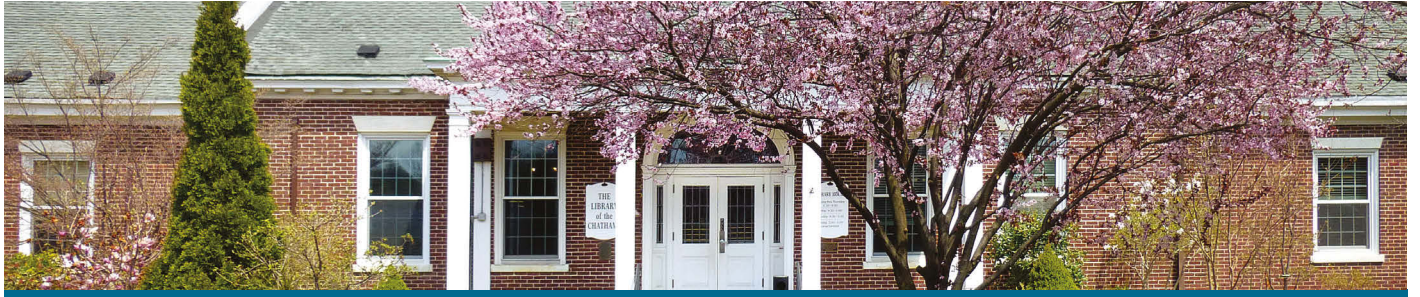


BOOKENDS



March - April 2025



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Friday, March 21 & Saturday, March 22 for all ages!

Celebrate the joy of creativity with NJ's 11th annual Makers Day! Join us for two days of illuminating activities and events, and learn more about the fascinating ways people imagine, design and create.

FOR ALL AGES

HS Robotics Team
Friday, 4-5 pm
Amateur Radio Club
Friday, 4-5 pm
Craft-a-thon
Saturday, 10 am-2 pm

FOR ADULTS

Knitting & Crocheting
Friday, 1-3 pm
Craft Sampler: Get Your Cork On!
Saturday, 2-4 pm

FOR CHILDREN

Tinker Take-Home Bags (All ages)
Friday, 9:30 am-6 pm
Tallest Tower Challenge (Ages 1-4)
Friday, 10-11 am
Marble Run Mania (Grades K-3)
Friday, 4-5 pm
Lego STEM Challenge (Grades K-5)
Saturday, 2-4 pm
Hack Your Tabletop Crab (Ages 7-12)
Saturday, 10 am & 2 pm

FOR TEENS

Hack Your Tabletop Crab (Ages 7-12)
Saturday, 10 am & 2 pm

Food Science (Gr. 4-8)
Friday, 4:30-5:15 pm
Makers Panel
Saturday, 11 am-12:30 pm



Scan the QR Code to learn more & for a full list of events!



FRIENDS' Annual BOOK SALE



DISCOVER AMAZING FINDS! CHILDREN & ADULT BOOKS, PUZZLES, GAMES, CDs & SO MUCH MORE!

Saturday, March 8
7:30 - 9:30 am, Early Admission (\$20/person)
9:30 am - 4:00 pm, Open for All

BAG SALE (\$10/bag)
Sunday, March 9
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Mon - Thurs, March 10 - 13
9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Library of the Chatham



*Become a Friends Member by March 1 to get an invite to the Members Only Pre-Sale!

Join at friendsofthechathamlibrary.org.

All Book Sale proceeds benefit the library.



Calling all local engineers, technologists, creatives, and entrepreneurs! Are you willing to share your experiences and skills in a Makers Day panel discussion? Email events@chathamlibrary.org to learn how you can help.

SERVICE UPDATE



Our new system goes live March 24, and you can resume placing holds March 26.

We apologize for the inconvenience. If you have questions or need help finding something, please call or visit the library.




Scan the QR code to learn more about our new system and what to expect during this change.



