

BOOKENDS



January - February 2025



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Each Card A New Chatham Story

1,000 – that’s how many new patrons our library welcomes each year.

Our Chatham story began 20 years ago when my wife Dorothy and I moved in with twin sons. Soon we got library cards. In time, unfamiliar faces became familiar. We made close friends, met good neighbors, and our kids are seniors in college (wait - what?!).



Left-right: Director Karen Brodsky; Trustees Mariela Gilmore, Pres. Andy Hollander, Lynn Magrane & Marty McHugh; and Asst. Director Laurie Feistammel

Now, I walk our dog Lola and see unfamiliar faces. Some walk their kids to Washington Avenue School, as we did with ours. A woman with two kids said her family just moved in. Once I met someone who’d closed on a house but hadn’t moved in yet. To newcomers, I’m the unfamiliar face.

To all newcomers: Welcome! The New Patron Kit is for

you (chathamlibrary.org/new-patrons). Get your card at the library or register online. Sign up for our weekly eNewsletter. Our library is a community center, and our Children’s Room is amazing. In 2023, 500 children’s programs drew nearly 17,000 participants, and teens love hanging out in our brand-new Teen Center.

To all – new and not-so-new – the library’s your place. Hear great speakers. Join book clubs. English as a Second Language (ESL) programs support those who speak countless native languages. Meet neighbors. Make friends. Save money! For every \$1 a town invests in its library, studies say it can yield \$5 in savings: through borrowing books instead of buying, free programs, classes, databases for homework, and more.

Do libraries matter to you? Join our fantastic Friends of the Library (friendsofthechathamlibrary.org). Help our new Foundation raise capital funds to strengthen the library and enable it to make an even greater impact for our community (chathamlibraryfoundation.org).

The library’s a perfect on-ramp for newcomers, and speaking for us “not-so-newcomers,” we look forward to getting to know you at the library.

Andy Hollander, President of the Library Board of Trustees

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Did you know you can borrow musical instruments, telescopes, games, hot spots, cake pans and more for free with your library card?



Want to learn more? Scan the QR code or visit: chathamlibrary.org/library-of-things



COLLECTION DRIVE

Jan 11 - Feb 9

Donate gently used **Books, Games, Puzzles, CDs (with cases), Vinyl, Audiobooks & Video Games** for the Friends Book Sale on March 8.

Drop off in the Library’s rear hallway.



