

# BOOKENDS



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## President's Message

What is the Library of the Chathams? It's a place where 100 enthusiastic children came last July to meet live rescue animals including an arctic fox. A place to play mahjong and chess. A place for adult programs on portrait drawing, cryptocurrency, and Michelangelo. For virtual programs like yoga in your living room, getting Medicare tips, and Halloween costume and snowman contests. A place that hosts meetings of the Chatham Boy Scouts, Chatham Girl Scouts, Chatham Democrats, Chatham Republicans, and many other groups.



By the numbers it's a place that hosts music and storytime programs for thousands of children each year; where more than 80% of residents have a library card; and which is supported by more than 1,000 generous donors each year. A place where annual Friends of the Library book sales attract thousands of people from the Chathams and surrounding towns. And, by the way, a place offering 115,000 print books, 10,000 ebooks, 12,000 video materials, 200 magazines, several mobile apps to get what you want quickly, and 2 telescopes that you can borrow.

Today, the Library of the Chathams is stronger than ever. It is adapting to constant change, be it maintaining high-quality resources so the library remains the intellectual and cultural center of our community, or adjusting to the pandemic with enhanced electronic resources.

A public library is one of the purest expressions of our democratic ideals in action. Supporting public libraries strengthens us individually and as a community. Not to mention being a place you can meet an arctic fox, or get the hottest bestsellers!

Above all, it is *your* place – a place where all ages can come together as a community to think, meet, learn, explore, and have fun.

I hope you and yours have a happy and healthy 2022.

Andy Hollander, President of the Library Board of Trustees

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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

### Book Collection

**January 8 through February 20**

The Friends of the Library will be accepting gently used books for the Annual Book Sale. Bring your donations to the rear entrance of the library and leave them in the hallway. Please donate books that are in good condition. We do not accept textbooks, encyclopedias, CDs or DVDs. The Book Sale begins on March 12.

### Annual Friends Meeting

Make 2022 the year you become a Friend of the Library! Please join us for our annual meeting on January 12 at 9:30 am. Support great programming and events!



Connect with us!

# Programs and Events Adults

JANUARY

## English as a Second Language

Winter session starts the  
week of January 10

For those wanting to improve their English language skills, we are starting our next series of ESL classes. These free classes will be conducted online via Zoom by LEARN Associates and volunteer tutors for 8 weeks. Students will be divided into small groups by skill level.



Registration required. Sign up in person, by phone 973-635-0603, or online at [chathamlibrary.org/esl-classes/](http://chathamlibrary.org/esl-classes/)

## Vikings in America with Fran Drew

Monday, January 10 – 7 pm

In September, 1960, immediately after Hurricane Donna, Fran Drew and two family members discovered a 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. The program will be held in person at the library. Those who cannot attend can join by Zoom. ★



## American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, January 11 – 10 am to 3 pm

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the library. Supporting this drive helps the Red Cross fulfill its mission by ensuring the availability of a safe and reliable blood supply needed to save lives.

## The Seven Spots to Declutter First with Jamie Novak

Monday, January 17 – 7 pm

Professional organizer and author of **Keep This, Toss That** Jamie Novak will help you start your new year off clutter free by tidying up seven spots that will make the biggest difference. From paperwork to closets, Jamie will share the top seven areas to declutter for a fresh start. You'll learn what to do first (without getting overwhelmed) and how to pack a toolkit for all your decluttering tasks. If you are ready to follow through on your resolution to get organized, then this is the program for you. The program will be held virtually by Zoom. ★



## Thor: God of Thunder Roars

Monday, January 17 – 7 pm

This interactive presentation delves into the mythological roots of modern representations and adaptations of Norse Mythology, centering particularly on Thor, God of Thunder. Hear defining tales about Thor and compare them to modern representations in popular culture, including the recent Marvel film adaptations.