March 2025 Programs

ADULTS TEENS CHILDREN ALL AGES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2  Scan this QR code to go to our MARCH events calendar. ★	3 Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am	4 Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am D&D Club: 6 pm D&D RPG Academy: 6 pm Spring Gardening: 7 pm Chia Seeds: 7:30 pm	5 Mahjong: 1 pm	6 Yoga Storytime: 10 & 10:45 am Children's Book Club: 4 pm	7 Friends Only Book Sale Pre-Sale: 4:30-7:30 pm	8 Friends Book Sale 9:30 am-4:00 pm [Early admission, \$20, 7:30-9:30 am]
9 Friends Bag Sale 10 am to 4 pm	10 Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec: 7 pm	11 Teen Cooking: 4:30 pm D&D Club: 6 pm D&D RPG Academy: 6 pm Lillie Bliss, Art Collector: 7 pm College Admissions 2025: 7 pm	12 Mahjong: 1 pm Dan Heath: 2 pm Teen Advisory Board: 3:45 pm A W.A.S.P. Takes Wing: 7 pm STEAM It Up!: 7 pm Food Facts/Myths: 7:30 pm	13 Music with Miss Susan: 10 & 10:45 am Teen Crafts: 3:30 pm Children's Book Club: 4 pm Cinema214: 4 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm Adult Gaming Night: 6:30 pm	14 Alphabet Activities: 10 am STEAM It Up!: 4 pm	15
16	17 The Irish in NJ: 1 pm Hand-Knitted Pillow: 7 pm	18 Family Trees: 1 pm Bring Your Device Help: 3:30-5:30 pm Read to Therapy Dogs: 4 pm D&D Club: 6 pm D&D RPG Academy: 6 pm Corned Beef Hash: 7 pm	19 Italian: 1 pm Mahjong: 1 pm Handling Grief & Loss: 2 pm STEAM It Up!: 7 pm	20 Guitar Bob: 10 & 10:45 am Clara Bingham: 2 pm Tech Marketing Tools: 3:30 pm Children's Book Club: 4 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm New Orleans Stomp!: 7 pm	21 NJ MAKERS DAY! Tinker Take-Home Bags 9:30 am-6 pm Tallest Tower: 10-11 am Knit & Crochet: 1-3 pm Marble Run Mania: 4-5 pm H.S. Robotics: 4-5 pm Amateur Radio Club: 4-5 pm Food Science: 4:30-5:15 pm	22 NJ MAKERS DAY! Craft-A-Thon: 10 am-2 pm Hack Your Tabletop Crab: 10 am & 2 pm Makers Panel: 11 am-12:30 pm Get Your Cork On!: 2-4 pm Lego STEM Challenge: 2-4 pm
23	24 Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am Home Decorating: 6 pm Cocktail/Mocktail Tasting: 7 pm	25 Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am Teen Book Club: 5 pm D&D Club: 6 pm D&D RPG Academy: 6 pm	26 STEAM It Up!: 10 am Book Group: 1 pm Mahjong: 1 pm STEAM It Up!: 7 pm Jennifer Weiner: 7 pm	27 Boogie Woogie Babies: 10 & 10:45 am Children's Book Club: 4 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm Impressionism: 7 pm	28 Alphabet Activities: 10 am Zodiac Animal Craft: 4 pm	29
30	31 Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am Dueling Chefs: 7 pm			 ESL classes end on March 20. Check chathamlibrary.org/esl-classes for upcoming sessions.		



April 2025 Programs

ADULTS TEENS CHILDREN ALL AGES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am D&D Club: 6 pm D&D RPG Academy: 6 pm Black Gold Compost: 7 pm	Mahjong: 1 pm Jodi Picoult: 7 pm Asparagus: 7:30 pm	Yoga Storytime: 10 & 10:45 am Cinema214: 2 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm	Dumpling Craft: 4 pm	
6  Scan this QR code to go to our APRIL events calendar. ★	7 Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am Chess: 4, 5 & 6 pm	8 Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am Matthew Fleming: 2 pm Book Buddies: 4 pm D&D Club: 6 pm D&D RPG Academy: 6 pm Seasonal Eating: 7:30 pm	9 Italian: 1 pm Mahjong: 1 pm Recycled Art Contest: 4 pm	10 Music with Miss Susan: 10 & 10:45 am Teen Advisory Board: 3:45 pm STEAM It Up!: 4 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm Adult Gaming: 6:30 pm NJ Genealogy: 7 pm	11 Alphabet Activities: 10 am Teen Mason Jar DIY: 4 pm	12
13 Appraise Your Jewelry: 2:30 pm	14 Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am Chess: 4, 5 & 6 pm	15 Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am Teen Cooking: 4:30 pm D&D Club: 6 pm D&D RPG Academy: 6 pm	16 Mahjong: 1 pm Teen Crafts: 3:30 pm Read to Therapy Dogs: 4 pm Johannes Vermeer: 7 pm	17 Guitar Bob: 10 & 10:45 am Intro to Hoopla: 3:30 pm STEAM It Up!: 4 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm	18 LIBRARY CLOSED	19
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27 History of the American Flag: 3 pm	28 Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am Chess: 4, 5 & 6 pm	29 Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am D&D Club: 6 pm D&D RPG Academy: 6 pm	30 AARP Fraud Watch: 11 am Book Group: 1 pm Mahjong: 1 pm Social Security: 6:30 pm Corn Salad: 7 pm	 April Art Exhibition Photographs by David Gavasheli		

★ For details and registration as well as late program additions, go to chathamlibrary.org or call 973-635-0603. ★

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.