Become a Friends Member at: friendsofthechathamlibrary.org





January 2025 Programs

ADULTS TEENS CHILDREN ALL AGES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Scan this QR code to go to our JANUARY events calendar. ★	 Classes begin Jan. 20.		1 LIBRARY CLOSED	2 Yoga Storytime: 10 am & 10:45 am Children's Book Club: 4 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm Cinema214: 7 pm	3 Mandarin Storytime: 10 am	4
5	6 Tiny Tots: Shape Art: 10 am Chess: 4, 5 & 6 pm	7 STEM for Toddlers: 10 am Greek Mythology: 4:30 pm Help Teens Cope with Anxiety & Stress: 7 pm	8 Sensory Play: 10 am DNA Evidence: 12 pm Mahjong: 1 pm Teen Advisory Board: 3:45 pm Get to the Point: 7 pm Minestrone Soup: 7 pm	9 Music with Miss Susan: 10 & 10:45 am Children's Book Club: 4 pm Greek Mythology: 4:30 pm Adult Gaming: 6 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm Home Organizing: 7 pm	10 Alphabet Activities: 10 am Teen Fun Friday: 3 pm Kids Cooking: 4 pm	11 Friends Collection Drive Begins
12 Art Reception: 2:15 pm-4 pm	13 Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am Chess: 4, 5 & 6 pm	14 Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am Greek Mythology: 4:30 pm STEAM It Up: 6:30 pm Broths & Soups: 7:30 pm	15 Italian: 1 pm Mahjong: 1 pm Teen Crafts: 3:30 pm Spanish Homework Help: 4:30 pm TJ Klune: 7 pm	16 Boogie Woogie Babies: 10 & 10:45 am Using A Kindle: 3:30 pm Children's Book Club: 4 pm Greek Mythology: 4:30 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm Cinema214: 7 pm	17 Teen Fun Friday: 3 pm Snow Globe Craft: 4 pm	18
19 Cruising the Mediterranean: 3:30 pm	20 Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am Bring Your Device Help: 10 am-12 pm Book Art: 1:30 pm MLK Service Day: 2-4 pm Book Art: 4 pm Chess: 4, 5 & 6 pm	21 Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am Therapy Dogs: 4 pm Teen Cooking: 4:30 pm Genealogical Research: 6:30 pm Starting Seeds Indoors: 7 pm	22 Navigating Hope: 10 am-2 pm Book Group: 1 pm Mahjong: 1 pm Mind Reading: 7 pm Nazi-Looted Art: 7 pm Gut Health: 7:30 pm	23 Guitar Bob: 10 & 10:45 am Amanda Montell: 2 pm Children's Book Club: 4 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm	24 Alphabet Activities: 10 am Teen Fun Friday: 3 pm Kids Cooking: 4 pm	25
26	27 Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am Chess: 4, 5 & 6 pm	28 Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am Seth Fishman: 1 pm Teen Book Club: 5 pm Fabulous Fifties: 7 pm	29 Italian: 1 pm Mahjong: 1 pm Spanish Homework Help: 4:30 pm	30 Boogie Woogie Babies: 10 & 10:45 am Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm	31 Teen Fun Friday: 3 pm Snowman Craft: 4 pm	



February 2025 Programs

ADULTS TEENS CHILDREN ALL AGES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Scan this QR code to go to our FEBRUARY events calendar. ★	3 Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am Chess: 4, 5 & 6 pm	4 Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am Sabrina Sholts: 2 pm Elevate Your Wardrobe: 7 pm Heart-Healthy Cooking: 7:30 pm	5 Sensory Play: 10 am Mahjong: 1 pm Teen Advisory Board: 3:45 pm	6 Yoga Storytime: 10 & 10:45 am Heart Pillow: 4 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm Cinema214: 7 pm	7 Mandarin Storytime: 10 am Teen Fun Friday: 3 pm Kids Cooking: 4 pm	8 History of Slavery: 2 pm
9 Friends Collection Drive Ends	10 Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am Chess: 4, 5 & 6 pm Slavery in NJ: 6 pm	11 Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am Alice in Wonderland Jr.: 4:30 pm Teen Cooking: 4:30 pm Ceramic Coasters: 7 pm Waubgeshig Rice: 7 pm	12 Italian: 1 pm Mahjong: 1 pm Spanish Homework Help: 4:30 pm African American Art: 7 pm Pan-Seared Salmon: 7 pm	13 Music with Miss Susan: 10 & 10:45 am Teen Crafts: 3:30 pm Adult Gaming: 6 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm	14 Alphabet Activities: 10 am Valentine's Craft: 3 pm	15
16	17 Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am Bring Your Device Help: 10 am-12 pm PJs & Movie: 3 pm	18 Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am STEAM It Up: 1:30 pm Lee Hawkins: 2 pm DIY for Teens: 4 pm	19 Book Group: 1 pm Italian: 1 pm Mahjong: 1 pm Therapy Dogs: 4 pm Good & Bad Fats: 7:30 pm	20 Guitar Bob: 10 & 10:45 am Texting for Beginners: 3:30 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm Cinema214: 7 pm	21 Alphabet Activities: 10 am Teen Fun Friday: 3 pm Kids Cooking: 4 pm	 Tax assistance appointments available starting Feb. 5.
23 Art Reception: 2:15-4 pm Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge: 3:30 pm	24 Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am	25 Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am Teen Book Club: 5 pm	26 Mahjong: 1 pm Spanish Homework Help: 4:30 pm Growing Herbs: 7 pm	27 Boogie Woogie Babies: 10 & 10:45 am Dutch Painting: 7 pm	28 Teen Fun Friday: 3 pm	

Programs and Events

Adults

Virtual Author Talks

Register online at libraryc.org/chathamlibrary and also find conversations you missed. Offered in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium and with help from the Friends of the Library.



