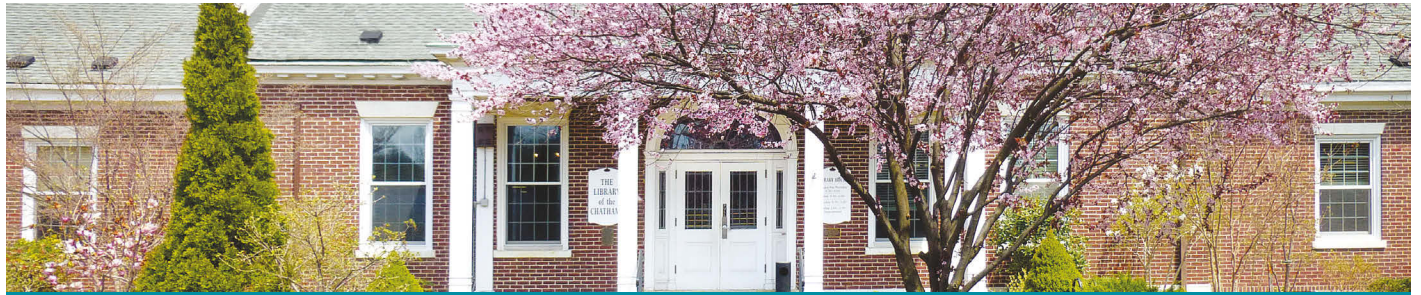


BOOKENDS



May - June 2025



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Spring into Gardening!

The warming weather brings thoughts of the great outdoors. Join us for these programs to help jumpstart your garden adventures—whether you are a beginner or an experienced gardener.



Plant Swap Parties *

Thursday, May 8 – 4 to 5:30 pm &
Tuesday, June 10 – 10 to 11:30 am

Diversify your plant collection, share your gardening successes, and meet other plant enthusiasts. Bring a plant, cutting, or seeds to share with neighbors.

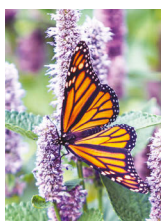


From Rutgers Master Gardeners, we bring you:

All About Hydrangeas *

Wednesday, May 28 – 7 pm

Learn about hydrangea selection, care, maintenance, pruning and propagation. Online only.



Paradise Gardens *

Monday, June 30 – 7 pm

Create a paradise garden in your own backyard. Learn how to attract pollinators, discover which trees and plants they like, and what those plants require for success in your garden. Online only.



Seed Library

Don't forget our Seed Library! Sign out non-GMO heirloom seeds, plant them, save some seeds when you harvest, and return the seeds to the library to share with others. Scan the QR code to learn more!



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Learn how to get involved at the Foundation's new website at chathamlibraryfoundation.org, or visit their table at the Fishawack Festival on June 14!

A Year at the Library: 2024 in Review

Did you know that the library had 213,540 visitors in 2024?

Scan the QR code to learn more!



THANK YOU, FRIENDS!

The Friends of the Library had a very successful Book Sale in March, raising over \$44,000 to help support library programs, an author talk series, museum passes, and more!

The Friends work tirelessly to bring the Book Sale to our community each year. Thank you, Friends, for your dedication and support!





