

BOOKENDS



March - April 2023



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Thank You to our Library Volunteers!

April 16-22 is National Volunteer Week, a time when we honor the many volunteers who help make the library a richer, more varied environment by donating their time to present programs, raising funds, and doing a host of other tasks.

Volunteer of the Year

Last December, we paid tribute to the Chatham Library Volunteer of the Year—a person who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to library service. In 2022, we honored Joe Finazzo who created and, for many years, led a networking group for jobseekers and those seeking career development. His contribution had a vital impact on many community residents.

Our Volunteers Help In So Many Ways!



Liz Alterman, pictured here, started volunteering last year by presenting an excellent program on writing, and she continues to help with shelving and other daily library tasks.

We have an amazing group of high school volunteers: CS Base runs coding and computer programming classes for children including a wildly successful 6-day camp in August. We are also indebted to Yiru Zhou, who taught painting for children.

Dedicated ESL teachers run weekly classes, and a new group of volunteers shelve books, make sure items are in the right place, and pack up inter-library loans for shipping.

Of course, our Library Friends organize the huge annual Book Sale—shifting, organizing, and displaying the items—which raises funds for purchases beyond the library's operating budget.

We are grateful to and thank all our volunteers!

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE 2023

Opens Saturday, March 11.

Come early and
have the widest selection!

Saturday, March 11 9:30 am – 4 pm

(Early entry is \$25: 7:30 – 9:30 am)

Bag Sale opens early this year.

Sunday, March 12 10 am – 4 pm

Monday & Tuesday, March 13 & 14

Open during regular library hours.

Annual Appeal

**Did you receive your
annual appeal letter?**

Please mail back the enclosed card
or donate online at

chathamlibrary.org/make-a-donation.
Support the Friends of the Library today!

Connect with us!

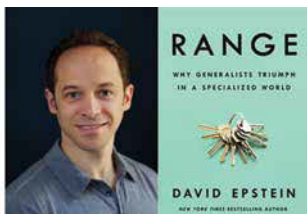


Programs and Events

Adults

Virtual Author Talks

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



Range with David Epstein

Monday, March 13 – 1 pm

A conversation with New York Times bestselling author David Epstein about the most effective path to success in any domain.



Southern Inspired with Jernard A. Wells

Tuesday, March 21 – 4 pm

A chat with this celebrity chef about his newest cookbook of 100+ southern inspired, delicious, inventive dishes.



Code Name Sapphire with Pam Jenoff

Tuesday, March 28 – 7 pm

A trip through time with this New York Times bestselling author and her book about bravery and resistance to the Nazis.

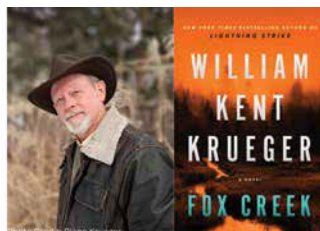


Ducks:

Two Years in the Oil Sands with Kate Beaton

Tuesday, April 4 – 7 pm

Spend an hour with this bestselling cartoonist. More than a memoir about her work in the lucrative camps owned and operated by the world's largest oil companies, *Ducks* is also an untold story of Canada, a vast country of natural beauty.



Fox Creek

with William Kent Krueger

Thursday, April 27 – 8 pm

Join us for a chat with this New York Times bestselling author about his newest book in the Cork O'Connor series, *Fox Creek*, and his other works.

If you missed a talk, you can watch it anytime. Go to libraryc.org/chathamlibrary to find the link.

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.



English as a Second Language (ESL)

The library's ESL program for adult learners is free and taught by experienced volunteer teachers. To learn more about current and upcoming sessions, go to chathamlibrary.org/esl-classes.



Income Tax Assistance

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) continues on Wednesdays, through April 12, from 10 am to 2 pm.

Appointments for this free service may be made at the library or by calling 973-635-0603. Please bring all your financial records from 2022, copies of your 2021 federal and state tax returns, all printed and blank forms from the Internal Revenue Service, your picture identification, and proof of Social Security for all dependents filing.

Alice's Ordinary People
Wednesday, March 8 – 7 pm

Filmmaker Craig Dudnick will discuss this 2012 documentary about “ordinary” people who effected change during the Civil Rights movement. When you register, you’ll see a link so you can watch the video in advance. Online only. ★



Alice Tregay with
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Stay Safe in the Woods!

