



Ocean County Library

# Programs and Events Guide December 2023



**BARNEGAT**  
609-698-3331

**A/PA – 12/2, 2:30 pm, Saturday**  
**National Lampoon's**  
**Christmas Vacation**  
(PG-13) 97 min. **REG**

**A – 1 pm, Mondays**  
**Monday Movie**  
12/4: *No Hard Feelings* (R) 103 min.  
12/11: *Flash* (PG-13) 144 min.  
12/18: *Air* (PG-13) 112 min.

**T – 12/6, 6 pm, Wednesday**  
**DIY Marble Dipped Mugs**  
Create a unique marble mug to keep for yourself or give as a gift. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**TW – 12/7, 6 pm, Thursday**  
**Tween Club: Holiday Ornament and DIY Wrapping Paper**  
Have fun making a nautical inspired ornament. Then, design and stamp your own wrapping paper to bring home. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

**CH – 12/8, 10 am, Friday**  
**Homeschool History: The History of Barnegat**  
A member of the Barnegat Historical Society will deliver a presentation on the history of Barnegat. Come to hear about historic Barnegat, and the local famed deer, Barnegat Pete; followed by an activity. Ages 7 – 12. **REG**

**A – 12/8, 3 pm, Friday**  
**Book Page Ornament Craft for Adults**  
Join us and create your own holiday book page-filled ornament. Space is limited. **REG**

**A – 12/9, 12/23, 10 am, Saturdays & 12/14, 12/28, 1 pm, Thursdays**  
**EWE Knit and Crochet**  
Drop in with your own supplies.

**CH – 12/9, 11 am, Saturday**  
**Snow Queen Storytime**  
Join the Snow Queen for stories, songs, simple games, and more. Meet-and-greet photo opportunity. Ages 2+. **REG**

**CH/PA – 12/12, 10 am, Tuesday**  
**Santa Claus Storytime**  
Holiday themed stories and songs followed by a visit from Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. Refreshments will be provided. Ages 2+. **REG**

**A – 12/13, 10 am, Wednesday**  
**Norman Rockwell: An American Portrait**  
(NR) 60 min. **REG**

**T – 12/13, 6 pm, Wednesday**  
**Crochet 101 for Teens**  
Join us for this month's meeting of the teen crochet group. Never crocheted before? No problem. We will go over the basics and learn as we go. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**G – 12/15, 1 pm, Friday**  
**Robert L. Horbelt Intermediate School Christmas Carolers**  
Celebrate the holiday season at the library. Songs of the season will be performed live at the library by 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade chorus students as well as other select ensembles of the Robert L. Horbelt Intermediate School. **REG**

**A – 12/19, 2 pm, Tuesday**  
**Colonial and Victorian Christmas Customs**  
Whether it is decorating with holly and mistletoe, eating gingerbread, or going caroling, these Christmas customs have been handed down from Colonial and Victorian times. Join us as we welcome Judith Krall Russo who will talk about these customs, and learn about their similarities, as well as their differences. **REG**

**CH – 12/20, 10 am, Wednesday**  
**Toddler Art: Contact Paper Christmas Tree**  
Toddlers can come and create a mess-free Christmas tree craft using contact paper and craft supplies. Ages 2+. **REG**

**T – 12/20, 6 pm, Wednesday**  
**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**  
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18



**BEACHWOOD**  
732-244-4573

**CH/PA – 12/4, 4:30 pm, Monday**  
**Paws for Reading**  
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dog, Mikey. Ages 3+. **REG**

**CH – 12/8, Friday**  
**Hanukkah Drop-in Craft for Kids**  
Stop by the library any time for a craft in celebration of Hanukkah. For children up to 12 years.

**TW – 12/11, 6 pm, Monday**  
**Pallet Painting**  
Tweens will paint pallets with the phrase, "Let it Snow." Sponsored by the Friends of the Beachwood Branch. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**



## PROGRAM KEY

A	Adult Program
BD	Book Discussion
C	Computer
CH	Children's Program
DIV	Diversity Program
FR	Friends Meeting
G	General Audience
MKR	Maker Program
PA	Potential Allergens
REG	Please Register
S	Sensory Program
T	Teen Program
TW	Tween Program

The Ocean County Library is a truly multicultural institution. We respect, honor, and celebrate individual and cultural differences. Our collections, programming, outreach, policies, and personnel practices reflect this commitment. We are inclusive and understanding of our co-workers and of the communities we serve, and we seek out others to join on this journey.

## ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

**All Library programs are free and open to the public, but registration may be limited.** To avoid disappointment, please call the branch where the program is offered to register.

Program dates and times are subject to change.

All activities pose a degree of risk. We urge you to talk to your physician before beginning any exercise program and to be especially careful if you have any health issues. If you experience any pain or discomfort associated with any activity, you should stop immediately to prevent injury.

Visit our **Calendar of Events** for more information on our in-person and virtual programs: [bit.ly/OCLevents](https://bit.ly/OCLevents)



The Ocean County Library system makes every effort to provide access to our programs for people with disabilities. Please call your local branch prior to attending the program for special arrangements.



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## Beanstack

Beanstack is your one stop shop for tracking your reading progress and activities at the Ocean County Library.



**BEACHWOOD**  
732-244-4573

**CH – 12/12, 10:30 am, Tuesday**  
**Incredible Infants**

Join us for songs, rhymes and playtime. For infants up to 18 months. **REG**

**CH – 12/14, 10:30 am, Thursday**  
**Happy Holidays Storytime**

Join us for storytime followed by a craft. Ages 3+. **REG**

**T – 12/18, 6 pm, Monday**  
**Teen Scene**

Stop by the library, hang out, and make a simple craft. Ages 13 – 17. **REG**

**A – 12/27, 11 am, Wednesday**  
**Knit Wits**

Stop by the Library with your knitting and crocheting projects and meet new friends. **REG**



**BERKELEY**  
732-269-2144

**A – 12/4, 12/11, 12/18,**  
**10:30 am – 2 pm, Mondays**  
**Movies for Adults with**  
**Special Challenges**

Individuals and day programs for adults with special challenges are welcome to enjoy a movie in our meeting room. The audience will select their film on the day of the showing. Room opens at 10:30 am, movie starts at 11:30 am. **REG**

**A – 12/4, 3 pm, Monday**  
**Puzzle Piece Snowflake**

Learn how to transform old puzzle pieces into beautiful snowflakes. **REG**

**A – 10:30 am – 2 pm,**  
**All Tuesdays**  
**Movies for Adults with**  
**Special Challenges**

Individuals and day programs for adults with special challenges are welcome to enjoy a movie in our meeting room. The audience will select their film on the day of the showing. Room opens at 10:30 am, movie starts at 11:30 am. **REG**

**A – 10 am, All Wednesdays**  
**Book Café for Adults with**  
**Special Challenges**

Select your favorite books and relax and share with friends.

**C/A – 12/6, 6 pm, Wednesday**  
**Intro to Computers**

Stop by with your own device for this introductory course. **REG**

**A – 1 pm – 4 pm, All Thursdays**  
**Mah Jongg**

Join a weekly session for experienced players of Mah Jongg. Players must bring their own set and current card. Call the Branch at 732-269-2144 to register once for all sessions. **REG**

**BD – 12/8, 1 pm – 2:30 pm,**  
**Friday**

**Friday Afternoon Book**  
**Discussion**

Please contact the Berkeley Branch for details.

**G – 12/11, 7 pm, Monday**  
**Petra and the Wolf presented**  
**by Basically Ballet**

An all-female cast will perform a retelling of the classic story, *Peter & the Wolf*. **REG**

**T – 12/12, 3:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Magic: The Gathering™**  
**Club for Teens**

Become a Planeswalker at the library's *Magic: The Gathering™* Club. The library provides cards and instruction. No prior experience is necessary, just show up and compete in this strategy card game. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**CH – 12/13, 10:30 am,**  
**Wednesday**  
**Baby and Me**

Rhythm, rhyme, music and movement for babies up to 12 months with caregiver. This is designed for babies who are not yet walking. **REG**

**MKR/G – 12/13, 3:30 pm,**  
**Wednesday**  
**Holiday Green Screen**  
**Photos**

Stop in to have your picture taken in front of a festive holiday background and receive a digital photograph. **REG**





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**BERKELEY**  
732-269-2144

**T/PA – 12/14, 6:30 pm, Thursday**

**Teen Holiday Movie Night**  
Watch a festive movie and enjoy snacks with other teens. **REG**

**T/TW/PA – 12/15, 10:30 am, Friday**

**Homeschool Hang Out**  
Enjoy snacks, crafts, and hang out with other teen and tween homeschoolers. **REG**

**DIV/A – 12/16, 3 pm, Saturday**

**Kwanzaa Corn Husk Vase**  
Learn about how corn traditionally pays tribute to the circle of life in Kwanzaa celebrations, and how these vases are a unique way to pass along this custom. **REG**

**CH/PA – 12/19, 4 pm, Tuesday**

**Paws for Reading**  
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. **REG**

**T/A – 12/19, 6:30 pm, Tuesday**

**Acoustic Jam Session**  
Bring an instrument and play with other musicians. All musical styles and skill levels are welcome. Ages 13+. **REG**

**A/PA – 12/20, 6 pm, Wednesday**

**Hot Chocolate Flight Program**  
Learn how to prepare hot chocolate from around the world and warm up on a cold evening at the library. **REG**

**CH – 12/21, 10:30 am, Thursday**

**Toddler Time**  
Play with your little one as we share stories, rhymes, songs, and dance. Ages 1 – 2. **REG**

**T – 12/21, 7 pm, Thursday**

**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**  
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

**CH – 12/27, 10:30 am, Wednesday**

**Baby and Me**  
Rhythm, rhyme, music and movement for babies up to 12 months with caregiver. This is designed for babies who are not yet walking. **REG**

**T – 12/28, 7 pm, Thursday**

**Teen Game Night**  
Play familiar and new games, just for teens. **REG**

**CH – 12/30, 11 am, Saturday**

**Noon Year's Eve**  
Celebrate the New Year one day early with dance, crafts, noise, and a countdown to noon. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**



**BRICK**  
732-477-4513

**A – 12/2, 1 pm, Saturday**

**A Rockin' Holiday Concert with NGXB**  
Celebrate the holiday season with pianist NGXB as he performs hit seasonal and contemporary songs that will get you into the festive spirit. NGXB incorporates rock, pop, and all other genres of contemporary music into his performances on the piano in a virtuosic style, while also displaying his charismatic personality. Sponsored by the Friends of the Brick Library. **REG**

**A – 12/4, 2 pm, Monday**

**Advanced French Club**  
Join us at the Brick Branch and speak French with other French speakers in the community. Intermediate and Advanced speakers welcome. **REG**

**CH – 12/4, 6 pm, Monday**

**Decorate an Owl Bank**  
Dress to make a mess and paint a ceramic owl bank. Ages 7+. **REG**

**A – 7 pm, All Tuesdays**

**English Conversation Group**  
Practice English conversation and talk about current events and more. All are welcome. Drop in.