Presented by Dr. Matthew T. Jones, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication at the County College of Morris, whose PhD dissertation centered on adaptation of comic art to film. His current research interests include diffusion of traditional folklore in popular culture, as well as Norse, Celtic, and Greek Mythologies, esoteric belief systems, rune lore, and pagan religions.

This is part of **Who Wants to Talk?** - our series of online conversations. ★





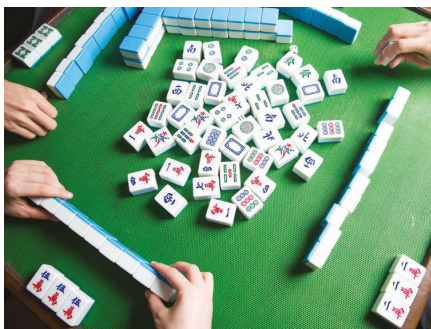
Please note that all in-person programs featured in this newsletter are subject to pandemic-related changes. While we plan our programs with hopes for the best, public health and safety are our number one priority. We will keep you updated on any changes that may become necessary. All our events can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

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](https://chathamlibrary.org/library-newsletter)

## Mahjong Open Play

Wednesdays – 1 to 3 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!



## Holocaust Survivors Speak

Tuesday, January 25 – 7 pm

Elie Wiesel said, “When you listen to a witness, you become a witness.” In order to remember, and most importantly, learn from the past, the Holocaust Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest has offered its

### Survivor Speak

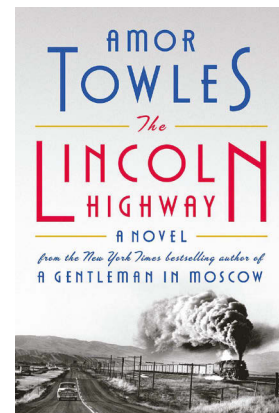
program for the past 15 years. We will hear from Holocaust survivors or their descendants telling their stories, followed by a question-and-answer session. The program will be presented in person at the library. Those who cannot attend may join by Zoom. ★



## Library Book Group: *The Lincoln Highway*

Wednesday, January 26 – 1 pm

Join librarian Mary Kennedy for a meeting of the library’s book group to discuss *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. 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. ★



## FEBRUARY

## Income Tax Assistance

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) will be held on

Wednesdays, February 2 to  
April 13 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 2021, copies of your 2020 Federal and State tax returns, all printed and blank forms from the Internal Revenue Service, picture identification, and proof of Social Security for all dependents filing.

**VITA**  
VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

**Essex Water Color Show**

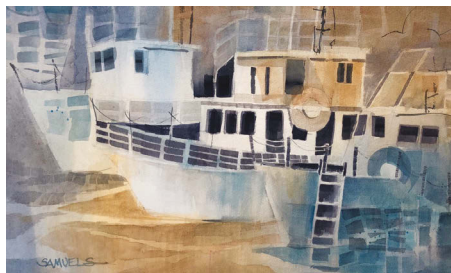
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Sunday, February 6 – 2:15 to 4 pm

The Essex Water Color Club, the oldest watercolor club in New Jersey, will hold its annual show through February.

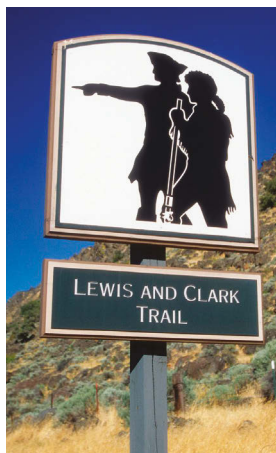
Opening reception

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**The Lewis and Clark Trail**

Tuesday, February 8 – 7 pm

Former Chatham resident Jennifer White Fischer will present a talk on traveling the Lewis and Clark Trail. Through her photographs, she will tell the exciting story of the Corps of Discovery's adventures in the early 1800's as they explored the newly acquired Louisiana Territory, crossed the Bitterroot Mountains and continued on to the Pacific Ocean. Fischer is the author of *Adventures Across America: On and Off the Trail of Lewis and Clark*, about her two extended road trips following the Trail and exploring the northwest United States. She has been writing about her travels for the *Out and About* section of the New Jersey Hills Media Group newspapers, which includes *The Chatham Courier*, for the past five years.

