 – 7 pm
#1 New York Times best-selling author of Brain on Fire Susannah Cahalan will discuss her most recent book The Great Pretender.
In the early 1970s, Psychologist David Rosenhan conducted an experiment to determine the validity of psychiatric diagnoses by going undercover in asylums. Ms. Cahalan explores what really happened behind those closed asylum doors, and what it means for our understanding of mental illness today.

Islam
Monday, April 20 – 10 am to 1 pm
This lecture will also be presented by Dr. Golden (see Judaism on page 3). In this class he will examine the core tenets, practices and beliefs of Islam. Dr. Golden will conduct a brief historical survey of the roots, evolution and expansion of Islam. Finally, he will examine Islam in the modern world, its internal dynamics within the “Muslim World” and in the West.*

Confucianism
Tuesday, April 28 – 10 am to 1 pm
Dr. Hyo-Dong Lee, a native of South Korea with a PhD from Vanderbilt University, is an Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy at Drew University. In this lecture, Professor Lee will touch on the history, doctrine, events, personalities, and writings of Confucianism.

Book Group: The Dutch House
Wednesday, April 29 – 1 pm
The group will discuss The Dutch House by Ann Patchett. You may pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk.

Preventing Sports Injuries with Ricardo Costa
Wednesday, April 29 – 7 pm
Ricardo Costa, Doctor of Physical Therapy and owner of Results Physical Therapy Institute in Chatham, will discuss overuse and non-contact injuries, their causes and how to prevent them. He will also speak about physical therapy intervention to help athletes get back to their sport.

Programs and Events

Teens

All Teen programs and events sponsored by Friends of the Library

MARCH & APRIL

Video Game Club
Fridays, March 27; April 3 & 17
3 to 4:45 pm
Grades 6 to 12
Limit: 12 students
Registration opens Thursday, April 9
Stop by to play Super Smash Bros. Ultimate for Nintendo Switch on the big screen! Feel free to bring your own Joy-Cons or Switch Pro controller.

Candy Flower Cupcake Decorating
Friday, April 24 – 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Grades 6 to 12
Limit: 12 students
Registration opens Thursday, April 9
You will use several types of candy to decorate cupcakes to look like spring flowers. They just might be too pretty to eat!

Programs and Events

Children

All Children’s programs and events made possible by Friends of the Library, unless otherwise noted

MARCH

KOOV Coding Classes
Fridays, March 6 through May 1
(no class on April 10) – 4 to 5:30 pm
Grades 3 to 5
Limit: 8 children
Registration required
Register only if you can attend all 8 classes
CMS 8th-grader Manaal Qureshi will teach kids how to code using our new Sony KOOV coding blocks. Young innovators will build and program vehicles, cameras, animals, etc. and bring them to life with the help of sensors. They will learn skills that they will ultimately use to create and code their own robots.

Chinese Conversation Group

Wednesdays, March 11 & 25; April 8 & 22
7:15 pm
This program is for people of all ages who are interested in Chinese culture and language. Meetings will include practice in daily conversation, introduction to Chinese culture, and crafts and games.*

* Sign up at www.chathamlibrary.org or call 973-635-0603.
Crafts with Miss Stephanie: Personalized Door Hanger
Wednesday, March 18 – 4 to 5 pm
Ages 5 & Up  Limit: 12 children
Registration opens Wednesday, March 4
Create a door hanger with your name on it to personalize your own space!

Culinary Adventure Around the World: Ireland
Thursday, March 19 – 5 to 6 pm
Ages 8 & Up  Limit: 20 children
Registration opens Thursday, March 5
Come visit the Emerald Isle! Learn how to make delicious Irish soda bread, a classic that is baked in the weeks leading up to St. Patrick’s Day. This Cultural Committee of the Chathams program is presented by Minati O’Connell.