**A/PA – 12/6, 10 am, Wednesday**

**Pups and Grownups: A Holiday Visit from Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs for Adults with Special Challenges**  
Enjoy the company of gentle therapy dogs while relaxing, listening to festive music, and coloring. We will also have the green screen set up if you wish to take photos with holiday backdrops. **REG**

**A – 12/6, 6 pm – 8 pm, Wednesday**

**Twisted Stitchers of Ocean County**  
New knitters welcome. If you are already a knitter, please join our group to share your expertise with others. Our group will meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 6 pm – 8 pm.

**T – 12/6, 7 pm, Wednesday**

**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**  
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**CH – 12/7, 10:30 am, Thursday**

**Fireside Storytime**  
Come enjoy some cozy stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**A – 7 pm, All Thursdays**

**English Conversation Group**  
Practice English conversation and talk about current events and more. All are welcome.

**CH – 12/8, 3 pm, Friday**

**Santa Letter Craft Day**  
It's time to write that letter to Santa. Ages 2+. **REG**

**CH – 12/9, 3 pm, Saturday**

**Deer Drop-in Craft**  
Drop in within the hour to make a fun deer craft. Ages 2+.

**CH/PA – 12/11, 10:30 am, Monday**

**Candy Cane Crafts and Scavenger Hunt**  
We'll create some candy cane themed crafts and then enjoy a candy cane scavenger hunt. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**CH – 12/11, 6 pm, Monday**

**Hanukkah Drop-in Craft**  
Drop in to celebrate the holiday. Ages 2+.

**A – 12/11, 6:30 pm, Monday**

**Adult Crafting**  
We will be decorating bottles with snowmen. **REG**

**A – 12/12, 10 am, Tuesday**

**Vaccine Clinic**  
The Ocean County Health Department will be offering flu and COVID-19 vaccines. Please visit [www.ochd.org/covid19](http://www.ochd.org/covid19) for more information or call 732-341-9700 x7411.

**T – 12/12, 3:45 pm, Tuesday**

**Clay Holiday Ornaments**  
Use air-dry clay to create cute ornaments for any winter holiday. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**CH – 12/14, 10:30 am, Thursday**

**Cookie Storytime**  
Enjoy some cookie themed stories and decorate a craft. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**A/PA – 12/14, 2:30 pm, Thursday**

**Coffee and Coloring**  
Spend an afternoon coloring, listening to soothing music, drinking coffee, and relaxing with like-minded adults at the library. Light refreshments will be served. **REG**

**CH – 12/14, 6 pm, Thursday**

**Mystery Drop-in Craft**  
Drop in to make a fun craft. Ages 2+.

**CH – 12/15, 2:30 pm, Friday**

**Baby Green Screen**  
We'll provide some fun holiday green screen backdrops you can use to take some custom photos of your babies. For babies up to 18 months with caregiver. **REG**

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**BRICK**  
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### CH – 12/16, 10:30 am, Saturday Snow Queen & Ice Princess Storytime

Winter stories, songs, games, and meet-and-greet with the Snow Queen and Ice Princess. Sponsored by the Friends of the Brick Library. Ages 2+. **REG**

### A/PA – 12/18, 12 pm, Monday Lunchtime Movie for Adults with Special Challenges

Bring your own lunch and watch a movie in our meeting room. The audience will select their film on the day of the showing. **REG**

### A – 12/19, 1 pm, Tuesday Knitters of Brick

Are you a knitter? Do you want to learn to knit? Join our group to learn or bring your own project. Our group will meet on every third Tuesday of each month from 1 pm – 3 pm.

### CH – 12/19, 6 pm, Tuesday Pajama Storytime

Wear your pajamas for some cozy stories. Ages 2+. **REG**

### A – 12/19, 6:30 pm, Tuesday Writers Group

Looking for a friendly community of writers? Spark your writing creativity and participate in friendly, peer critiques on novels, short stories, memoirs, or any writing project you are working on.

### CH – 12/20, 10:30 am, Wednesday Decorate a Gingerbread Ornament

Come in and make a gingerbread ornament. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

### T – 12/20, 6:30 pm, Wednesday Teen Pride Club

An ongoing, inclusive club designed to bring LGBTQ+ teens and their allies together in a safe and fun space. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

### CH – 12/21, 10:30 am, Thursday Winter Storytime

Join us for winter stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

### A – 12/21, 6:30 pm, Thursday Night Crafting for Adults

We will be making a bracelet for Kwanzaa. **REG**



**ISLAND HEIGHTS**  
732-270-6266

### CH – 12/13, 10:30 am, Wednesday Baby and Me

For ages up to 12 months. **REG**

### CH/PA – 12/16, 11 am, Saturday Teen Takeover:

**Keepy Uppy Party**  
The Teen Advisory Board is organizing and leading a themed party for our favorite friendly dog with games and snacks.

### T – 12/18, 7 pm, Monday Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

### A – 12/19, 2 pm, Tuesday Adult Craft:

**Macramé Wall Hanging**  
Learn basic macrame skills while making a decorative wall hanging. **REG**

### T – 12/26, 2:30 pm, Tuesday Teen Craft:

**Woven Snowflakes**  
Learn how to make woven decorative snowflakes. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

### CH – 12/27, 10:30 am, Wednesday Toddler Time

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs. Ages 18 months – 3 years. **REG**

### G/PA – 12/29, 2 pm, Friday Tea and Coloring

Unwind from the busy holiday season with tea and coloring.



**JACKSON**  
732-928-4400

### A – 12/2, 2 pm, Saturday Holiday Flute and Guitar Concert

Enjoy a flute and guitar concert with Marjorie Koharski and Keith Calmes featuring holiday classical music. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library. **REG**

### A – 12/4, 12/18, 10 am, Mondays Knit Chat Chain

Join our knitting and crocheting group. Bring your own project or make items to donate to those in need.

### CH – 12/4, 10:30 am, Monday Baby & Me Social Hour

Make new friends in our relaxed open-play setting. Ages up to 24 months. **REG**

### MKR/A – 12/4, 2:30 pm, Monday

**Adults with Special Challenges: Birch Painting**  
Join us while we use string and paint to create birch tree paintings on paper. **REG**

### CH – 12/5, 10:30 am, Tuesday Messy Art

Station based art play. Dress for a mess. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

### MKR/A – 12/5, 2:30 pm, Tuesday

**Book Page Ball Ornament**  
Join us in making an ornament out of book pages. **REG**

### A – 12/5, 12/26, 6:30 pm, Tuesdays

**Jackson Writers Group**  
Bring your work in progress, any genre.

### T – 3:30 pm, All Wednesdays Teen Volunteer Hour

Earn a community service hour. Learn about the Library. Effect positive change. Ages 12 – 18.

### CH – 12/6, 10:30 am, Wednesday Storytime

Join us for stories, songs, and a craft perfect for children ages 18 months – 3 years. **REG**

### S/A – 12/6, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Wednesday Sensory Friendly Movie for Adults with Special Challenges: *Abominable*

(PG) 97 min. Join us for a sensory friendly movie viewing of *Abominable*, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and singing, walking, rolling and dancing are welcome. **REG**

### DIV/A – 12/6, 2 pm, Wednesday Rosa Parks Day

**Commemoration Film: *The Rosa Parks Story***  
(TV-PG) 94 min. **REG**

### MKR/T – 12/7, 3:30 pm, Thursday Teen Makerspace: Floral Embroidery

We'll learn embroidery stitches. Then, we'll put them together to make flowers bloom on fabric. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

### S/CH – 12/8, 10:30 am, Friday Homeschool Sensory Space Social Hour

Join us in the Sensory Space for a relaxing social hour. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

### A – 12/9, 2 pm, Saturday Holiday Concert with Navesink Brass

Join us for holiday selections with the Navesink Brass. Members of the group are professional musicians and music teachers who have performed together since 1992. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library. **REG**

### CH – 12/11, 10:30 am, Monday Babytime

Join us for 15-20 minutes of songs and activities followed by an hour of adult and child socialization. Ages up to 18 months. **REG**





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**JACKSON**  
732-928-4400

**A – 12/11, 2 pm, Monday**  
**Crochet Class**

Join us for a relaxing crochet class. Crochet experience recommended. Bring your own project or utilize provided patterns and materials. **REG**

**S/G – 12/11, 6 pm – 8 pm, Monday**  
**Sensory Friendly Movie:**  
***The Grinch***

(PG) 90 min. Join us for a sensory friendly movie viewing of *The Grinch*, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and singing, walking, rolling and dancing are welcome. **REG**

**A – 12/11, 6:30 pm, Monday**  
**Knit Chat Chain**

Join our knitting and crocheting group. Bring your own project or make items to donate to those in need.

