



Somerset County Freeholder Director, Rick Fontana, Somerset County Library System Director, Jim Hecht and Somerset County Library Commission Member, Art Carlson proudly display the recent citation issued by the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders recognizing Library achievement.

The Somerset County Library System has been named a Star Library by the preeminent library publication, *Library Journal*.

Library System Director, Jim Hecht said, "This is the second year in a row that we are being honored and I want to recognize our library staff members and our many volunteers for their contribution to this achievement. It is their hard work and dedication that places SCLS among the best libraries in the country." Only 258 libraries throughout the nation have the distinction of being named a Star Library.

This is the second year the *LJ* Index was published. According to *Library Journal*, "The *LJ* Index scores measure the levels of library service delivery relative to peer libraries nationally."

LJ Index scores are based on four per capita service output statistics: library visits, circulation, program

attendance and public Internet computer use.

Last year, SCLS offered 752 programs just for adults and 2,665 programs for youths attended by almost twenty thousand children and teens. This year, like every year yielded impressive summer reading statistics; over six thousand youths registered for summer reading clubs and read over 350,000 books, the highest total of all libraries in New Jersey. The library expects to surpass the 3 million circulation mark sometime this year.

For up-to date information about the Somerset County Library System as well as other news and events please check out or subscribe to the library's newsfeed at www.somerset.lib.nj.us



Daytime TV: There are alternatives.

As much as I love Judge Judy, Judge Hatchett and Judge Alex, there's only so much daytime TV I can watch before my brain starts feeling all melty and

gooey, like that Snickers bar I found beneath the couch cushion when I was on bed rest for two weeks. Sorry for the visual; moving on!

Thankfully, I had access to two great library resources; Homebound delivery and the library's digital media collection.

Recently, two Somerset County Library System patrons were kind enough to let us know that they appreciated these services as well:

One patron, home on bed rest expecting twins, called to tell us that she wants everyone to know the Homebound service is available to anyone who is home bound for whatever reason. It's a free service from the library available to SCLS cardholders. Call your local library branch for more information.

The other patron, 75 years old called to let us know that she was cancelling her homebound service as she had recently discovered our cache of downloadable materials. It's an easy, legal and safe way to download books, audio books, music and movies.

While home on bed rest I took advantage of the download service myself and read the wonderful book, *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini and *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson

...and yes, I still managed to squeeze in some time for Judge Joe Brown. (-By Editor Manny Miracle)

Preschool Teachers' Workshop**Tues., December 8****7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

(Registration Required)

LEAP OFF FROM BOOKS

Story Stretchers - Using songs, rhymes, flannel boards and fingerplays to extend and enhance learning experiences in your classroom.

A workshop for early childhood educators, parents and caregivers. The workshop is free of charge and 1 ½ professional development hours will be awarded to attendees.

**Wildlife: What It Takes To Survive! A Morris Museum Presentation****Thurs., December 10****7:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

Endangered? Extinct? Explore the impact of human choices, such as hunting, harvesting and human-animal conflict on world wildlife.

Foreign Film - *Valentin***Tues., December 8****2:00 PM - 4:00 PM****Doors Open at 1:50pm**

Meeting Rooms A/B/C

Valentin, an 8-year-old boy raised by his grandmother in Buenos Aires wants to discover the reason his mother left. When his grandmother dies he realizes he will have to find out the answers on his own.

In Spanish with English subtitles.

Rated PG-13; 2003

Registration is required.

Friday Night at the Movies:***Angels & Demons*****Fri., December 11****7:00 PM - 9:30 PM****Doors Open at 6:40pm**

Symbolist Robert Langdon finds himself on an adventure following clues all around the Vatican joined by murdered physicist Leonardo Vetra's daughter Vittoria. Langdon must solve the murder to unravel a plot by an ancient group, the Illuminati, to blow up the Vatican during a papal conclave.

Tom Hanks, Ewan McGregor, Stellan Skarsgard Directed by Ron Howard
 Rated PG-13; Participation is free!
 All adults are invited to attend.
 Registration Required.

