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Enjoy the Arts at Your Library

Mini courses for all tastes! Three stellar presenters are back by popular demand. One course, presented by Professor Margaret Kuntz, will focus on St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. Another, presented by Professor Kimberly Rhodes, is an in-depth exploration of Abstract Expressionism and Color Field painting. For those who want to try their hand at making art, the artist Peggy Dressel will offer a series of classes on portrait drawing.

Our longstanding tradition of **art shows** at the library resumes this fall. October will feature a show by the members of the Drew Art Association, and November a show of watercolors by George Polazzi.

The Museum Pass program, sponsored by Friends of the Library, is also making a comeback. In addition to outdoor museum passes, we have renewed memberships at the Frick Collection, the Guggenheim, and more – visit our website for the complete list.



St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican











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Featured Programs Back

ESL Program at the Library

Our English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are conducted online since we restarted the program during the pandemic. The next virtual session will start at the end of September.

We have exciting news to share: this program, which has been support. The library was awarded a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the New Jersey State Library. This generous grant will fund our ESL program for a full year!

If you want to improve your English language skills, or are interested in becoming a volunteer tutor, go to chathamlibrary.org/esl-classes/ to learn more.

Please note that all in-person programs featured in this newsletter are subject to pandemic-related changes. While we plan our programs with hopes for the best, public health and safety are our number one priority. We will keep you updated on any changes that may become necessary. All our events can be found online at **chathamlibrary.org/events**

Stay tuned for even more programs than are listed in this publication! The most up-to-date information can be found on our website and in our weekly email newsletters — subscribe at **chathamlibrary.org/library-newsletter**

Programs and Events

Adults

OCTOBER

Mahjong Open Play

Wednesdays – 1 to 3 pm and 7 to 9 pm

Everyone who loves Mahjong is welcome to come and play at the library. Bring friends or come alone and find new partners. Remember to bring your 2021 Mahjong card. No need to sign up – just come and enjoy the game!





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Thank you to all who gave! The Library of the Chathams Board of Trustees, the staff and the Friends of the Library would like to thank you for your generous contributions from September 2020 to September 2021. Many of you were also generous with



your time and energy volunteering at the library. We appreciate your wonderful support throughout the year.

See the full list of

everyone who contributed to the library at chathamlibrary.org/donors-2020-2021

Portrait Drawing with Peggy Dressel

Fridays, October 8, 15, 22 & 29 11 am to 12:30 pm

Learn how to draw a person's face both frontal and profile in this class. Dimensions of the head and how to place and draw the facial features will be covered. You will learn how lighting defines facial bone structure so that you can enhance your portrait with shading and tone. This is a four-part course and you must be



able to attend all sessions. There is a limit of **15** participants. A supply list will be provided. There is a fee of \$40 to attend all four classes. If you are unable to pay, please send an email to **events@chathamlibrary.org** and we will waive the fee. *

★ Go to chathamlibrary.org for registration and Zoom information.

Drew Art Association Show

Opening reception Sunday, October 10 2:15 to 4 pm

Members of the Drew Art Association will hold a show of their multimedia artwork. The public is invited to attend, and the show may also be viewed during regular



library hours through the month of October.

Opening reception sponsored by Friends of the Library

Voting Rights with *The New York Times* Correspondent Nick Corasaniti

Tuesday, October 12 – 7 pm

The library is continuing its tradition of inviting journalists to speak on important issues of the day. See back cover for details.

