Library News

Too busy to visit the library? You can conveniently borrow paperbacks from our book stalls at Chatham Post Office, Green Village Post Office, Chatham Train Station, Chatham Township Municipal Building, Peapack-Gladstone Bank, and Hudson City Bank thanks to Friends of The Library. You can also reserve items from our website at www.chathamlibrary.org and choose to pick up at either the library or at the Chatham Township Municipal Building. And you can return your books to alternate locations, including Hickory Tree Mall and Fairmount Country Store.

Programs and Events

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
First Thursday of the month, 10 am – 12 noon

Nature and Landscape Photography Show
Works of Gina Petrecca, Summit resident and student of the International Center for Photography in NY, will be at the library October 5 through October 30.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)
Bring your smartphone or tablet to the library for individual training with a reference librarian. Learn how to download library eBooks to your own device. Second and fourth Tuesday of the month, October 14 and 28 at 11 am and 2 pm. Call for an appointment at 973-635-0603.

Mystery Writers of America Discussion Panel
The NY Chapter of the Mystery Writers of America will present a panel of authors who will discuss their work on Saturday, October 18 at 2 pm. Included in the discussion will be Annamaria Alfieri, Mistina Bates, Wallace Stroby, Dennis Tafoya, Dave White, and Sheila York. If you like crime fiction, you won’t want to miss this event.

LIBRARY HOURS
Monday – Thursday, 9:30 am – 9:00 pm
Friday 9:30 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday 9:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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History of the Blairsden Estate in Peapack-Gladstone
On Tuesday, October 21 at 7 pm, W. Barry Thomson, founder of The Blairsden Association, will speak at the library about the family of Clinton Ledyard Blair and his first wife, Florence Osborne Jennings, who built the Blairsden Estate. Mr. Thomson will also discuss the sources of the Blair family’s wealth; the architecture and landscape design of Blairsden as well as the family’s other homes and lavish lifestyle.

Living with Challenging Pets
Gerald Andrejcak, from Stewartsville-based Common Sense for Animals, will present a talk on owning and caring for exotic pets on Wednesday, October 22 at 7 pm. Before you adopt or purchase an unusual pet, Gerald will help you consider the challenges you will face as it matures, needs veterinary care, or out-grows your home environment. He will also bring some of his exotic and reptile pals with him.

Family Movie Night: Disney’s Tower of Terror (G, 89 min.)
Big-screen stars Steve Guttenberg and Kirsten Dunst encounter a host of haunts in this delightfully spooky mystery! Buzzy Crocker (Guttenberg) is a hard-luck photojournalist whose unexpected encounter with an old woman leads him to investigate an unexplained, decades-old disappearance. It seems that one Halloween night, many years ago, five partygoers vanished in the elevator of the Hollywood Tower
Hotel. Ever since, their ghosts have remained trapped inside the dilapidated old building, in an action-filled story that delivers creepy fun for everyone. **Thursday, October 23 at 7 pm.**

**Zombie Film Marathon**  
Join us for our zombie themed film series on **Saturday, October 25 from 2 to 6 pm**, beginning with *Night of the Living Dead* (NR, 96 min.) starring Duane Jones, Judith O’Dea, and Russell Steiner. We will also show *Return of the Living Dead* (R, 91 min.) and *Return of the Living Dead II* (R, 92 min.) Zombie themed refreshments will be served. Prepare to be scared!

**Library Book Club: *The Invention of Wings***  
This month the library will be discussing *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd on **Wednesday, October 29 at 1 pm and 7:30 pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend. You may reserve a copy of the book from the Reference Desk.

**Activities For Children**

**Monday, September 22 through Friday, October 31  
4 or 5pm**

**Reading Friendzy!**  
Children in grades 1 through 6 will be matched with a Chatham High School honor student for an hour of oral reading and discussion. Meetings will be scheduled once a week. Registration opens Monday, September 15.

**Wednesday, October 1  
4 to 5 pm  Ages 5 & Up**  
Registration: Monday, September 22  
Limit: 8 children

**Make an Autumn Headband with Miss Polly**  
Make a beautiful autumn-themed headband with Miss Polly! *Sponsored by Friends of The Library.*

**Thursday, October 2  
4 to 5 pm  Ages 5 to 12**

**Check Out a Beehive and Learn About Bees!**  
Learn about the lives of bees and check out an observation hive while making fun bee crafts! *Sponsored by Friends of The Library.*

**Fridays, October 3 & 17  
Preschool Aged  
11 to 11:30 am**

**Tae Kwon Do Tots**  
The World Champion Tae Kwon Do School will introduce children to the basic principles of this martial art.