Dan Heath
speaking about his
newest book, *Reset*
Wed., Mar. 12 – 2 pm



Clara Bingham
speaking about
women's liberation
Thurs., Mar. 20 – 2 pm



Jennifer Weiner
speaking about her
best-selling novels
Wed., Mar. 26 – 7 pm



Jodi Picoult
speaking about
By Any Other Name
Wed., Apr. 2 – 7 pm



Matthew Fleming
speaking about the
secret world of trees
Tues., Apr. 8 – 2 pm



Gregg Hurwitz
speaking about his
Orphan X series
Thurs., Apr. 24 – 7 pm



Online Cooking Classes

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

**Savvy Superfoods:
The Chia Seed**
Tues., Mar. 4 – 7:30 pm

Nutrition Facts & Myths
Wed., Mar. 12 – 7:30 pm

**St. Patrick's Day
Leftovers: Corned Beef
Hash**
Tues., Mar. 18 – 7 pm

**Three Ways to Eat
Asparagus**
Wed., Apr. 2 – 7:30 pm

**Seasonal Eating &
Ayurveda**
Tues., Apr. 8 – 7:30 pm

Mexican Street Corn Salad
Wed., Apr. 30 – 7 pm



Join us for free movies!

Thursday, Mar. 13 – 4 pm
Moana 2 (PG)

Thursday, Apr. 3 – 2 pm
I Am The River,
The River Is Me
(PG-13)

Tuesday, Apr. 22 – 4 pm
Sonic The Hedgehog 3
(PG)

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

More Adult Programs

Spring Gardening *

Tuesday, Mar. 4 – 7 pm

Learn to rejuvenate an old garden or create a new one. Online only.



Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec *

Monday, Mar. 10 – 7 pm

Hear about the extraordinary life of this Post-Impressionist French painter. Online only.



Lillie P. Bliss & The Birth of the Modern (MOMA) *

Tuesday, Mar. 11 – 7 pm

The essential role of American art collector Lillie Bliss in founding the Museum of Modern Art. Online only.



A W.A.S.P. Takes Wing *

Wednesday, Mar. 12 – 7 pm

The amazing story of the women Air Force Service Pilots of WWII. Online only.



Adult Gaming Nights

Thursdays, Mar. 13 & Apr. 10

6:30 to 8:30 pm

Enjoy tabletop and board games. Light refreshments.



The Irish in New Jersey *

Monday, Mar. 17 – 1 pm

Seton Hall Humanities Librarian Alan Delozier will speak about Irish immigration and settlement in NJ.



Hand-Knitted Pillow *

Monday, Mar. 17 – 7 pm

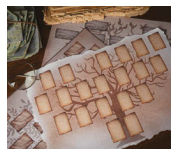
Discover the world of hand knitting. No needles or hooks needed. Yarn provided.



Understanding Family Trees *

Tuesday, Mar. 18 – 1 pm

Learn how to start your family trees, where to get accurate information, and ways to publish the charts.



Weekly Programs:

Income Tax Assistance (VITA) *

Wednesdays, through April 9 – 10 am to 2 pm
Call 973-635-0603 for an appointment. Some restrictions apply. Registration is required.

Mahjong

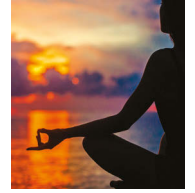
Wednesdays – 1 pm

For experienced players.

Sahaja Yoga Meditation *

Thursdays (except 3/6) – 6 pm

Find balance and peace.



Bring Your Own Device Help Sessions *

Tuesday, Mar. 18 & Monday, Apr. 21 – 3:30 to 5:30 pm

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



Italian Conversation Group *

Wednesdays, Mar. 19 & Apr. 9
1 pm

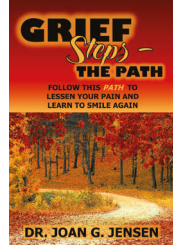
Improve your Italian in group conversation.



