

BOOKENDS



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Take a Trip Around the Mural... and Around the World

Starting in September, the library will host a series of monthly programs for children focusing on different cultures. Children will play games and make crafts related to countries all over the globe. Each program will be led by School Library Media Specialists who will teach about the music, food, art, games, legends and the way of life of people from all over the world.

The programs will center on countries represented in our Benigno Room mural painted by Michael Rex. Michael Rex grew up in Chatham and is the creator of over forty books for children including the #1 New York Times bestseller *Goodnight Goon*. He painted the mural in 1994 to honor Ida Marie Benigno, a beloved Chatham teacher who taught at the Fairmount Avenue Elementary School until it closed in 1976.

Thanks to those who generously donated to our Save the Mural Kickstarter campaign and to Friends of the Library and the Cultural Committee of the Chathams, we are able to bring this exciting and educational series that is inspired by a moment in time from a well-known local artist's perspective. See Children's section for the first two destinations.



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Friends of the Library Book Collection

The Friends of the Library of the Chathams will accept gently used books and vinyl records on

**Saturday, September 17,
from 10 am to 4 pm,**

in conjunction with the Chatham Borough Sustainability Fair.

Bring your donations to the rear entrance of the library and deposit them in the hallway.

Please donate books that are in good condition.

We do not accept textbooks or encyclopedias.

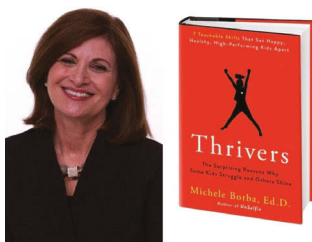


Programs and Events

Adults

Bestselling Virtual Author Talks

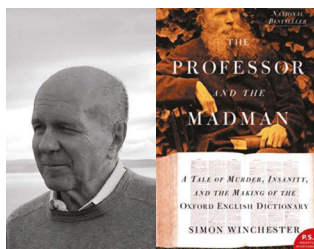
In partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium and with the help of the Friends of the Library, we continue this series of virtual author talks. You may register online at libraryc.org/chathamlibrary



Thrivers with Dr. Michele Borba

Thursday, September 8 – 2 pm

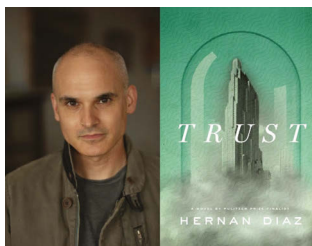
Child development expert Dr. Michele Borba discusses why some children struggle and others thrive.



Simon Winchester

Tuesday, September 20 – 2 pm

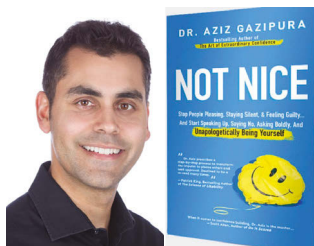
Join us for a conversation with prolific British-American writer, journalist, and consummate adventurer Simon Winchester.



Trust with Hernan Diaz

Tuesday, September 27 – 4 pm

During the roar of the 1920s, the Wall Street tycoon Benjamin Rask and his wife, Helen, have risen to the top of the world of seemingly endless wealth—but at what cost?



Not Nice with Dr. Aziz Gazipura

Thursday, October 13 – 4 pm

Dr. Aziz Gazipura, one of the world's leading experts on social confidence, discusses how to stop being too nice and worrying about what others might think.



The Diamond Eye with Kate Quinn

Tuesday, October 25 – 7 pm

Historical fiction writer Kate Quinn's latest book offers an unforgettable World War II tale of a quiet bookworm who becomes history's deadliest female sniper.

Mahjong Club

Are you a Mahjong player and looking for a group? Our Mahjong Club meets on **Wednesdays at 1 pm**. No instruction is provided so you must know how to play.

