

BOOKENDS



July - August 2025



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Through August 14 for all ages (Chatham residents only)

Join us this summer for special events, great books, and the chance to earn some awesome prizes. There's something for everyone!



Kids Summer Reading *
For Chatham kids ages 12 & under
Read books, come to the library and report on them to earn points, win prizes, and attend the Summer Reading Club Picnic! →

Teen Summer Reading *
For Chatham students entering Grades 6 to 12
Review books you read for a chance to win weekly prize drawings. Send your reviews to ys@chathamlibrary.org. You choose the format – here are some ideas, or come up with your own.

*Write a review • Make an ad for it • Compare it to the movie
Design a book jacket • Create a book trailer • Tell a librarian about it*

Adult Summer Reading *
For Chatham residents ages 18 & up
Share a brief review about a book you have read for a chance to win a gift card. Prize drawings will be held July 31, Aug. 14 & 30.

You can submit your reviews on the library's website or fill out a paper form available at the library's information desk.

Summer Reading prizes are provided by Friends of the Library.

* To register, go to chathamlibrary.org or call 973-635-0603.

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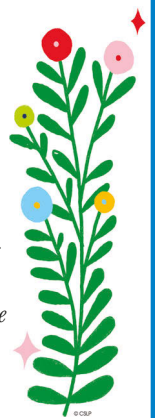
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Summer Reading Club Picnic

Thursday, August 14
3-4:30 pm in Memorial Park

Kids who earn enough points in the Summer Reading Club are invited to join us for amusements, dance, hot dogs, and ice cream!

Picnic sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of the Chatham, the Chatham Jaycees, and the Marlee and Carl Frahn Fund for the Library of the Chatham of the Community Foundation of NJ.



"Color Our World" Showcase of Creativity



Wednesday, July 9, 4-5 pm

Immerse yourself in imagination! Enjoy this reception showcasing artwork created by local children, teens, and adults to celebrate this year's Summer Reading theme. Light refreshments will be served.



July 2025 Programs

ADULTS TEENS CHILDREN CHILDREN/TEENS TEENS/ADULTS ALL AGES

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  <p>Scan this QR code to go to our JULY events calendar. *</p> | | 1 Blood Drive: 10 am-3 pm D&D Club: 6 pm | 2 Mahjong: 1 pm | 3 Music with Carolyn Dempsey: 10 & 10:45 am Cinema214 – <i>Conclave</i> (PG): 3 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm | 4 LIBRARY CLOSED | 5 |
| | 6 LIBRARY CLOSED | 7 Drop-In Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am Crochet Class: 1 pm Chess: 4, 5 & 6 pm | 8 Drop-In Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am Genealogy: 11 am Crochet Class: 1 pm Raúl The Third (Spanish): 2 pm Raúl The Third (English): 4 pm D&D Club: 6 pm Cake Decorating: 7 pm | 9 Crochet Class: 1 pm Mahjong: 1 pm Chess: 4, 5 & 6 pm Color Our World Showcase: 4-5 pm Library Chef–Lemon Bars: 7 pm Tech Tools for Marketing: 7 pm | 10 Music with Miss Susan: 10 & 10:45 am Crochet Class: 1 pm DIY Bubble Tea: 3:30 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm Colorful Magic: 6:15 pm | 11 Alphabet Activities: 10 am Mandarin Storytime: 10 am Crochet Class: 1 pm Chinese Kite: 3 pm Teen Crafts: 3 pm |
| 13 LIBRARY CLOSED | 14 Drop-In Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am Plant Swap: 10 am Navigating Hope: 10 am-2 pm Chess: 4, 5 & 6 pm Python: 4 pm No-Sew T-Shirt Bag: 6:30 pm | 15 Drop-In Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am Python: 4 pm Read to Therapy Dogs: 4 pm D&D Club: 6 pm | 16 Bring Your Own Device Help: 10 am-12 pm Mahjong: 1 pm Chess: 4, 5 & 6 pm Python: 4 pm Library Chef Jr.–Mexican Corn Pasta Salad: 6 pm Library Chef–Salmon with Cilantro: 7:30 pm | 17 Guitar Bob: 10 & 10:45 am Last Career/Active Retirement: 12 pm Marie Lu: 4 pm Python: 4 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm | 18 Color Our World with Miss Jolie: 3 pm Python: 4 pm | 19 Farmers' Market: 9 am-2 pm |
| 20 LIBRARY CLOSED | 21 Drop-In Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am Chess: 4, 5 & 6 pm Zentangle Workshop: 4 pm NJ Shipwrecks: 7 pm | 22 Drop-In Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am Understanding Credit: 12 pm Cinema214– <i>Inside Out 2</i> (PG): 3 pm "Talk Saves Lives": 6 pm D&D Club: 6 pm | 23 Mahjong: 1 pm Watercolor Painting: 3:30 pm Chess: 4, 5 & 6 pm Rex Ogle: 4 pm Library Chef Jr.–Cornbread Muffins: 6 pm Watercolor Painting: 6 pm Mozzarella Demo: 7 pm Library Chef–Grilling for Health: 7:30 pm | 24 Boogie Woogie Babies: 10 & 10:45 am Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm | 25 Alphabet Activities: 10 am | 26 Theatrical Poetry Club: 2 pm |
| 27 LIBRARY CLOSED | 28 Drop-In Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am Beach Hut Decorating Contest: 3:30 pm | 29 Drop-In Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am Problem Solving for Life & Work: 11 am Auto 101: 4 pm D&D Club: 6 pm What's Eating My Plants?: 7 pm | 30 Book Group: 1 pm Mahjong: 1 pm Zoophoria: 4 pm | 31 Yoga Storytime: 10 & 10:45 am Pria Anand: 2 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm | Bookmark Decorating Contest – Vote! Vote for your favorite bookmark from July 14 to July 25. Bookmarks will be on display in the library foyer. Twelve winners will be announced on August 4!  | |