**CH – 12/12, 10:30 am, Tuesday**  
**Winter Sensory Time**

Explore your senses with fun station-based play. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**BD – 12/12, 1 pm, Tuesday**  
***This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger**

**T – 12/12, 6:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**  
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

**MKR/A – 12/13, 2:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**Embroidered Photo Ornament**

Join us to make an embroidered house-shaped ornament for the holidays that holds a photo. **REG**

**G – 12/13, 4 pm, Wednesday**  
**Family Green Screen Play: Holiday Card Edition**

Celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, and/or Kwanzaa with a family photo in front of our green screen. Please avoid wearing green. **REG**

**TW – 12/14, 10:30 am, Thursday**

**Tween Homeschool Makers**  
Come learn something new. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

**A – 12/14, 2 pm, Thursday**  
**World AIDS Day Movie: *Bohemian Rhapsody***  
(PG-13) 134 min. **REG**

**MKR/T – 12/14, 3:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Teen Makerspace: Duct Tape Wallet**  
Brush up your measuring skills. We're making duct tape wallets. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**CH – 12/18, 4 pm, Monday**  
**Decorative Boxes**  
Use decoupage to decorate and personalize gift boxes. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

**S/A – 12/19, 10:30 am, Tuesday**  
**Game Hour for Adults with Special Challenges**  
Join us for some fun times playing board games and cards in the Sensory Space. Feel free to bring your favorite if you have one. **REG**

**S/G – 12/19, 6 pm – 8 pm, Tuesday**  
**Sensory Friendly Movie: *Megamind***

(PG) 96 min. Join us for a sensory friendly movie viewing of *Megamind*, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and singing, walking, rolling and dancing are welcome. **REG**

**CH – 12/20, 10:30 am, Wednesday**  
**Storytime**  
Join us for stories, songs, and a craft. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

**MKR/T – 12/21, 3:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Teen Makerspace: Create a Winter Scene Using Watercolor Pencils**  
Draw and paint with us. We'll create a winter scene using watercolor pencils. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**



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**JACKSON**  
732-928-4400

**FR – 12/21, 4 pm, Thursday**  
**Jackson Friends of the Library Meeting**

The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

**CH – 12/27, 12 pm – 5 pm, Wednesday**  
**Drop-in Crafts**

Visit the Children's Department for fun crafts.

**MKR/T – 12/28, 3:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Teen Makerspace: Resolution Mood Board**

What are your New Year's resolutions? What do you want your 2024 to look like? Brainstorm all you can achieve, dig into our collection of DIY and self-help books, and make a mood board to reflect your vision. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**



**LACEY**  
609-693-8566

**A/PA – 12/2, 2 pm, Saturday**  
**Kaylee McGrath's Photography Display Reception**

Meet the artist and enjoy the photos. Light refreshments will be served.

**A – 12/4, 9:30 am, Monday**  
**Stitch It Club**

Knit, crochet, sew, or embroider with fellow Stitch It members. Share leisurely conversation & tips. All skill levels are welcome.

**G – 12/4, 7 pm, Monday**  
**Petra & the Wolf presented by Basically Ballet**

An all-female cast will perform a retelling of the classic story of *Peter & the Wolf*. **REG**

**CH – 12/5, 10 am, Tuesday**  
**Open Playtime**

Ages 1 – 5 with a caregiver. Drop in.

**T/PA – 12/5, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**Anime & Manga Café**

Relax and hang out with friends while watching anime, enjoying Japanese snacks, and reading the latest manga. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Library.

**CH – 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 10 am, Wednesdays**  
**Mother Goose Time**

For babies up to 18 months with a caregiver. **REG**

**CH/PA – 12/6, 4:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**Kids Cook: Hanukkah Cookie Gift Jars**

Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

**CH – 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 10 am, Thursdays**  
**Toddler Time**

Ages 19 – 36 months with a caregiver. **REG**

**T – 12/7, 4 pm, Thursday**  
**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**T/A – 12/7, 6:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Day of Infamy: Remembering Pearl Harbor**  
(NR) 70 min. **REG**

**CH – 12/8, 12/15, 12/22, 10 am, Fridays**  
**Preschool Storytime**

Ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver. **REG**

**T/A – 12/8, 3:30 pm, Friday**  
**Lost Media: Escape Room**

Solve a series of clues to unlock the box and discover a piece of lost media. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Library. **REG**

**A – 12/11, 11 am, Monday**  
**Prep Before Pet**

Learn how to prep your home before adopting a pet, forms needed before pet adoption, how to go about selecting a pet, what pet health care is needed prior/after adoption, and what to expect once you bring your adopted pet home. Program presented by the Lanoka Oaks Veterinary Center. **REG**

**T/A/PA – 12/11, 3:30 pm, Monday**

**From Scratch: Cookie Mix Jars**  
Learn how to make cookie mix jars from scratch. **REG**

**CH – 12/12, 10:30 am, Tuesday**  
**Toddler Art**

For ages 19 – 36 months with a caregiver. **REG**

**T – 12/12, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**DnD Club**

Join a group of adventurers in *Dungeons & Dragons*®. New and experienced players are welcomed. Space is limited. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**A – 12/12, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**Meet the Mayor**

Join us as the Lacey Branch hosts Meet the Mayor with Lacey Mayor Timothy McDonald. During this event you will be able to ask questions directly to the Mayor in an informal setting.

**CH/PA – 12/13, 4:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**Gingerbread House Decorating**  
Sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Library. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

**DIV/T/A – 12/14, 3:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Celebrate Kwanzaa**

Join us for a viewing of the documentary, *Kwanzaa: A Cultural Celebration*. (NR) 28 min. **REG**

**CH/PA – 12/16, 10:30 am, Saturday**  
**Polar Express Pajama Party**  
(G) 100 min. We'll watch *The Polar Express* and enjoy crafts and snacks. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Library. **REG**

**A – 12/18, 10 am, Monday**  
**Book Talking for Adults with Special Challenges**

Listen to holiday stories and create a faux gingerbread house. **REG**

**BD/A – 12/18, 1 pm, Monday**  
**Lacey Book Discussion**  
*Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty.

**CH – 12/19, 3:30 pm – 5 pm, Tuesday**  
**LEGO® Free Play**

**CH – 12/22, 2 pm, Friday**  
**Homeschool STEAM**  
Ages 5 – 10. **REG**

**CH/PA – 12/28, 4 pm – 5 pm, Thursday**  
**Paws for Reading**

Practice reading in the company of gentle therapy dogs.

**A – 12/28, 6:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Stitch It Club**

Knit, crochet, sew, or embroider with fellow Stitch It members. Share leisurely conversation & tips. All skill levels are welcome.

**CH – 12/29, 10:30 am, Friday**  
**Art Explorers: Winter Folk Art Trees**  
Ages 6 – 12. **REG**



**LAKESIDE**  
732-363-1435

**C/A – Computer Classes by Appointment**

Contact us at 732-363-1435 ext. 2100 to book a one-on-one computer class. Topics include Microsoft® Word, Excel, PowerPoint, computer and eReader basics, Facebook®, Universal Class™, and more.

**CH – 1:30 pm, All Fridays**  
**Friday Fun**  
Preschool craft. Ages up to 6.

**A – 12/1, 2 pm, Friday**  
**World AIDS Day Documentary**  
*Rock Hudson: All That Heaven Allowed* (PG-13) 104 min.







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**LAKEWOOD**  
732-363-1435

## **A – 12/4, Monday** **Citizenship Prep Class** **Registration**

This 8-week class will help you pass the naturalization test to become a US Citizen. Registration begins December 4th. Attendance at all sessions is required. Classes meet 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, beginning Thursday, January 11th through February 29th. Class size is limited. To be eligible, you must be a qualified immigrant at least 18 years or older. To register, contact 732-363-1435 ext. 2100 or at the Branch in person.

## **CH – 3 pm – 6 pm,** **Mondays – Thursdays &** **3 pm – 4:45 pm, Fridays** **Homework Help**

Free after-school homework help. Not tutoring or reading help. Ages 4 – 12.

## **CH – 12/4, 6 pm, Monday** **Folded Paper Garland**

Make a folded paper garland. Ages 5 – 12.

## **C – 12/5, 10 am, Tuesday** **Microsoft® Office Workshop**

Explore a basic introduction to Microsoft® Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher programs and see what they can do for you. **REG**

## **A/PA – 12/5, 10:30 am,** **Tuesday** **Movie Time for Adults with** **Special Challenges**

Come watch a (G) or (PG) film of the group's choosing. Water bottles and light snacks will be provided. **REG**

## **T – 12/5, 6 pm, Tuesday** **Teen Movie Night**

Come watch a (PG-13) movie. Ages 13 – 18.

## **CH – 12/6, 6 pm, Wednesday** **Clay Dreidel**

Make a dreidel out of clay for Hanukkah. Ages 5 – 12.

## **T – 12/6, 6 pm, Wednesday** **Krampusstag**

*Krampus* (PG-13) 102 min. Ages 13 – 18.

## **CH – 12/7, 6 pm, Thursday** **Video Games**

Play video games. Ages 5 – 12.

## **C – 12/8, 10 am, Friday** **Typing 101**

Use free resources to improve your skills. **REG**

## **T – 12/11, 3 pm, Monday** **Dewey Decimal Scavenger** **Hunt**

Take part in a scavenger hunt by using the Dewey Decimal System to win a prize. Ages 12 – 18.

## **T – 12/11, 3 pm, Monday** **Guitar Club**

Bring in your guitar and practice with fellow players. Ages 12 – 18.

## **CH – 12/11, 5 pm, Monday** **Name Snowmen**

Make a snowman that spells out your name. Ages 5 – 12.

## **A – 12/12, 10:30 am, Tuesday** **Bingo for Adults with Special** **Challenges**

Small prizes will be given. **REG**

## **CH – 12/12, 4 pm, Tuesday** **Gingerbread Man Paper Bag** **Puppet**

Create an adorable gingerbread puppet. Ages 8 – 12.

## **C – 12/13, 6 pm, Wednesday** **Drop-in Tech Hour**

Bring your computer questions to our staff.

## **CH – 12/13, 6 pm, Wednesday** **Egg Carton Penguins**

Make a penguin out of an egg carton. Ages 5 – 12.

