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## Spring Has Sprung!

The warming weather has brought thoughts of gardening, vegetables, and flowers as well as outdoor excursions.

Our seed library is open for business too! Come in and take a look at all the varieties we have. Here's how it works:

The Seed Library provides non-GMO, heirloom seeds that you sign out. Then you plant the seeds and once it's time to harvest your crop, we ask that you save some seeds (using the proper techniques for whatever seeds you borrowed) and return them to the library to share with others. For more information, go to [chathamlibrary.org/seed-library](http://chathamlibrary.org/seed-library).



We've also scheduled a number of programs for gardeners, plant lovers, and those who enjoy the outdoors:

- ❖ Flower Hour—Creating Arrangements on May 6
- ❖ From Great Estates to Public Gardens on May 11
- ❖ We Grew It Here in New Jersey on May 21
- ❖ Happy, Healthy Houseplants on May 24
- ❖ The History of NJ State Parks on June 14
- ❖ Gardening with Perennials on June 19

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## CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING CLUB: ALL TOGETHER NOW!

**June 19 - August 10**  
**For Chatham residents only.**

Read books all summer long.  
Earn points and win prizes!  
Registration starts June 19.  
Early registration available on June 10  
at the Fishawack Festival.

*Prizes provided by the  
Friends of the Library.*

## THANK YOU, FRIENDS!

The library will receive over \$35,000 from proceeds of the Friends of the Library book sale in March and the Holiday Book Sale. Gifts from the Friends fund numerous programs which make our library special: most of our children's programs, museum passes, author talks for adults, and more. Thank you, Friends!

Connect with us!



# Programs and Events

## Adults

### Virtual Author Talks

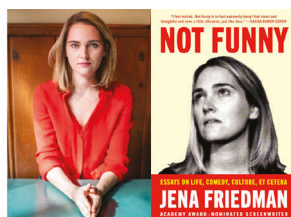
In partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium and with help from the Friends of the Library, we continue this series of virtual author talks. Register online at [libraryc.org/chathamlibrary](https://libraryc.org/chathamlibrary).



#### ***Raising Antiracist Children* with Britt Hawthorne**

**Wednesday, May 3 – 1 pm**

Britt Hawthorne, antiracist educator, teacher, and visionary, will speak about incorporating the tools of inclusivity into everyday life and parenting.



#### ***Not Funny* with Jena Friedman**

**Wednesday, May 10 – 8 pm**

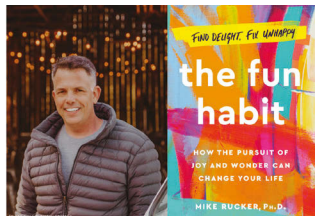
This debut collection takes on the third rails of modern life—cancel culture, sexism, work, and celebrity worship.



#### ***I'm the Girl* with Courtney Summers**

**Saturday, May 20 – 2 pm**

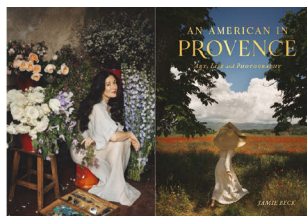
Join this best-selling YA novelist to hear how one young woman navigates a deadly and predatory power structure.



#### ***The Fun Habit* with Mike Rucker, Ph.D.**

**Wednesday, June 7 – 4 pm**

Listen as Mike Rucker speaks about his inspiring guide to getting healthier by reaping the serious benefits that fun offers.



#### ***An American in Provence* with Jamie Beck**

**Thursday, June 15 – 2 pm**

Jamie Beck will discuss her collection of exquisite portrait, scenic, and still-life photos documenting her life in the French countryside.



#### ***The Wishing Pool* with Tananarive Due**

**Wednesday, June 28 – 8 pm**

Join us for a chat with this leading voice in black speculative fiction about her second collection of stories.

## 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.

### **Financial Health: A Series with Tom Belding, Certified Financial Planner™**

**Tuesdays – 7:00 pm**

In person or online. Register to receive the Zoom link. ★



#### **May 16 – *The New Retirement Rules***

Learn how the rules affect individuals and businesses and how you can plan in order to leverage the new rules and maximize your retirement.

#### **May 23 – *What's New with Social Security?***

We'll cover seven topics to watch in 2023 including cost-of-living adjustments, Medicare premiums, and the status of the Social Security Trust Fund.