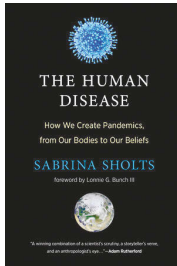
TJ Klune
speaking about the
Cerulean Chronicles
Wed., Jan. 15 – 7 pm



Amanda Montell
speaking about
The Age of Magical Overthinking
Thurs., Jan. 23 – 2 pm



Seth Fishman
on working with a
literary agent
Tues., Jan. 28 – 1 pm



Sabrina Sholts
speaking about
The Human Disease
Tues., Feb. 4 – 2 pm



Waubgeshig Rice
speaking about *Moon of the Turning Leaves*
Tues., Feb. 11 – 7 pm



Lee Hawkins
speaking about
I Am Nobody's Slave
Tues., Feb. 18 – 2 pm



Online Cooking Classes

Discover new dishes and cooking techniques with the experts at Library Chef. Register at: app.librarychef.com

Classic Minestrone Soup
Wed., Jan. 8 – 7 pm

Let's Talk Broths and Soup Skills
Tues., Jan. 14 – 7:30 pm

Gut Health 101 & Cozy Comfort
Wed., Jan. 22 – 7:30 pm

Heart-Healthy Cooking Techniques
Tues., Feb. 4 – 7:30 pm

Mediterranean Pan-Seared Salmon
Wed., Feb. 12 – 7 pm

Good FATS, Bad FATS: Heart Health
Wed., Feb. 19 – 7:30 pm



Join us for a free movie twice a month on Thursdays at 7 pm:

Jan. 2 for children
Jan. 16 for adults
Feb. 6 for children
Feb. 20 for adults

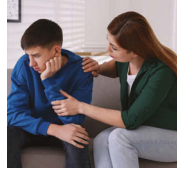
Check our website for the upcoming movie titles.

More Adult Programs

How to Help Teens Cope with Anxiety & Stress *

Tuesday, Jan. 7 – 7 pm

Presented for parents and caregivers by the Mental Health Association's statewide student support services.



Get to the Point! *

Wednesday, Jan. 8 – 7 pm

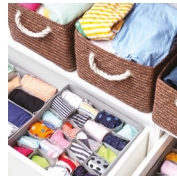
Learn how to champion ideas with coach Joel Schwartzberg.



Home Organizing 101 *

Thursday, Jan. 9 – 7 pm

Get tips on how to declutter your home from a professional organizer.



Art Reception:

“Stars” by Chris Brandon

Sunday, Jan. 12 – 2:15 to 4 pm

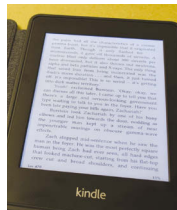
Features two collections: the *Star Wars* and *Rock Star* series.



Italian Conversation Group *

Wednesdays, Jan. 15 & 29 and Feb. 12 & 19 – 1 pm

Improve your Italian in a group led by a native Italian speaker.



How to Use a Kindle *

Thursday, Jan. 16 – 3:30 pm

Learn to set up your Kindle, use the interface, and manage your library.

Cruising the Mediterranean *

Sunday, Jan. 19 – 3:30 pm

Nicole & Trip von Hoffmann share their travels aboard their sailboat.



Bring Your Own Device Help Session *

Mondays, Jan. 20 & Feb. 17
10 am to 12 pm

Get individualized help with your phone, laptop, or tablet.