**Friends' Concert: Keith Calmes****Fri., January 15****8:00 PM - 9:45 PM**

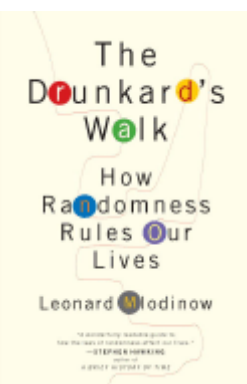
Classical guitarist Keith Calmes has performed as a soloist in halls such as Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, the St. Louis Art Museum, Musician's Institute, American Institute of Guitar, and California Institute of Technology. He has performed at the Fresno Classical Guitar Festival, Philadelphia Classical Guitar Festival, Lincoln Center Mozart Bicentennial, and the Philly Fringe Festival; and has performed with groups such as LA Camerata, Monmouth Symphony, Juilliard Symphony, Downey Symphony, and LA Musica Viva. Keith is a graduate of The Juilliard School, California State University at Northridge, and the University of Southern California. His latest CD, *Still Life and Simple Dreams*, was produced in collaboration with Steve Jankowski of Blood, Sweat, and Tears and is receiving rave reviews.

Photo Credit-Bill Herbert.

**Friends' Concert:****Richard Reiter Swing Band****Fri., February 12****8:00 PM - 9:45 PM**

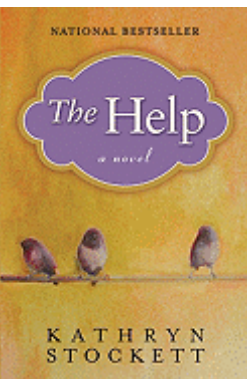
Richard Reiter is a nationally acclaimed jazz performer and composer whose music has reached international audiences. Reiter performs ten woodwinds: saxophones (soprano, alto, tenor, baritone), flutes (C-flute, alto flute, bass flute), clarinets (Bb soprano, Bb bass clarinet), and piccolo. Reiter has appeared as guest soloist with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (performing David Amram's "Triple Concerto") and featured artist on both national television (CROSSING POINT's half hour PBS show "Live & Listener Friendly") and worldwide television (their three "Arts America" half hour shows produced by the United States Information Agency). He was on-stage soloist in Bob Fosse's Broadway musical "Dancin'" (performing Benny Goodman's clarinet solo from "Sing Sing Sing") and backup for such notables as Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett (playing the "jazz tenor sax" chair), Nancy Wilson, Johnny Mathis, Linda Hopkins, Temptations and Supremes. Reiter has recorded with such artists as Marshall Hawkins, Buck Hill, Jimmy Hopps, Stan Rubin, Joe Carson and Mother Scott.

In 1979 Reiter received an EMMY Award for Best Musical Score for an Independent Production for his music to "Generation on the Wind," an Academy Award nominated feature documentary. Piano star Michel Camilo performed Reiter's chart "Fast Feet" with Camilo's big band and Diane Moser's Composers Big Band has featured Reiter's "Bumpy Road."



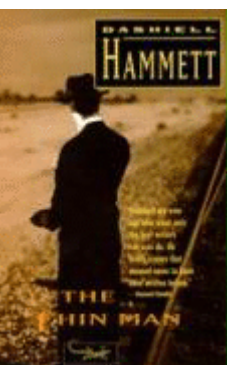
Non-Fiction Book Discussion:
The Drunkard's Walk
by Leonard Mlodinow
Thurs., December 10
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Admin. Conf Room

It might be shocking to realize that you are twice as likely to be killed in a car accident on your way to buying a lottery ticket than you are to win the lottery. How is it that a wine was given five out of five stars, the highest rating, in one journal and in another it was called the worst wine of the decade?...From the classroom to the courtroom, from financial markets to supermarkets, from the doctor's office to the Oval Office, Mlodinow's insights will intrigue, awe, and inspire. — Book Jacket



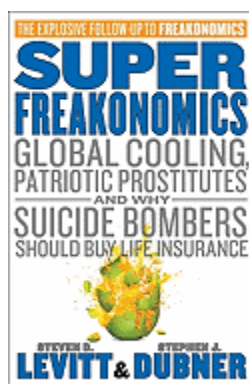
Popular Fiction Book Discussion Group: *The Help*
Tues., December 15
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Meeting Room A
Set during the nascent civil rights movement in

Jackson, Miss., where black women were trusted to raise white children but not to polish the household silver, the writer, Eugenia Phelan begins to collect the stories of the black women on whom the country club sets relies--and mistrusts.



Let's Talk About It Book Discussion Group:
The Thin Man by Dashiell Hammett
Thurs., December 17
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Admin Conf Room
Guest Professor
Justin Felix

The Thin Man is a murder mystery that doubles as a sophisticated comedy of manners. - distributed by Syndetic Solutions, LLC



Pop Culture Book Discussion Group: *Superfreakonomics*
Tues., January 5
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Admin Conf Room

The highly anticipated, explosive follow-up to the blockbuster 'Freakonomics' offers another groundbreaking collaboration between Levitt and Dubner. Librarian Chris Murray will lead the discussion.