Learn to Play Mahjong

Thursdays, September 15, 22, 29; October 6 – 1 pm

This is your chance to learn to play this popular game. This four-week series of classes will be led by Priscilla Eakeley. **Sign up only if you can attend all 4 classes.** You will need a 2022 Mahjong card, which you can purchase for \$10 at the library. ★



English as a Second Language (ESL)

The library's ESL program for adult learners is free and taught by experienced volunteer teachers. The next session starts the week of September 19. 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.

You can find all our events online at chathamlibrary.org or subscribe to our weekly email newsletters at chathamlibrary.org/library-newsletter.

The Fascinating World Religions Series Continues

These lectures will be presented in person at the library, or you may join by Zoom.

Hinduism

Fridays, September 9 and 16 – 10 am

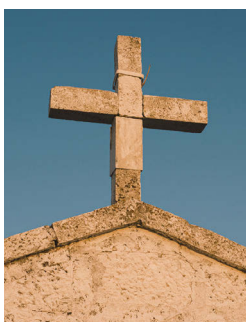
This lecture series will be presented by Dr. Karen Pechilis, Chair of the History Department at Drew University. The first lecture on September 9 will start with a brief historical survey of the roots and evolution of Hinduism through its formative classical period, including an overview of the renowned Bhagavad Gita. The second lecture on September 16 will examine contemporary Hinduism, including an introduction to the impressive Hindu temples in the United States. ★



Christianity

Fridays, September 23 and October 7 – 10 am

These two lectures will be presented by Richard M. Riss, Professor of History and Biblical Studies at Pillar College. He will provide an overview of the history of Christianity and of the origins of major Christian groups and denominations beginning with early Christianity and concluding with the groups in existence today, including Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Anglicanism, Protestantism, Wesleyan and Pentecostal groups, and Coptic Christianity. He will conclude with an examination of some of the issues dividing Christians today. ★



Suicide Prevention Month – Resources from Center for Family Services

Wednesday, September 14 – 6:30 pm

September is Suicide Prevention Month. Listen to this presentation from staff of Morris County's

Center for Family Services to learn about warning signs, how to help someone in need, and where to look for resources.



What to Look for When You Look at Art

Virtual series, all lectures starting at 4 pm

**Monday, September 19,
Thursday, September 29
Monday, October 3**

Learn the basic principles in this three-part virtual series of how to approach, analyze, and appreciate great works of art the way an artist would.

Included are discussions on viewing art as both a physical object and the expression of an idea, art in the context of its time, and the elements of composition. ★



Wild in New Jersey!

Tuesday, September 20 – 6 pm

Discover some little-known facts about the wildlife that call New Jersey home. Did you know that there is a venomous mammal found here, for example?

This presentation, from the Morris County Park Commission, features wildlife artifacts and a visit from a live animal. ★



MAIN Library Alliance Presents: Virtual Author Talk with Marie Benedict

Wednesday, September 21 – 7 pm

As a young woman, Marie Benedict was gifted with a book, which opened her eyes to the hidden world of women's stories and voices. Her route to authorship was circuitous, but now that she's arrived, she is wasting no time in writing her narratively connected series of historical novels. Register to receive Zoom access. ★



New Jersey Art Association Show

Reception Sunday, September 25 – 2:15 to 4 pm

The New Jersey Art Association is one of the oldest art associations in New Jersey. The members of the group will hold a show of its work starting September 2 through September 29 and will have an artists' reception on September 25. You are invited to attend.



Gardening Is for the Birds**Tuesday, September 27 – 6 pm**

Putting up feeders is not the only way to attract birds to your yard. The Morris County Park Commission will provide the simple secrets to creating a bird paradise around your home, and explain which birds you can attract with each method. A bird watcher's dream! ★

**Book Group – *Her Hidden Genius*****Wednesday, September 28 – 1 pm**

Join us in person at the library as our book group discusses *Her Hidden Genius* by Marie Benedict. Everyone is welcome to attend, and you may pick up a copy of the book at the reference desk.

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month****Tuesday, October 4 – 4 pm**

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Listen to a staff member from JBWS about domestic violence and services available at JBWS. Educating community groups about the issue of domestic violence will help those impacted by abuse find assistance sooner.