May 2025 Programs **ADULTS TEENS CHILDREN CHILDREN/TEENS ALL AGES**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Scan this QR code to go to our MAY events calendar. ★				1 Yoga Storytime: 10 & 10:45 am Cinema214 - <i>Dog Man</i> (PG): 4 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm Romanticism: 7 pm	2 Holy Guacamole! 4 pm	3
4	5 Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am Chess: 4, 5 & 6 pm Finance for Teens: 4 pm	6 Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am DIY Stress Balls: 4 pm D&D Club: 6 pm	7 STEAM It Up!: 10 am Mahjong: 1 pm Dr. David Rosmarin: 2 pm STEAM It Up!: 4 pm Mother's Day Spa-tacular: 6:30 pm Jazz Up Those Burgers: 7:30 pm	8 Music with Miss Susan: 10 & 10:45 am Teen Advisory Board: 3:45 pm Plant Swap Party: 4 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm	9 Alphabet Activities: 10 am	10 Vintage Cars & Cuban Food: 9:30-11:30 am
11	12 Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am Moroccan Chicken: 1 pm Chess: 4, 5 & 6 pm Finance for Teens: 4 pm Dried Flower Art: 6 pm	13 Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am D&D Club: 6 pm Genealogy - Military Records: 7 pm	14 Italian: 1 pm Mahjong: 1 pm Singin' in the Rain: 1 pm John Blake: 7 pm Liann Zhang: 7 pm	15 Guitar Bob: 10 & 10:45 am Teen Crafts: 3:30 pm Google Sheets: 4 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm The FrostKings Band: 7 pm	16 Cinema214 - <i>Lucky Grandma</i> (NR): 1 pm STEAM It Up!: 4 pm	17
18 Art Reception: NJ Art Association: 2:15-4 pm Stitches in Time: 3:30 pm	19 Stroke & Diabetes Risk Assessment: 2-4 pm Finance for Teens: 4 pm	20 Read to Therapy Dogs: 4 pm Teen Book Club: 5 pm D&D Club: 6 pm	21 Medicare Overview: 10 am Mahjong: 1 pm Rachelle Bergstein: 2 pm Creating College Applications: 7 pm Veggie Burgers: 7 pm	22 Boogie Woogie Babies: 10 & 10:45 am Bring Your Own Device Help: 10 am-12 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm Chamber: Suburban Chiropractic: 6 pm	23	24
25 LIBRARY CLOSED	26 LIBRARY CLOSED	27 D&D Club: 6 pm	28 Book Group: 1 pm Italian: 1 pm Mahjong: 1 pm The Sky Tonight: Grades 6-12: 3:30 pm Grades K-5: 4:30 pm Adults: 5:30 pm Hydrangeas: 7 pm	29 Baby & Me: 10 & 10:45 am Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm Bingo: 7 pm	30 Alphabet Activities: 10 am	31



June 2025 Programs **ADULTS TEENS CHILDREN CHILDREN/TEENS ALL AGES**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Scan this QR code to go to our JUNE events calendar. ★	2 Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am Finance for Teens: 4 pm	3 Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am D&D Club: 6 pm	4 Mahjong: 1 pm Extinctopedia: 2 pm Summer Reading Volunteer Orientation: 4 pm Trivia Showdown: 7 pm Let's Make Cheese: 7:30 pm	5 Yoga Storytime: 10 & 10:45 am Teen Advisory Board: 3:45 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm	6 Mobility Club: 12 pm Cinema214 - <i>Revival69</i> (NR): 2 pm	7
8 Art Reception: Hsin Ruey Art Group: 2:15-4 pm	9 Storytimes: 10, 10:45 & 11:30 am Caregiver Overload: 2 pm Finance for Teens: 4 pm	10 Storytimes: 10 & 10:45 am Plant Swap Party: 10 am Lisa Jewell: 2 pm D&D Club: 6 pm Mango & Cucumber Salad: 7 pm	11 STEAM It Up!: 10 am Italian: 1 pm Mahjong: 1 pm Movie & Discussion: 1 pm Resin Art: 4 pm STEAM It Up!: 4 pm STEAM It Up!: 6 pm Resin Art: 6:30 pm	12 Boogie Woogie Babies: 10 & 10:45 am Teen Crafts: 3:30 pm Information Security: 4 pm Sahaja Meditation: 6 pm Chamber: Wisebite Nutrition: 6 pm	13 Alphabet Activities: 10 am Mobility Club: 12 pm	14 Fishawack Festival: 10 am-4 pm
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29 LIBRARY CLOSED	30 Paradise Gardens: 7 pm	 The library's ESL program for adult learners is free and taught by experienced volunteer teachers. To learn more about current and upcoming sessions, go to chathamlibrary.org/esl-classes.				

★ 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

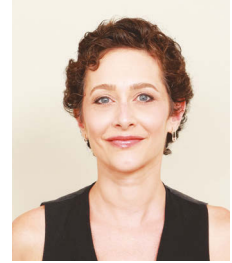
Register online at libraryc.org/chathamlibrary and also find conversations you missed. Offered in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium and with help from the Friends of the Library.