Mysteries in the Morning: Destination -- Florida!

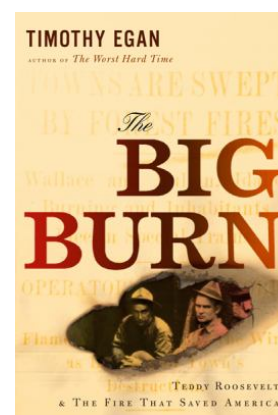
Wed., January 6
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Meeting Room A

Every other month we discuss a different sub-genre of mysteries. Pick If it's a mystery or thriller, and it takes place in the Sunshine State, then it fits this month's subgenre.



Popular Fiction Book Discussion Group: *Shanghai Girls*
Tues., January 12
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Meeting Room C

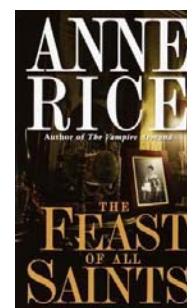
Forced into arranged marriages to Chinese men living in the United States two sisters encounter prejudice and harsh treatment as they try to assimilate into the strange new world of Los Angeles. Possibly the best book yet from the author of Peony in Love; highly recommended.— *Library Journal*. Librarian Yvonne Selander will lead the discussion.



Non-Fiction Book Discussion Group: *The Big Burn - Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire that Saved America*

Thurs., January 14
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Admin. Conf Room

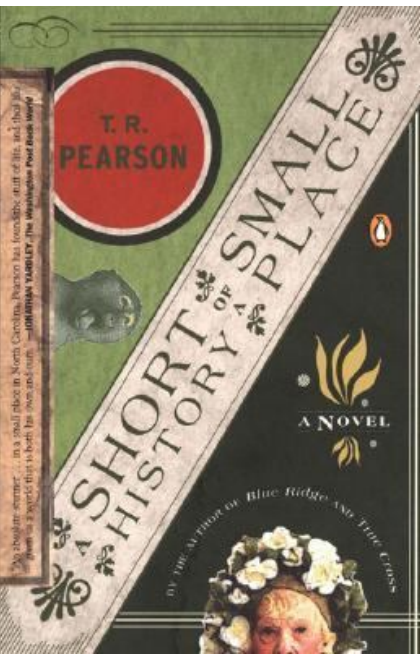
Egan spins a tremendous tale of Progressive-era America out of the 1910 blaze that burned across Montana, Idaho and Washington and put the fledgling U.S. Forest Service through a veritable trial by fire. Underfunded, understaffed, unsupported by Congress and President Taft and challenged by the robber barons that Taft's predecessor, Theodore Roosevelt, had worked so hard to oppose, the Forest Service was caught unprepared for the immense challenge. Egan shuttles back and forth between the national stage of politics and the conflicting visions of the nation's future, and the personal stories of the men and women who fought and died in the fire. - Publishers Weekly
Participation is FREE. Read the book and come for the discussion. All adults are welcome.



Let's Talk About It Book Discussion Group: *The Feast of All Saints* by Anne Rice
with Guest Professor
Ronald Tyson

Thurs., February 18
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Admin Conf Room

This dazzling historical novel chronicles the lives of four men and women caught perilously between the worlds of master and slave, privilege and oppression, passion and pain.



Let's Talk About It Book Discussion Group:
A Short History of a Small Place

By T. R. Pearson
Thurs., January 21
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
 Admin Conf Room

Guest Professor Wendy Rosenberg

Although T. R. Pearson's Neely, North Carolina, doesn't appear on the map of any state, it has already earned a secure place on the wonderful literary landscape of the South. In this introduction to Neely, the young narrator Louis Benfield recalls the tragic

last days of Miss Myra Angelique Pettigrew, a local spinster and former town belle who, after years of total seclusion, returns flamboyantly to public view - with her pet monkey, Mr. Britches. Welcome to a teeming human comedy, inhabited by some of the most eccentric and endearing characters ever encountered in literature."
(From the back cover; amazon.com)

SCORE - How to Start a Business

Wed., January 13
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
 TTC Room

If you are at the planning stage of starting a business or have already started your small business this course is for you. This seminar covers the basics of starting a business, including Business Registration, Licenses, Legal Structure (the relative benefits of an LLC, S Corp, Partnerships, etc.), Financing, efficient use of Legal and Accounting assistance at this planning stage, etc. Included are the basic elements of the Business Plan, a must for any business, including elements of the Financial and Marketing Plans.

SCORE®, Counselors to America's Small Business offers programs to entrepreneurs and small business owners that assist them establishing and maintaining a successful business. The workshops are designed to offer information on establishing a business, identifying needed skills and elements in the business environment that are necessary for a business to thrive.