**Crafting a Compelling Query Letter: Workshop with Chatham Author Liz Alterman****Wednesday, October 5 – 7 pm**

Learn how to pitch your manuscript to a literary agent or publisher by writing a stand-out query letter. Join Chatham resident Liz Alterman, author of *The Perfect Neighborhood* and *He'll Be Waiting*, as she tells you how. You will receive a worksheet on the next steps to becoming a published author.

**Art Show with Mary Dierson Galantich****Opening reception Sunday, October 9 – 2:15 to 4 pm**

Come view the acrylic landscapes, seascapes, and colorful escapist paintings infused with surrealism by Chatham resident Mary Dierson Galantich. Please attend the opening reception, or view the show during regular library hours throughout the month.

**A Wine Tour of Portugal****Tuesday, October 18 – 6:30 pm**

Join us, along with Gary's Wine and Marketplace, for "A Wine Tour of Portugal" themed tasting! Learn about the varietals, tasting notes, regions and more all while tasting delicious wines selected by the experts. \$10 per person. Reservations required. Must be over 21. ★

**Chili Cook-Off Competition****Friday, October 21 – 6 pm**

Let's turn up the heat! Help us celebrate the fall season by entering your signature pot of chili in this competition. For this event, you're the judge!



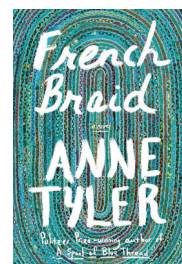
So even if you aren't making a dish, a \$5 tasting pass will be your ticket to vote for your favorite chilis in various categories. ★

Wonderful Things: An Introduction to King Tutankhamun and His Tomb**Monday, October 24 – 7 pm**

The discovery of the tomb of the Pharaoh Tutankhamun in 1922 was arguably the most famous archaeological find of the 20th Century. How was the tomb discovered and why did it survive largely intact for thousands of years? Presented by Dr. Richard Veit, Professor of Anthropology, Monmouth University, this well-illustrated virtual presentation seeks to answer those questions. ★

**Book Group – *French Braid*****Wednesday, November 2 – 1 pm**

Join us in person at the library as our book group discusses *French Braid* by Anne Tyler. Everyone is welcome to attend, and you may pick up a copy of the book at the reference desk.



Programs and Events Teens

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

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Role Playing Game Academy

Thursday, September 1 – 6 to 8 pm

Thursday, October 6 – 6 to 8 pm

Registration opens 2 weeks prior to each class

Limit: 12 participants

If you currently play D&D, but want to learn how to become a successful Dungeon Master or “DM”, this class is for you! Master Michele will teach participants the ins and outs of being an enthusiastic storyteller as you guide the game. We invite D&D players of any age – children, teens & adults – to register for this class!



Dungeons & Dragons Academy for Beginners

Thursdays, September 15, 22 & 29 – 6 to 8 pm

Thursdays, October 13, 20 & 27 – 6 to 8 pm

Registration opens 2 weeks prior to each 3-week session

Limit: 6 beginning players in Grades 3 to 8.

D&D is a fantasy tabletop role-playing game where players create their own characters to play and embark upon imaginary adventures. It's a great place for kids to socialize in person with no computers or electronics needed! A Dungeon Master, in our case Master Michele, serves as the game's referee and storyteller. You will solve dilemmas, engage in battles, and gather treasure and knowledge. Sign up for our D&D Academy and learn how to play.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Every Thursday – 6 to 8 pm

If you already know how to play D&D and are looking for other kids to play with, join our D&D Club! The club meets every Thursday. No registration required.

Teen Video Game Club

Fridays – 3 to 4:45 pm

Grades 6 to 12

Stop by to play Super Smash Bros. Ultimate or Mario Kart for Nintendo Switch on the big screen! We have 8 controllers available. Feel free to bring your own Joy-Cons or Switch Pro controller. We also have an Arcade1Up



arcade cabinet with Centipede, Missile Command, Crystal Castles, and Millipede, and the Arcade1Up Infinity Gaming Table with digital versions of your favorite board games!