Sunday, March 19 – 3 pm

With the miles and miles of hiking trails throughout New Jersey, be sure you are prepared when you are out in the wilderness. New Jersey Search and Rescue will teach adults and teens how to stay safe in the woods. In-person only. ★

**Bring Your Own Device Help Session**

Monday, March 20 – 3 to 5 pm

Friday, April 21 – 10 am to 12 pm

Do you need help adding new contacts to your phone, sending an email, or adding and using new apps on your device? Bring your own phone, laptop, or tablet to the library and get individualized assistance. Registration is requested, but drop-ins will be welcome if time allows. ★

Real Estate Series:
Home Seller Workshop

Monday, March 20 – 7 pm

The housing market is shifting. Find out what it takes to sell your home quickly and for top dollar, how and why to get rid of accumulated stuff, and how to stage and paint to attract today’s buyers. You’ll also receive a detailed analysis of our local market data. In-person or online. ★

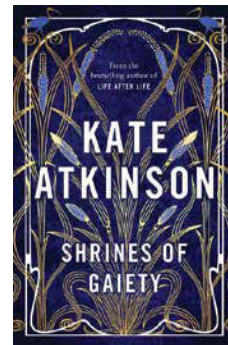
Tuesday, March 21 – 7 pm

This presentation by Chatham Keller Williams realtor Corinne DeJianne will cover strategies for selling a home “as is” for top dollar with tips for using stagers, high-end photography, and virtual staging. Learn about a pricing strategy to bring in as many buyers as possible. In-person or online. ★

Book Group –
Shrines of Gaiety

Wednesday, March 29 – 1 pm

Join us in person at the library as our book group discusses *Shrines of Gaiety* by Kate Atkinson. Everyone is welcome to attend, and you may pick up a copy of the book at the reference desk.

**Tech Workshop: Learn Libby**

Friday, March 31 – 11 am

Learn how to access the library’s digital collection of ebooks and audiobooks on Libby. This introductory workshop will show how to download, register, and use the Libby app. Bring your device with you to start using Libby today! ★

**Egg Decorating**

Sunday, April 2 – 3 pm

Looking for inspiration? We’ve rounded up a few new, fun, creative ideas for decorating eggs. Enjoy the day with friends and family! Refreshments will be provided. All ages are welcome. ★

Vikings: Myth, History, and Archaeology

Monday, April 10 – 7 pm

The Vikings are often perceived as fearsome raiders of the sea, but the reality is more complicated than the mythology. The Vikings did indeed raid, but they were also explorers, traders, craftsmen, and world travelers. Presented by Richard Veit, Professor of Anthropology at Monmouth University, online via Zoom. ★

**Take Control of Your Health**

Tuesdays, April 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9 & 16

1:30 to 4 pm

This program by Westfield Regional Health Department is for adults ages 55 or older with an ongoing health condition. Get the support you need, find practical ways to deal with pain and fatigue, and discover better nutrition and exercise choices. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required. ★

Gary's Sustainable & Vegan Wine Tasting

Wednesday, April 12 – 7 pm

The new popular category of wines is “sustainable and vegan.” But what does that mean? Join an expert from Gary's Wine & Marketplace to learn about the winemaking process, tasting notes, and more, all while tasting delicious wines selected by connoisseurs. Cost: \$15 per person; attendees must be over 21. Advance registration is required. ★

**Tech Workshop: iPhone (iOS) Basics**

Friday, April 14 – 11 am

Join us at the library for an introduction to Apple's operating system. Bring your iPhone or iPad and follow along with the instructor as the basics of using an Apple device are demonstrated. You will learn how to turn your device on and off, connect to a Wi-Fi network, send messages, and more! ★

**Instant Pot Basics**

Saturday, April 15 – 1 pm

This program will be an introduction to basics of the Instant Pot. Learn about the Instant Pot's appliance parts and accessories, cooking techniques, and basic recipes. There will be cooking demonstrations of eggs, mac and cheese, mashed potatoes, and applesauce, and you'll enjoy tasting the samples too! Space limited to 20 guests. ★

**New Jersey Art Association Show Reception**

Sunday, April 16 – 2:15 to 4 pm

The NJ Art Association will have a show at the library during the month of April. The public is invited to attend the artists' opening reception. One of the oldest art associations in northern and central New Jersey, NJAA welcomes artists of all skill levels and working in all media.

**Life Story of a Civil War Hero**

Tuesday, April 18 – 7 pm

Charles Maraziti of Boonton Township will present a program on the amazing life of his great-grandfather, Charles F. Hopkins, a Civil War veteran from New Jersey. Hopkins survived battles, was captured and incarcerated in Georgia, and managed to escape twice. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his selfless act of heroism at the Battle of Gaines' Mill, VA, in 1861. The presentation will include a display of Civil War artifacts. ★

**Mask Making Workshop**

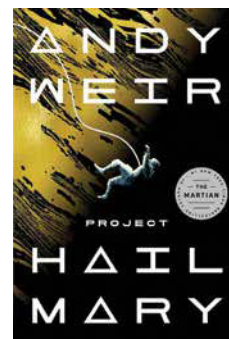
Saturday, April 22 – 11 am

Decorate, paint, and customize your own Mardi Gras-style mask. Masks will be provided by Erik's Inspiration in Bernardsville. His showstopping, handcrafted products are sold worldwide. Decorating supplies will be also be provided. In-person only. ★

**Book Group –
Project Hail Mary**

Wednesday, April 26 – 1 pm

Join us in person at the library as our book group discusses *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir. Everyone is welcome to attend, and you may pick up a copy of the book at the reference desk.