All seminar participants have future access to individual FREE face-to- face counseling with qualified SCORE counselors to follow-up on any questions specific to their particular business.

Registration is required and is limited to 15 attendees. Register by calling the Adult Reference Desk at 908-526-4016 x105.



SCORE - Business Plan for a Small Business

Wed., February 10
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
 TTC Room

The Business Plan is a "blue-print" of how a business will function, its operational characteristics, capitalization, and the goals and objectives of the organization relative to its customers/market. Whether you are already in Business or just thinking of opening your own business, you will come away with the tools to identify and evaluate your business goals, areas of strength and weakness, identifying your market and customers and strategies and how to present your ideas to prospective financiers.

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Downloading Digital Media**Wed., December 9****10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

Learn how to download eAudiobooks and eBooks to your PC, MP3, PDA or Smart Phone! Now you can take your favorite books with you with a few simple clicks!

Internet for Job Searching**Wed., December 9****1:30 PM to 3:00 PM**

Learn to use the tools available on the Internet to further your job search. The class covers both local and national websites, as well as tips on resume writing and career guides.

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007**Thurs., December 10****6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**

Learn the basics of this popular word processing program. You must be able to use a mouse and be familiar with basic computer concepts such as opening and resizing windows.

Introduction to MS Excel**Fri., December 11****10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

Learn the basics of this program including: Creating a new workbook, typing and formatting text and saving a file. You must be able to use a mouse and be familiar with basic concepts such as opening and resizing windows

Using Online Databases for Research**Mon., December 14****1:30 PM - 3:00 PM**

Better than Google! The library subscribes to online databases that contain reliable information that is not freely available on the Web. Prerequisite: Basic Internet class or similar experience.

Using Your Digital Camera**Tues., December 15****1:30 PM - 3:00 PM**

Learn to use your digital camera- bring yours or use one of ours.

Finding Information in Newspapers**Wed., December 16****10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

Learn to search for information in our Newspaper databases which include not only local regional and national newspapers but newspapers from all over the world and popular E-newspapers.

Cooking Recipes on the Web**Fri., December 18****2:00 PM- 3:30 PM**

Learn to use the Internet to find new and delicious recipes for your family. There are sites to help you stay within your grocery budget by listing the cost of making each dish, and sites with basic cooking instructions for the novice cook. We will show you how to organize your recipes in folders on your PC for easy access and to share by email with friends.

Introduction to the Internet**Wed., December 30****1:30 PM - 3:00 P**

This is the first in a two part series. The class will include: a definition of the Internet, a brief history, how the Internet works, and how it can be used to search for things.

Computer Classes

Registration is required for all listed computer classes.

These classes are held in the Technical Training Center at the Bridgewater Library branch.



Starting and Staying in Business

Wed., December 2
7:00 PM

This seminar covers the basics of starting a business, including Business Registration, Licenses, Legal Structure (the relative benefits of an LLC, S Corp, Partnerships, etc.), Financing, efficient use of Legal and Accounting assistance at this planning stage, etc. Leave with a good grasp of the next steps in establishing a successful business. Presented by the Central New Jersey Chapter of SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) which is a nonprofit association dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and the formation, growth and success of small business nationwide.



Meet Local Author
Jeff Markowitz
Wed.,
December 9
7:00 PM

Jeff Markowitz is the author of the Cassie O'Malley Mystery Series,

wildly funny mysteries set deep in the New Jersey Pine Barrens. In 2004, Jeff introduced tabloid reporter and amateur sleuth Cassie O'Malley in *Who is Killing Doah's Deer?* Cassie returned in 2006 in *A Minor Case of Murder* and now she's back to investigate a double homicide at the Mall of New Jersey in the Christmas mystery, *It's Beginning to Look a Lot like Murder*.



Marketing Plan for a Small Business Overview

Thurs., December 10
7:00 PM

This seminar covers all phases of a Small Business Marketing Plan with special emphasis on strategies applicable to the new economic environment. Learn how to research, identify and evaluate markets within your service or product area; develop a coherent marketing plan for your targeted area and the tactics to successfully reach your goals. Leave with a good grasp of how to achieve a competitive advantage, identify trends, product differentiation edge, and meeting and maintaining customer satisfaction. Presented by the Central New Jersey Chapter of SCORE

Library Loopers: An Informal Gathering of Crocheters and Knitters

Ongoing, meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

New attendees of all levels are always welcome! No registration necessary.