Deer Management in Gardens and Yards

Thursday, October 14 – 7 pm

Rutgers Master Gardener Cheri Wilczek will discuss what it takes to keep deer away from your garden and your plants. The lecture will address deer management and what should be planted to prevent deer from foraging



in your gardens and yards. This will be a Zoom presentation. The speaker requests that you sign up for this presentation, and a Zoom link will be sent to you the day of the event. *

Michelangelo and Bernini: The Design and Decoration of the New St. Peter's Basilica

Part I: Tuesday, October 19 – 1 to 2:30 pm

Margaret Kuntz, Professor of Art History and Chair of the Art History Department at Drew University, will present two lectures on St. Peter's Basilica. She will discuss the inter-relationship of the design and decoration of the new St. Peter's from its inception under Pope Julius II through its completion under Pope Paul V. In the first lecture, we will discover why the design was modified and built as a basilica plan rather than the centralized plan designed by Michelangelo. *

Part II: Tuesday, October 26 – 1 to 2:30 pm

Professor Kuntz will discuss the decoration of St. Peter's Basilica. We will look at the decorations for the interior and how they reflected the artistic

goals of Pope Urban VII, as well as discover the role Bernini played as lead architect and artistic director. There will be a fee of \$10



to attend each lecture. If you are unable to pay, please send an email to **events@chathamlibrary. org** and we will waive the fee. *

College Funding Workshop Thursday, October 21 7 pm

Thursday, October 21 – 7 pm This workshop

is for parents of children of any age to help figure out how to pay for college without jeopardizing retirement. Learn how to reduce your out-of-pocket expenses, navigate the financial aid



system, and avoid common errors that can cause you to overpay for school. If you cannot attend, you can join by Zoom. Presented by Jodi Bloom from Cornerstone College Solutions. ★



Abstract Expressionism and Color Field Painting

Wednesdays, October 27; November 3, 10, 17; December 1 – 11 am to 12:30 pm

Professor Kimberly Rhodes of Drew University

will present a course studying the major figures associated with Abstract Expressionism and Color Field painting, two internationally significant postwar American art movements that challenged



audiences with dazzling new approaches to painting and solidified New York City's position as the center of the art world. Each session will be devoted to an individual artist (Willem de Kooning, Jackson Pollock, Lee Krasner, Mark Rothko, and Helen Frankenthaler) in order to explore their creative, professional, and personal lives. We will also look at the milieu in which these artists were working to understand the influence of New York City itself on the artists and their paintings.

There will be a fee of \$10 for each lecture. If you are unable to pay, please send an email to **events@chathamlibrary.org** and we will waive the fee. *

Library Book Group: Klara and the Sun

Wednesday, October 27 – 1 pm Join librarian Mary Kennedy for a meeting of the library's book group to discuss the book *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro. Everyone is welcome to attend and copies of the book are available at the reference desk. The group will meet in person at the library. Those who cannot attend in person can join by Zoom. ★



NOVEMBER

Medicare for Baby Boomers

Wednesday, November 3 – 7 pm

Neil Berger, human resources professional and former educator, will discuss Medicare in easy-to-understand terms that will help those approaching Medicare eligibility within the next five years. Even if you are not eligible for Social Security or are still working, learn about Medicare parts A, B, C and D,

your options, eligibility, premiums, deadlines, late enrollment penalties, and the difference between original Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and Medigap.
A question-and-



answer session will follow the presentation. Preregistration is requested for this program which will be held via Zoom. ★

Watercolor Art Show with George Polazzi

Opening reception Sunday, November 7 2:15 to 4 pm

George Polazzi will show his watercolor landscape and nature paintings at the library. The public is invited to attend the reception, and



the show may be viewed during regular library hours throughout the month.

Mr. Polazzi is a member of the Essex Water Color Club and the Ringwood Manor Art Association. *Reception sponsored by Friends of the Library.*

Who Wants to Talk?

A monthly conversation for adults and teens moderated by Library Director Karen Brodsky. Conversations will be held virtually on Zoom.

Format: Brief introduction by an expert on the topic, followed by a discussion.

The first two topics are

Cryptocurrency (November 9) and Brand Loyalty (December 7)

- see below.

Cryptocurrency Who Wants to Talk?

Tuesday, November 9 - 7 pm

Presenter: Arlene Ferris-Waks, Director of Investor Education, NJ Bureau of Securities, Office of NJ Attorney General. Arlene has professional experience as a regulator, compliance officer and

financial literacy advocate. Her areas of expertise include market trading analysis, risk assessment, surveillance, and anti-money laundering.