Weekly Programs:

English as a Second Language (ESL) *

Jan. 20 to March 12

Online Classes

Mondays – 10 to 11 am (Low Intermediate)

Tuesdays – 9:45 to 10:45 am (Intermediate+)

Wednesdays – 10 to 11 am (Adv. Beginners)

In-Person Classes (Intermediate Conversation)

Mondays – 1 to 2 pm

Wednesdays – 1 to 2 pm

Wednesdays – 6 to 7 pm

Income Tax Assistance (VITA) *

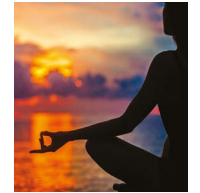
Wednesdays, Feb. 5 to April 9 – 10 am to 2 pm

Visit our online calendar or call 973-635-0603 for an appointment. Some restrictions apply.

Mahjong

Wednesdays – 1 pm

For experienced players.



Sahaja Yoga Meditation *

Thursdays (except 2/27) – 6 pm

Find balance and peace.

Book Folding Art: Winter Trees *

Monday, Jan. 20 – 1:30 pm

Fold recycled books into a winter scene.



Starting Seeds Indoors *

Tuesday, Jan. 21 – 7 pm

Learn about seed types, needed supplies, the planting process and caring for seedlings. Online only.



Navigating Hope

Wednesday, Jan 22 – 10 am to 2 pm

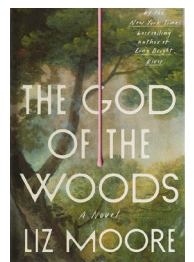
Drop by for information and help with county services, benefits and assistance.



Book Group

Wednesday, Jan. 22 – 1 pm

We'll discuss *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore.



Mind Reading Game Show
 Wednesday, Jan. 22 – 7 pm
 Flavian will read your mind and make you laugh. Ages 18+.



Nazi-Looted Art *
 Wednesday, Jan. 22 – 7 pm
 Explore Klimt and Schiele — painters of Vienna’s Golden Age.



“The Fabulous Fifties”
 Tuesday, Jan. 28 – 7 pm
 A musical tribute to the 1950s.



Elevate Your Wardrobe *
 Tuesday, Feb. 4 – 7 pm
 Tips from Pamela Etzin on flattering colors, shapes and styles.

Black History Month:

The History of Slavery in Morris County *
 Saturday, Feb. 8 – 2 pm
 Explore Morris County history from the Revolution to the Civil War, with a focus on the Chathams. Offered in partnership with Chatham’s Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Advisory Committee.

Slavery & Emancipation Laws in NJ *
 Monday, Feb. 10 – 6 pm
 Regina Fitzpatrick will provide historical context for genealogical research.

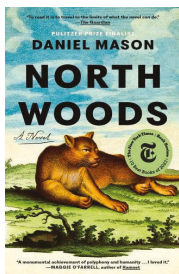


African American Culture in NYC Public Art *
 Wednesday, Feb. 12 – 7 pm
 Presented by art historian Sylvia Laudien-Meo.

**DIY for Adults:
 Ceramic Coasters ***
 Tuesday, Feb. 11 – 7 pm
 Make a painted or decoupage coaster. Supplies provided or bring your own.



Book Group
 Wednesday, Feb. 19 – 1 pm
 We’ll discuss *North Woods* by Daniel Mason.



Texting for Beginners *
 Thursday, Feb. 20 – 3:30 pm
 Learn the basics and best practices.



**Art Reception:
 Essex Water Color Club**
 Sunday, Feb. 23 – 2:15 to 4 pm
 NJ water color artists of all abilities.



Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge *
 Sunday, Feb. 23 – 3:30 pm
 A review of her life and her art collection.



Growing Herbs 101 *
 Wednesday, Feb. 26 – 7 pm
 Information on planning, planting, harvesting, preserving, and using herbs. Online only.



Dutch Golden Age of Painting *
 Thursday, Feb. 27 – 7 pm
 Survey art from the 17th century with art historian Jay Schuck.