#### **June 13 – *Baby Boomers and Retirement Income***

Learn how to protect your retirement by avoiding terrible, costly decisions about Social Security.

#### **June 20 – *Managing Health Care Expenses in Retirement***

Hear about all things Medicare: how it works, when to enroll, and key points to keep in mind.



**The Discovery of a Masterpiece****Monday, May 1 – 7 pm**

Art historian Mallory Mortillaro will share the story of how a simple art cataloging project evolved into a search for a mysterious piece's provenance and became one of the biggest art finds in recent history—a sculpture by Auguste Rodin. ★

**Introduction to Transcendental Meditation****Wednesday, May 3 – 7 pm****Friday, May 5 – 10:30 am**

Certified TM teachers Randy Mackenzie and Alice Brickman will explain how Transcendental Meditation works, how it is different from other kinds of meditation, and why many doctors are recommending it.

**Flower Hour—  
Creating Arrangements****Saturday, May 6 – 1 pm**

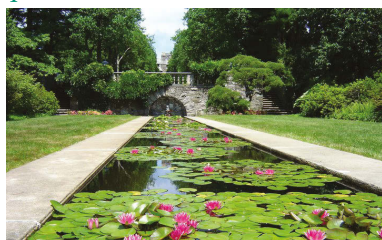
Learn the art of floral design from a Bee Lee Blooms florist. Create a beautiful bouquet to take home—a thoughtful gift for Mother's Day. Limit 35; \$10 to participate which includes a mason jar and all flowers. ★

**Mom & Me Canvas Painting****Tuesday, May 9 – 6:30 pm**

Celebrate Mother's Day a little early! See our Teen section for details. ★

**From Great Estates to Public Gardens****Thursday, May 11 – 12 pm**

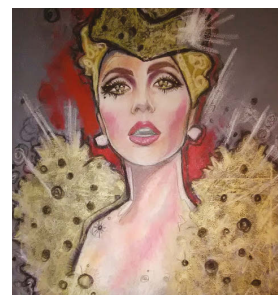
Master Gardener Bill Moran will talk about some of the hundreds of public gardens in driving distance of Morris County residents. ★

**Tech Workshop: Android Basics****Friday, May 12 – 11 am**

Join us for an introduction to the Android operating system. Bring your Android mobile device or tablet. You will learn how to turn your device on and off, how to connect to a WiFi network, how to send messages, and more! ★

**Art Show: David Ciampichini****Reception: Sunday, May 14 – 2:15 to 4 pm**

Join us at a reception for David Ciampichini whose art will be on display during May. His style is influenced by 18th century art, classic Hollywood photography, and the dreamlike approach of the Pre-Raphaelites.

**Raptor Trust: Bringing Up Birdie****Thursday, May 18 – 12 pm**

Get a behind-the-scenes peek at the work that goes on in this busy wildlife clinic, specifically how they identify, raise, and release birds back into the wild where they belong. ★

**We Grew It Here in New Jersey!****Sunday, May 21 – 3:30 pm**

Meet the horticultural superstars who lived in New Jersey—impresarios, hermits, politicians, and academics who made New Jersey into the “Garden State.” Presented by the Chatham Township Historical Society and plant educator Lesley Parness. ★

**Exciting Discoveries in Art History****Monday, May 22 – 7 pm**

Art historian Mallory Mortillaro returns to talk about ten important, valuable works of art that were rediscovered in unexpected places. She will give a brief background on each piece, the artist, and how the piece was lost and then re-discovered. ★

**Happy, Healthy Houseplants****Wednesday, May 24 – 7 pm**

Master Gardener Linda Zenkert will discuss the importance of choosing adaptable houseplants and those that tolerate neglect along with suggestions for what plants to use where, how to group them, encourage growth, and create attractive focal areas in a room. ★



**Bring Your Own Device Help Session**

Thursday, May 25 – 10 am to 12 pm

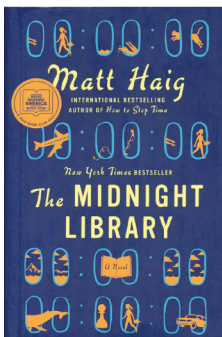
Friday, June 16 – 10 am to 12 pm

Do you need help adding new contacts to your phone, sending an email, or adding and using new apps on your device? Bring your phone, laptop, or tablet to the library and get individualized assistance with using them. ★

**Book Group –*****The Midnight Library***

Wednesday, May 31 – 1 pm

Join us in person at the library as our book group discusses *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. Everyone is welcome to attend, and you may pick up a copy of the book at the reference desk.