Teen Halloween Party

Monday, October 31 – 3 to 5 pm

Grades 6 to 12

Time to get spooky! Stop by our Halloween party and celebrate with cupcake decorating (and eating), candy, crafts, and more. Costumes are encouraged!

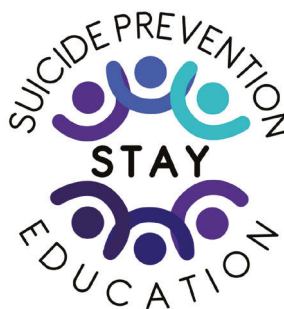


STAY: Education for Suicide Prevention

STAY is a library initiative to provide Chatham teens and parents with access to the information that can help them cope with crisis situations. The goal is to prevent suicide attempts.

School District of the Chathams, Chatham Borough Council, Chatham Township Committee, and Municipal Alliance Committee of the Chathams are working

together with library staff to sponsor and present ongoing resources and programming. For more information, go to chathamlibrary.org/stay. See page 3 and back cover for related information.



Programs and Events Children

All Children's Programs and Events made possible through the generosity of: Friends of the Library, Ann L. Buesing Children's Fund for the Library of The Chathams of the Community Foundation of NJ, Marlee and Carl Frahn Fund for the Library of The Chathams of the Community Foundation of NJ

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 Jillian
September 1

Yoga Storytime with Miss Jenn
October 6

Music & Movement with Miss Susan
September 8 & 22, October 13 & 27

Miss Carol Dance
September 15, October 20



CHESS FOR KIDS - IN PERSON

**Mondays, September 12, 19, 26,
October 3, 17 & 24**
(No class on October 10)

Registration opens

Thursday, September 1 at 9:30am

Classes are led by Chess Expert Sean Finn.

Register only if you can attend all 6 classes

Group 1: 4 – 4:45 pm

Players who know how pieces move
Suggested ages 5 to 8 Limit: 12 children

Group 2: 5 – 5:45 pm

Players who can finish a game with checkmate
Suggested ages 8 to 10 Limit: 16 children

Group 3: 6 – 6:45 pm

Players who have previously taken Group 2 or
similar classes
Suggested ages 8 to 10 Limit: 16 children

Painting Classes with Yiru

Tuesdays in September – 4 to 5 pm Grades 3 to 5

Registration opens two weeks prior to each class. Sign up for each class separately.

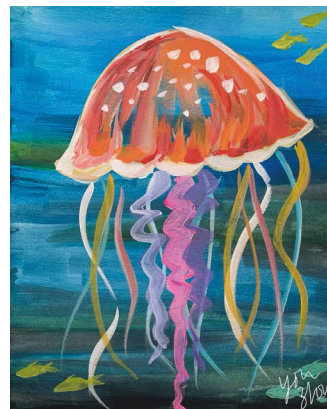
Chatham High School senior Yiru Zhou is sharing her passion for art by conducting a series of painting classes. Ms. Zhou has taken art classes for over 10 years and completed Advanced Placement Art as a junior. The classes will span over four weeks, each covering a different topic. Feel free to join all or just one session to create beautiful pieces.



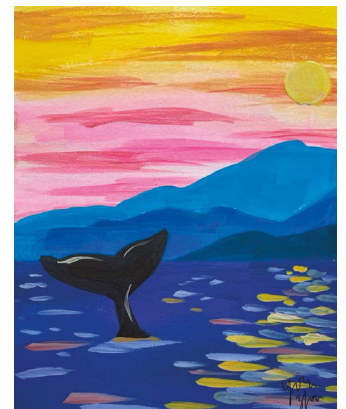
Fruit Bowl Still Life
Tuesday, September 6



Starry Night Sky
Tuesday, September 13



Colorful Jellyfish
Tuesday, September 20



Ocean Sunset
Tuesday, September 27

STORYTIME

An 8-week progressive program for preschoolers and their caregivers

Limit: one 8-week session per child.

