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## Happy Holidays!



### LIBRARY PROGRAMS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

We've got lots going on at the library during November and December to help everyone get into the holiday spirit. Take a look inside for more details on contests for pumpkin painting, gingerbread house decorating, and gift wrapping; for craft programs to make a brass ring wreath, for painting ornaments, and making a sugar cube igloo.

There are also family programs like the Game Fest on Friday, November 10, and you can wear your pajamas to the movie, *Buddy the Elf*, on Wednesday, December 27. We look forward to having you at the library and joining the fun!

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## Friends' Holiday Book Sale

Saturday, December 2  
10 am to 4 pm

Get ready for the holidays!  
You might be able to find the perfect book gift for your favorite reader. Browse the wonderful selection of holiday books, children's hardcover picture books, cookbooks and gift books

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### Holiday Trees

The holiday trees that grace the lobby and Children's Room have been decorated by the **Town and Country Garden Club of the Chathams**. Featuring unique ornaments created with all natural materials, the trees have displayed the members' handiwork at the library for over 30 years. Thank you, Town and Country Garden Club for decorating the library this holiday season!

# 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](http://libraryc.org/chathamlibrary).



#### *If You Would Have Told Me* with John Stamos

Wednesday, Nov. 1 – 8 pm

Join us for an intimate conversation with *Full House* star, John Stamos, as he leads us through his incredibly moving and vulnerable memoir.



#### *Get Good with Money* with Tiffany Aliche

Thursday, Nov. 9 – 2 pm

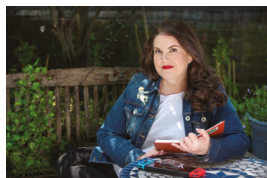
Learn what every reader needs to achieve financial savvy, stability, and security.



#### *Catching the Light* with Joy Harjo

Thursday, Nov. 16 – 4 pm

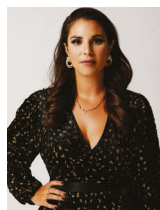
Join us for a chat with poet laureate Joy Harjo about her most recent memoir and her rewarding lifetime as a writer and poet.



#### *The Future* with Naomi Alderman

Thursday, Nov. 30 – 3 pm

This bestselling author will discuss her new novel, a dazzling tour de force.



#### *In Conversation* with Victoria Aveyard

Tuesday, December 5 – 7 pm

Listen to a chat with this bestselling author about YA fantasy fiction, world-building, and her incredible body of work!



#### *Class: A Memoir* with Stephanie Land

Tuesday, December 12 – 2 pm

Stephanie Land will talk about her new memoir, *Class: A Memoir of Motherhood, Hunger, and Higher Education*. It's the follow-up to her first book, the bestselling memoir *Maid*.

### 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 next session of free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for adult learners will start in January. To learn more, go to [chathamlibrary.org/esl-classes](http://chathamlibrary.org/esl-classes)



### Mental Health Counseling

Appointments available  
Tuesdays, 10 am to 3 pm

The library and the Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris provide free, confidential counseling sessions to individuals. All ages, presenting issues, and identities are welcome. These sessions are provided by a graduate student under the supervision of a licensed clinician. ★

### Navigating Hope

Wednesday, November 29  
10 am to 2 pm

Navigating Hope, a mobile outreach initiative, brings Morris County social services to you. Visit the library to apply for benefits and get connections to social services. They will offer on-site benefits eligibility screenings and application assistance, as well as linkage to other community services. No sign-up is needed.



**Extend Your Gardening Season**

Thursday, November 2 – 11:30 am

Rutgers Master Gardeners will teach us how to extend the spring and fall growing seasons with cold frames, portable greenhouses, cloches, and row covers. In-person or online. ★

**Waterworks Artists Show & Reception**

Friday, November 3 – 3:30 to 5:30 pm

Waterworks, a group of painters who met at the NJ School of Visual Arts in Summit, have painted together and enhanced each other's work for more than 15 years. The show is on view through November.