August 2025 Programs

ADULTS TEENS CHILDREN CHILDREN/TEENS ALL AGES

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  <p>Scan this QR code to go to our AUGUST events calendar. *</p> | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| | 3 LIBRARY CLOSED | 4 Drop-In Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am PJs & Movie (<i>Luca</i>): 3 pm Extend Your Gardening Season: 7 pm | 5 Drop-In Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am Jay Falk: 2 pm D&D Club: 6 pm | 6 Mahjong: 1 pm Cinema214– <i>A Minecraft Movie</i> (PG): 1:30 pm Root Beer Float Day: 4 pm Library Chef Jr.–Turkey Sloppy Joes: 6 pm Photo Organizing: 7 pm Wine Tasting: 7 pm Library Chef–Spreads & Condiments: 7:30 pm | 7 Yoga Storytime: 10 & 10:45 am Origami for Kids: 4 pm 3D Origami: 5:15 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm | 8 Alphabet Activities: 10 am Bring Your Own Device Help Session: 10 am-12 pm |
| 10 LIBRARY CLOSED | 11 Drop-In Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am Rainbow Sand Art: 10 am–Ages 2-4 2 pm–Grades K-3 3 pm–Grades 4-7 DIY Trinket Tray: 6:30 pm | 12 Drop-In Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am Plant Swap: 4 pm D&D Club: 6 pm Library Chef–5 Ways to Chicken Salad: 7 pm What Makes Magic... Magic: 7 pm | 13 Mahjong: 1 pm Cinema214– <i>The Last Showgirl</i> (R): 2 pm Teen Crafts: 3 pm Library Chef Jr.–Grilled Cheese: 6 pm Genealogy: 7 pm Library Chef–Breakfast Bars: 7:30 pm | 14 Music with Miss Susan: 10 & 10:45 am Summer Reading Club Picnic: 3-4:30 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm | 15 School Calendar Craft: 3 pm | 16 Farmers' Market: 9 am-2 pm Mental Health First Aid, Part I: 10 am-2 pm Art Reception: 2:15-4 pm |
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* 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.



Raúl the Third
Let's Go Read (PreK-Gr. 2)
 Tues., July 8 – 2 pm *Spanish*
 Tues., July 8 – 4 pm *English*



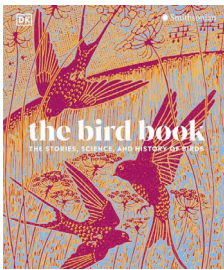
Marie Lu
Legend (Gr. 9-12)
 Thurs., July 17 – 4 pm



Rex Ogle
Free Lunch (Gr. 6-8)
 Wed., July 23 – 4 pm



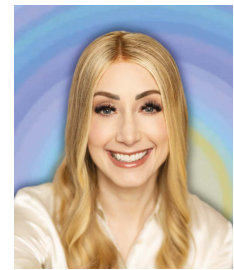
Pria Anand
The Mind Electric
 Thurs., July 31 – 2 pm



Jay Falk,
Smithsonian Institute
The Bird Book
 Tues., Aug. 5 – 2 pm



Casey McQuiston
The Pairing
 Wed., Aug. 20 – 7 pm



Tasha Eurich
Shatterproof
 Thurs., Aug. 28 – 2 pm

Online Cooking Classes

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



No-Bake Lemon Bars
 Wed., July 9 – 7 pm

Simple Salmon with Cilantro
 Wed., July 16 – 7:30 pm

Grilling for Health
(anti-inflammatory foods)
 Wed., July 23 – 7:30 pm

Homemade Spreads & Condiments
 Wed., Aug. 6 – 7:30 pm

Five Ways to Chicken Salad
 Tues., Aug. 12 – 7 pm

Coconut Caramel Breakfast Bars
 Wed., Aug. 13 – 7:30 pm

NEW **Library Chef Junior**
 Cooking classes are now available for kids & teens!
 See pages 6 & 7 for details.