**Chinese Tea & Cupcake Tasting**

Sunday, June 4 – 3 pm

Come explore the teaware and major categories of Chinese tea that play an important role in Chinese culture. Taste three different teas paired with mini desserts. Advance registration is required; \$10 to participate. ★

**History of Frank Sinatra: From Hoboken to Las Vegas**

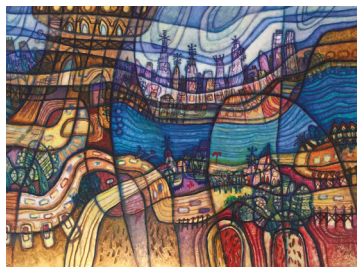
Saturday, June 10 – 2 pm

Join us for an unforgettable journey through the life of the legendary Frank Sinatra from his humble beginnings to his rise as the icon of the swing era. This presentation will be held during the Fishawack Festival. Advanced registration is encouraged. ★

**Art Show: Hsin-Ruey Art Association**

Reception: Sunday, June 11 – 2:15 to 4 pm

The paintings on display in June demonstrate traditional Chinese brushwork in watercolor applied to rice paper or silk with subjects including landscapes, flowers, birds and trees.

**The Mina Miller Edison Story**

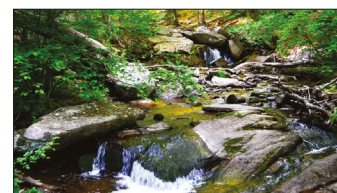
Sunday, June 11 – 3 pm

Presented by the Chatham Township Historical Society. Alexandra Rimer, a Rutgers faculty member and Assistant Editor at the Thomas Edison Papers, has written the only biography of Mina Edison, using Edison family diaries, memoirs, and letters, to look below the surface of the Edison family. ★

**The History of New Jersey State Parks**

Wednesday, June 14 – 7 pm

Discover the fascinating history of New Jersey state parks in an exciting presentation by local author Kevin Woyce. ★

**Gardening with Perennials**

Monday, June 19 – 12 pm

Master Gardener Gail Di Domenico will teach us all about perennials—where and how to use them, how to select plants for every season, add color, texture, year-round interest, and more. ★

**Tech Workshop: Working with Apps**

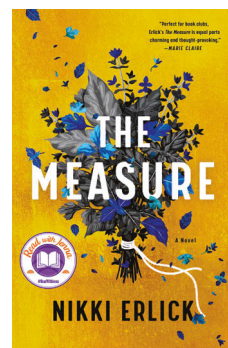
Thursday, June 22 – 11 am

Learn about some of the best and most popular apps for enhancing your life and having fun with your phone or tablet. Bring your device with you. ★

**Book Group – *The Measure***

Wednesday, June 28 – 1 pm

Join us in person at the library as our book group discusses *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick. Everyone is welcome to attend, and you may pick up a copy of the book at the reference desk.

**Summer Reading Program for Adults Begins Monday, June 19**

Tell us about books you are reading by submitting brief reviews to [chathamlibrary.org/adult-summer-reading](https://chathamlibrary.org/adult-summer-reading). You'll be eligible to win a gift card in our drawings in July and August!



# Programs and Events

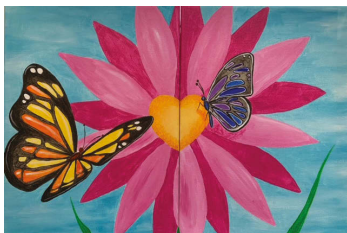
## Teens

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

### Mom & Me Canvas Painting

**Tuesday, May 9 – 6:30 pm**

Celebrate Mother's Day a little early! Work with your teen to create two canvases that together make one beautiful painting. Registration for each person (both Mom and teen) is required. ★



### Teen Advisory Board

**Thursdays, May 11 & June 8  
3:45 pm Grades 6 to 12**

Join our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) where you can develop new friendships and learn how you can volunteer at the library. Members will provide teen program ideas and help plan future events. Attend any or all meetings.