**In Defense of Romance Novels**

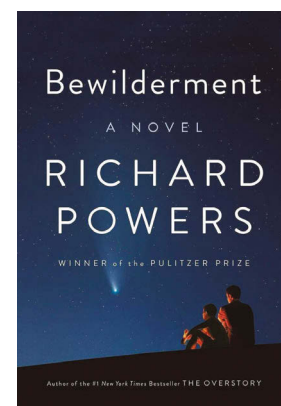
Tuesday, February 15 – 7 pm

Michelle Altieri, Professor of Communications at County College of Morris, will explore how romance novels, far from being frivolous, are about empowering women, exhibiting nontoxic masculinity, and embracing sexuality. Using novel excerpts by Julia Quinn, Diana Gabaldon, Nora Roberts, and others, we will take a closer look at the value of romance, and how the genre is providing space for all generations of women to love others (and themselves) fiercely and unapologetically. This is part of **Who Wants to Talk?** - our series of online conversations. ★

**Library Book Group: *Bewilderment***

Wednesday, February 23 – 1 pm

Join librarian Mary Kennedy for a meeting of the library's book group to discuss *Bewilderment* by Richard Powers. Everyone is welcome to attend, and you may pick up a copy of the book at the reference desk. The group will meet in person at the library. Those who cannot attend in person can join by Zoom. ★

**MORE EBOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS FOR YOU!**

We are ringing in the New Year with good news for library patrons who use our downloadable collections. You will have access to even more ebooks and audiobooks on your phones and tablets. In January 2022 our library consortium, MAIN, will greatly increase our digital content by merging all of the Cloud Library and Libby titles into one digital platform. The Cloud Library platform will be discontinued and all your digital borrowing will be on one platform, **Libby** by OverDrive. For more information, go to [chathamlibrary.org/digitalcontent/](https://chathamlibrary.org/digitalcontent/)

# Programs and Events Teens

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

**JANUARY / FEBRUARY**

## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

2 sessions on Thursdays, 6 to 8 pm.  
Each session requires separate registration.  
January 6, 13, 20 & 27 – registration opens December 23  
February 3, 10, 17 & 24 – registration opens January 20  
Limit: 6 players in Grades 5 to 8.  
Chatham residents only (residents of other towns will be admitted if space permits).  
Register only if you can attend all 4 sessions.  
Have you ever heard of Dungeons & Dragons?  
D&D is a collaborative strategic game, where all you need is a piece of paper, a pencil, an eraser and a ton of imagination! Come and join the first D&D group at the Library of the Chathams!  
A fantasy tabletop role-playing game, D&D allows each player to create their own character. These characters embark upon imaginary adventures within a fantasy setting. A Dungeon Master, in our case Master Michele, serves as the game's referee and storyteller. Together they solve dilemmas, engage in battles and gather treasure and knowledge.



### Video Game Club

Fridays, January 7, 14, 28;  
February 4, 11, 18, 25  
3 to 4:45 pm – Grades 6 to 12

Stop by to play Super Smash Bros. Ultimate for Nintendo Switch on the big screen!  
We have 8 controllers available.

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



### Arcade Weekend

Friday, January 21 – 3 to 5 pm  
Saturday, January 22 – 9:30 am to 4 pm  
All Ages

This event is for all gamers out there – teenagers, children and their parents, whole families. There will be many systems set up to play, from the old-school Atari, Nintendo, and Sega consoles to newer systems like the Nintendo Wii U and Switch, and our Arcade 1Up Centipede cabinet!

