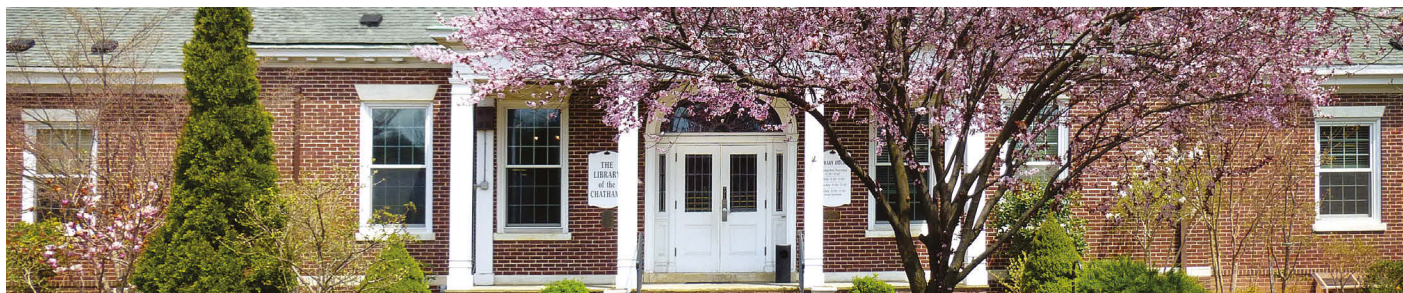


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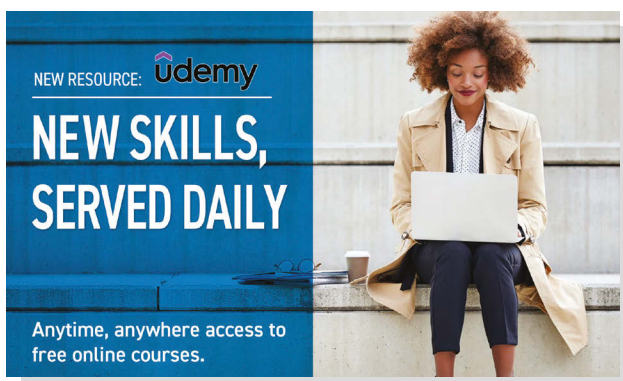


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Friends of the Library Book Sale 2022!

Saturday, March 12 – 9:30 am to 4 pm
(Early entry 7:30 – 9:30 am, \$25)

Bag Sale

Sunday, March 13 – 10 am to 4 pm
March 14 through March 17
from 10 am to 5 pm

Did you receive your annual appeal letter?

Mail back the enclosed card or
donate online at
chathamlibrary.org/make-a-donation
and support
Friends of the Library today!



Connect with us!

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

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

MARCH

Income Tax Assistance

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
will be held on

Wednesdays through 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 of 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.

VITA
VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Rutgers Master Gardener Presentation— Starting Seeds Indoors: When and How

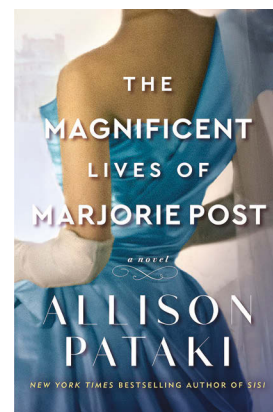
Wednesday, March 9 – 7 pm

Enjoy watching your seedlings emerge and mature this spring. Rutgers Master Gardener Grace Tshanakas will teach you everything you need to know about starting seeds indoors, including seed types, supplies needed, the planting process and caring for seedlings. You'll receive Rutgers Fact Sheets and handouts that list resources. The lecture will be presented via Zoom. Registration is required. A Zoom link will be provided, and a passcode will be sent for you to join the meeting. ★

Book Talk on *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post*

Wednesday, March 9 – 7 pm

Allison Pataki will speak about her recent book via Zoom. The author will discuss how Marjorie began working for her father gluing cereal boxes for the C. W. Post Company before the business turned into the General Foods empire, which made her an heiress. She became the wealthiest woman in the United States before turning thirty. A wife four times over, she lived a life full of grandeur and beauty as well as shocking secrets and tumult. This presentation is sponsored jointly by the libraries of Morris County, and a Zoom link will be provided on the library's webpage. ★



We have a Seed Library!

Did you know that you can borrow vegetable seeds from the Library? The Seed Library provides non-GMO heirloom seeds that you take home. Then you plant the seeds, and when it is time to harvest your crop, we ask that you save some of your seeds (using the proper techniques for the seeds you borrowed) and return them to the library to share with others. For more information about the Seed Library, please go to the library's website chathamlibrary.org/seed-library.





Happy National Library Week! April 3-9

Connect with your library during National Library Week.

Whether in-person or online, your library can connect you to the resources you need.