**CS Base: Introduction to AI Tools**

Friday, November 3 – 4:30 pm

Find out how to begin using new AI technologies effectively in everyday life—to automatically compose emails, design images, generate PowerPoint presentations, and more. ★

**Fall Chinese Tea and Cupcakes**

Saturday, November 4 – 12 pm

Explore the teaware and major categories of Chinese tea, with seasonal flavors, and accompanying cupcakes—a memorable journey through the world of Chinese Gongfu tea! ★

**Olive Oil Tasting**

Monday, November 6 – 6:30 pm

Take a culinary trip to Abruzzo, Italy and experience different olive oils that taste exactly like the beautiful, complex landscape they come from. Cost: \$10.



Advanced registration is required. ★

**NEW! Italian Conversation Groups**

Wednesdays, Nov. 8 &amp; 15; Dec. 13 – 1 pm

Tuesdays, Nov. 14 &amp; Dec. 12 – 7 pm

Limit: 8 attendees/meeting

Join us for a conversation in Italian even if your knowledge of Italian isn't perfect! Our groups, led by native Italian speakers, are not language classes, but a chance to polish your skills. ★

**Illustrate Your Own Recipe**

Thursdays, November 9 &amp; December 7

12 to 2 pm

Paint and design a holiday recipe. You can start your own creative cookbook or use it as a gift for family and friends. Each session costs \$5. Advanced registration is required. ★

**Bring Your Own Device Help Session**

Fridays, November 10 &amp; December 8

10 am to 12 pm

Bring your phone, laptop, or tablet to the library and get individualized assistance. ★

**Understanding Medicare**

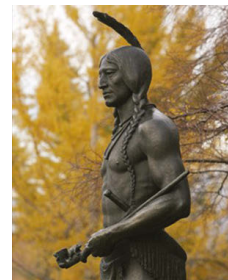
Friday, November 10 – 11:30 am

Get information on Medicare Parts A & B, Medigap, prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage, and NJ SAVE. This program is presented by Morris County SHIP. In-person or online. ★

**The Wampanoags Who Saved the Pilgrims**

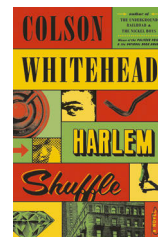
Sunday, November 19 – 3:30 pm

Pat Wells of the Chatham Township Historical Society will tell the fascinating stories of Squanto, Massasoit, and Samoset, their Abenaki friend. Learn who they were, what they did, and why they did it. ★

**Book Group – Harlem Shuffle**

Wednesday, November 29 – 1 pm

We'll discuss *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead. You may pick up a copy of the book at the reference desk.

**Photographs by Jeff Altschul**

On view in December.

Jeff Altschul brings his old school artistry and know-how into the digital abstract and impressionistic images he shows today.



**Coins Minted in New Jersey in the 1780's****Friday, December 1 – 11:30 am**

Ray Williams, District Rep. of the American Numismatic Association, will talk about the coins that were minted in New Jersey from 1786 through 1788. Learn the history and the story behind how these coins were made. ★

**Make a Brass Ring Wreath****Friday, December 1 – 3 to 5pm**

Make brass-ring minimalist wreaths with greenery. These easy and unique crafts will add extra flare to your home this holiday season. Supplies will be provided (while they last). Cost: \$5. Advance registration is suggested. ★

**Ornament Painting****Sunday, December 3 – 3 pm**

Let's get creative! Paint a holiday ornament to take home. Supplies will be provided. Cost: \$5. Advanced registration is required. ★

**Basic DSLR Camera Workshop****Monday, December 11 – 6 pm**

Get a solid understanding of your digital single-lens reflex (DSLR) camera when using the automated features and the manual capabilities. You may bring your camera with you, but it is not required. In-person only. ★

**Red Cross Blood Drive****Tuesday, December 26 – 10 am to 3 pm**

Supporting the Red Cross helps fulfill its mission of ensuring the availability of a safe and reliable blood supply needed to save lives. Sign up via the link on our calendar. Walk-ins are also accepted; however, there may be a wait. ★

You can find all our events online at [chathamlibrary.org](https://chathamlibrary.org) or subscribe to our weekly email newsletters at [chathamlibrary.org/library-newsletter](https://chathamlibrary.org/library-newsletter).