Thurs., July 3 – 3 pm
Conclave (PG)

Tues., July 22 – 3 pm
Inside Out 2 (PG)

Wed., Aug. 6 – 1:30 pm
A Minecraft Movie (PG)

Wed., Aug. 13 – 2 pm
The Last Showgirl (R)

More Adult Programs



SUMMER READING FOR ADULTS ★

Tell us about the books you are reading! Read books and write reviews for a chance to win prizes. *See cover for details.*

Who Were the Parents of Benjamin Tripp? ★

Tuesday, July 8 – 11 am

Learn about using vital records, local history, land records, census records, probate records, cemetery records and more in genealogical research.



Cake Decorating Contest ★

Tuesday, July 8 – 7 pm

Local decorators will race to design and decorate the ultimate cake. Then you vote on your favorite and taste each one.



Color Our World Showcase

Wednesday, July 9 – 4 to 5 pm

See cover for details.

Tech Tools for Marketing ★

Wednesday, July 9 – 7 pm

Explore a range of FREE tech tools designed to enhance marketing strategies and make you look like a pro.



Theatrical Poetry Club ★

Saturdays, July 12 & 26;

Aug. 9 & 23 – 2 pm

Poetry writers and enthusiasts, read and appreciate published works or perform original poetry of your own.



Community Plant Swap ★

Monday, July 14 – 10 to 11 am

Tuesday, Aug. 12 – 4 to 5 pm

Bring a plant, cutting or seeds to share.



Navigating Hope

Monday, July 14 – 10 am to 2 pm

Learn about social services in Morris County.



Weekly Programs:

Mahjong

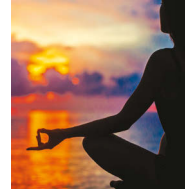
Wednesdays – 1 pm

For experienced players.

Sahaja Yoga Meditation ★

Thursdays – 6 pm

Find balance and peace.



Crafty Corner:

No-Sew T-Shirt Bag ★

Monday, July 14 – 6:30 pm

Make a reusable shopping bag from a gently used t-shirt.



Bring Your Own Device Help Sessions ★

Wed., July 16 & Friday, Aug. 8

10 am to 12 pm

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



Preparing for Your Last Career and Active Retirement ★

Thursday, July 17 – 12 pm

Join Global Career Development Facilitator Paul Cecala for tips on final career moves. Online only.



New Jersey Shipwrecks ★

Monday, July 21 – 7 pm

Shipwreck diver Dan Lieb will share 300 years of shipwreck activity in New Jersey waters.



Understanding Credit ★

Tuesday, July 22 – 12 pm

Learn about credit factors, reports, and identity theft. Online only.



Watercolor Painting Class ★

Wednesday, July 23 – 6 pm

Under the guidance of Bernadine Ferrari, you'll paint a picture in the spirit of *Color Our World*.



Mozzarella Demonstration ★

Wednesday, July 23 – 7 pm

See how mozzarella is made, and stretch some yourself! \$15/pp.



JOIN US @ THE FARMERS' MARKET!

3rd Saturday of the month
9 am to 2 pm

All ages are invited! Stop by our table for a fun craft, learn about library events & services, or sign up for a library card.



Problem Solving for Work & Life *

Tuesday, July 29 – 11 am

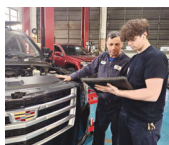
Learn how to tackle everyday challenges using simple problem-solving tools.



Auto 101 *

Tuesday, July 29 – 4 pm

Learn maintenance tips and car care basics from Bauer Automotive Service.



What's Eating My Veggies & Plants? *

Tuesday, July 29 – 7 pm

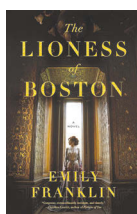
Learn to identify and deal with the most common garden problems. Online only.



Book Group

Wednesday, July 30 – 1 pm

Discuss *The Lioness of Boston* by Emily Franklin, which features Isabella Stewart Gardner. Copies at the reference desk.