## **CH – 12/14, 6 pm, Thursday** **Simple Cute Origami**

Fold simple origami for kids. Ages 5 – 12.

## **T/PA – 12/14, 6 pm, Thursday** **Oh Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel**

Celebrate Hanukkah and win fun prizes. Gelt and dreidels will be provided. Ages 12 – 18.

## **A – 12/15, 2 pm, Friday** **Switch™ Club for Adults**

Bring your Nintendo® Switch™ and favorite game or check out the Library's collection of games.

## **CH – 12/18, 6 pm, Monday** **Watercolor Hat**

Design paper winter hats with watercolors. Ages up to 12.

## **T – 12/19, 6 pm, Tuesday** **DIY Body Scrub**

Make your own peppermint body scrub. Ages 12 – 18.

## **A/PA – 12/20, 1 pm, Wednesday** **Movie Matinee**

*Past Lives* (PG-13) 105 min. Water bottles and light snacks will be provided. **REG**

## **CH – 12/20, 6 pm, Wednesday** **Family Movie Night**

Watch a family friendly (G) or (PG) movie. Ages up to 12.

## **CH – 12/21, 6 pm, Thursday** **Polar Bear Craft**

Make a polar bear. Ages 5 – 12.

## **T – 12/21, 6 pm, Thursday** **DIY Fidget Toys**

Destress from final exams and make your own fidget toys.

## **CH/PA – 12/23, 2:30 pm,** **Saturday** **Gingerbread Houses**

Build a graham cracker gingerbread house. Ages 5 – 12. **REG**

## **A – 12/27, 6 pm, Wednesday** **Cross Stitch Club**

Bring your own project or check out the patterns the library has to offer. **REG**

## **CH – 12/28, 6 pm, Thursday** **Ozobot® Play**

Play with Ozobot® robots. Ages 5 – 12.

## **T – 12/28, 6 pm, Thursday** **Teen Craft Club**

Join your fellow teens to work on some crochet, knitting, drawing, painting, collage, and/or anything else you can imagine. Ages 12 – 18.

## **T – 12/29, 2 pm, Friday** **New Year's Resolution**

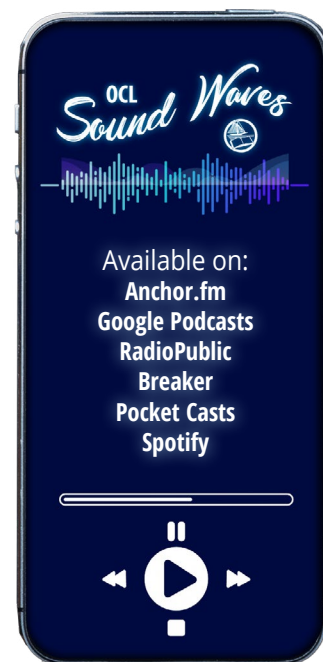
Come decorate the teen zone with your New Year's resolution. Ages 12 – 18.



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609-294-1197

## **T – 12/2, 9 am, Saturday** **Teen Volunteer Hours**

Earn community service hours. Learn about the Library. Registration and a current Teen Volunteer Application required. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**



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**LITTLE EGG HARBOR**  
**609-294-1197**

### **A – 12/4, 10 am, Monday** **Embroidered Winter Cards**

Unleash your creativity this winter by crafting unique embroidered greeting cards, where threads and beads come to life in delightful designs. **REG**

### **A – 12/4, 12/18, 12:30 pm, Mondays** **Knitting at the Library**

Join us for knitting at the Library. Relax and chat with other yarn enthusiasts, work on your knit or crochet projects, and swap patterns.

### **CH/TW – 12/5, 6:30 pm, Tuesday** **Pokémon™ Club**

This program is a wonderful opportunity to gather, socialize, and engage in fun Pokémon™ themed activities with other Pokémon™ enthusiasts. Whether you're new to Pokémon™ or an experienced trainer, come join us for an hour of Pokémon™ fun, friendship, and adventure. Grades 2 – 6. **REG**

### **CH – 12/6, 10 am, Wednesday** **Wednesday Morning Storytime**

Following the story, children will have the opportunity to participate in age-appropriate crafts and/or activities related to the story. This program is perfect for nurturing a love for reading and promoting early literacy skills. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

### **A – 12:30 pm, All Wednesdays** **Mah Jong at the Library**

Please bring your current year gaming cards and game sets.

### **TW/T – 12/7, 6 pm, Thursday** **Crystal Growing with WILD Jersey**

In this hands-on workshop, participants will design their own snowflakes and grow their own crystals. Debbie Hadley will explain the science behind how crystals grow, and participants can take home their creations. Sponsored by the Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Branch. Ages 9 – 17. **REG**

### **CH/TW/T – 12/8, 10 am, Friday** **Homeschool Hangout**

Our interactive sessions spark curiosity and passion for lifelong learning. Embrace a supportive network of parents and kids while fostering social skills and empowering each student's unique educational journey. Ages 5 – 18. **REG**

### **TW – 12/8, 4 pm, Friday** **Tween Art Club**

Ages 9 – 12. **REG**

### **CH – 12/12, 7 pm, Tuesday** **Sibling Get Together**

This program provides a safe and nurturing space for siblings of children with special needs to connect & share experiences. Join us as we build a community where siblings can find understanding, strength, and the tools to navigate their exceptional journey with love and compassion. Grades 1 – 6. **REG**

### **A/PA – 12/13, 11 am, Wednesday** **Crossword Café**

Enjoy a warm beverage as you tease your brain completing crossword puzzles and sipping hot coffee or hot cocoa. Sponsored by the Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Branch. **REG**

### **T – 12/14, 6 pm, Thursday** **TAB Takeover:** **Murder Mystery**

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) invites teens to join them for a night of mystery on the Winter Express. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

### **CH/A – 12/15, 10 am, Friday** **Stay-at-Home Parent Get-Together**

An opportunity for stay-at-home parents to come together and connect with others in a fun and supportive environment. Join us for an hour of activities, including engaging games and crafts. It's a perfect chance to make new friends, exchange parenting tips, and create lasting memories. **REG**



**The MAILBOX PLUS**

54,000+ ideas and worksheets that teach essential skills and take the stress out of lesson planning—all on an easy-to-use, teacher-friendly platform.

### **A – 12/15, 2 pm, Friday** **Adult Gaming: Canasta**

Join in some friendly competition playing the classic card game Canasta. **REG**

### **T – 12/15, 2 pm, Friday** **Teen Volunteer Hours**

Earn community service hours. Learn about the Library. Registration and a current Teen Volunteer Application required. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

### **BD – 12/19, 12:30 pm, Tuesday** **Little Egg Harbor Book Discussion**

Join us for a lively book discussion. Please call the Branch at 609-294-1197 for this month's title. New members welcome.

### **BD – 12/19, 7 pm, Tuesday** **Marvelous Sleuths Book Discussion**

Join us for a lively mystery book discussion. Please call the branch at 609-294-1197 for this month's title. New members welcome.

### **CH – 12/20, 10 am, Wednesday** **Wednesday Morning Storytime**

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### **A – 12/21, 7 pm, Thursday** **Holiday Concert with The RB Express**

Join us for a Holiday Concert with Jersey Shore doo-wop group The RB Express. Exemplifying the tight harmonies and rhythms of the early street corner groups, The RB Express will deliver a dynamic and engaging performance full of holiday cheer. Sponsored by the Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Branch. **REG**

### **FR – 12/27, 6 pm, Wednesday** **Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Branch Meeting**

The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the library. New members welcome.

### **CH – 12/28, 11 am, Thursday** **Noon Years Eve Party**

Countdown to Noon Year's Eve. Kids' bash filled with games, crafts, and a big balloon 'noon' drop. **REG**

### **T – 12/28, 7 pm, Thursday** **Teen Game Night**

Play familiar and new games, just for teens. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**



**LONG BEACH ISLAND**  
**609-494-2480**

### **A/PA – 1:30 pm, Mondays** **Monday Movie Matinee**

Bring your own refreshments. **REG**

12/4: *Missing* (PG-13) 111 min.  
12/18: *Christmas in Connecticut* (G) 102 min.

### **CH – 12/5, 12/12, 9:30 am, Tuesdays** **Toddler Time**

Come in to read stories and sing some songs together. Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver. **REG**

### **A – 12/5, 11 am, Tuesday** **Blood Pressure Clinic**

Free blood pressure screening by the Long Beach Island (LBI) Health Department. Walk-ins welcome.

**All Branches of the**  
**Ocean County Library**  
**will be closed**  
**Monday, January 1st**  
**for New Year's Day**





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**LONG BEACH ISLAND**  
**609-494-2480**

**A – 12/6, 10 am, Wednesday**  
**Faux Gingerbread House**  
**Craft for Adults with Special**  
**Challenges**

Join us to create the front of a gingerbread house using cardboard, a cardboard stand, brown construction paper and various materials to decorate it. While supplies last.

**CH – 12/7, 10 am, Thursday**  
**Craft It Out: Hanukkah**

Celebrate the first night of Hanukkah with a fun craft. While supplies last.

**CH – 12/7, 12/21, 12/28, 10 am,**  
**Thursdays**  
**Songs with Miss Summer**

Little ones and their grown-ups will sit together as we will all sing some of our favorite songs. While we sing, we will be moving and wiggling to the music. Sing-along time can help with bonding, language recognition, and emotional development in babies and toddlers. **REG**

**A – 12/7, 1 pm, Thursday**  
**LBI Poets Studio**

To attend virtually contact Sue Cummings via email [scummings817@comcast.net](mailto:scummings817@comcast.net). Meets the 1st Thursday of every month from 1 pm – 3 pm. You can also choose to come to the Library meeting room to attend in person.

**A – 12/8, 12/15, 2 pm – 5 pm,**  
**Fridays**  
**LBI Canasta**

Play Canasta with other Teams and players.