Due to high demand, registration is limited to Chatham Borough and Chatham Township residents only. A Chatham Library card is required to register.

Mondays, September 19 through November 7
(No Storytime October 31)

10 – 10:30 am Ages 24 Months & Younger
10:45 – 11:15 am Ages 2-3

Tuesdays, September 20 through November 8

10 – 10:30 am Ages 24 Months & Younger
10:45 – 11:15 am Ages 2-3

Raising Seeing Eye Puppies

Tuesday, September 13 – 7:15 to 8:15pm

This event is for the whole family! The 4-H Seeing Eye Puppy Raising Project is bringing puppies to the library to explain how they are socialized and trained by foster families. The puppies represent a variety of breeds. Eventually they will be trained by the Seeing Eye, Morristown campus, as guide dogs to help blind people lead independent lives.



Trip Around the Mural – Scotland

Wednesday, September 21 – 4 to 5 pm

Grades 1 to 3 Limit: 25 children

Registration opens on Wednesday, September 7

School Library Media Specialist Mary Szoke will kick off our year-long series of diversity programs with Scotland as our focus. We will hear stories and legends of this Celtic country and listen to some traditional music. We will also play a game and make a fun Scottish-themed craft.



Author Visit with Amy Pollack

Thursday, September 22 – 4 to 5 pm

Grades 4 and Up

Local author Amy Meislin Pollack will introduce her first book, *The Adventures of Jelly Bean, Vol. 1*. Ms. Pollack is a retired teacher who has been telling stories since she was in elementary school. During the pandemic, she finally sat down and compiled all of her stories about Jelly Bean, who is a fourth grader and the youngest in her family. This book covers a variety of childhood and adult issues written at an age-appropriate level.



Lenape of NJ – Presented by Mike Dennis

Traditional Earth Skills
Monday, October 10 – 4 to 5 pm
Grades 1 and Up

Come celebrate Indigenous People's Day. Mike Dennis will take us back in time to learn about the paleo people of NJ who lived here 10,000 years ago and the Native American people of New Jersey known as the Lenape. You will learn how our native people lived and how geological changes affected them. You will also have the opportunity to see native artifacts, animal pelts, and to ask questions.



Trip Around the Mural – Mexico

Tuesday, October 18 – 4 to 5 pm

Grades 1 to 3 Limit: 25 children

Registration opens on Tuesday, October 4

School Library Media Specialist Jill Mills will lead this program focusing on our neighbor to the south and celebrating the cultural influence Mexico has had on America. We will talk about food, arts, and music and focus on the Mexican holiday of the "Day of the Dead," as well as make Day of the Dead flowers and masks.



Halloween Parade

Monday, October 31 – 10 am to 12 pm

Meet in the Children's Room and join the parade around the library grounds. After the parade, come into the library and be entertained by two Disney princesses! There will be time to take pictures with the princesses after the program.



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STAY Advisory Committee

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Wellness Initiative Offers Counseling, Support Groups and Stress Reduction Classes

Thanks to a grant from the LibraryLinkNJ cooperative, the Library of the Chathams has initiated a wellness initiative.

Individual counseling sessions. In partnership with the Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris, the library is offering a number of free individual counseling sessions for those in need of grief counseling, anxiety counseling and/or counseling with any problems arising from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. A Licensed Clinical Social Worker conducts these sessions on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; her hours are flexible and she can be available in the morning, afternoon, or early evening. To schedule an individual counseling session, please send a confidential email to the MHA of Essex and Morris at bbrownsword@mhainspire.org.

Support groups. The Licensed Social Worker also offers three support groups for those who are unemployed, own a small business and/or may be struggling with the economy during this time, and those afflicted with grief.

Stress reduction and relaxation classes. The library will be offering Yoga, Tai Chi, and meditation classes in the fall, the exact evenings and weekends to be announced.

Up-to-date information on all components of this initiative can be found at chathamlibrary.org/wellness-initiative.