# Programs and Events Teens

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

**Writing Help with Audrey****Wednesdays, November 1 & 15 – 4 pm**

For students of all ages.

Have a book report due?  
Need someone to proofread your paper? Don't know how to write an intro?  
Audrey, a junior at Oak Knoll and resident of Chatham, is here to help! Registration is encouraged, but drop-ins are welcome. ★

**Quilling to De-Stress – For Beginners****Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16 & 30 and****December 7, 14 & 21 – 4:30 pm****Grades 6 to 12 Registration is required.**

Quilling is a form of colorful paper artwork. Learn how to quill and complete your own work of art by the end of the final session. Taught by Laura Egan, a junior at Chatham High School. All supplies will be provided. ★



## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

**Dungeons & Dragons Club****Thursdays in November & December (except 11/23)****6 to 8 pm Grades 5 to 12**

Do you know how to play Dungeons & Dragons and need a group to play with? Join our D&D Club today! No registration is needed. This is not a class, and you must have some experience with the game. Check our online calendar for other D&D events.



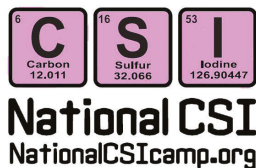
**National CSI Camp: One-Day Course**

Thursday, November 9 – 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Grades 6 to 12

Registration is required.

Students will learn about various topics such as crime scene processing, evidence collection and basic forensics, interviewing and interrogation, and more! ★

**Family Game Fest**

Friday, November 10

3 to 5 pm

For all ages.

An afternoon of games for the whole family with dozens to choose from. Just drop in!

**Pumpkin Painting Contest**

Monday, November 13 – 4 pm

Limit: 20 children in

Grades 4 &amp; Up

Take an hour to paint a pumpkin. It will be put on display and library patrons will vote on their favorites. Then you can take yours home. ★

**Tasty Tuesdays Cooking**

Tuesdays, Nov. 14 &amp; 28; and Dec. 12 – 4:30 pm

Ages 11 to 15

Registration is required.

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, and the recipes will be simple. ★

**Crochet Club**

Wednesdays, Nov. 15 &amp; 29; and Dec. 13 – 4 pm

Grades 6 to 12

We will provide guidance, simple patterns, and limited yarn, but you can bring your own crochet hooks and current projects. NOTE: You must be able to do basic stitches and make a rectangle. Drop-in, no registration is needed. ★

**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

Wednesday, November 29 – 3:45 pm

Grades 6 to 12

Members will discuss teen program ideas and help plan future events. Snacks will be provided. [No meeting in December.]

**Gingerbread House Decorating Contest**

Thursday, November 30 – 4 to 5 pm

Grades 4 &amp; Up

You have one hour to decorate a pre-assembled gingerbread house!

Decorating supplies will be provided. Finished houses will be displayed and library patrons will vote on their favorites.

Prizes will be awarded. ★

**Sugar Cube Igloo Craft**

Friday, December 8 – 4 pm

Limit: 20 children in

Grades 4 &amp; Up

Registration opens Nov. 24.

Join the library this winter and create a miniature igloo out of sugar cubes! ★

**Gift Wrapping Competition**

Friday, December 22 – 4 pm

Limit: 20 children in

Grades 4 &amp; Up

Registration opens December 8.

The person who can wrap the most boxes in the allotted time without missing any spots will receive a Scoops gift card! ★

**PJs & Candy Canes with Buddy the Elf**

Wednesday, December 27 – 4 pm

All ages.

Put on your PJs, grab your friends, walk past the candy cane forest and the sea of gumdrops for a silly afternoon movie at the library! Just drop in!



# 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 the Chatham Jaycees.*

### 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.

**Move & Groove with Miss Jolie**  
November 2

**Music & Movement with Miss Susan**  
November 9, December 14

**Dance Class with Dance Innovations**  
November 16

**Boogie Woogie Babies**  
November 30, December 28

**Yoga Storytime with Miss Jenn**  
December 7

**Music with Carolyn Dempsey**  
December 21



### DROP-IN WINTER STORYTIME

For preschoolers and their caregivers.  
No registration is needed.