**CH – 12/11, 12 pm, Monday**  
**Winter Holiday Storytime**

Celebrate winter holidays such as Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas, and New Years with stories and a craft. Ages 1 – 4. **REG**



**A – 12/13, 10 am, Wednesday**  
**Birch Tree Painting for**  
**Adults with Special**  
**Challenges**

Join us to create a birch tree painting using cardstock, string, cotton balls, markers, and paint. While supplies last.

**CH/TW – 12/13, 3:30 pm,**  
**Wednesday**  
**Flower Power: Youth Garden**  
**Club**

The Garden Club of LBI – make a flower arrangement to share with your family. Please register each family member individually. Grades 3 – 6. **REG**

**A – 12/14, 2 pm, Thursday**  
**Adult Coloring &**  
**Conversation**

Spend a relaxing afternoon coloring and listening to soothing music with like-minded adults. Materials are provided for use but feel free to bring your own coloring supplies. This program meets once a month on the 2nd Thursday from 2 pm – 3 pm.

**A – 12/16, 2 pm, Saturday**  
**Jazz with the Brian Betz Duo**

Enjoy the guitar stylings of Brian Betz and George Vanderbilt for an afternoon of jazz music. Sponsored by the Friends of the Island Library. **REG**.

**A – 12/18, 10 am, Monday**  
**Chair Ballet: The Nutcracker**

Experience the joy of dancing in a class that combines both ballet and exercise specifically for adults to holiday music from *The Nutcracker* while seated in a chair. Learn the basic ballet positions and achieve correct posture, muscle usage, balance, and grace all while having fun. Please wear socks, sneakers, or ballet slippers and wear comfortable clothing. A waiver must be signed before participating. Space is limited. **REG**

**CH – 12/19, 12/26, 10 am,**  
**Tuesdays**  
**Toddler Time**

Come in to read stories and sing some songs together. Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver. **REG**

**G – 12/19, 2 pm, Tuesday**  
**Friends of the Island Library**  
**Monthly Book Sale**

Get four books for \$1 and help the Friends of the Island Library continue to provide great programs and support.

**G/PA – 12/19, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**Family Movie Night: *Smurfs: The Lost Village***

(PG) 90 min. Bring your own refreshments. **REG**

**CH/TW/T – 12/20, 5:30 pm,**  
**Wednesday**  
**Holiday Perler™ Beads**

Make Perler™ bead decorations to align with the winter holiday you celebrate. **REG**

**CH – 12/22, 12 pm, Friday**  
**Craft It Out: Merry Christmas**

Make a fun craft for the holiday. While supplies last.

**CH – 12/27, 10 am, Wednesday**  
**Craft It Out: Kwanzaa**

Kwanzaa is celebrated from December 26 to January 1st. Learn about this holiday and make a fun craft. While supplies last.

**A – 12/27, 12 pm, Wednesday**  
**New Year's Pop-Up Card**  
**2024**

Celebrate the New Year by creating your own 3D pop-up card to give to a friend or a loved one. While supplies last.

**CH – 12/29, 10 pm, Friday**  
**Paper Chain Snowmen**

Make a snowman decoration using the paper chain method. Ages 5+. **REG**

**G – 12/30, 10 am, Saturday**  
**LEGOS®/DUPLOS® with**  
**Movie: *The Super Mario Movie***  
(PG) 92 min. **REG**



**MANCHESTER**  
**732-657-7600**

**A/PA – 12/4, 2 pm, Monday**  
**Clay Diffuser Ornaments**

Make scented ornaments from air-dry clay infused with essential oils. Use them to decorate for the holidays or for every day. **REG**

**CH – 12/4, 6:30 pm, Monday**  
**Sign Painting Gift Making**

Paint a wooden sign that makes a great holiday gift. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

**A – 12/5, 2 pm, Tuesday**  
**Paper Gingerbread House**  
**Craft for Adults with Special**  
**Challenges**

Create your own paper gingerbread house using cardboard, construction paper and other various materials to decorate it. Due to limited supplies, registration is required. Caretakers please do not register, only participants please.

## December Art Displays and Exhibits

**Lacey**

Kaylee McGrath's Photography  
(Meeting Room)

**Long Beach Island**

Pastel Impressions:  
Pastels with Watercolor Underpainting – Scott Molnar

**Manchester**

12/1 – 12/23

Leisure Village West Art Guild  
Various artists with various mixed media.



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**MANCHESTER**  
732-657-7600

## CH – 12/6, 10 am, Wednesday Baby Playtime

Join other babies and caregivers for a playdate. For babies not yet walking. **REG**

## A – 12/7, 10 am, Thursday Manchester Shore Memory Café

Early-Stage Memory Cafés provide opportunities for concerned persons experiencing early cognitive decline, and for those diagnosed with early-stage memory loss, and their care partner(s) to meet. Join a café to engage with peers in a relaxed, unstructured environment that promotes social engagement and support, through interactions with others experiencing similar changes. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association of Greater New Jersey in partnership with the Ocean County Library. Walk-ins welcome, registration preferred, to register call the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 272-3900. **REG**

## CH – 12/7, 10 am, Thursday & 12/9, 10 am, Saturday Snowy StoryWalk

Join us on an adventure as we walk around the branch and listen to a snowy story. Ages 2 – 6. **REG**

## A/PA – 12/7, 2 pm, Thursday Creating Healthy Holiday Traditions

A registered dietician will discuss healthier holiday meal preparation as well as healthier eating strategies while you are at those holiday get-togethers. We will also share some heart healthy holiday recipes and create a holiday treat. **REG**



**TW – 12/7, 6 pm – 8 pm, Thursday**

## Tween Takeover: *Smash Bros™* & *Mario Kart™*

Enjoy a fun-filled night playing popular Nintendo® games such as *Super Smash Bros™: Ultimate* and *Mario Kart™ 8*. Make friends with other like-minded teens who love to play video games. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

## TW – 12/7, 6 pm, Thursday Tween Takeover: Make Your Own Wrapping Paper

Create your very own wrapping paper for holiday presents. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

## A – 12/8, 12/22, 1 pm – 3 pm, Fridays Quilting Bee

Come join other quilters to work on individual and group projects.

## CH – 12/11, 10 am, Monday Toddler Movement

This movement class with Miss Sabrina provides a structured environment where coordination, rhythm, & translating music to movement are introduced in creative and imaginative ways. Dance clothes and shoes are not required but please dress your toddler in comfortable, non-restrictive clothing. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

## A – 12/11, 1 pm, Monday Self-Hypnosis for Relaxation

Come and join this empowering group class where you'll learn effective self-hypnosis, mindful and breathing techniques designed to reduce stress and make you feel better. Sponsored by the Friends of the Manchester Branch. **REG**

## A – 12/12, 2 pm – 4 pm, Tuesday Writers Group

Bring your poetry, essays, and short stories. The Writer's Group critiques each other's works and provides feedback.

**A – 12/14, 12/28, 2 pm – 4 pm, Thursdays**

## Chicks with Sticks – Knitting and Crocheting Group

Do you love to knit or crochet? Bring your yarn, needles, and current projects, all skill levels welcome.

**T – 12/14, 6 pm – 8 pm, Thursday**

## Tween Takeover: *Smash Bros™* & *Mario Kart™*

Enjoy a fun-filled night playing popular Nintendo® games such as *Super Smash Bros™: Ultimate* and *Mario Kart™ 8*. Make friends with other like-minded teens who love to play video games. Ages 13 – 18. **REG**

## A/PA – 12/15, 2 pm, Friday Calming Coloring

Coloring is a great method of stress relief for adults. Spend a relaxing afternoon creating art, listening to soothing music and relaxing with like-minded adults at the library. Coloring sheets and simple crafts are provided along with crayons, markers, and pens. Alternatively, you can bring your own coloring projects and coloring tools. For even more de-stressing, we offer aromatherapy and therapy animals. **REG**

## A – 12/18, 2 pm, Monday Seasonal Sing-Along

Celebrate the season by singing various festive and holiday tunes during the cold, winter days. **REG**

## A – 12/20, 7 pm, Wednesday Sounds of the Season: Flute and Guitar Duo Holiday Concert

Marjorie Koharski, flutist, and Keith Calmes, classical guitarist, will perform a program of holiday music. They will feature music from composers Bach and Tchaikovsky, along with international carols and holiday standards. **REG**

**T – 12/21, 6 pm – 8 pm, Thursday**

## Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

## T – 12/21, 6 pm – 8 pm, Thursday Escape Room

Test your problem-solving skills by participating in an escape room. You have 1 hour to complete the challenge. Ages 13 – 18. **REG**

## CH – 12/26, 6 pm, Tuesday LEGO® Club

Join us for open LEGO® play. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

## TW – 12/28, 6 pm – 8 pm, Thursday Tween Takeover: Anime Adventures

Meet like-minded lovers of fandom and watch various episodes of different anime together. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**



**PLUMSTED**  
609-758-7888

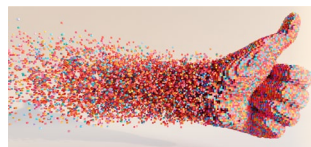
## CH – 12/1, 10 am, Friday Drop-in Holiday Countdown Craft

Join us to make a Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or Christmas countdown craft.