*In Memory of Alexander Butta*

### Super Smash Bros. Tournaments

Saturday, January 22  
Registration opens Monday, January 3  
Ages 10 & Under – 11:30 am  
Limit: 16 players  
Ages 11 & Up – 2 pm  
Limit: 16 players  
Compete in Wii U tournaments on our big screen! Prizes will be awarded in each tournament:  
\$25 GameStop gift card for 1st place and  
\$15 GameStop gift card for 2nd place.

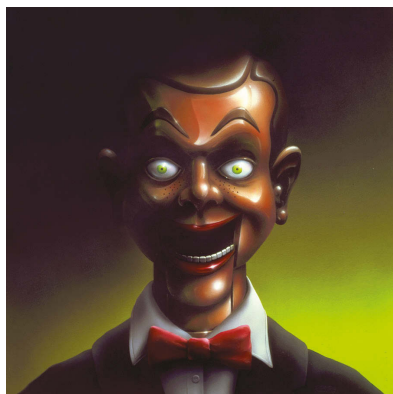


## Career Series for Teens: **Goosebumps** Illustrator **Tim Jacobus**

Thursday, January 27 – 4 pm

Grades 6 to 12

Thinking about life beyond high school and interested in the arts? Meet the original *Goosebumps* cover illustrator, **Tim Jacobus**, who will talk about his career and share how he came to illustrate the covers for some of the most iconic spooky children's books of the '90s! There will be a Q&A session following his presentation. Tim grew up in Denville, New Jersey and still resides and creates art in Morris County today.

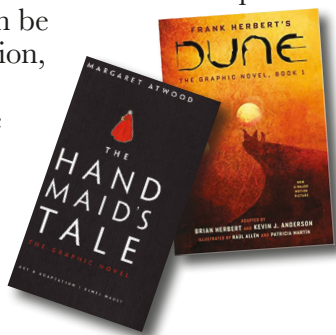


## FOCUS ON: GRAPHIC NOVELS AND MANGA



Graphic novels as a genre includes much more than just comic books, and reading them can be extremely beneficial to readers of all ages. Those with learning differences can read without being overwhelmed by the number of words on a page or learn about emotions by seeing the images with the text they are reading. The images can also act as a way of making difficult concepts or texts easier to understand. Exciting plots and action can keep the attention of energetic readers as well as those who are more reluctant to read traditional books. Graphic novels can be

either fiction or nonfiction, including biographies and memoirs. We have graphic novels and manga available for all reading levels and almost any interest, so stop by and check them out!



## Programs and Events Children

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

### WINTER STORYTIME

**Storytime is an 8-week**, progressive program for preschoolers and their caregivers.

Registration opens January 10

Limit: one 8-week session per child

#### **Mondays, January 17 through March 7**

10 – 10:30 am 24 months & younger

10:45 – 11:15 am 2 – 3 years

#### **Tuesdays, January 18 through March 8**

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.*

**New:** A Chatham library card is required to register.

For preschoolers and their caregivers...

### THURSDAY IS LIBRARY DAY!

Choose either

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

**No registration required**

#### **Yoga Storytime with Miss Jenn**

January 6, February 3

A yoga program combining the creativity of imagination and movement.

#### **Boogie Woogie Babies**

January 13, February 10

Song, dance and movement program for both toddlers and caregivers.

#### **Miss Carol Dance**

January 20, February 17

Miss Carol introduces basic movement to music in a fun and loving atmosphere.

#### **Music & Movement with Miss Susan**

January 27, February 24

Fun, energetic music class filled with classic and contemporary favorites.

