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The Library of the Chatham Will Become Fine-Free May 1

In order to make library materials more freely accessible to all, the library will no longer charge overdue fines. There are a few exceptions to the fine-free policy, such as items borrowed from other libraries and our museum passes.

The library still has a time limit for borrowing (now set to two weeks for all items), and we expect materials to be returned on time. Please return items when they are due so that everyone has equal access to our collections.

Another recent improvement to our borrowing practices is auto-renewal. Items that you check out are automatically renewed for you twice (for a total of up to six weeks!), unless they are reserved by other patrons.

These are just a few of the ways we strive to make your library experience more convenient and enjoyable. Please let us know if you have other ideas to make the library more helpful to our community.



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IT'S BACK!

CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING CLUB

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June 20 – August 11

For Chatham residents only

Read books all summer long.

Earn points! Win prizes!

Registration starts June 20.

Early registration available on June 11
at the Fishawack Festival.

*Prizes provided by the
Friends of the Library*

THANK YOU, FRIENDS!

Friends of the Library raised over \$30,000 from this year's Book Sale. Gifts from Friends continue to fund numerous programs at the library, such as weekly programs for preschoolers, music and enrichment programs for children, and museum passes. Thank you, Friends for all your hard work and dedication!

Connect with us!



The Library of the Chathams is starting a new adult education series this year on Major Religions of the World. Scholars of religion will be presenting talks touching on such matters as core beliefs and doctrines, the history, major figures, events, and sacred writings of each faith. The series will begin with introductions to Islam, Judaism, Confucianism, and Buddhism, and will continue in the fall with other religions.

World Religion Lecture Series—Judaism

Tuesdays, May 3 and May 10 – 10 to 11:30 am

Dr. Jonathan Golden, Director of the Center on Religion, Culture and Conflict at Drew University and an Assistant Professor of Comparative Religion and Anthropology at Drew, will present a two-lecture series on Judaism. In these lectures he will examine the core tenets, beliefs, practices, and cultures of Judaism.

The first lecture, on May 3, will include a brief historical survey of the roots and evolution of Judaism and the Jewish people over time, including its influence and interactions with people of other “Abrahamic” faiths. The second lecture, on May 10, will examine Judaism and the Jewish experience in the modern world, including intriguing questions about Jewish identity, and the current resurgence of global anti-Semitism. ★



World Religion Lecture—Confucianism

Friday, May 6 – 10 am to 1 pm

Dr. Hyo-Dong Lee, a native of South Korea with a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University, is an Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy at Drew University. He will speak on Confucianism, one of the “world religions” or “global faiths” that originated in China and has deeply shaped the cultures of the East Asian and South East nations of Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Singapore, and Vietnam. It is found in many Asian diaspora communities in the Western world. This lecture will introduce the basic features of the tradition, including its core beliefs, ideas, history, and rituals. ★



World Religion Lecture—Buddhism

Friday, May 13 – 10 am to 1 pm

Dr. Hyo-Dong Lee will also speak on Buddhism, which is one of the “world religions” or “global faiths” that originated in the Indian subcontinent and is today found predominately in Asia, North America, and Europe. This lecture will introduce the audience to the basic features of the tradition focusing on its core beliefs, ideas, history, and rituals. ★

World Religion Lecture Series—Islam

Tuesdays, May 17 and May 24 – 10 to 11:30 am

Dr. Jonathan Golden will also speak about the core tenets, beliefs, practices, and cultures of Islam. The first lecture, on May 17, will start with a brief historical survey of the roots, evolution, and expansion of Islam. The second lecture, on May 24, will examine the Muslim experience in the modern world, its internal dynamics within the “Muslim World” and in the West, including the long history of Muslims in America. ★

Asset Allocation and Modern Portfolio

Wednesday, May 4 - 7 pm

Brian Cody, CFP and a member of the Society for Financial Awareness (SOFA), will present a webinar on asset allocation and modern portfolio theory. Learn how to plan your investments against interest rate, inflation, and market risks; plan that you don’t outlive your money; and utilize asset allocation to meet your short-, mid- and long-term goals to put all your financial pieces in place. ★



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

MAY/JUNE

Blood Moon: A Total Lunar Eclipse

Wednesday, May 11 – 7 pm

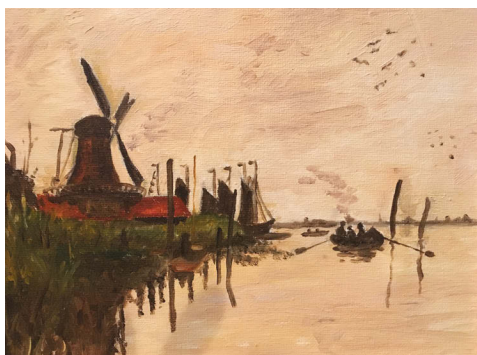
Astronomy educator Bob Reichman will discuss the Blood Moon eclipse taking place this month. His indoor lunar tour will help you better understand the concepts of Moon phases, eclipses, and tides. Weather permitting, we'll go outside and set up a 12" Dobsonian telescope to preview the waxing gibbous Moon before the upcoming total lunar eclipse on May 15-16. Bob Reichman has been educating family audiences on all things astronomy since 2009. He's entered his third year on an advisory mission with NASA.