Connect to technology by using the library's broadband, computers and other resources. Connect to the library's digital services, programs, classes, and of course, books.

Show your support for the Library of the Chathams by visiting the library in-person or online, following the library on social media, and using the hashtag #National Library Week.



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

English as a Second Language (ESL)

For those who want 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.

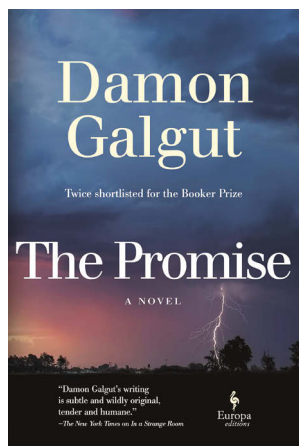
Registration is required. Sign up in person, by phone 973-635-0603, or online at chathamlibrary.org/esl-classes/. The next session starts the week of **March 21**.

Book Group—*The Promise*

Wednesday, March 30 – 1 pm

Join librarian Mary Kennedy for a meeting of the Library's book group to discuss *The Promise* by Damon Galgut. 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. ★

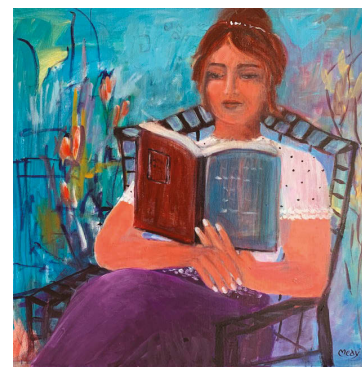


APRIL

Art Show by Medy Bozkurtian

Opening reception Sunday, April 3 – 2:15 to 4 pm

Medy Bozkurtian, of East Hanover, will hold a show of her impressionistic paintings at the Library through April 28. Medy began drawing at an early age in her native home in Bulgaria. After immigrating to



America, she studied oil painting at the Art Students League of New York, and watercolor and acrylic painting at the NJ Center for Visual Arts and the Ridgewood Art Institute. She is an elected member and fellow of the American Artists Professional League in NYC, as well as a member of other professional societies. She recently served as president of the Essex Water Color Club.

Rutgers Master Gardener Presentation—*Growing Irises*

Tuesday, April 5 – 7 pm

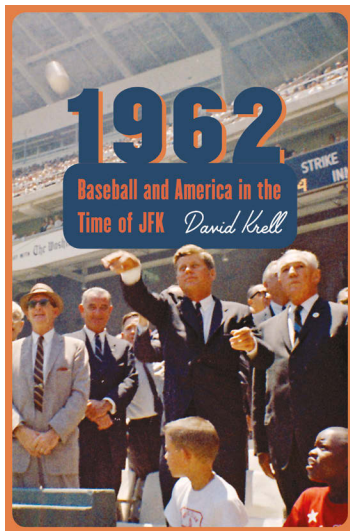
Irises are well-known for their attractive blooms in many colors that have become a favorite among gardeners for being hardy, easy care, and long-lived perennials. Diane Lattanzio will talk about planting, growing, dividing and caring for varieties of bearded and beardless irises. Presented by Zoom, registration required. A passcode will be sent to your email. A handout for growing irises will also be sent to you. ★



Book Talk on *1962: Baseball in America in the Time of JFK*

Monday, April 18 – 7 pm

Author David Krell will speak about his book and discuss how events and people came together to reshape baseball like never before. It was a year of great wins with the Yankees earning their 20th World Series title over the San Francisco Dodgers, and a year of great losses for the newly established New York Mets who lost 120 games, and therefore became the worst team since 1900. Besides baseball, the author reflects upon the current events of the time: John Glenn became the first American to orbit the earth, JFK stared down the Russians during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and laughed about the album “The First Family,” which spoofed his own family. David Krell is a regular speaker at the annual Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture. He chairs the Elysian chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research. The program will be presented in person at the library. Those who cannot attend in person can join by Zoom. ★

**Book Talk on *Ballad of Dreams: A Novel with Music***

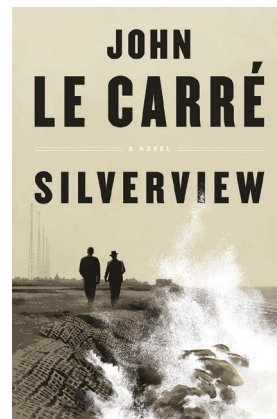
Monday, April 25 – 7 pm

Chatham resident Allyson Hernandez will discuss her current novel, *Ballad of Dreams: a Novel with Music*. The author will speak about the themes of love, loss and the friendship between cousins, Audrey and Rose who set out on a journey to New York to discover their own identity and independence as women in a time when society tried to define their lives for them. The author will also discuss the music in the novel which was originally created as a manuscript for a play. Allyson has 20 years in corporate HR, and a dual career as an actress, composer, writer, and recording artist. ★

**Book Group—*Silverview***

Wednesday, April 27 – 1 pm

Join librarian Mary Kennedy for a meeting of the library's book group to discuss *Silverview* by John le Carré. Everyone is welcome to attend, and you can 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. ★



The Library of the Chathams can help you see a doctor without leaving home. We now have several iPads you can borrow, and they are pre-loaded with apps and links to the telemedicine sites of major hospitals.