## JANUARY

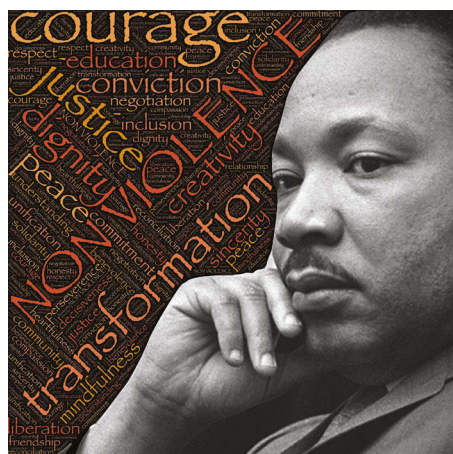
## CHESS FOR KIDS

Mondays, January 10 – February 14

Registration opens  
Monday, December 27*Register only if you can attend all 6 classes.***Group 1: 4 – 4:45 pm**Players who know how pieces move  
Suggested ages 6 to 8  
Limit: 12 children**Group 2: 5 – 5:45 pm**Players who can finish a game with checkmate  
Suggested ages 8 & Up  
Limit: 16 children**Group 3: 6 – 6:45 pm**Players who have taken Group 2 or similar  
classes  
Suggested ages 8 & Up  
Limit: 16 childrenChess 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***MLK Day Luminary Project**

Saturday, January 15 – 10 to 11:30 am

Let's light up our town with luminaries in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's vision of A Beloved Community and his important campaign against poverty, bigotry and prejudice. Make a decorated luminary at the library and light it at 5 pm on the night of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 17.



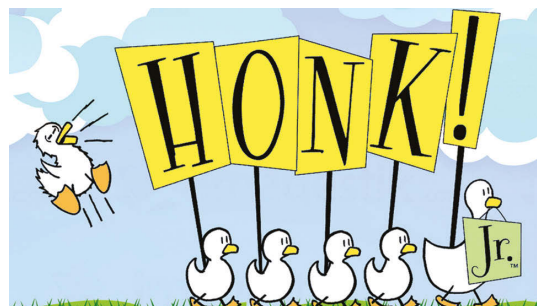
## FEBRUARY

**Paper Mill Playhouse's Children's  
Theater on Tour Performs  
Honk! Jr.**Wednesday, February 9 AND  
Tuesday, February 15 – 4 pm

Ugly looks quite a bit different from his darling duckling brothers and sisters. The other animals on the farm are quick to notice and point this out, despite his mother's protective flapping. Feeling rather foul about himself, the little fowl finds himself on an adventure of self-discovery, all the while unknowingly outwitting a very hungry Cat. Along the way, Ugly meets a whole flock of unique characters and finds out being different is not a bad thing to be.

**Honk! JR.** is a heartwarming celebration of being different that is sure to delight audiences of all ages with humor and heart.

*These popular performances have always attracted large audiences. To keep the size of the audience smaller, the troupe graciously agreed to perform twice. Each performance is limited to 50 attendees.*

**From the Library's Photo Album  
Coding Camp 2021**

### 2021 Board of Trustees

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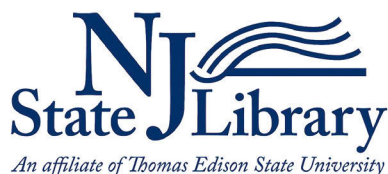
Frederic Pucci  
Marlee F. Frahn, Served 1981-2007  
Alice B. Lundt, Served 1992-2010  
Emery Westfall, Served 1995-2010  
Mary T. Benton, Served 1996-2012  
Peggy Nelson, Served 2013-2019

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## Library of the Chathams Receives Grant for ESL Program

The library's English as a Second Language (ESL) program has been running since 2018, first in person, and since the beginning of the pandemic, online. It attracts adult learners from the Chathams and surrounding towns who want to improve their English language skills. Volunteer tutors teach beginner, intermediate and advanced classes under the guidance of LEARN Associates, a language teaching company based in Basking Ridge, NJ.



Recently the program received a much-needed boost – a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the New Jersey State Library. It will fund ESL classes for an entire year. The fall session ended in November, and the next session starts in January – see page 2. If you need ESL help, or want to become a volunteer, information can be found at [chathamlibrary.org/esl-classes/](https://chathamlibrary.org/esl-classes/)