Drew Art Association Show

Opening reception Sunday, May 15 – 2:15 to 4 pm

The Drew Art Association will present its Fabulous Fakes show where members interpret paintings by famous artists. The show can be viewed from May 6 to May 28 during regular library hours. The Drew Art Association began in 1979 under the guidance of Dr. Lee Hall, who was the chairperson of the Art Department at Drew University.



Suit to Saddle: Cycling to Self-Discovery on the Southern Tier

Wednesday, May 18 – 7 pm

Larry Walsh of Mendham, New Jersey will discuss his travels and his book. After being laid off from his job in the pharmaceutical industry at the age of 56 and unsure what to do with his life, Larry decided to step away from corporate life and cycle across the heart of America. It was a trip of a lifetime and an improbable journey of self-discovery and resolve.



Succession Planning: The Roadmap

Friday, May 20 – 10 am

According to BoardSource, half of nonprofit leaders expect to leave their positions within the next five years. Is your organization prepared to make such a transition? Pat Bohse, CEO of Bohse & Associates, has more than 30 years' experience as a mobilizer and creator of transformational growth at every organization that she has helped. Her new workshop, "Succession Planning: The Roadmap" explores the steps, tools and funds needed to ensure an orderly transition and successful leadership exchange. Please join us via Zoom. ★



Famous and Forgotten Wrecks of the Jersey Shore, an Archaeological Odyssey

Sunday, May 22 – 3:30 pm

Richard Veit, Professor of Anthropology at Monmouth University, has researched forgotten

wrecks along the Jersey Shore, the graveyard of thousands of seafaring vessels. This well-illustrated presentation examines a select group of



New Jersey ships and shipwrecks that reflect the importance of maritime transportation to the history of the state. Please join us either in person or via Zoom. Registration is requested, and Zoom access will be emailed to you. *This presentation is sponsored by the Chatham Borough and Chatham Township Historical Societies.* ★

Book Group—*These Precious Days*

Wednesday, May 25 – 1 pm

Join librarian Mary Kennedy for a discussion of the book *These Precious Days* by Ann Patchett. Everyone is welcome to attend, and you may pick up a copy of the book at the reference desk.

Waterworks Artists Show

Opening reception Sunday, June 5 – 2:15 to 4 pm

Waterworks artists will present an exhibition of their watercolor and acrylic paintings representing the work of five artists: Lyle Brehm of Summit, Sandra McTernan of Summit, George Polazzi of Bloomingdale, Gail Silver of Short Hills, and Jill Vondervor of Maplewood. A variety of subjects and techniques will be on view including florals, vistas, landscapes, and abstracts.



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

English as a Second Language (ESL)

The library's ESL program is intended for adult learners living in the Chatham

and elsewhere in New Jersey to improve their English language skills, and to help them work and participate in the life of their communities. The program is free and taught by experienced volunteer teachers.

For full details, go to chathamlibrary.org/esl-classes

The ESL program at the library is funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the New Jersey State Library.

Fishawack Festival Program:

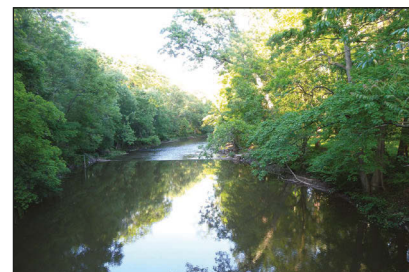
Water, Water Everywhere: The Making of the Chatham

Saturday, June 11 – 2 pm

Presented by the Chatham Township Historical Society. The Chatham are bordered by the

Passaic River and the Great Swamp, two bodies of water that have helped shape life within the Chatham throughout history. Imagine

children ice skating for miles and a cow pond for the town pool. Now, imagine a jetport in the middle of the swamp. Please join us to hear many more stories about the water around us.



Book Group—*Apples Never Fall*

Wednesday, June 29 – 1 pm

Join librarian Mary Kennedy for a discussion of *Apples Never Fall* by Liane Moriarty. You may pick up a copy of the book at the reference desk.

Summer Reading Program for Adults Begins Monday, June 20

Tell us about the books you are reading! Write and submit a brief review about a book you have read to become eligible to win prizes of gift certificates to the restaurant of your choice and gift cards to Barnes & Noble. Each submission is an entry form to win at drawings held July 31 and August 31. Send your reviews to chathamlibrary.org/adult-summer-reading.

You may also pick up review forms at the reference desk.

Programs and Events

Teens

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

MAY/JUNE

Dungeons & Dragons

2 sessions on Thursdays, 6 to 8 pm.

Registration required for beginners - register only if you can attend all 4 sessions. Each session requires separate registration.