The iPads are also full of information found on government websites in English, Spanish and other languages, in addition to COVID updates and connections to crisis hotlines.

Portable and convenient, the iPads can be used in a dedicated, private space within the Library as well. Some of the organizations that you can easily access are Atlantic Health, RWJ Barnabas, Summit Health, CVS and Valley Health. If you need health information, access the Just for the Health of It link, or receive sexual violence support through RAINN, a crisis hotline.

This new program, administered by the NJ State Library, is implemented by Just for the Health of It at East Brunswick Public Library and funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Stop by the Library today and see your doctor!


NJ Health Connect
@ YOUR LIBRARY

Programs and Events

Teens

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

MARCH/APRIL



Mardi Gras Masquerade Masks

Tuesday, March 1 – 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Limit: 12 students in Grades 6 to 12

Get creative and design a festive masquerade mask for Mardi Gras! We will have an assortment of paints, gems, feathers, ribbons, and more that you can use to decorate your mask. Registration is required. ★



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

2 sessions on Thursdays, 6 to 8 pm.

Each session requires separate registration.

March 10, 17, 24 & 31 – registration opens February 24

April 7, 21, 28, May 5 – registration opens March 24

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! This group is for beginners who have no experience with the game.

Dungeons & Dragons is a fantasy tabletop role-playing game. It 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, April 1, 8, 22 & 29
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.



Dream Big! Paint a Mural!

Teen Mural Project

Attention young artists! Have you ever dreamed of creating art on a large scale? Here is your chance! Come to the library and paint a mural on a wall in one of our large meeting rooms.

The mural will remain on the wall for at least three months. At the end of its display period it will be digitized and cleared from the wall to make room for the next project. The library will maintain a digital archive of murals.

Open to Grades 6-12. Preference will be given to Chatham residents. Team/collective projects are welcome. Find full details at chathamlibrary.org/teen-mural/



Programs and Events Children

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

SPRING STORYTIME

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

Registration opens **Monday, March 21**
Limit: one 8-week session per child

Mondays, March 28 through May 16

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

Tuesdays, March 29 through May 17

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

March 3* and April 7

A yoga program combining the creativity of imagination and movement.

Boogie Woogie Babies

March 10* and April 14

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

Miss Carol Dance

March 17* and April 21

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

Music and Movement with Miss Susan

March 24* and April 28

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

**Held at St. Paul's Church next door*

MARCH/APRIL



CHESS FOR KIDS WITH COACH SEAN VIA ZOOM

Mondays, March 14—April 18

Registration opens Monday, February 28
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 children

*Due to high demand, registration is limited to
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residents only.*

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Paper Mill Playhouse Children's Theater on Tour Performs **Lost and Found Musical Revue**

**Thursdays, March 31 and April 7
4:00-5:00 pm**

Lost and Found is a musical theater revue performed by Paper Mill Playhouse's Children's Theater on Tour students, with high energy songs from modern Broadway shows! Two groups of runaways set out on a journey to discover that running toward something is always better than running away from something, and that sometimes the best solution to feeling lost is to return home. Characters find the meaning of dreaming, adventure, and friendship through singing songs from *Aladdin*, *Tuck Everlasting*, *Tangled*, *Peter Pan* and more! This 30-minute performance is a great introduction to the world of musical theater for children of all ages.

**PAPER MILL
PLAYHOUSE**



From the Library's Photo Album

**Children watch Seussical,
performed by
Paper Mill Playhouse
Children's Theater
on Tour in February 2020**

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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

We need your help creating a new sign for the library!
We invite all residents to make the Library of the Chathams
more welcoming by writing **Welcome** in their own native/
first language.

Please join us during National Library Week April 3-9 in front of the Circulation Desk and in the Children's Room for the younger set. All the supplies to make a warm, welcoming sign will be provided.

While the library continues to remain relevant, some policies created years ago are no longer useful. So we created the Coming Out of the Dark Ages (CODA) taskforce. The purpose of the CODA Taskforce is to re-examine our practices to ensure that our policies and guidelines are welcoming and inclusive for all users of the library. Some of CODA's recent accomplishments:

- Library cards can be renewed over the phone instead of in-person
- Chatham resident library cards are now renewed for ten years instead of three
- Mandatory fees to use the library's meeting rooms have been eliminated; suggested donations only