Extending Your Gardening Season *

Monday, Aug. 4 – 7 pm

Learn about cold frames, greenhouses, cloches and row covers. Online only.



Photo Organizing & Preservation *

Wednesday, Aug. 6 – 7 pm

Learn the best ways to organize and preserve family photos. Online only.



Wine Tasting *

Wednesday, Aug. 6 – 7 pm

Sample wine while a sommelier from Gary's Wine & Marketplace shares his knowledge. Ages 21 and up. \$15/pp.



Crafty Corner: DIY Trinket Tray *

Monday, Aug. 11 – 6:30 pm

Make a trinket tray to hold jewelry, keys, or other small items.



What Makes Magic...Magic? *

Tuesday, Aug. 12 – 7 pm

Suitable for ages 8 and up.

Join Bill Wisch, protégé of magician Tony Slydini, for sleight of hand magic.



Discovering Your Family History *

Wednesday, Aug. 13 – 7 pm

Genealogist Laura Cabbage-Draper will cover key genealogy resources, tips, and techniques for discovering your family stories.



Nonna's Nature Walks Art Reception

Saturday, Aug. 16 – 2:15 to 4 pm

This exhibit captures the many moods of nature through photography.



Programs and Events Teens

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

SUMMER READING FOR TEENS *

Review the books you read for a chance to win weekly prize drawings. Entries may be displayed in the library or online! See cover for details.



DIY for Teens: Bubble Tea *

Thursday, July 10 – 3:30 pm

Grades 6-12

Make your own customized bubble tea. Ingredients will be provided, so choose your flavor, then mix and sip!



Drop-In Crafts for Teens

Friday, July 11 & Wednesday, Aug. 13
3 pm, Grades 6-12

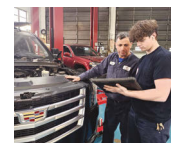
Bring your friends and make a different craft each session.



Auto 101 *

Tuesday, July 29 – 4 pm

Learn maintenance tips and car care basics from Bauer Automotive Service.



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Programs and Events Children/Teens

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Crochet Club for Beginners ★

Monday, July 7 – Friday, July 11
1 pm, Grades 5-8
Learn the basics of crocheting.



Color Our World Showcase

Wednesday, July 9 – 4 to 5 pm
See cover for details.



Python Class with Ishan ★

Monday, July 14 – Friday, July 18
4 pm, Grades 4-7
Learn the basics of Python. Bring your own computer.



Watercolor Painting Class ★

Wednesday, July 23 – 3:30 pm
Grades 4-8
Paint a picture for this year's summer reading theme, *Color Our World*.



Beach Hut Decorating Contest ★

Monday, July 28 – 3:30 pm
Grades 4-7
Create a beach hut out of snacks.



Root Beer Float Day ★

Wednesday, Aug. 6 – 4 pm
Grades 3-7
Make and enjoy a root beer float.



3D Origami ★

Thursday, Aug. 7 – 5:15 pm
Grades 4-8
Create objects like a flower by assembling folded origami paper.



LIBRARY CHEF JUNIOR

Online cooking classes (ages 10 & up)

Mexican Street Corn Pasta Salad ★

Wednesday, July 16 – 6 pm

Turkey Sloppy Joes ★

Wednesday, Aug. 6 – 6 pm

Rainbow Sand Art ★

Monday, Aug. 11 – 3 pm
Grades 4-7

Get colorful and creative! Design a layered sand masterpiece in a bottle.



CS Base Coding Camp ★

Monday, Aug. 18 – Friday, Aug. 22
9:30 am to 3 pm

Rising 4th graders & up

Taught by high schoolers, this camp will help prepare students for our tech-reliant future. Bring your own computer and lunch. Registration is required.



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Tuesdays, 6 to 8 pm; Grades 3-12

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; the Marlee and Carl Frahn Fund for the Library of The Chathams of the Community Foundation of NJ, the Chatham Jaycees, and the Kiwanis Club of Chatham and Madison.

Drop-In Storytimes

No registration is needed.

Mondays, July 7 – Aug. 11

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, July 8 – Aug. 12

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.

Music with
Carolyn Dempsey
July 3

Guitar Bob
July 17

Music & Movement
with Miss Susan
July 10, Aug. 14

Boogie Woogie Babies
July 24, Aug. 28

Yoga Storytime with
Miss Jenn
July 31, Aug. 7

CHESS FOR KIDS ★

Learn strategy, basic checkmates, tactical patterns, and more from chess expert Sean Finn.



Mondays & Wednesdays, July 7 – 23
Register only if you can attend all six classes.