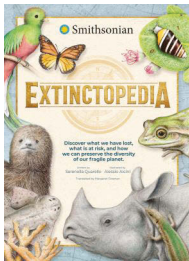
Dr. David Rosmarin
Thriving with Anxiety
Wed., May 7 – 2 pm



Liann Zhang
Julie Chan is Dead
Wed., May 14 – 7 pm



Rachelle Bergstein
The Genius of Judy
Wed., May 21 – 2 pm



Smithsonian
speaking about
Extinctopedia
Wed., June 4 – 2 pm



Lisa Jewell
Don't Let Him In
Tues., June 10 – 2 pm



Katherine Applegate
Odder: An Otter's Story
(Grades 3-5)
Tues., June 24 – 4 pm



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

Jazz Up Those Burgers: Seasonings & Add-Ins
Wed., May 7 – 7:30 pm

Moroccan Chicken Tagine
(Live from Morocco with Chef Mohammed Zai)
Mon., May 12 – 1 pm

Easy Veggie Burgers
(packed with vegetables)
Wed., May 21 – 7 pm

Let's Make Cheese Curd & Fresh Mozzarella
Wed., June 4 – 7:30 pm

Mango & Cucumber Salad with Chili Lime Dressing
Tues., June 10 – 7 pm

Special Session with Nutritionist Nina
(gluten & dairy-free mac & cheese)
Wed., June 18 – 7:30 pm



Thurs., May 1 – 4 pm
Dog Man (PG)

Fri., May 16 – 1 pm
Lucky Grandma (NR)

Fri., June 6 – 2 pm
Revival69: The Concert That Rocked the World (NR)

Fri., June 20 – 2 pm
Paddington in Peru (PG)

NEW! Movies & Discussion

Wed., May 14 – 1 pm
Singin' in the Rain

Wed., June 11 – 1 pm
Title TBD – suggest a genre!

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

More Adult Programs

How To Look: Romanticism *

Thursday, May 1 – 7 pm

Examine major themes of the early 19th-century movement with art historian Jay Schuck. Online only.



Mother's Day Spa-tacular! *

Wednesday, May 7 – 6:30 pm

Grades 6-12 with parent/caregiver

A special bonding moment! Face masks, nail polish, and DIY scrubs.



Vintage Cars and Cuban Vibes *

Saturday, May 10 – 9:30 to 11:30 am

Bring the family to see classic cars and enjoy Cuban fare from the Cubita Food Truck. Registration encouraged but not required.



Crafty Corner: Dried Flower Art *

Monday, May 12 – 6 pm

Use your imagination and creativity to create beautiful art with dried flowers.



Genealogy: Military Records *

Tuesday, May 13 – 7 pm

Learn about records available at the NJ State Archives from the Colonial Era through WWI.



Italian Conversation Group *

Wednesdays, May 14 & 28

and June 11 – 1 pm

Practice Italian in group conversation.



Author Talk with John Blake *

Wednesday, May 14 – 7 pm

Featuring *More Than I Imagined: What a Black Man Discovered About the White Mother He Never Knew*. Online only.



Weekly Programs:

Mahjong

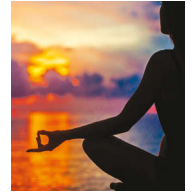
Wednesdays – 1 pm

For experienced players.

Sahaja Yoga Meditation *

Thursdays – 6 pm

Find balance and peace.



Tech Workshop: Google Sheets *

Thursday, May 15 – 4 pm

Explore the basics of this tool for working with spreadsheets online.



The FrostKings

Band Performance *

Thursday, May 15 – 7 pm

Enjoy a musical repertoire, from West Coast swing to classic blues and R&B.



Art Reception: NJ Art Association

Sunday, May 18 – 2:15 to 4 pm

Enjoy artwork by artists of all skill levels, working in all media.



Stitches in Time *

Sunday, May 18 – 3:30 pm

Chatham Township Historical Society presents three centuries of hemlines, necklines, and fashion.



Stroke & Diabetes Screening *

Monday, May 19 – 2 to 4 pm

Schedule a 10-minute risk assessment to check your vitals and learn about risk factors, signs, and symptoms.



Medicare Overview *

Wednesday, May 21 – 10 am

An overview of benefits and costs for Parts A & B, Medigap, Prescription Drug Plans and Advantage Plans.



Read Newspapers Online!

Did you know that you can access many newspapers online - both from home and at the library? Here are a few of the newspapers available: *The New York Times*, *The Star-Ledger*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. Learn more at chathamlibrary.org/learning-and-research/#mag.



Bring Your Own Device Help Sessions *

Thursday, May 22 & Monday, June 16
10 am to 12 pm

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



Member Business Spotlight with the Chatham Area Chamber of Commerce *



Come to network & learn about local businesses.

Thursday, May 22 – 6 pm

Featuring Suburban Chiropractic Center with Dr. Joseph Murphy.