How to Handle Grief & Loss *

Wednesday, Mar. 19 – 2 pm

Dr. Joan Jensen will speak about her book and how to learn to smile again. Discussion and a book signing.



Tech Tools for Marketing *

Thursday, Mar. 20 – 3:30 pm

Explore a range of free tech tools designed to enhance marketing strategies. Look like a pro!



A New Orleans Stomp! *

Thursday, Mar. 20 – 7 pm

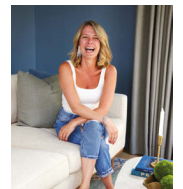
The Grover Kemble/Jerry Vezza Duo will play creole-flavored rhythms, Dixie stomps, and jazz ballads.



Home Decorating *

Monday, Mar. 24 – 6 pm

Join Chatham-based interior designer Megan Pisano for a conversation about styling basics and trends.



Cocktail/Mocktail Tasting *

Monday, Mar. 24 – 7 pm
See back cover for details. Ages 21+.



Book Group

Wednesday, Mar. 26 – 1 pm
We'll discuss *The Ministry of Time*, a genre-bending novel by Kaliane Bradley. Pick up a copy at the reference desk.



How to Look: Impressionism *

Thursday, Mar. 27 – 7 pm
Survey the art of late 19th century Paris with art historian Jay Schuck. Online only.



Dueling Chefs *

Monday, Mar. 31 – 7 pm
See back cover for details.



Composting: Black Gold *

Tuesday, Apr. 1 – 7 pm
Learn the benefits of compost, how to build a compost bin, materials to avoid, and tips for success. Online only



Introduction to NJ Genealogy *

Thursday, Apr. 10 – 7 pm
A review of genealogy basics and strategies to trace your family.



Appraise Your Jewelry *

Sunday, Apr. 13 – 2:30 pm
Learn how to use a loupe to help value pieces you own or would like to purchase. \$12/pp.



Johannes Vermeer *

Wednesday, Apr. 16 – 7 pm
This lecture and slide show will illustrate the life of Vermeer through examination of some of his most important and iconic works. Online only.



Tech Workshop: Hoopla *

Thursday, Apr. 17 – 3:30 pm
Learn to navigate Hoopla, a versatile digital media platform that offers free access to movies, TV shows, audiobooks, ebooks, and music.



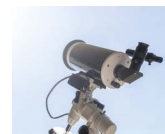
Spring Lantern Craft *

Monday, Apr. 21 – 6 pm
Create a painted fairy light lantern. Materials provided.



Solar Observing Session *

Thursday, Apr. 24 – 1:30 pm
Join us in Memorial Park with the Morris Museum Astronomical Society to observe sunspots, solar flares and more.



Pet Photo Contest & Exhibition Opening *

Saturday, Apr. 26 – 2 pm
Submit your favorite 5x7" photo of your pet by noon on April 12, then come to the exhibit reception and see all the submissions. Prizes will be awarded.



Old Glory: History of the American Flag *

Sunday, Apr. 27 – 3 pm
Kevin Woyce will take us through the evolution of our flag. A joint presentation by the Historical Societies of Chatham Borough and Chatham Township.



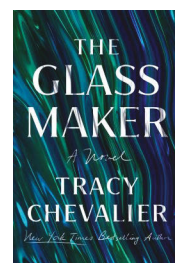
AARP Fraud Watch: The Scam Landscape *

Wednesday, Apr. 30 – 11 am
Learn how to fight against fraud with proven resources and tools to avoid identity theft and other scams.



Book Group

Wednesday, Apr. 30 – 1 pm
We'll discuss the historical fiction novel, *The Glassmaker*, by Tracy Chevalier. Pick up a copy at the reference desk.



Social Security Options *

Wednesday, Apr. 30 – 6:30 pm
Learn how Social Security works and how to maximize your benefits.



TABLETOP GAMING

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Every Tuesday, 6 to 8 pm; Grades 3 to 12

Dungeons & Dragons RPG Academy *

Tuesdays in March & April – 6 to 8 pm
Ages 8 and up in 4-session classes.

Programs and Events Teens

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

Tasty Tuesdays Cooking *

Tuesdays, Mar. 11 & Apr. 15
4:30 pm – Ages 11 to 15
Recipes are simple. No experience is needed.



Navigating College Admissions *

Tuesday, Mar. 11 – 7 pm, Grades 9 & up
Learn about the admissions process, including recent changes. Online only.



Teen Advisory Board (TAB) *

Wed., Mar. 12 & Thurs., Apr. 10
3:45 pm – Grades 6 to 12
Help plan events at the library.