## CH – 12/4, 5:30 – 8:30 pm, Monday Meet and Greet with Santa Claus

Join us for a photo opportunity, a meet and greet with Santa Claus, and a craft. Letters to Santa will be collected. Caregivers will be responsible for taking their own photos. Sponsored by the Friends of the Plumsted Library. **REG**

## A – 12/5, 1 pm, Tuesday Classic Movie: *We're No Angels* (NR) 104 mins.



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**PLUMSTED**  
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**A – 12/7, 2:30 pm, Thursday**  
**NGXB: Rockin' the Hits on 88 Keys**

Pianist and arranger, NGXB, loves to give the “rock n roll” experience on all 88 keys. His concert features classic hits and standards from the 50's, 60's and 70's. He is the winner of PBS's “Celebration of Music” in Greater Leigh Valley Philadelphia and has performed in many large venues throughout the east coast. **REG**

**CH – 12/8, 10 am, Friday**  
**Drop-in Dreidel Game and Craft**

**A – 12/11, 7 pm, Monday**  
**Acoustic Musician's Guild**

Join us for an engaging performance with the Acoustic Musician's Guild, featuring some classic tunes and vocals. **REG**

**A/PA – 12/13, 2 pm, Wednesday**  
**Devon's Kitchen: Seasonal Winter Cooking Demonstration**  
Space is limited. **REG**

**CH – 12/14, 10:30 am, Thursday**  
**Toddler/Preschool Building and Play**

Join us for a toddler open play and an opportunity for caregivers to connect. Ages 1 – 4. **REG**

**CH/PA – 12/16, 10:30 am & 12 pm, Saturday**  
**Gingerbread House Decorating**

Join us for our yearly gingerbread house decorating. Ages 4+. **REG**

**T/PA – 12/16, 10:30 am & 12 pm, Saturday**  
**Teen Volunteer Opportunity**  
Volunteer with us to assist with our gingerbread house decorating. **REG**

**T – 12/18, 6:30 pm, Monday**  
**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**  
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

**A – 12/19, 2:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Adult Craft and Relax: Marbled Holiday Ornaments**  
Space is limited. **REG**

**CH – 12/20, 10:30 am, Wednesday**  
**The Polar Express Storytime**  
Join us for stories and songs, and a *Polar Express* inspired craft. Ages 3+. **REG**

**CH – 12/29, 10 am, Friday**  
**Drop-in New Year's Eve Craft**



**PT. PLEASANT BEACH**  
732-892-4575

**TW/T – 12/1, 12/15, 3 pm, Fridays**  
**Afternoon Dungeons & Dragons®**

Learn how to play this game of storytelling and adventure. Open to new and experienced players. Ages 10 – 18. **REG**

**A – 12/2, 10:30 am, Saturday**  
**Mindfulness Meditation: On Thoughts**

Our thoughts impact our mental and physical health. Learn to work with thoughts; observe and let go of unproductive thoughts through guided meditations. Reclaim peace, presence and clarity. Followed with Q&A. Open to new and skilled practitioners. Presented by certified practitioner and mindfulness meditation teacher Shazia Zaman. **REG**

**A – 12/4, 5 pm, Monday**  
**Pickin' at Point**

Bring your acoustic instrument and a song to share at this drop in acoustic jam session.

**A – 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 7:30 pm, Mondays**  
**English Conversation Group**  
New members welcome. **REG**

**CH – 12/5, 12/19, 10:30 am, Tuesdays**  
**Toddler Fun: Stories & Scarves**

Please join us for songs, stories and fun for toddlers. For children 18 months – 3 years. **REG**

**CH – 12/6, 10:30 am, Wednesday**  
**Preschool Storytime: Cats**  
Please join us for songs and stories about cats. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

**CH – 12/7, 12/21, 10:30 am, Thursdays**  
**Toddler Sing-a-Long**  
Ages 18 – 36 months. **REG**

**A – 12/11, 1 pm, Monday**  
**Knitting and Crocheting at the Beach**  
Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels welcome.

**A – 12/11, 7 pm, Monday**  
**An Evening with George Simonovich: Old and Ancient Christmas Tunes**  
Experience a Victorian Christmas with ancient and old Christmas tunes and carols, familiar and obscure, performed on classical guitar, mandolin and cittern. **REG**

**CH – 12/12, 10:30 am, Tuesday**  
**Baby & Me**  
Please join us for songs, music, rhymes, and stories. Up to 18 months with caregiver. **REG**

**CH/PA – 12/12, 3:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Paws for Reading**  
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs.

**CH – 12/13, 10:30 am, Wednesday**  
**Preschool Storytime Fun with Miss Liz**  
Please join us for songs, stories and fun. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

**CH – 12/20, 10:30 am, Wednesday**  
**Preschool Storytime Holiday Fun**  
Please join us for songs and stories that celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**



**PT. PLEASANT BORO**  
732-295-1555

**CH – 12/1, 12/22, 10 am, Fridays**  
**Lil Builders Club**  
Drop in for some open block building with your little one. Ages 1 – 5.

**A – 12/1, 1 pm – 3 pm, Friday**  
**Games for Adults**  
Bring a friend and have fun playing a variety of board games.

**A – 12/2, 2:30 pm, Saturday**  
**Warm & Bright Holidays with Dakota & Elle**  
Join Dakota & Elle for a beautiful concert to get in the holiday spirit. Dakota & Elle are a classically trained tenor and soprano duo who sing Broadway, classical, and contemporary music. Sponsored by the Friends of the Pt. Pleasant Borough Branch.

**CH – 12/5, 10 am, Tuesday**  
**Toddler Art**  
Create awesome art for the fridge door. Dress for mess. Ages 2 – 3. **REG**

**CH/PA – 12/6, 4 pm, Wednesday**  
**Paws for Reading**  
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs

**G – 12/6, 12/20, 6 pm, Wednesdays**  
**Family Chess Night**  
Join us on the first and third Wednesdays of every month for an evening of chess. We will have several chess boards for players of all ages and skill levels to enjoy.

**CH – 12/7, 10 am, Thursday**  
**Preschool Storytime Fun with Miss Liz**  
Please join us for songs, stories and fun. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**





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**PT. PLEASANT BORO**  
**732-295-1555**

**A – 12/7, 1 pm, Thursday & 12/20, 6 pm, Wednesday**  
**Twisted Stitchers of Ocean County**

Join our group to learn or bring your project with you. If you are a beginner, knitting needles and yarn will be available for you. If you are already a knitter, please join.

**A – 12/7, 6:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Open Mic Night**

Join Dennis "The Heavy Metal Poet" Townsend for a night of local talent. Sign-ups begin at 6 pm; performances start at 6:30 pm.

**A – 12/7, 12/21, 7:30 pm, Thursdays**  
**Adult Writers Group**

Explore your writing skills in a fun, friendly, informal setting.

**CH – 12/11, 10 am, Monday**  
**Homeschool Hangout: STEAM Time**

Come explore, create and learn using our STEAM kits and materials. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

**MKR/T – 12/11, 2:30 pm, Monday**  
**Tissue Paper Snowflakes**

Stop by to make snowflake sun catchers with our Cricut™ machine and tissue paper to display at the Point Boro Branch. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**CH – 12/12, 10 am, Tuesday**  
**Dogs, Dogs, Dogs Storytime**

Come in for stories, songs and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**A – 12/12, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**Tuesday Evening Movie: Violent Night**  
(R) 112 min.

**CH – 12/14, 10 am, Thursday**  
**Baby & Me**

Please join us for songs, music, rhymes, and stories. Up to 18 months with caregiver. **REG**

**BD – 12/18, 10:30 am, Monday**  
**Friends Book Club**

*The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin.

**T – 12/18, 2:30 pm, Monday**  
**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

**BD – 12/20, 6 pm, Wednesday**  
**Open Our Mind Book Club**

*The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes.

**A – 12/22, 1:30 pm, Friday**  
**Friday Afternoon Movie: Everest**

(PG-13) 121 min.

**G – 12/27, 3 pm, Wednesday**  
**Family Fun Hour: Bingo**

Come out for some family fun playing bingo. **REG**



**STAFFORD**  
**609-597-3381**

**A – 12:30 pm – 4 pm, All Fridays**  
**Mah Jongg**

Bring your current year gaming cards and game sets. Drop in.

**A – 12/2, 12/16, 12/30, 10 am – 12 pm, Saturdays & 12/7, 12/21, 1 pm – 3 pm, Thursdays**  
**String of Purls - Knit/Crochet**

Join to learn or bring your project with you. Beginners bring size 9 knitting needles and light-colored 4-ply cotton or acrylic yarn. To crochet, bring the same yarn, and size "I" crochet hook. Drop in.

**CH/TW/T/PA – 12/4, 10 am, Monday**  
**Homeschooler's Workshop: Gingerbread Houses**

Create festive and tasty gingerbread houses with icing, graham crackers, and candies galore. Ages 8 – 13. **REG**

**BD – 12/4, 12 pm, Monday**  
**AAUW Monday Book Discussion**

*I Let You Go* by Clare Mackintosh.

**A – 12/4, 12 pm, Monday**  
**Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**

Caring for an Alzheimer's patient can be overwhelming. Join us monthly to learn how you can balance it all. Presented in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health, Debra Shar, RN, BSN. **REG**

**CH – 12/5, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**STEM Builders**

Drop in and explore building with magnetic shapes, LEGOS®, and more. Ages 4 – 12.

**BD – 12/6, 10 am, Wednesday**  
**First Wednesday Book Club**

*The Maid* by Nita Prose.

**A – 12/6, 2 pm, Wednesday**  
**New Release Movie Matinee**

Check with the Stafford Branch for the upcoming film title. **REG**

**CH – 12/8, 10 am, Friday**  
**Messy Art: Winter Drop-in**

Fun is in order with paint, stamping and stickers at art stations around the children's room. Drop in and dress for a mess. Ages 3+.

**A – 12/8, 2 pm – 4 pm, Friday**  
**Friends Adventure: Phil Bruschi Presents "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"**

Phil returns to share facts behind some Classic Christmas Songs. Celebrate the spirit of the season listening to Phil sing yuletide songs, such as "White Christmas," "A Christmas Song," and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." Sponsored by the Friends of the Stafford Library. **REG**

**TW/T – 12/9, Saturday**  
**Do You Want to Build a Snowman?**

Drop in and build a snowman bookmark to keep or gift this season. Ages 9 – 18.