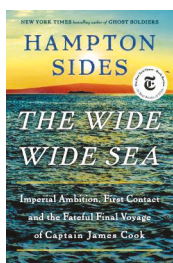
Thursday, June 12 – 6 pm

Featuring Wisebite Nutrition with Raksha Shah.

Book Group

Wednesday, May 28 – 1 pm

Discuss *The Wide Wide Sea* by Hampton Sides. Copies at reference desk.



The Sky Tonight *

Wednesday, May 28 – 5:30 pm

Explore the wonders of the night sky in a portable planetarium.



Library Bingo *

Thursday, May 29 – 7 pm

Play bingo with family and friends. There will be prizes for the winners!



Chatham Trivia Showdown *

Wednesday, June 4 – 7 pm

Form or join a team of 4-6 members and dive into a variety of trivia categories. Winners will earn prizes!



Mobility Club Classes *

Fridays, June 6, 13 & 20 – 12 pm

Improve your mobility, flexibility, strength, balance and posture.

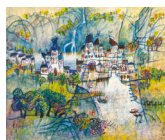


Art Reception:

Hsin Ruey Art Group

Sunday, June 8 – 2:15 to 4 pm

Enjoy paintings featuring traditional Chinese brushwork in watercolor applied to rice paper or silk.



Caregiver Overload *

Monday, June 9 – 2 pm

Explore the challenges caregivers face and learn how to care for others while still caring for yourself. In person & online.



Resin Art Shadow Boxes *

Wednesday, June 11 – 6:30 pm

Paint, arrange, mix and pour resin to create beautiful art.



Tech Workshop: Info Security *

Thursday, June 12 – 4 pm

Learn how to protect your data, networks and systems.



Crafty Corner: DIY Wind Chime *

Monday, June 16 – 6 pm

Make a wind chime with repurposed items from your everyday life.

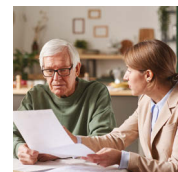


Difficult Discussions with Aging Parents *

Tuesday, June 17 – 7 pm

Learn strategies from an elder law/estate attorney and a registered nurse/geriatric care advocate.

Presented with the Senior Center of the Chathams.



Find Your Ancestors in the Largest Family Tree! *

Wednesday, June 25 – 11 am

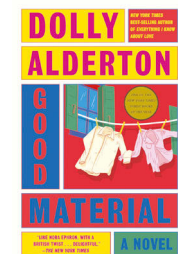
Learn about FamilySearch and its genealogical resources.



Book Group

Wednesday, June 25 – 1 pm

We'll discuss *Good Material*, a romantic comedy novel by Dolly Alderton. Copies at reference desk.



Color Our World: Painting *

Friday, June 27 – 3 to 5 pm

Paint a colorful masterpiece to display in the library during July for this year's Summer Reading program. Visit the Art Show Reception on July 9 at 4 pm.



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Out in the Community



@ the Fishawack Festival
Saturday, June 14 – 10 am to 4 pm
Visit the library's table to sign up for the summer reading program, try out our button maker, sign up for a library card, and more!

@ the Farmers' Market
3rd Saturday of the month – 9 am to 2 pm
(Starting June 21)

All ages are invited to stop by the library's table for a fun craft, learn about library events & services, or sign up for a library card.

Programs and Events Teens

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

Holy Guacamole! *

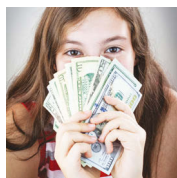
Friday, May 2 – 4 pm, Grades 4-7
Get ready for Cinco de Mayo by making fresh guacamole and salsa.



Finance for Teens *

Mondays, May 5 to June 16 – 4 pm
Grades 6-8

An introduction to fundamental concepts of finance and investing.



DIY: Aromatherapy Stress Balls *

Tuesday, May 6 – 4 pm, Grades 6-12
We'll make colorful, scented stress balls. Supplies will be provided.



Mother's Day Spa-tacular! *

Wednesday, May 7 – 6:30 pm
Grades 6-12 with parent/caregiver
A special bonding moment! Face masks, nail polish, and DIY scrubs.



Teen Advisory Board (TAB) *

Thursdays, May 8 & June 5 – 3:45 pm
Grades 6-12
Help plan teen events at the library.



Drop-In Crafts for Teens

Thursday, May 15 – 3:30 pm
Grades 6-12
Make a different craft each session.