Self Defense for Women

Sat., February 13

10:30 AM

Presented by Walter Miller, Black Belt Instructor. This class is designed for women of all ages and girls 12 years and older who wish to learn techniques for personal self-defense against all assaults. Moms and daughters are welcome. The class will begin with a warm-up and joint and balance exercises. Then participants will learn escapes and counter attacks to choke, wrist grabs, bear hugs, knife attacks, muggings and other street attacks. Participants under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Home Energy Workshop**Sat., January 16****2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Become familiar with the NJ Clean Energy Website and learn how to reduce home energy costs with a hands on demonstration.

**Afternoon Movie:*****Four Christmases*****Wed., December 2****1:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

One couple out of excuses, two sets of divorced parents, three years without a holiday visit, four Christmases!

Introduction to Facebook**Thurs., December 3****7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

Join us to learn how to use this very popular social networking website.

Psychic Reading**Wed., December 9****7:00 PM - 8:45 PM**

Renown psychic Marc Sky will do group readings in this enlightening and entertaining class. You will have your palm read, find out about love, business, relationships and more!

Seasonal Music by Hillsborough High School**Thurs., December 10****7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Tri-M Music Honor Society Members will perform a variety of seasonal music in both small groups and solo. Performances will be vocal and instrumental.

Friday Night Movie: *Ugly Truth***Fri., December 11****7:00 PM - 9:00 PM****Online Job Hunting Resources****Wed., December 16****7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

Learn about the major job hunting resources online including careerbuilder.com and monster.com.

Belly Dancing with Farasha**Mondays, January 4, January 11****7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

Registration is required.

Indian Cooking with Manju**Tues., January 26****7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

The Popular Indian Cooking series with Manju returns! Learn how to cook a couple Indian Dishes. Registration is required.

Afternoon Movie: *Julie & Julia***Tues., January 2****1:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

Passion. Ambition. Butter. Do You Have What It Takes?

Is Vegetarianism for Me?**Thurs., Jan 21****7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Csilla Bishoff a certified holistic health & nutrition counselor will discuss the benefits of vegetarianism.

Zumba**Tuesdays, February 2, 9****7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Valerie Hammond returns with Zumba which combines Latin & international music & Dance with fitness.

Pilates**Wednesdays, February 17, 24****7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Beth Frommer, a certified personal trainer and pilates instructor who has been teaching the Pilates Method for 9 years, returns to teach this low-impact exercise.





Coming to New Jersey: Immigration & the Garden State

**Thurs., December 17
7:30 PM**

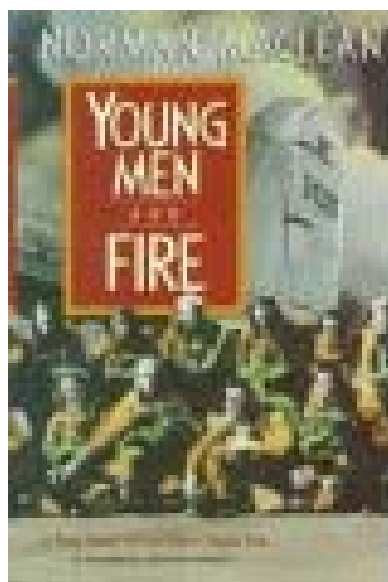
New Jersey has long been an entry point for those seeking a home in the new world.

Presenter Michele Zarcone, outreach educator for the Morris Museum, will cover immigration to New Jersey in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries and will explore the reasons (political, religious, and/or economic) for immigration as well as where immigrants came from and what they found when they arrived. Zarcone will share the stories of everyday men and women from this timeframe. Refreshments will be served. This program for adults is free and open to the public but we ask that you pre-register by calling 609-924-7073 x4.

The Mystery of the Sunken Locomotives

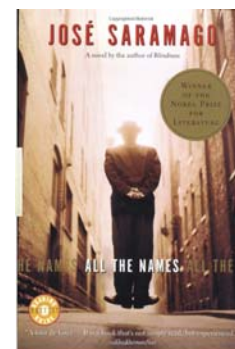
**Tues., December 8
7:30 PM**

Ninety feet down on the Atlantic Ocean floor a few miles east of Asbury Park, sits a matched pair of locomotives, believed to have been underwater for the past 150 years. How and when did they get there? Did they fall off or were pushed off a ship? Dan Lieb, president of the New Jersey Historical Divers Association and diver on this site, will be here to fill us in on the ongoing recovery and conservation process, known as "Save the Twins". The program is free and open to the public but we ask that you pre-register by calling 609-924-7073 x4.