**A – 12/11, 2 pm, Monday**  
**Life Love Dogs: Film Documentary**  
(NR) 91 min.

**A – 12/12, 2:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Am I at Risk of a Stroke?**

Learn the signs, symptoms, and risk factors for strokes and how to B.E.F.A.S.T. if someone is having a stroke. Presented in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health, Carol Schoenberger, RN. **REG**

**DIV/A – 12/13, 2:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**Art Around the World: Ukraine: Spider Web Ornaments**

Learn about the Ukrainian folktale inspiring this seasonal tradition. Make your own spider web ornament. **REG**

**T – 12/13, 6:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

**TW/T – 12/13, 6:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**Holiday Photos**

Join us for Holiday Photos. Staff will take pictures using a green screen with different backgrounds and email the photos to attendees. Ages 9 – 17. **REG**

**A – 12/18, 12 pm, Monday & 12/27, 12 pm, Wednesday**  
**Support Group for Caregivers**

Being a caregiver can be overwhelming. Learn how you can balance it all. Presented in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health, Debra Shar, RN, BSN. **REG**

**TW/T – 12/18, 3:30 pm, Monday**  
**Seasonal Holiday Ornaments**

Join us to make some seasonal ornaments for you to keep or gift this season. Ages 9 – 17. **REG**

**A – 12/19, 2:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Adult Crafting Club**

Join us for an afternoon of crafting. The crafting club meets once per month on the 3rd Tuesday. **REG**



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**STAFFORD**  
609-597-3381

**A – 12/20, 11 am, Wednesday**  
**NGXB: Rockin' the Classics and Holiday Hits**

NGXB is a pianist and arranger with a sparkling personality and huge talent. Come and enjoy classics, oldies and holiday hits. **REG**

**A – 12/20, 6:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**Huntington's Disease Support Group**

This volunteer-led group is open to anyone with Huntington's Disease, as well as caregivers, family, or friends of someone with the disease or simply anyone interested in learning more. This group meets once per month on the 3rd Wednesday.

**TW – 12/21, 3:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Tween Crafternoon: Homemade Grinch Ornaments**  
Join us to make homemade Grinch ornaments for the season. Ages 9 – 13. **REG**

**A – 12/28, 2:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Coloring Club for Adults**  
Spend an afternoon creating art, listening to soothing music and relaxing with like-minded adults at the Library. Materials are provided or bring your own coloring projects and coloring tools. **REG**

**A – 12/28, 6 pm, Thursday**  
**Anime Club**

Anime fans can come together, meet fellow adults, watch anime, share artwork, talk about manga and other related topics. This program meets once per month on the 4th Thursday. **REG**



**TOMS RIVER**  
732-349-6200

**CH – 12/1, 10 am, Friday**  
**Toddler Time**

Join us for interactive songs, stories and playtime. Ages 2 – 3. **REG**

**A – 12/1, 2:30 pm, Friday**  
**DIY Gift Card Holders and Gift Tags**

Upcycle mint tins into customized gift card holders and create personalized gift tags with this fun craft. **REG**

**S/MKR/G – 12/2, 1 pm, Saturday**  
**Puffy Paint Snowman**

Drop in to make a puffy paint snowman. This will take place in Sparks's Lab on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. All ages with caregiver. While supplies last.

**CH – 12/4, 6:30 pm, Monday**  
**Rock Painting**  
Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

**A – 12/4, 6:30 pm, Monday**  
**SCORE Presents: Amazon Basics**

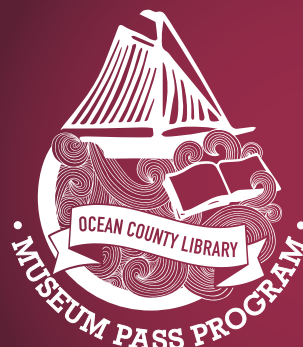
The Service Corps of Retired Executives, an entrepreneur mentorship group, will be hosting a series of workshops designed to help new and aspiring business owners find, develop and succeed in their business endeavors. Everyone knows who Amazon is, but did you know that tens of thousands of small businesses use Amazon as their primary distribution system? Learn the basics of conducting your business and increasing your sales through Amazon. This is a free course offered by SCORE Southeast NJ. **REG**

**MKR/TW/T/A – 12/4, 6:30 pm, Monday**  
**Navigating Thingiverse – Intro to 3D Printing**

Visit Sparks's Lab to learn all about 3D printing and how to navigate *Thingiverse.com*. Ages 10+. **REG**

**CH – 12/5, 10:30 am, Tuesday**  
**Homeschool Storytime**

Join us for a program just for homeschoolers. Develop pre-reading skills with stories, songs, movement, and a fun craft. Ages 4 – 8 with a caregiver. **REG**



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**DECEMBER 5  
7:00 PM**

**Let's Talk World Building with YA Fantasy Fiction Superstar Author Victoria Aveyard**  
#1 New York Times Bestselling Author of the Red Queen Series and the Realm Breaker Series

**DECEMBER 12  
2:00 PM**

**Motherhood, Hunger, and Higher Education: An Author Talk with Stephanie Land**  
New York Times bestselling author of *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive*





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**TOMS RIVER**  
**732-349-6200**

**T/PA – 12/5, 3:30 pm,  
Tuesday**

### **Cooking Matters for Teens**

Join a Nutrition Educator from the Community Food Bank of NJ to learn how to make healthy, budget-friendly food choices and lead a more active life. In this session, teens learn more about proteins and healthy fats. Get ready for a snack challenge.

**REG**

**A – 12/5, 6:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Game Club for Adults**

Come play video and board games at the library and make new friends.

**A – 10 am, All Wednesdays**  
**English Conversation Group**

New to speaking English? Join us and talk about current events and more. New members welcome.

**MKR/TW/T/A – 12/6, 6 pm,  
Wednesday**  
**Snow-Pal Luminary  
Papercraft**

Join us in the Sparks's Lab to create luminary papercraft snowpals. **REG**

**A – 12/6, 7 pm, Wednesday**  
**WREP: When Radio  
Entertained People**

Veteran actors from WREP will perform skits from radio's "Golden Age" of the 1940s and 1950s. This "broadcast" will feature episodes from the shows *Life of Riley*, *Archie Andrews* and *Flywheel*. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

**CH/TW – 12/7, 6:30 pm,  
Thursday**  
**DIY Wooden Gingerbread  
Houses**

Assemble and decorate your own wooden gingerbread house. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

**A – 12/7, 6:30 pm, Thursday**  
**2024 Astrological Predictions**

Mary will make predictions for the world and each Astrology sign. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

**A – 12/11, 2 pm, Monday**  
**Jingle Bell Jazz with The  
Pettets**

Enjoy jazzy renditions of classic holiday favorites. Sing along with mother – daughter duo, Denise and Ashley Pettet. The Pettets have distinguished careers on Broadway, movies, radio and television. **REG**

**MKR/T – 12/11, 6 pm, Monday**  
**DIY Furoshiki Gift Wrap for  
Teens**

Make it a handmade holiday with your own sustainable Japanese furoshiki custom gift wrap. Teens will use special fabric ink to apply patterns to two cloths to take home for holiday wrapping. **REG**

**CH – 12/12, 10 am, Tuesday**  
**It's Fun to Be One Storytime**  
Grow little one's love of the library with stories, songs, playtime, and more. Ages 12 – 23 months with a caregiver. **REG**

**BD/LGBT/A – 12/12, 6 pm,  
Tuesday**  
**Read with Pride Adult Book  
Club**

*Wow, No Thank You*, by Samantha Irby. This book discussion is for those who identify as LGBTQ+, or who simply want to learn more about LGBTQ+ stories, narratives, and experiences. All are welcome. **REG**

**A – 12/12, 6:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Mini-Concert of Seasonal  
Songs**

Come join us to enjoy seasonal songs by Mia & Frank. Mia is a local singer and Frank is a guitarist. They will perform a selection of popular seasonal songs. Sponsored by The Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

**BD – 12/12, 7 pm, Tuesday**  
**Evening Book Discussion**

*The Love of My Life* by Rosie Walsh.

**CH – 12/13, 10 am, Wednesday**  
**Explore the Floor**

Drop by between 10 am – 11:30 am for toys and activities that encourage skill building and creativity. Ages 1 – 5. Siblings are welcome.

**A – 12/13, 10:30 am,  
Wednesday**  
**Craft for Adults with Special  
Challenges**

Completing a craft project gives us a profound sense of accomplishment. Through this program, adults with special challenges can be creative and enjoy making crafts. Come join us once a month. **REG**

**T – 12/13, 3 pm, Wednesday**  
**LGBTTeens**

Join us for LGBTTeens, a club for LGBTQ+ and allied teens to participate in fun activities, support one another, explore our collection of LGBTQ+ books, and help create library programs. **REG**

**T – 12/13, 6 pm, Wednesday**  
**Spicy Night with PAA**

Join a class of the Performing Arts Academy for a night of music, performance, and poetry. **REG**

**MKR/TW/T/A – 12/13, 6 pm,  
Wednesday**

### **Beginner's Crochet Class**

Join us in the Sparks's Lab for a beginner's crocheting class and learn to crochet a winter snowflake with certified instructor Robin Nogiewicz. Ages 10+. **REG**

**T – 12/13, 6:30 pm,  
Wednesday**  
**Dungeons & Dragons® for  
Teens**

Join players on an adventure in the world of *Dungeons & Dragons®*. Open to new and experienced players. Space is limited, be sure to register. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

**T/PA – 12/14, 2 pm, Thursday**  
**De-Stress with Dogs for  
Teens**

Drop into the Teen Zone and de-stress with therapy dogs. Relax, play with, and hang out with the visiting furry friends. This recurring program meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month during the school year.

**T – 12/14, 6 pm, Thursday**  
**Make Your Own Jibbitz™ for  
Teens**

Who doesn't want to dress up their shoes? Go around in style with your own handmade Jibbitz™. In this program, attendees will be able to make their own shoe charms by using a variety of craft supplies. **REG**

**G – 12/14, 7 pm, Thursday**  
**Petra and the Wolf Presented  
by Basically Ballet**

An all-female cast will perform a retelling of the classic story of *Peter & the Wolf*. **REG**

**CH/TW – 12/16, 2:30 pm,  
Saturday**  
**Drop-in Video Games for  
Kids**

Play video games and make some new friends. Ages 4 – 12.