### Tasty Tuesdays Cooking

**Tuesdays, May 16 & 30 & June 13 – 4:30 pm**

Registration is required.

Limit: 12 participants ages 11 to 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 & Tween Conversation Days

**Saturdays, May 20 & June 17 – 3 to 4 pm  
Grades 6 to 12**

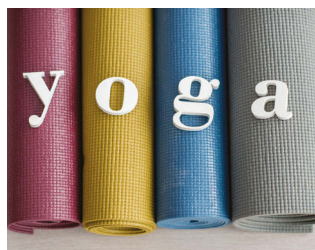
If you've been missing face-to-face interaction since the pandemic or just want a chance to chat with new people face-to-face, join us for our new conversation days led by a teen volunteer. Just drop in! Light refreshments will be served.

### Tween Yoga

**Tuesdays, May 23, June 6  
& June 20 – 4 pm**

Grades 6 to 8

For tween yoga lovers and beginners too. Mats are strongly recommended. Registration is required. ★



### Video Game Club

**Every Friday in May and June  
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 Arcade1Up arcade cabinet with Centipede, Missile Command, Crystal Castles, and Millipede, and an Arcade1Up Infinity Gaming Table with digital versions of your favorite board games!



### Summer Reading Volunteer Orientation

**Wednesday, June 7 – 4 to 4:30 pm**

Grades 6 & Up

Earn volunteer hours by helping us make the Summer Reading Club a big success. Listen to children talk to you about the books they have read and give out prizes. Come to this orientation meeting and learn all about it.

### TEEN SUMMER READING CLUB

**For students entering grades 6 to 12**

**June 19 – August 11**

**For Chatham Residents Only**

Submit a review of a book you have read in one of the following ways: written review, advertisement convincing others to read the book, new book jacket design, book trailer, comparison of the book and movie, verbal report to the librarian, or any other media. Earn entries for weekly prize drawings and more!

Submit to [ys@chathamlibrary.org](mailto:ys@chathamlibrary.org).

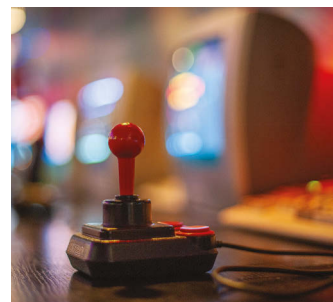
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### Arcade Weekend

**Saturday, June 24**

**9:30 am to 4 pm**

All ages. See the back cover for more details.



# DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

## Dungeons & Dragons Tournament

Thursday, May 11 – 5:30 to 8:30 pm

Limit: 20 players in Grades 3 to 12

Five teams may enter the tournament and one team will come out on top! We will have 5 DMs running simultaneous games. Each team of four players will play timed scenarios and must complete the tasks to win special coins. Players may join singly or with friends as a team. ★

## Dungeons & Dragons Club

Thursdays in May and June – 6 to 8 pm

Grades 3 to 12

Join us! No registration is required.

## Dungeons & Dragons Academy for Beginners

Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, & 22 – 6 to 8 pm

Registration opens May 11.

Limit: Six beginning players in Grades 3 to 8

Register only if you can attend all four sessions.

Sign up for our D&D Academy and learn how to play from Master Michele! ★

## All Together Now!!



### Summer Reading Club Kick-Off: SCIENCE CIRCUS

Monday, June 19 – 6 to 7 pm

For all ages — children, tweens, and teens.

Just drop in. No registration needed.

The Liberty Science Center will showcase the magic and fun of science through their Science Circus. There will be over a dozen dazzling experiments and many volunteer opportunities for the whole family to enjoy.

## Programs and Events Children

### THURSDAY IS LIBRARY DAY!

For preschoolers and their caregivers.

Choose either 10 – 10:30 am

or 10:45 – 11:15 am

No registration is required.

Limit 75 people per session.

**Miss Carol Dance**

May 4, June 1

**Music & Movement with Miss Susan**

May 11, June 8

**Yoga Storytime with Miss Jenn**

May 18, June 15

**Boogie Woogie Babies**

May 25, June 29

**Music with Carolyn Dempsey**

June 22

### STORYTIME

A 4-week progressive program for preschoolers and their caregivers.