**Young Men & Fire
Thurs., December 17
3:00 PM**

A witness to the Montana Mann Gulch fire of 1949 explores the mysteries of the tragedy, with eyewitness accounts, new evidence, and research from fire scientists.



**All the Names
by Jose
Saramago**

*Second
Tuesday
Book Group*

**Tues., December 8
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

This haunting, strangely moving novel is uplifting despite the tragic nature of the woman's life: Saramago's true theme here is how compassion ultimately rules human behavior.



**Mah Jongg Strategy
Session**

**December 15th
Time is to be determined.**



The Interviewing Process For Job Seekers

Mon., February 1

7:00 pm

North Plainfield Library

Nancy Anderson, a local human resources consultant and author is back by popular demand. Nancy will present a workshop on how to interview, types of job interviews and networking among other interview topics. Please bring your questions for Nancy and join us for this informative evening. Space is limited so please sign up beginning December 1 online at www.somerset.lib.nj.us or by phone at (908) 755-7909

Free Health Screenings From Overlook Hospital

Education and prevention can keep you and your loved ones healthy. We invite you to take advantage of the screenings available. Please call Overlook/Atlantic Health to register for these programs at 1-800-247-9580 or 1-888-285-1460 Monday through Thursday between 8:30 am and 8:00 pm and Fridays between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, or sign up online at Atlantic Health's classes and events registration: <http://ceii.atlantichealth.org/class/default.asp>



Hearing Assessment

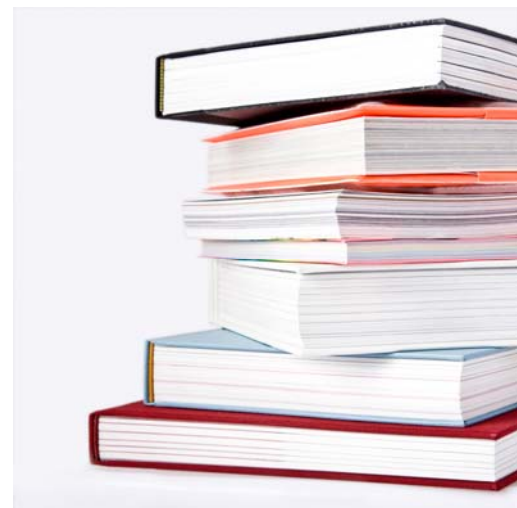
Thurs., December 17

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Cholesterol Screening

Thurs., February 11

10:00 am - 12:00 pm



Adult Book Discussions North Plainfield Library

The library holds monthly daytime and evening adult book discussions. For information about upcoming dates and books, contact the Head of Adult Services, Mary Lynn Becza at 908-755-7909 or mbecza@sclsnj.org



One-on-one Computer Training

Call to schedule a computer training session at your convenience.
908-234-0598 Ask for Karen.

College Bound Resources Online

Wed., December 16

2:00 PM and 7 PM

Utilize our internet resources to learn what you need to know about the application process for various colleges.

Second Life: The Virtual World

Wed., December 16

7:00pm-8:30pm

Spend time touring the virtual world known as Second Life

Wii For Adults

Mon., December 28

2:00 PM-3:30 PM

Origami For Adults

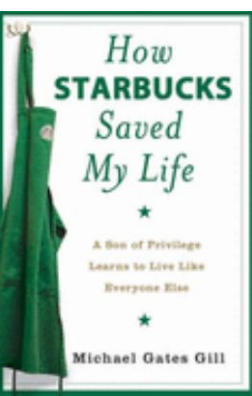
Wed., December 30

7:30 PM-8:30 PM

Wii For Adults

Thurs., January 7

7:00 PM -8:30 PM



Adult Book Discussion

How Starbucks Saved My Life by Michael Gates Gill

Tues., January 12

7:30 PM -9:00 PM

Author has offered to join us via phone.

Online Travel

Wed., January 13

2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Locate information for your upcoming travel adventures using our online resources.



Wii For Adults

Mon., January 25

2:00 PM -3:30 PM

Meet the Peapack-Gladstone Library Branch Director

Thurs., February 4

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Join the Branch Director for light refreshments and learn how a library works behind the scenes.

Using Reference USA

Wed., February 17

2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Adult Book Discussion

Cartwheels in a Sari

Tuesday, March 9

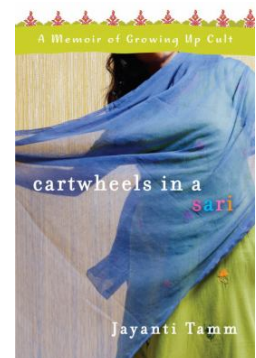
7:30 PM-9:00 PM

Online Distance Learning

Wed., March 17

2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Find online distance learning programs utilizing our databases and weblinks.