Mondays, December 4, 11 & 18  
10 - 10:30 am Ages 2 and younger  
10:45 - 11:15 am Ages 3 & up

### Children's Book Club: Science Fiction

Thursdays, Nov. 2 to Dec. 14 - 4 pm  
Grades 4 & 5 Limit: 8 children  
Advance registration is required.

We will read *The Nebula Secret* from the *Explorer Academy* series, and have discussions and related activities. Children will receive a copy of the book on Nov. 2. ★



### Fall Slime Time

Friday, November 3 - 4 pm  
Grades K to 5  
Limit: 10 children  
Advance registration is required.

We will mix all the ingredients needed to make our ooey-goopy slime and then add fall theme colors and decorations. ★



### Family Game Fest

Friday, November 10  
3 to 5 pm  
All ages. Just drop in!  
An afternoon of games for the whole family with dozens to choose from.



### LEGOPALOOZA!

Friday, November 10 - 3 to 5 pm  
Grades K & Up  
Build a creation of your own design. LEGO creations will be put on display. Just drop in!

### Pumpkin Painting Contest

Monday, November 13 - 4 pm  
Limit: 20 children in Grades 4 & Up  
Take an hour to paint a pumpkin. It will be put on display and library patrons will vote on their favorites. Then you can take yours home. ★



### Fall Craft

Friday, November 17 - 4 pm  
Grades K to 4  
Limit: 10 children  
Fall in love with leaves! Children will create a fall tree by using paint and real leaves. ★





**Coloring Craze**

Tuesdays, Nov. 21 &amp; Dec. 12 – 2 to 4 pm

Grades K &amp; Up

Drop in; no registration is required.

Coloring promotes mindfulness and is a great way for children (and adults!) to relieve stress. It is also a good way to improve fine motor skills. Let your creativity shine!

**Read Aloud to Therapy Dogs**

Tuesday, November 21 &amp;

Wednesday, December 20

4 pm Grades K &amp; Up

Registration is required.

Come read your favorite book to a therapy dog. All the dogs and their handlers have been certified by The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs. ★

**Gingerbread House Decorating Contest**

Thursday, November 30 – 4 to 5 pm

Grades 4 &amp; Up

You have one hour to decorate a pre-assembled gingerbread house! Supplies will be provided. Finished houses will be displayed and voted on. Prizes will be awarded. ★

**Sugar Cube Igloo Craft**

Friday, December 8 – 4 pm

Limit: 20 children in Grades 4 &amp; Up

Registration opens November 24.

Join the library this winter and create a miniature igloo out of sugar cubes! ★

**Winter Craft**

Friday, December 15 – 4 pm

Grades K to 3

Limit: 10 children

Registration opens

Friday, December 1.

Brrr, it's cold outside!

Warm up at the library and create a holly jolly snowman, and all its accessories, out of clay. ★

**Gift Wrapping Competition**

Friday, December 22 – 4 pm

Limit: 20 children in Grades 4

&amp; Up

Registration opens December 8.

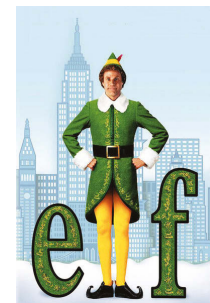
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**PJs & Candy Canes with Buddy the Elf**

Wednesday, December 27 – 4 pm

Grades K &amp; Up Just drop in!

Put on your PJs, grab your friends, walk past the candy cane forest and the sea of gumdrops for a silly afternoon movie at the library!

**BINGO!**

Friday December 29 – 4:30 pm

Grades K to 5

No registration is needed.

Join us for a fun-filled hour of Bingo. If you win a round, you will have the opportunity to choose a prize from our treasure chest!

**CHESS FOR KIDS****Mondays, November 13 – December 18**

Advance registration is required.

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 &amp; up. Limit: 16 children

**Group 3: 6 – 6:45 pm**

Players who have taken Group 2 or other similar classes. Suggested ages 8 &amp; up. Limit: 16 children

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