**Limit: one 4-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

Tuesday, May 30. ★

**Mondays, June 5 – June 26**

**10 – 10:30 am** Ages 9 to 24 months

**10:45 – 11:15 am** Ages 2 to 3 years

**Tuesdays, June 6 – June 27**

**10 – 10:30 am** Ages 9 to 24 months

**10:45 – 11:15 am** Ages 2 to 3 years

*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.*

**Children's Book Week**

Monday, May 1 – 3 pm

Grades K &amp; up

Celebrate Children's Book Week and inspire positive change with a Book Buddy! Teens and Tweens are ready to share their love of reading with your child. Just drop in!

**Children's Book Club: Magic Tree House Series Dinosaurs Before Dark**

Thursdays, May 4 &amp; 18, and

June 1 &amp; 15 – 4:15 pm

Limit: 8 children in Grades 2 &amp; 3

Over the course of the four meetings, the club will read together, have discussions, and complete activities. At the last meeting, there will be a dinosaur theme party to celebrate. ★

**Cinco de Mayo Craft**

Friday, May 5 – 4 pm

Limit: 10 children in Grades 2 &amp; up

Registration is required.

We'll celebrate the day of Mexico's victory against France during the Battle of Puebla by creating Mexico's national flower, the dahlia, out of tissue paper. ★

**Read Aloud to Therapy Dogs**

Tuesday, May 16 &amp;

Wednesday, June 21 – 4 pm

Grades K &amp; up

Registration is required.

Hey kids! Have fun while improving your reading skills!

Parents: this program allows children to read aloud to a neutral listener. All the dogs and their handlers have been certified by The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs. ★

**Trip Around the Mural: Japan**

Thursday, May 18 – 4 pm

Limit: 25 children in Grades 1 to 3

Registration opens Thursday, May 4.

We'll travel to Japan to listen to stories and learn a few words in Japanese. We'll try using chopsticks, sample some delicious Japanese snacks, and create a beautiful cherry blossom craft. ★

**Trip Around the Mural: Egypt**

Thursday, June 8 – 4 pm

Limit: 25 children in Grades 1 to 3

Registration opens Thursday, May 25.

Home to some of the world's most iconic historical sites, we will explore Egyptian culture both old and new. We'll write and decode hieroglyphs and decorate our own paper crowns. Snacks will include fruit salad and honey drizzled pita. ★

**Summer Craft**

Friday, June 9 – 4 pm

Limit: 10 children in Grades 2 &amp; up

Registration opens Friday, May 26.

Summer's here, everyone cheer! Take a break from the hot sun and join the library for a summer craft. Children will be able to create their favorite beach day activities with a Beach Day Diorama. ★

**All Together Now!****No-Sew Throw**

Friday, June 16 – 4:30 pm

Grades 2 &amp; up

Let's work together to create blankets for our furry friends. Don't know how to sew? No problem! We will be knotting the fleece together by hand. All blankets made during this event will be donated to animal shelters. Just drop in! No registration is required.

**All Together Now! LEGOPALOOZA**

Friday, June 30 – 4 to 5 pm

Grades K &amp; up

Love LEGOs? The library does too! Help us showcase our enormous LEGO collection by building a creation of your own design. LEGO creations will be put on display. Just drop in! No registration is required.

You can find all our events online at

**chathamlibrary.org**

or subscribe to our weekly email newsletters at **chathamlibrary.org/library-newsletter**.



### Board of Trustees

For a list of current Trustees, go to:  
[chathamlibrary.org/board-of-trustees](http://chathamlibrary.org/board-of-trustees)



**Saturday, June 24  
9:30 am to 4 pm  
All Ages!**

## **NEW! For all you gamers out there!**

We've updated our video game collection and now have the newest games for Nintendo Switch, Xbox and PlayStation.

Come play and celebrate the end of school at  
**Arcade Weekend – Sat., June 24!**

The entire lower level of the library will turn into a giant arcade so everyone can enjoy both vintage and brand-new games. Try out some of the old-school systems like the Atari 2600, Nintendo Entertainment System, or Sega Genesis, and test some of the new games you can borrow for the newer systems.

After the event, the new game collection will become circulating, and you are welcome to check out games to play at home.

*In Memory of Alexander Butta*



### **Super Smash Bros. Tournaments** **Saturday, June 24**

Ages 10 & Under – 11 am

Ages 11 & Up – 1:30 pm

Registration opens Friday, June 9.

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 for 1st and 2nd place winners.