Group 1: 4-4:45 pm (Suggested ages 6 to 8)
 Players who know how pieces move.

Group 2: 5-5:45 pm (Suggested ages 8 & up)
 Players who can finish a game with checkmate.

Group 3: 6-6:45 pm (Suggested ages 8 & up)
 Players who have taken Group 2 or similar.

Colorful Magic for All Ages

Thursday, July 10 – 6:15 pm, All Ages
 Witness impossible magic tricks and off-the-wall comedy.



Alphabet Activities

Fridays, July 11 & 25 and Aug. 8 & 22
 10 am – All Ages
 Activities and crafts feature a different letter each week.



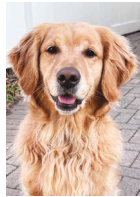
Decorate a Chinese Kite ★

Friday, July 11 – 3 pm, Ages 2-7
 Decorate a kite inspired by traditional Chinese designs.



Read to Therapy Dogs ★

Tuesday, July 15 & Wed., Aug. 20
 4 pm – Grades K & Up
 These neutral listeners are certified by The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs.



Color Our World with Miss Jolie

Friday, July 18 – 3 pm, All Ages
 Celebrate the beauty of colors through song, imagination, dance, and bubbles.



Zentangle Workhop ★

Monday, July 21 – 4 pm, Grades K-5
 Use simple patterns and pen strokes to create beautiful Zentangle art.



Color Our World: Zoophoria

Wednesday, July 30 – 4 pm
All Ages
 Meet a variety of colorful reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates.



PJs & Movie

Monday, Aug. 4 – 3 pm
All Ages
 We'll watch *Luca*, set in the Italian Riviera, and enjoy Italian snacks.



Origami for Kids ★

Thursday, Aug. 7 – 4 pm, Grades K-3
 Learn to make animals, sea creatures, flowers, and more with origami paper.



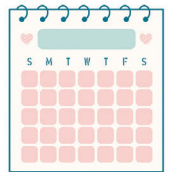
Rainbow Sand Art ★

Monday, Aug. 11
 10 am (Ages 2-4)
 2 pm (Grades K-3)
 Create rainbow sand art in a bottle.



School Calendar Craft

Friday, Aug. 15 – 3 pm
Grades K-5
 Decorate a calendar to help keep you organized throughout the school year.



SUMMER READING FOR KIDS ★

Read books all summer long and report on them at the library. Earn points, win prizes, and attend the Summer Reading Club Picnic! See cover for details.



LIBRARY CHEF JUNIOR

Online cooking classes (ages 5 to 9)

Cornbread Muffin Magic ★

Wednesday, July 23 – 6 pm

Grilled Cheese ★

Wednesday, Aug. 13 – 6 pm

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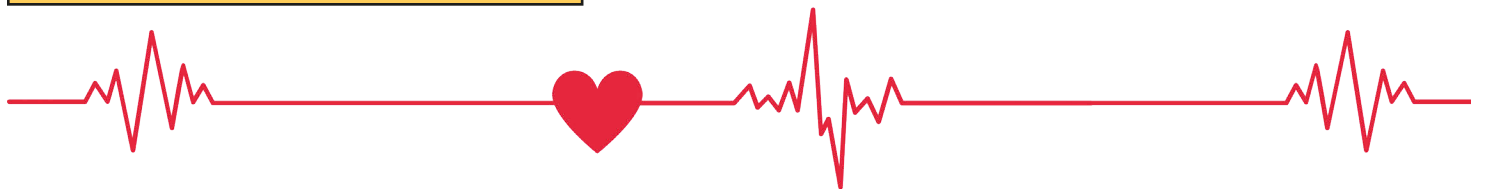
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Postal Customer



COMMUNITY LIFELINE:

SHARING HOPE,
SAVING LIVES



**Blood Drive ★
Tuesday, July 1
10 am to 3 pm**

Help save lives by ensuring a safe & reliable blood supply is available to those in need.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit **RedCrossBlood.org** and enter: Chatham Library.

Offered in partnership with the American Red Cross.



**Talk Saves Lives ★
Tuesday, July 22 – 6 pm**

Tips for adults on how to support youth who may be struggling, recognize the signs, and foster a caring environment.

*Offered in partnership with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Special thanks to the library's STAY Advisory Committee. Information about the committee is available at **chathamlibrary.org/stay***



**Mental Health First Aid ★
Saturdays, Aug. 16 & 23
10 am to 2 pm**

Adults will learn how to effectively recognize and respond to signs and symptoms of a mental health challenge or crisis.

Offered in partnership with Morris County Funders Group through the Community Foundation of NJ and The Mental Health Association in NJ.