**Tailgating with Instant Pot**

Saturday, April 29 – 11 am

Love tailgating? Find out how to use an Instant Pot to make seasonal tailgating favorites: chili, pulled BBQ chicken, and two kinds of mac and cheese (taco and buffalo). Samples provided for all tailgaters! Space limited to 20 guests. ★



Programs and Events Teens

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

Tasty Tuesdays Cooking

Tuesdays, March 14 & 28;

April 11 & 25 – 4:30 pm

Registration is required.

Limit: 12 participants ages 11-15.

Join our teen librarian for some fun cooking, baking, or decorating! Practice, try it for the first time, or just make new friends. No experience is necessary; recipes will be simple. ★



Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, March 15 & Thursday, April 13

3:45 pm Grades 6 to 12

Join our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) where you can develop new friendships and learn about all the different ways you can volunteer at the library. Members will provide new teen program ideas and help plan future events. We meet once a month. Attend any or all meetings. Snacks will be provided.

Video Game Club

Fridays, March 17, 24 & 31;

April 14, 21 & 28 – 3 to 5:45 pm

Grades 6 to 12

Stop by to play Super Smash Bros. Ultimate or Mario Kart for Nintendo Switch on the big screen. We also have an ArcadeUp arcade cabinet with Centipede, Missile Command, Crystal Castles, and Millipede, and an ArcadeUp Infinity Gaming Table with digital versions of your favorite board games!



Life on Other Planets: Rutgers STEM Program

Tuesday, April 4 – 4 pm

Limit: 18 participants in Grades 5 to 8.

Join NASA-funded researchers from the ENIGMA project and explore how life developed on this planet and how life could have formed on other planets, including Mars! During this 90-minute program, participants will experiment with yeast and build a paper microscope to take home! ★

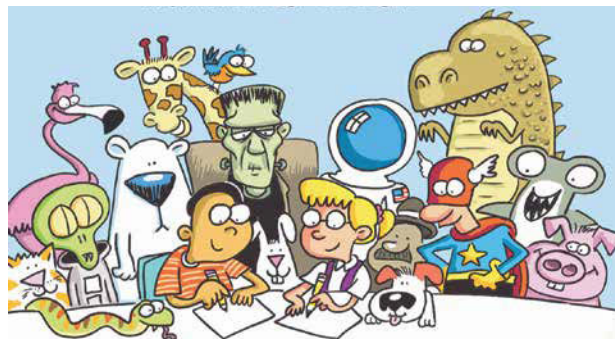


Blackout Poetry Workshop

Wednesday, April 5 – 3:30 pm

Grades 8 to 12

April is National Poetry Month! Join us as we try out a unique style of writing poetry. We will provide books that are out of date, and you will create your own “blackout poetry” using these books and markers. Create one poem for us to display and one to take home! ★



Cartooning Class with Rick Stromoski

Wednesday, April 12 – 2:30 pm

Ages 13 and up

Learn to draw cartoons with award-winning cartoonist and humorous illustrator Rick Stromoski. He'll teach you how to create your own cartoon characters, draw facial expressions and even some animals. Advance registration is required. ★

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

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Thursdays, 6 to 8 pm (unless otherwise noted)

Grades 5 to 12

D&D is a fantasy tabletop role-playing game where players create their own characters to play and embark upon imaginary adventures. The D&D Club is a great place for kids to socialize in person with no computers or electronics needed! A Dungeon Master serves as the game's referee and storyteller. Join us! No registration is required.

Dungeons & Dragons Academy for Beginners

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

Registration opens March 16.

Limit: Six beginning players in Grades 3 to 8.

Register only if you can attend all 4 sessions. Sign up for our D&D Academy and learn how to play from Master Michele! He will walk beginners through creating a character and explain how the game works. ★

★ For Zoom and/or registration information, go to chathamlibrary.org or call 973-635-0603

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; and Hughes Fire & Security Systems.

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 2*, April 6

Music & Movement with Miss Susan
March 9*, April 13

Miss Carol Dance
March 16*, April 20

Boogie Woogie Babies
March 23

Stories & Crafts with Miss Laurel
April 27

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

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.