TABLETOP GAMING

Adult Gaming Night

Thursdays, Jan. 9 & Feb. 13 – 6 to 8:30 pm
 Light refreshments provided. No registration is needed. Bring friends or make new ones!

Dungeons & Dragons

Check our online calendar for dates and times.

**Programs and Events
 Teens**

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

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
 Wednesdays, Jan. 8 & Feb. 5
 3:45 pm – Grades 6 to 12
 Help plan future teen events at the library.

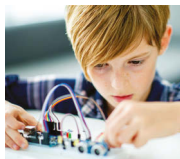


Fun Fridays for Teens
 Fridays, Jan. 10 to Feb. 28 (except 2/14)
 3 pm – Grades 6 to 12
 Head to the Teen Center for games, art, and more!

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

STEAM It Up! *

Grades 6 to 8
 Engineering & Circuitry
 Tuesday, Jan. 14 – 6:30 pm
 The Science of Sound
 Tuesday, Feb. 18 – 1:30 pm



Drop-In Crafts for Teens

Wed., Jan. 15 & Thurs., Feb. 13
 3:30 pm – Grades 6 to 12
 Make a different craft each session.



Book Art: Winter Trees *

Monday, Jan 20 – 4 pm
 Grades 6 to 12
 Fold recycled books into a winter tree scene.



Tasty Tuesdays Cooking *

Tuesdays, Jan. 21 & Feb. 11
 4:30 pm – Ages 11 to 15
 Recipes are simple, and no experience is needed.



Teen Book Club

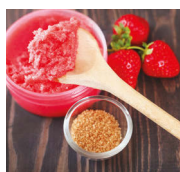
Grades 7 to 12
 Tuesday, Jan. 28 – 5 pm
Kaiju No. 8 Vol. 1 by Naoya Matsumoto
 Tuesday, Feb. 25 – 5 pm
Carry On by Rainbow Rowell



DIY for Teens:

Strawberry Sugar Scrub *

Tuesday, Feb. 18 – 4 pm
 Grades 6 to 12
 Make a scented exfoliator.



Special Valentine Craft *

No-Sew Heart Pillow

Thursday, Feb. 6 – 4 pm
 Grades 4 to 7
 Make a pillow for a friend, for your family, or for yourself!



Programs and Events Children

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; and the Marlee and Carl Frahn Fund for the Library of The Chathams of the Community Foundation of NJ.

Storytime *

For preschoolers and their caregivers.
 Due to high demand, registration is limited to Chatham Borough and Chatham Township residents.

Mondays, January 13 – March 3
 10 - 10:30 am (Ages 9 to 24 months)
 10:45 - 11:15 am (Ages 2 to 3)
 11:30 am - 12 pm (Ages 3½ to 5)

Tuesdays, January 14 – March 4
 10 - 10:30 am (Ages 9 to 24 months)
 10:45 - 11:15 am (Ages 2 to 3)

THURSDAY IS LIBRARY DAY!

For preschoolers and their caregivers.
 Choose 10 - 10:30 am or 10:45 - 11:15 am
 No registration is needed.

**Yoga Storytime
 with Miss Jenn**
 Jan. 2 & Feb. 6

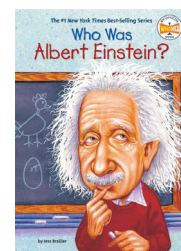
**Boogie Woogie
 Babies**
 Jan. 16, 30 & Feb. 27

**Music & Movement
 with Miss Susan**
 Jan. 9 & Feb. 13

**Sing & Dance
 with Guitar Bob**
 Jan. 23 & Feb. 20

Children's Book Club *

Thursdays, Jan. 2 to 23 – 4 pm
 Grades 2 to 3
 We'll discuss *Who Was Albert Einstein?*



Mandarin Storytime

Fridays, Jan. 3 and Feb. 7 – 10 am
 Drop-in for all ages
 An immersive language experience through stories.

CHESS FOR KIDS ★

Mondays, Jan. 6 to Feb. 10

Register only if you can attend all six classes. Classes are led by chess expert Sean Finn.