Author Visit: Virtuous Cornwall
Monday, March 23 – 10:30 am
Ages 2 & Up
No registration required
Local author Virtuous Nyamesem Cornwall will read her book Finding Little Doggins, an educational story about the importance of learning about the town you live in and the value of communication. This story encourages children and teachers to discuss and put in place a plan of action in case someone gets lost.

ShopRite Nutrition: Spring Vegetables
Monday, March 23 – 4 to 5 pm
Ages 5 to 8  Limit: 15 children
Registration opens Monday, March 9
Spring is here and so are spring vegetables! Join ShopRite Registered Dietitian Tory Stroker to explore healthy fresh spring vegetables in a fun and hands-on way.

APRIL

Culinary Adventure Around the World: India
Tuesday, April 14 – 5 to 6 pm
Ages 8 & Up  Limit: 20 children
Registration opens Tuesday, March 31
Chutney is a must-have condiment at any Indian meal. We will make a cilantro-coconut chutney. From sandwich spreads to dipping sauces, there is a reason that cilantro-coconut chutney is one of India’s most popular. This Cultural Committee of the Chathams program is presented by Genevieve Castelino.

CHESS FOR KIDS
Thursdays, April 2 through May 14
(no class on April 9)
Registration opens Thursday, March 19
Register only if you can attend all 6 classes.

Group 1:
Players with little or no experience
4 – 4:45 pm
Suggested ages 6 to 8
Limit: 12 children

Group 2:
Players who can finish a game with checkmate
5 - 5:45 pm
Suggested ages 8 & Up
Limit: 16 children

Chess instructor and Class A player Max Farberov will lead this series of Chess for Kids. Sponsored by the Ann L. Buesing Children’s Fund for the Library of the Chathams of the Community Foundation of NJ

Be Bear Aware
Thursday, April 16 – 4 to 5 pm
Ages 6 & Up  Limit: 60 children
Registration opens Thursday, April 2
Black bears are an important part of our natural world, and everyone should know how to react if they encounter one of these amazing mammals. An interactive multimedia presentation, a bear taxidermy, and a fun simulation activity will help participants to better understand black bears. Presented by Stephanie Singer, Teacher Naturalist from the Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center

Culinary Adventure Around the World: USA: Texas
Tuesday, April 21 – 5 to 6 pm
Ages 8 & Up  Limit: 20 children
Registration opens Tuesday, April 7
How big is Texas and who are the people that settled there originally? Learn fun facts about Texas as well as how to make a kolache from the Hill Country. This Cultural Committee of the Chathams program is presented by Julia Keen.

Crafts with Miss Stephanie: Earth Day Reusable Snack Packs
Wednesday, April 22 – 4 to 5 pm
Ages 6 & Up  Limit: 12 children
Registration opens Wednesday, April 8
Celebrate Earth Day by creating a reusable snack container from a repurposed milk or juice carton!
On Wednesday, March 25, at 7 pm join us to hear the stories of some of the state’s most accomplished women:

• **JoAnne Taylor Babbitt**, Vice President and co-founder of the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to preventing sudden cardiac death. Prior to that, she was a Managing Director at Chase Manhattan Bank for 21 years.

• **Bonnie J. Monte**, Artistic Director of the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey. Under her leadership for 30 years, the theater has evolved into one of the most respected classical theaters in the nation.

• **Rosie Taravella**, Regional Executive Officer of the American Red Cross. She oversees all Red Cross disaster services, volunteers, and service to the Armed Forces in New Jersey.

The panel will be moderated by 2017 panelist **Myriam Alvarez**, journalist and writer, author of the historical novel *Flowers in the Dust*.

See Page 2 for an additional Notable Women of NJ event: **Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill**

**Thursday, April 2 – 6:15 pm**

For more information on participants, go to [https://chathamlibrary.org/notable-women-2020/](https://chathamlibrary.org/notable-women-2020/).

Adults and students welcome. Registration required. Sign up online or call 973-635-0603.