Arlene has worked at the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, as a senior compliance officer at a broker-dealer, and as an investment adviser/registered representative. She is passionate about finance and believes that all investors should have a good understanding about safe investing. *

Chatham Veterans

Wednesday, November 10 – 7 pm

This program, presented by Patricia Wells of the

Chatham Township **Historical Society** and Susan Allen of the Chatham Historical Society, will bring Veterans Day close to home. They will focus on Chatham veterans of various wars and conflicts, from the Revolution to the present. Hear some fascinating stories about a variety of people, their service, and their lives before and after service.



The program will be held live at the library. Those who cannot attend will be able to join via Zoom. ★

Dig Life Deep! with New York Post Columnist John Aidan Byrne

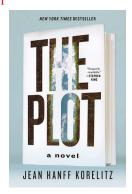
Thursday, November 11 - 7 pm

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Library Book Group: *The Plot* Wednesday, December 1 – 1 pm

Join librarian Mary Kennedy for a meeting of the library's book group to discuss the book *The Plot* by Jean Hanff Korelitz. Everyone is welcome to attend, and copies of the book are available at the reference desk. The group will meet in person at the library. Those who cannot attend in person can join by Zoom. *



Is Brand Loyalty a Thing of The Past? Who Wants to Talk?

Tuesday, December 7 - 7 pm

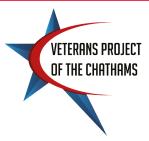
In the 50's and 60's "Mad Men" advertisers turned brand loyalty into gold. As factories converted from war production to consumer goods, the companies that were able to distinguish themselves from their competitors with recognizable brands and iconic images, won big. Seventy years later,

does brand loyalty hold up to online convenience? Can iconic companies compete in a digital world of disruptive innovations? Come and share your thoughts and ideas with us.

Presenter: Nancy Dowd. Nancy began her career as Director of Marketing for Ocean County



Library and The New Jersey State Library. She has spoken around the world on the topic of marketing and was co-author of the bestselling book, *Bite-Sized Marketing: Realistic Solutions for the Overworked Librarian.* *



The Veterans Project of the Chathams is an initiative of Library of the Chathams that seeks to collect, archive, and make available to the public — via physical display and digital acquisition — audio, video, and written personal histories and testimonials of veterans who are or were residents of the Chathams.

The project will go live on our website chathamlibrary.org on the eve of Veterans Day. To learn more, or to contribute your testimony, call us at 862-246-6108 or send an email to veteransproject@chathamlibrary.org

Programs and Events

Teens

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

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

Video Game Club

Fridays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; November 5, 12, 19; December 3, 10; 17 3 to 4:45 pm – Grades 6 to 12

Stop by to play Super Smash Bros. Ultimate for Nintendo Switch on the big screen!

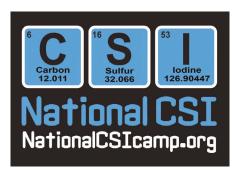
Feel free to bring your own Joy-Cons or Switch Pro controller.



National CSI Camp

Thursday, November 4 – 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Grades 6 to 12 Limit: 20 students Registration opens Thursday, October 14 This educational class is for mature-minded students in Grades 6 to 12 who have an interest in Law

Enforcement and/or Science and/or Forensics. Students will learn general problem-solving skills and how STEM principles can be used to help solve a crime scene.



After each block of instruction in this 7-hour course, there will be hands-on drills that reinforce the lecture. Students will learn the importance of gravity and inertia, biology, DNA, fingerprinting, blood splatter, footprint casting, and get an opportunity to process a mock crime scene and determine what happened based on what they have learned in class. The class is conducted by Sean Clancy, a retired Captain of Detectives, who worked in various units of the Atlantic County Prosecutors Office, such as SWAT, Homicide, Intelligence, and Narcotics/ Violent Crimes. He is currently an instructor for the NJ Chiefs of Police's *Command and Leadership Class*.