Group 1: 4-4:45 pm

Players with little or no experience. Suggested ages 6 to 8

Group 2: 5-5:45 pm

Players who can finish a game with checkmate. Suggested ages 8 & up

Group 3: 6-6:45 pm

Players who have taken Group 2 or similar. Suggested ages 8 & up

Tiny Tots: Shape Art

Monday, Jan. 6 – 10 am

Drop-in for ages 2 to 4

We'll create art out of shapes!



STEM for Toddlers

Tuesday, Jan. 7 – 10 am

Drop-in for ages 1 to 4

We'll look at cause and effect.



Latin, Greek Mythology & Roman History ★

Tuesdays & Thursdays, Jan. 7 to 16
4:30 pm – Grades 4 to 7

Join interactive activities relating to Latin, Greek myths and Roman history.



Sensory Play: Arctic Adventure

Wednesday, Jan. 8 – 10 am

Drop-in for ages 2 to 4

Explore the senses through cold.



Alphabet Activities

Fridays, Jan. 10 & 24 and Feb. 14 & 21
10 am – Drop-in for all ages

Activities featuring a different letter each session.



Kids Cooking Club ★

Fridays, Jan. 10 & 24 and Feb. 7 & 21
4 pm – Grades K to 3

Make your own after-school snacks.



Spanish Homework Help

Wednesdays, Jan. 15 & 29 and Feb. 12 & 26

4:30 pm – Drop-in for Grades K to 5

Get help with homework and practice Spanish conversation skills.

Snow Globe Craft ★

Friday, Jan. 17 – 4 pm

Grades K to 3

Create a winter wonderland. Supplies provided.



MLK Day of Service

Monday, Jan. 20 – 2 to 4 pm

Drop-in for all ages

Help pack snacks for unhoused children.



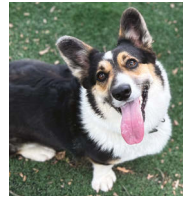
Read Aloud to Therapy Dogs ★

Tuesday, Jan. 21 &

Wednesday, Feb. 19 – 4 pm

Grades K & up

Children read to neutral listeners certified by The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs.

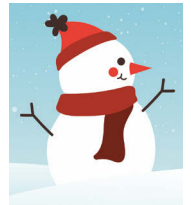


Snowman Magnet Craft ★

Friday, Jan. 31 – 4 pm

Grades K to 3

Make a snowman magnet out of magic clay.



Sensory Play:

Valentine's Play Dough

Wednesday, Feb. 5 – 10 am

Drop-in for ages 2 to 4

Children will explore the senses through red and white play dough.



Paper Mill Playhouse:

Alice in Wonderland Jr.

Tuesday, Feb. 11 – 4:30 pm

Drop-in for ages 4 & up

Enjoy this timeless story of adventure and imagination.



Valentine's Day Craft ★

Friday, Feb. 14 – 3 pm

Grades K to 5

Make cards for friends and family.



PJs and a Movie: Ice Age

Monday, Feb. 17 – 3 pm

Drop-in for all ages

Snack on winter-themed treats while you enjoy the movie. Wear your PJs!



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Visit Our New Genealogy Research Kiosk!

Did you know we're an official FamilySearch affiliate library? Work with trained staff to explore expansive genealogical resources, including Ancestry, HeritageQuest, MyHeritage, and more.

Whether you're just beginning to work on your family history or you're an expert genealogist, we're here to help!

Attend a Program!

DNA Evidence ★

Wednesday, Jan. 8 – 12 pm

A professional genealogist will discuss how to use DNA as a genealogical problem-solver. Online only.

Genealogical Research ★

Tuesday, Jan. 21 – 6:30 pm

Learn how to find records to understand your family history.

Slavery & Emancipation Laws in NJ ★

Monday, Feb. 10 – 6 pm

Provides historical context and background for working on 1800s-era genealogical research.

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

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