**Mondays, October 6, 13, 20 & 27  
3:30 to 4:30 pm  Grades 2 to 5**

**Open Chess**  
Registration: Reserve a spot one week prior to each session. Children can either bring friends to play games with or will be matched with other children during the session.

**Tuesday, October 7  
4 to 5 pm  Ages 5 to 8**  
Registration: Monday, September 29  
Limit: 10 children

**What’s In Your Food?**  
Children will learn and taste the difference between fresh made and store bought guacamole and hummus with health coach Minati O’Connell.

**Thursday, October 9  
Preschool Aged  
10 to 10:30 or 10:45 to 11:15**

**Music with Carolyn Dempsey**  
An early childhood music and movement program in which children learn to sing in tune, keep a beat, and participate with confidence in music

**Monday, October 13 (Columbus Day)  
10 am to 12 noon  All Ages**

**Kids’ Crafts**  
Drop by and make a small craft to take home.  
*Craft supplies provided by Friends of The Library.*

**Wednesday, October 15  
Grades K & Up  
4 to 5 pm**

**Read Aloud to Therapy Dogs**  
Sit down and read your favorite book to a gentle and loving dog from St. Hubert’s.

**Thursday, October 16  
Preschool Aged  
10 to 10:30 or 10:45 to 11:15**

**Miss Carol Dance**  
Basic movement to music in a fun and loving atmosphere.
Thursday, October 16     4 to 5 pm     Grades 3 to 6
Registration: Wednesday, October 1
Limit: 8 children
**Design a Magic Hat with Miss Polly**
Make your own magical, mystical hat with Miss Polly! *Materials provided by Friends of The Library.*

Sunday, October 19     All Ages
2:30 to 4 pm
**Legopalooza!**
Build your own LEGO creation from our enormous collection of LEGOs. All creations will be put on display in the Children’s Room.

Thursday, October 23     Preschool Aged
10 to 10:30 or 10:45 to 11:15
**Bob Conrad**
Enjoy this fun puppet show!

Friday, October 31     All Ages
**HALLOWEEN PARADE**
Meet in the Children’s Room and join the parade around the library grounds. Be sure to bring your camera for photo ops with some larger than life characters. *The parade is sponsored by Friends of The Library.*

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**STORYTIME**

*Storytime is an 8-week, progressive program for preschool aged children and their caregivers.*
**Program dates are October 6 through November 29.** Please sign up in the Children’s Room or call 973-635-0603 starting Monday, September 29.

**Mondays**
9:45 – 10:15 am   24 months & younger
10:15 – 11 am   4 to 6 years
11 – 11:30 am   2 to 4 years

**Tuesdays**
9:45 – 10:30 am   4 to 6 years
10:30 – 11 am   24 months & younger
11 – 11:30 am   2 to 4 years

**Saturdays**
11 – 11:30 am   All Ages (Families)

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**Teen Events**

Thursday, October 9     Grades 6 to 12
4 to 5 pm
**Free Yoga Class for Teens**
Join our free yoga class for some relaxation and exercise! Class is limited to the first 12 participants who sign-up. Sign-ups begin Monday, September 29.

Thursday, October 16     Grades 6 to 12
6:30 to 8:30 pm
**Open Mic Night/Karaoke**
Share your talents by performing a song alone or with friends, singing along, reading something you’ve written, or anything else creative! We will provide the speakers and microphones; you bring your instruments and talent. Snacks will be served.

Thursday, October 23     Grades 6 to 12
4 to 5 pm
**Teen Advisory Group**
Earn a volunteer hour while discussing the library’s plans for a new teen room, teen programs, and your favorite books and movies! Snacks will be served.

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**Recent Book Gifts**

*Friends Gifts (from book sale proceeds)*

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**The Eigen Family Fund**

The Art of Classic Rock          741.674 GRU
Bricks and Mortals               720.103 WIL
Carl Andre                       730.92 VER
Whistler: A Life for Art’s Sake  BIOG WHISTLER SUT

**Gift of Fishawack, Inc.**

Pickles, Pigs & Whiskey           641.5975 CUR
Thailand: The Cookbook            641.59 GAB

**Gift of the Leffingwell Fund**

Wallace, Darwin, and the Origin of Species  576.82 COS

**In Memory of John B. Westcott, Jr.**

Rising Sun, Falling Skies         940.545 COX
Recent Donations

The following people and community groups made generous monetary or in-kind donations to the library last month:

Shehara Candappa
Edward English
Friends of the Library of The Chathams
MOMS Club of Berkeley Heights

Volunteer Needed

Please consider volunteering at the library. We need your help repairing damaged books. Training available for the neat-handed person who respects books! One day weekly or monthly.

Contact Deborah Fitzgerald at 973-635-0603 for details! Thank you in advance!

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