Drop-In Crafts for Teens

Thursday, Mar. 13 & Wednesday, Apr. 16 – 3:30 pm, Grades 6 to 12
Make a different craft each session.



Teen Book Club

Grades 7 to 12
Tuesday, Mar. 25 – 5 pm
Shadow and Bone by Leigh Bardugo
Tuesday, Apr. 22 – 5 pm
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak



Recycled Art Contest *

Wednesday, Apr. 9 – 4 pm
Grades 4-8
Use recycled materials to create a masterpiece! Prizes awarded.



DIY: Spring Holiday Mason Jar *

Friday, Apr. 11 – 4 pm, Grades 6-12
Gift it or keep it. Supplies provided.



This new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics) series provides toddlers, children, and teens with a welcoming space to imagine, build, and inspire interesting creations and fascinating experiments - all while gaining a deeper understanding of the world around them.



MARCH: TRANSPORTATION *

APRIL: EARTH SCIENCE *



Toddlers
(Ages 2-4)

Wednesday, Mar. 26 – 10 am
Build and test wind-powered vehicles.

Wednesday, Apr. 23 – 10 am
Create a rain cloud in a jar.

Children
(Grades K-3)

Friday, Mar. 14 – 4 pm
Create and compare rubber band vs. wind-powered vehicles.

Thursdays, Apr. 10, 17 & 24 – 4 pm
Create Junk Bots, take an earthquake building challenge, and create a cloud in a jar/volcano.

Twins & Teens
(Grades 4-7)

Wednesdays, Mar. 12, 19 & 26 – 7 pm
Explore physics and engineering principles by building bridges, planes and cars with everyday materials.

Tuesday, Apr. 22 – 7 pm
Learn about solar power technologies by building a solar-powered robot.

Programs and Events Children

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Storytime *

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

Mondays, March 24 – May 12
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, March 25 – May 13
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**
 Mar. 6 & Apr. 3

**Sing & Dance
with Guitar Bob**
 Mar. 20 & Apr. 17

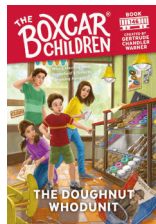
**Music & Movement
with Miss Susan**
 Mar. 13 & Apr. 10

**Boogie Woogie
Babies**
 Mar. 27 & Apr. 24

Children's Book Club *

Thursdays, Mar. 6 to 27 – 4 pm
 Grade 3

We'll discuss *The Doughnut Whodunit* and complete activities. Participants must be able to attend all four meetings.



Alphabet Activities

Fridays, Mar. 14 & 28 and Apr. 11 & 25
 10 am – Drop-in for all ages

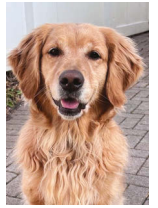
Activities feature a different letter each week and include a craft, writing practice, and learning how to sign the letter in ASL.



Read to Therapy Dogs *

Tues., Mar. 18 & Wed., Apr. 16
 4 pm – Grades K & up

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



Chinese Zodiac Animal Craft *

Friday, Mar. 28 – 4 pm
 Ages 3 to 6

Learn about the Chinese zodiac and make a paper snake.



All About Dumplings *

Friday, Apr. 4 – 4 pm
 Ages 3 to 6

We'll learn some cultural history and make playdough dumplings.



CHESS FOR KIDS *

Mondays, Apr. 7 to May 12

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



Group 1: 4-4:45 pm

Players who know how pieces move.
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

National Library Week: Book Buddies *

Tuesday, Apr. 8 – 4 pm
 Preschool & up

Teens and tweens will share their love of reading with children.



Recycled Art Contest *

Wednesday, Apr. 9 – 4 pm
 Grades 4-8

Use recycled materials to create a masterpiece! Prizes awarded based on community votes.



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BOOKENDS MARCH - APRIL 2025



Culinary Adventures: Sip & Savor!



Cocktail/Mocktail Tasting ★
Monday, March 24 – 7 pm

Learn how to make a great cocktail from mixologist extraordinaire James Gelmi from End of Elm restaurant - with alcohol and without! Participants must be 21 and over.



Dueling Chefs Cook-Off! ★
Monday, March 31 – 7 pm

Based on the Iron Chef concept, four of our finest local chefs will pair off and compete. Includes a door prize to sample the chefs' creations, prize drawings, and more. \$20/pp.

Looking for more cooking programs?
Check out our Library Chef and Tasty Teen Cooking events inside.

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