Teen Book Club

Tuesday, May 20 – 5 pm, Grades 6-12
We'll discuss *Legend* by Marie Lu.



Create a Compelling College Application *

Wednesday, May 21 – 7 pm
Teens & Adults

Stand Out for College will cover how to write compelling college applications. Online only.



The Sky Tonight *

Wednesday, May 28 – 3:30 pm
Grades 6-12

Explore the wonders of the night sky in a portable planetarium.



Summer Reading Volunteer Orientation

Wednesday, June 4 – 4 pm
Grades 6 & Up

Earn volunteer hours helping with our summer reading program.



Resin Art Shadow Boxes *

Wed., June 11 – 4 pm, Gr. 6-12
Paint, arrange, mix and pour resin to create beautiful art.



Paint! Color Our World *

Friday, June 27 – 3 to 5 pm
Grades 6-12

Paint a colorful masterpiece to display in the library during July for this year's Summer Reading program. Visit the Art Show Reception on July 9 at 4 pm.



TABLETOP GAMING

Dungeons & Dragons Club

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

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STEAM IT UP!

May: VISIBLE LIGHT★		June: OCEAN SCIENCE★
Toddlers (Ages 2-4)	Wednesday, May 7 – 10 am Explore shadows and mirrors.	Wednesday, June 11 – 10 am Investigate beaches and waves.
Children (Grades K-3)	Wednesday, May 7 – 4 pm See light pass through different materials.	Wednesday, June 11 – 4 pm Build a mini beach with waves.
Tweens / Teens (Grades 4-7)	Friday, May 16 – 4 pm Interactive light experiments & activities.	Wednesday, June 11 – 6 pm Earthquake & tsunami science.

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. Registration opens Monday, May 26.

Mondays, June 2-23

- 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, June 3-24

- 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.

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| Yoga Storytime
with Miss Jenn
May 1 & June 5 | Guitar Bob
May 15 & June 26 |
| Music & Movement
with Miss Susan
May 8 & June 19 | Boogie Woogie
Babies
May 22 & June 12 |
| | Baby & Me
May 29 |

Holy Guacamole! ★

Friday, May 2 – 4 pm, Grades 4-7
Make fresh guacamole and salsa.



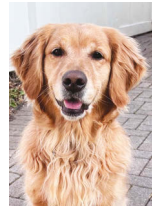
Alphabet Activities

Fridays, May 9 & 30 and June 13 & 27
10 am – Drop-in for all ages
Activities and crafts feature a different letter each week.



Read to Therapy Dogs ★

Tues., May 20 & Wed., June 18
4 pm – Grades K & Up
These neutral listeners are certified by The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs.



The Sky Tonight ★

Wednesday, May 28 – 4:30 pm
Grades K-5
Journey through the wonders of the night sky in a portable planetarium.



Color Our World with Music

Thursday, June 19 – 4:30 pm,
All Ages
Learn about sounds & rhythms.



SUMMER READING

KICKOFF! Eyes of the Wild

Monday, June 23 – 6 pm
See back cover for details



Paint! Color Our World ★

Friday, June 27 – 3 to 5 pm,
Grades K-5
Paint a masterpiece to display in July for the Summer Reading program. Visit the Art Reception on July 9 at 4 pm.



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Summer Reading

June 23 – August 14 for all ages
Chatham residents only

Register at the Fishawack Festival on June 14 or at the library starting June 23. Prizes provided by the Friends of the Library.

ADULTS (Ages 18 & up) - Read books to enter in a monthly prize drawing – the more you read, the better your chances!

TEENS (Entering Grades 6-12) - Read and review books to be entered to win weekly prize drawings & more!

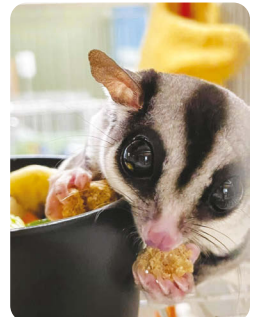
KIDS (Ages 12 & under) - Read and report on books to earn points, win prizes & attend the Summer Reading Club Picnic!

Don't miss the Summer Reading Kickoff:

EYES OF THE WILD

Monday, June 23 - 6 to 7 pm

In the spirit of this year's Summer Reading theme, "Color Our World," we'll meet live animals from around the globe and look at how they depend on and change the world we share. Drop-in for ages 4 & up.



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