Registration is required for ALL Warren events (unless otherwise noted).

Book Club

Tues., January 12

7:15 PM

Join us for an interesting discussion. No registration required and new members are always welcome.

Healthy Active Minds

Wed., January 20

7:00 PM

Participants will learn how our memory and mind work, skills to maintain healthy active minds, how to have fun, be engaged and learn new skills..

Guest speaker, Eva Andor, PhD., president of Boost Your Mind LLC.



Shake Your Soul:

Kripalu Yoga Dance

Thurs., February 25

7:00 PM

Snow date: Thurs., March 4

7:00 PM

Join us for this special fitness program led by expert Pat Kennely.

Musical Saturday @ Your Library:

Traditional Irish Music

Sat., March 13

2:00 PM



Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a performance by the Dave Rimelis Duo.



Getting It All Together

Wed., January 27

7:00 PM

Patricia Diesel, Certified Empowerment Coach, will discuss successful organizing and uncluttering tips for your home and office.

Holiday Cupcake Decorating II

**Tuesday, Dec. 15
7:00 PM**

Age: Adults
Create winter and holiday-themed cupcakes. Designs will be demonstrated, then you'll have time to create your own cupcakes to take home.



Mah Jongg Club

**January 4, 5, 11, 12, 19, 25, 26, February 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16. 23
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Mah Jongg players are welcome! On Mondays and Tuesdays (excluding holidays and library closings)



Introduction to Qi Gong

**Tues., January 12, 19, 26 and February 2
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Presented by:

Patty Barron

Qi gong (pronounced Chi gong) is the art of cultivating your vital energy to promote health and vitality by moving slowly without strain.

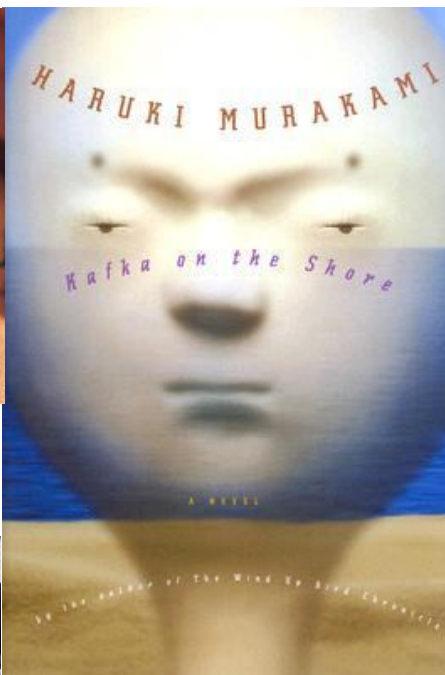


Mixed Media

**Wed., January 20
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Presented by: Lisa Brown, Artist

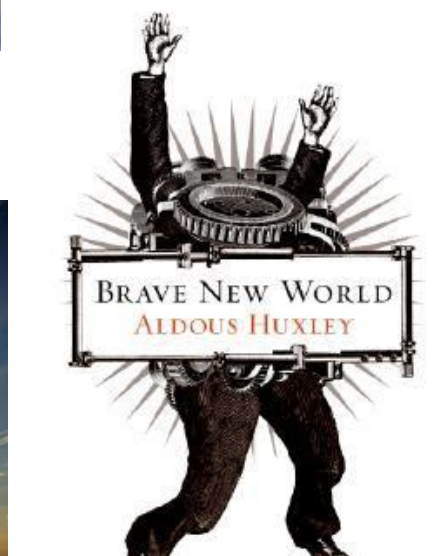
Art experience NOT necessary. Using textured papers, acrylic paints, beads and glue, you'll create an original work of art.



**Watchung Book Discussion Group
Second Thurs., of the Month
7:00 PM**

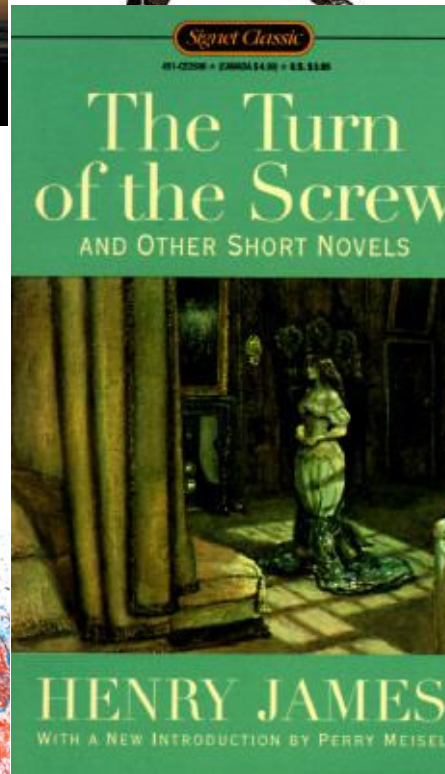
***Kafka on the Shore*
by Haruki Murakami
Thurs., December 10**

Extravagant in its accomplishment, *Kafka on the Shore* displays one of the world's truly great storytellers at the height of his powers.



***Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
Thurs., January 14**

This powerful work of speculative fiction sheds a blazing critical light on the present and is considered to be Huxley's most enduring masterpiece.



***The Turn of the Screw* by Henry James**

Thurs., February 11
The Turn of the Screw is an intense psychological tale of terror. It is the story of a Governess who loves her new position in charge of young children, however she is soon disturbed when she begins to see ghosts.

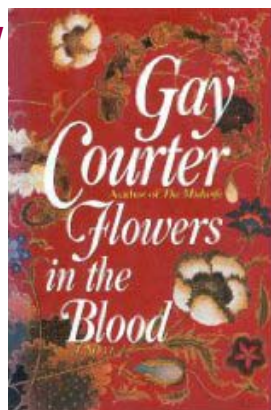
Tasty Bites and Books

Bring a bag lunch and share your thoughts!

Flowers in the Blood

by Gay Courter
Mon., December 21 at 12:00 PM

Set in the waning years of 19th-century India, this well-researched novel depicts in rich detail the culture and customs of the enclave of Arabic Jews living in Calcutta. - *Library Journal*



The Summer Before the Dark by Doris Lessing

Mon., January 25 12:00 PM

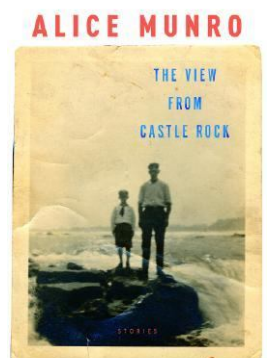
Doris Lessing's brilliant excursion into the terrifying stretch of time between youth and old age: from London to Turkey to Spain, from husband to lover to madness: on the road to a frightening new independence and a confrontation with self that lets her, finally, come truly of age.



The View from Castle Rock by Alice Munro

Mon., February 15 12:00 PM

A powerful new collection from one of our most beloved, admired, and honored Writers.

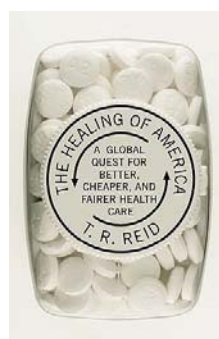
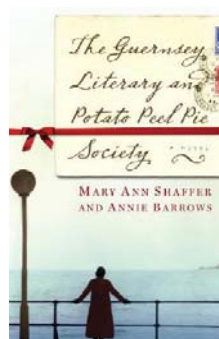


Social Action Nonfiction Book Club Third Thursday of the Month

Film: Persepolis (An Iranian's Woman's Childhood) Thurs., December 17 7:00 PM

The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care by T.R. Reid
Thurs., January 21 7:00 PM

The author guides a whirlwind tour of successful health-care systems worldwide, disproving American myths of "socialized medicine" to find possible paths toward reform.



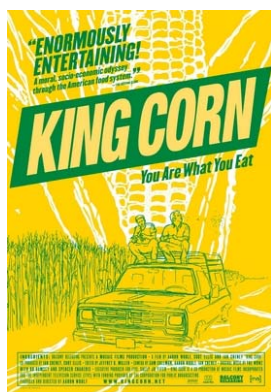
CURRENT BOOKS Book Club
 Current Books Book Club meets the second Monday of the month (with exceptions for holidays)

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows
Monday, January 11 7:30 PM

As London is emerging from the shadow of World War II, writer Juliet Ashton discovers her next subject in a book club on Guernsey--a club born as a spur-of-the-moment alibi after its members are discovered breaking curfew by the Germans occupying their island.

The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte
Monday, February 8 at 7:30 PM

Published in June, 1848, The Tenant of Wildfell Hall, is the somber account of the breakdown of a marriage in the face of alcoholism and infidelity.



(FILM): King Corn
Thurs., February 18 7:00 PM

Fueled by curiosity and a dash of naiveté, college buddies Ian Cheney and Curt Ellis return to their ancestral home of Greene, Iowa, to find out how the modest corn kernel conquered America.

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