May 12, 19, 26 & June 2 – registration opens April 28

June 9, 16, 23 & 30 – registration opens May 26

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 heard about Dungeons & Dragons? D&D is a fantasy tabletop role-playing game. It allows each player to create their own character to play. 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. Join our D&D Club at the Library of the Chathams! If you are a D&D beginner and want to learn how to play from Master Michele, sign up today!

If you are in Grades 5 to 8 and know how to play D&D, you are welcome to drop in and join the club - no need to sign up.



Video Game Club

Fridays, May 6, 20 & 27;
June 3, 10, 17 & 24 – 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, May 13 – 3 to 5:30 pm
Saturday, May 14 – 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 Switch, and our Arcade 1Up Centipede cabinet!

In memory of Alexander Butta



Super Smash Bros. Tournaments

Saturday, May 14
Registration opens April 29
Ages 10 & Under – 11:30 am
Ages 11 & Up – 2 pm
Limit: 16 players in each tournament

Compete in Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournaments (Nintendo Switch) 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. ★



Dream Big! Paint a Mural!

Be part of the Teen Mural Project

Young artists, here's your chance to paint a beautiful, large mural on the wall of one of the library's meeting rooms. The mural will remain on the wall for at least three months, and then it will be digitized and cleared from the wall to make room for the next project. A digital archive of murals will be maintained. 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/

Summer Reading Club Volunteer Orientation

Wednesday, June 8 – 4 pm

For those going into 6th grade and up

Volunteer at Library of The Chathams this summer!

Help us make the Summer Reading Club a success by listening to children talk to you about the books they have read. Come to this orientation meeting and learn all about it!

TEEN SUMMER READING CLUB

For students in grades 6 to 12

June 20 - August 11

For Chatham Residents Only

Submit a review of a book you have read in one of the following ways: written review, photo essay, drawing, book trailer, comparison of the book and movie, verbal report to the librarian, TikTok video, or any other media – to earn entries for weekly prize drawings. Submissions can be sent to ys@chathamlibrary.org. The best entries will be displayed in the library or on the library's website and social media.

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Programs and Events Children

*All Children's programs and events made possible by
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MAY/JUNE

For preschoolers and their caregivers...

THURSDAY IS LIBRARY DAY!

Choose either

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

No registration required

Miss Carol Dance

May 5

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

Boogie Woogie Babies

May 12 and June 9

Song, dance and movement program for both toddlers and caregivers

Music and Movement with Miss Susan

May 19 and June 23

Fun, energetic music class filled with classic and contemporary favorites

Yoga Storytime with Miss Jenn

May 26 and June 2

A yoga program combining the creativity of imagination and movement

Music with Carolyn Dempsey

June 16

Move, shake, dance and sing to Carolyn's guitar music





CHESS FOR KIDS WITH COACH SEAN VIA ZOOM

Mondays, May 2 – June 13
No class on Memorial Day, May 30

Registration required.
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 previously taken Group 2 or
similar classes
Suggested ages 8 & Up
Limit: 16 children

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

Sponsored by Friends of the Library

Visualize JOY! With Erica Lasan

Saturday, May 7 – 2 to 4 pm

Limit 12 children with a parent/guardian.

Registration required.

Help your children find their voice and become an independent thinker with vision boards. In this program, we will guide your young students in understanding how they can leverage the power of their JOY to change the world through purpose! Students will learn the process of creating a JOY-led vision with actionable steps. At the end of the class, the students will have completed stunning visions of their aspirations with JOY!



Arcade Weekend

Friday, May 13 – 3 to 5:30 pm

Saturday, May 14 – 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 Switch, and our Arcade 1Up Centipede cabinet! See page 5 for tournament information.



SUMMER READING KICKOFF: Oceans of Possibilities

Monday, June 20 – 6 to 7:30 pm

Kick off the Summer Reading Program with the Center for Aquatic Sciences. Learn about ocean creatures and their habitats. The whole family will enjoy!



Painting with Dorothy: Mermaid Tail

Tuesday, June 28 – 4 to 5:30 pm

Limit 12 students, Grades 2-5.

Registration required.

This summer we are offering a series of acrylic painting classes for children and teens. Young artists will learn the basics of acrylic painting with step-by-step instructions while creating their own unique 16" x 20" masterpiece. All skill levels are welcome. Emphasis will be on fun and self-expression! All materials will be provided.



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From the Annual Report

Did you know that 86% of Chatham residents have a library card?! Find many other interesting facts in our 2021 annual report.

<https://bit.ly/cha-annual-report-2021>

BOOKENDS MAY - JUNE 2022 Introducing Hermie the Hermit Crab

You may have noticed our new hermit crab friend having fun and recommending books on social media. We would like to officially introduce Hermie as our Children's Room mascot! Stay tuned for more fun books and activities Hermie will recommend. To give him a proper welcome, we ask that the next time you visit the library, you try to find Hermie's hiding place! Everyone who can point him out will receive a small prize that can be picked up at the circulation desk. Happy Hermie Hunting!