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Programs and Events Children

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

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

FALL STORYTIME

Storytime is an 8-week, progressive program for preschoolers and their caregivers. Registration required. Limit: one 8-week session per child

Mondays,

September 20 through November 8

10 - 10:30 am 24 months & younger 10:45 - 11:15 am 2 - 3 years

Tuesdays,

September 21 through November 9

10 - 10:30 am 24 months & younger 10:45 - 11:15 am 2 - 3 years

Due to high demand, registration is limited to Chatham Borough and Chatham Township residents only.

Introductory Poetry Workshop

Thursdays, October 7 through October 28 – 4 pm Suggested ages: 6 to 9 Limit: 24 students Registration required

Chatham High School student and regional Scholastic Poetry Gold Key winner Jocelyn Xu will lead this workshop to explore with students the



timeless and immersive beauty of poetry. In this introductory course, students will learn poetry terms, as well as the various formats and styles that the literary art form has to offer. Most importantly, young writers will be able to discover the self-expression and literary appreciation that comes with writing poetry themselves.

CHESS FOR KIDS

Mondays & Tuesdays
September 20 – through October 26

Registration Required

Register only if you can attend all 6 classes.

Group 1:

Players who know how pieces move Mondays, 4 – 4:45 pm Suggested ages 6 to 8 Limit: 12 children

Group 2:

Players who can finish a game with checkmate Mondays, 5 – 5:45 pm Suggested ages 8 & Up Limit: 16 children

Group 3:

Players who have taken Group 2 or similar classes

Tuesdays, 4 – 4:45 pm Suggested ages 8 & Up Limit: 16 children

Chess Expert Sean Finn will lead this series of Chess for Kids via Zoom.

Chatham Residents Only

Sponsored by Marlee and Carl Frahn Fund for the Library of the Chathams of the Community Foundation of NJ

Be Bear Aware

Wednesday, November 3 – 4 to 4:45 pm Presented by Jenny Gaus-Myers, Manager of Education, Morris County Park Commission,

this program is for adults as well as children (ages 5 & up). 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.



The program will be presented live at the library. If you cannot attend, you can join by Zoom. ★ Sponsored by Library of the Chathams and the Borough of Chatham Environmental Commission

For preschoolers and their caregivers...

EVERY THURSDAY IS LIBRARY DAY!

Choose either 10 - 10:30 am or 10:45 - 11:15am

No registration required

Yoga Storytime with Miss Jenn

October 7, December 2 Practice yoga poses to go along with yoga stories.

Music with Carolyn Dempsey

November 4, December 23 Move, shake, dance and sing to Carolyn's guiter music.

Miss Carol Dance

October 21, November 18, December 16
Basic movement to music in a fun
and loving atmosphere.

Boogie Woogie Babies

October 28, November 11, December 9 A dance movement program perfect for preschoolers!

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Journalism Series: Voices and Perspectives

Voting Rights with The New York Times Correspondent Nick Corasaniti

Tuesday, October 12 - 7 pm

Nick Corasaniti is a domestic correspondent covering national politics for *The New York Times*. Nick was one of the lead reporters covering Donald Trump's campaign for president in 2016 and has been covering presidential, congressional, gubernatorial and mayoral campaigns for the *Times* since 2011. Before that, Corasaniti, a Chatham



native, was the *Times's* correspondent from New Jersey, covering its politics, policy, and people.

Corasaniti will talk about the ongoing effort in many states to overhaul election rules.

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Dig Life Deep! with Podcast Host and New York Post Columnist John Aidan Byrne

Thursday, November 11 – 7 pm

John Aidan Byrne, host of the podcast *Dig Life Deep!*, is a journalist whose columns appear in *New York Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *Institutional Investor*. He will speak about his work from his days as a young reporter in rural Ireland to his life and media career in America. Byrne is a versatile reporter with expertise in the financial and technology markets.



Despite the current climate of polarization and economic uncertainty, Byrne believes history teaches us that after troubled times, America emerges stronger, with unbridled optimism and more opportunities.