Registration opens Monday, March 20. ★

Mondays, March 27 – May 15
10 – 10:30 am Ages 9 to 24 months
10:45 – 11:15 am Ages 2 to 3 years

Tuesdays, March 28 – May 16
10 – 10:30 am Ages 9 to 24 months
10:45 – 11:15 am Ages 2 to 3 years



CHESS FOR KIDS

Mondays, April 3 – May 8
Registration opens Monday, March 20.

Classes are led by Chess Expert Sean Finn.
Register only if you can attend all 6 classes. ★

Group 1: 4 – 4:45 pm

Players with little or no experience.
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 other similar classes.
Suggested ages 8 & up Limit: 16 children



Dr. Seuss & Read Across America

Friday, March 3 – 3 pm

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! Join the Library in celebrating Dr. Seuss and *Read Across America*. Children are invited to share their favorite books, discover new ones, and make their own. An array of craft supplies will be provided to allow their imaginations to run wild while they create Dr. Seuss-inspired art. All ages are welcome.

Trip Around the Mural: Ireland

Thursday, March 16 – 4 pm

Grades 1-3 Limit: 25 children

Registration opens Thursday, March 2.

Come travel with us to the Emerald Isle (Ireland, that is!) just in time for Saint Patrick's Day. Together we will find out just what makes the Irish so lucky and learn about this beautiful country. We will hear a story, learn a few words in Gaelic, play Irish-themed bingo, and make a shamrock craft to take home. If we're lucky, a leprechaun just might leave us a treat! Hope to see you there - and that's no blarney! ★



Read Aloud to Therapy Dogs

Tuesday, March 21 &

Wednesday, April 19 – 4 pm Grades K & Up

Registration is required.

Hey kids! Come and read your favorite book to a therapy dog. Have fun while improving your reading skills! Parents: this program allows children to read aloud to a neutral listener. For many children, this is a chance to experience stress-free reading and become motivated to read. All the dogs and their handlers have been certified by The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs. ★



Presented by Paper Mill Playhouse Children's Theater on Tour

Wednesday, March 29 – 4:30 pm

Fun for all ages.

Come see a musical adaptation of Nickelodeon's animated children's sitcom *SpongeBob SquarePants*! We find ourselves in the undersea city of Bikini Bottom, inhabited by happy-go-lucky and ever-optimistic yellow sea sponge SpongeBob SquarePants and his equally quirky circle of friends and neighbors. Find out what happens when disaster threatens their pleasant existence.

Cartooning Class with Rick Stromoski

Wednesday, April 12 – 1 pm

Ages 6-12

Advance registration is required.

Learn to draw a variety of cartoon animals with award-winning cartoonist, illustrator and author Rick Stromoski in this fun-filled, creative hour. ★

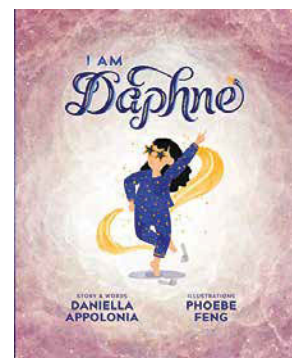


Author Visit: Daniella Appolonia

Saturday, April 15 – 11 am

Ages 5-8

Meet author Daniella Appolonia as she reads her book, *I Am Daphne*. It's the story of a young girl who spends her childhood feeling different because she's small. *I Am Daphne* is an inspiring book for anyone who has ever felt less than and encourages children (and adults!) to embrace what makes them unique, through harnessing the power that lies within.



Trip Around the Mural: South Africa

Thursday, April 20 – 4 pm

Grades 1-3 Limit: 25 children

Registration opens Thursday, April 6.

From mountains to grasslands to beautiful beaches, South Africa is diverse in many ways. Come with us as we visit this "Rainbow Nation" and find out how South Africans

have learned to honor cultures and traditions while also working toward respect and equality. We will celebrate their "Freedom Day" (April 27) with colorful beaded crafts and delicious traditional foods! ★



You can find all our events online at

chathamlibrary.org

or subscribe to our weekly email newsletters at

chathamlibrary.org/library-newsletter.

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AtoZ Food America and AtoZ World Food

Do you ever want to try a new, authentic recipe from a different state or country? In today's world, people are busy and can't always make it to the library for a new cookbook, but websites can be unreliable and filled with advertisements.

Avoid all of that by using your library card to access AtoZ Food America and AtoZ World Food!

Maybe you want to know how to make jambalaya and beignets for Mardi Gras or try an authentic Italian recipe that your ancestors may have used. You can do all of that and more on these databases. Scan the QR codes below, enter your library card number, and start cooking!