**CH – 12/18, 6:30 pm, Monday**  
**Baby & Me**

Visit the library for an interactive program for you and your baby. For babies up to 12 months old. **REG**

**T/PA – 12/18, 6:30 pm,  
Monday**

### **Zen Zone Mondays: Mason Jar Soy Candles**

Relax and unwind as you meet with friends, do hands-on activities, and learn about and practice self-care. In this session, we'll pour our own custom soy candles to share the light of the season. **REG**

**CH – 12/19, 10:30 am,  
Tuesday**

### **Build Your Own Penguin Pal**

With guidance from our friend Debby Pease, build a penguin pal at the library. Ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver. **REG**





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**TOMS RIVER**  
732-349-6200

**T – 12/19, 3 pm, Tuesday**  
**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**  
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

**BD – 12/19, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**Trevor's Banned Book Club**  
*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou.

**S/G – 12/19, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**Sensory Friendly Movie:**  
***The Grinch* (2018)**  
(PG) 90 min. Join us in the Sensory Space for a craft and a sensory friendly movie where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and dancing, walking, rolling, singing and shouting are welcome. All ages with caregiver. **REG.**

**A – 12/20, 10:30 am, Wednesday**  
**Karaoke for Adults with Special Challenges**  
Do you enjoy singing? Now is your chance to sing the best song. Join us and sing along with our karaoke music. Music by us, talent by you. **REG**

**CH/TW/PA – 12/20, 4:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**Paws for Reading**  
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Ages 5 – 12. **REG**

**MKR/TW/T/A – 12/20, 6 pm, Wednesday**  
**Beginner's Cricut® Class**  
Learn the basics of using the Cricut® Maker™ machine and Cricut® Design Space Software. **REG**

**A – 12/21, 2 pm, Thursday**  
**Faux Gingerbread House Craft for Adults with Special Challenges**  
Join us to create the front of a gingerbread house using cardboard, a cardboard stand, brown construction paper and various materials to decorate it. Space is limited. **REG**

**CH – 12/23, 10:30 am, Saturday**  
**Drop-in Sparkly Christmas Ornament**  
Drop in and create a sparkly ornament in time to decorate for the Christmas holiday. Ages 5+.

**A – 12/26, 7 pm, Tuesday**  
**Vinyl Record Nights**  
Come unwind and listen to curated vinyl records under the stars in the atrium.



**TUCKERTON**  
609-296-1470

**A – 12/4, 7 pm, Monday**  
**Adult Coloring**  
Relax by coloring your stress away. **REG**

**CH – 12/5, 11 am, Tuesday**  
**Toddler Time: Holidays**  
Enjoy songs, fingerplays and a craft. **REG**

**A – 12/7, 10 am, Thursday**  
**Art Chat**  
Meet and talk with local artists. Bring your own work for feedback.

**CH – 12/7, 3:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Holidays Around the World**  
Learn about different traditions and make a holiday craft. Ages 5+. **REG**

**A – 12/11, 6 pm, Monday**  
**Monday Movie Night:**  
***Serendipity***  
(PG-13) 90 min.

**CH – 12/12, 11 am, Tuesday**  
**Toddler Time:**  
**Bears & Winter Naps**  
Enjoy songs, fingerplays and a craft. **REG**

**T/PA – 12/14, 3:30 pm, Thursday**  
**Teen Advisory Board (TAB):**  
**Cookie Decorating**  
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

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**A – 12/18, 6 pm, Monday**  
**Monday Movie Night:**  
***Last Holiday***  
(PG-13) 112 min.

**CH – 12/19, 11 am, Tuesday**  
**Toddler Time: Winter Solstice**  
Enjoy songs, fingerplays and a craft. For toddlers and older. **REG**

**G – 12/27, 2 pm – 4 pm, Wednesday**  
**Get Ready for New Year's Eve**  
Drop in to make a noisemaker before the big ball drops.

**G – 12/29, 2 pm, Friday**  
**Family Bingo**  
Enjoy a fun afternoon playing this classic game for a chance to win a prize. **REG**

**CH – 12/30, 11 am, Saturday**  
**Saturday Stay 'n Play**  
Enjoy watching *Cool Runnings* while getting creative with our LEGOS®. (PG) 98 min.



**UPPER SHORES**  
732-793-3996

**BD – 12/1, 10 am, Friday**  
**Morning Book Discussion**  
*Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell.

**BD – 12/1, 3 pm, Friday**  
**Afternoon Book Discussion**  
*Send For Me* by Lauren Fox.

**A – 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 12 pm, Mondays**  
**Mah Jongg Mondays**  
Play Mah Jongg at the library.

**A – 9 am, All Tuesdays**  
**Hand and Foot Card Games**  
Come play this variant card game of Canasta at the library.

**A – 12/5, 2 pm, Tuesday**  
**Embroidered Greeting Cards**  
Learn how to embroider your own paper cards for a fun homemade gift with local artist, Linda Johnson. Supplies are limited. **REG**

**CH – 12/6, 12/20, 10:30 am, Wednesdays**  
**Baby & Me**  
Join us for a free play session with various toys and music. For babies up to 18 months with a caregiver. **REG**

**CH/PA – 12/6, 4 pm, Wednesday**  
**Paws for Reading**  
Join us to practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Ages 3 – 12. **REG**

**CH – 12/7, 12/21, 10:30 am, Thursdays**  
**Toddler Time**  
Join us for songs, stories, and hands-on activities. Ages 18 – 36 months with a caregiver. **REG**







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**UPPER SHORES**  
732-793-3996

**G – 12/7, 2 pm, Thursday**  
**Great American Standards**

The talented Gary Evans entertains us at the piano with his delightful music on the first Thursday of each month. Requests are welcome. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upper Shores Branch.

**BD – 12/7, 3 pm, Thursday**  
**Thursday Book Discussion**  
*Educated* by Tara Westover.

**A – 12/8, 12/22, 1 pm, Fridays**  
**OC Purls Knitting Group**  
Enjoy conversation and exchange patterns while you work on your knitting projects.

**A – 12/9, 2 pm, Saturday**  
**One Enchanted Christmas:**  
**A Concert with David Podles**  
Commemorate the holiday season and all the most famous and poignant Christmas music we know and love with acclaimed international concert violinist Dr. David Podles from Riga, Latvia, the birthplace of the Christmas Tree. **REG**

**CH – 12/14, 10:30 am, Thursday**  
**Preschool Storytime**  
Join us for storytime and an activity. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

**A/PA – 12/14, 2 pm, Thursday**  
**Canvas and Coffee**  
Join Beach House Studio from Lavallette to paint a beautiful winter scene on canvas while you enjoy a hot refreshment. Space is limited. **REG**

**A – 12/15, 1:30 pm, Friday**  
**Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas**  
Join singer Phil Bruschi as he combines education, entertainment, and the holidays. Listen as he shares some fascinating facts behind some Classic Christmas Songs and celebrate the spirit of the season listening to Phil sing some of the most popular yuletide songs. **REG**

**A – 12/16, 2 pm, Saturday**  
**Movies in the Library:**  
*Death on the Nile*  
(PG-13) 127 min. **REG**

**T – 12/19, 6 pm, Tuesday**  
**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**  
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**TW/T – 12/19, 6:30 pm, Tuesday**  
**Holiday Gift Wrapping & Card Making**  
Bring your presents to wrap and make holiday cards. Ages 10 – 18. **REG**

**CH – 12/20, 3:30 pm, Wednesday**  
**Button Wreath Craft**  
Create a holiday wreath using buttons. Ages 3 – 12. **REG**

**A – 12/21, 12/28, 1 pm, Thursdays**  
**Bridge for All**  
Play bridge at the library. All skill levels welcome.

**CH – 12/28, 10:30 am, Thursday**  
**BONK! Drumming for Kids**  
The kids will be introduced to hand drums and percussion from around the world, learn about musical dynamics and communicating with drums, sharpen their listening skills and even create their very own rain forest using percussion instruments designed to sound like birds, animals and weather. Ages 4 – 11. **REG**



**WARETOWN**  
609-693-5133

**A – 12/5, 12/19, 11 am, Tuesdays**  
**Waretown Writers Group**  
Join other writers to explore your skills in an informal and fun discussion.

**A – 12 pm – 4 pm, All Wednesdays**  
**Mah Jongg**  
Beginners welcome.



**CH – 12/8, 11 am, Friday**  
**Storytime and Craft**  
Join us for storytime and a craft. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

**G/PA – 12/11, 7 pm, Monday**  
**Christmas Lights**  
Remember driving around and looking at your neighbor's lights? Enjoy the world's most stunning Christmas light displays from the comfort of the library and enjoy a sweet treat. **REG**

**G – 12/18, 6 pm, Monday**  
**Holiday Tree Lighting**  
Celebrate the holidays at our annual holiday tree lighting, featuring songs by the Waretown school choir. Hosted by the Friends of the Waretown Library. **REG**

**T/TW – 12/21, 3 pm, Thursday**  
**Minute to Win it**  
You've got one minute to succeed in these silly challenges. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**A – 12/23, 12 pm, Saturday**  
**Fred Miller: Lectures in Song**  
**an American Christmas**  
Come enjoy a musical and anecdotal celebration of America's favorite holiday. **REG**



**VIRTUAL PROGRAMS**

**T – December**  
**Crafting With Miss Chris:**  
**Danish Stars**  
Learn how to make Danish Stars a traditional Christmas decoration made from woven paper. Presented by the Island Heights Branch.

**CH – December**  
**Watch & Create:**  
**Hot Chocolate Mix-Ins**  
Fancify your hot cocoa or create tasty giveaways. Sponsored by the Friends of the Stafford Library.



**CH – December**  
**Watch & Create:**  
**Popsicle Stick Snowman**  
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*The Matzah Ball* by Jean Meltzer

*The Rewind* by Allison Winn Scotch



## Childrens Titles:

*Hanukkah Upside Down* by Elissa Brent

*How Does Santa Go Down the Chimney?* by Mac Barnett

*The People Remember* by Ibi Aanu Zobo



## Young Adult Titles:

*Eight Nights of Flirting* by Hannah Reynolds

*Talk Santa to Me* by Linda Urban

*The Christmas Clash* by Suzanne Park

