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***Friends' Annual Book Sale and Create Your Own Book Contest  
Highlight April Programs at the Newark Public Library***

Highlighting the April schedule of events for the Newark Public Library are the Friends' Annual Book Sale and the Create Your Own Book contest for kids. All of the library's programs are free and open to the public. For more information, patrons should call the number listed with the program description. Some additional details may be available at [www.npl.org](http://www.npl.org) for adult programs and at [www.npl.org/Pages/KidsPlace/calendar.html](http://www.npl.org/Pages/KidsPlace/calendar.html) for children's programs, or by visiting the library's blog at <http://www.nj.com/newark/npl>.

Those in grades K to 12 can celebrate National Library Week (April 12-18) by taking part in the Create Your Own Book contest. This year's theme is Worlds Connect @ Your Library.

Children may participate according to their grade level: PreK-3; 4-8; 9-12. The book must be the child's creation and in the child's own handwriting or printing. Preschool children may ask an adult to act as secretary and write down the child's words. Books that are computer generated will not be accepted. Children may create stories, poems, diaries, cartoon books, travel journals, scrap books, photo albums with captions, or wordless story books. Children should choose their own topic and/or subject and may write about a true or imagined experience. All "books" must be created on the official Create-Your-Own-Book booklet, available in all Children's Rooms, and completed by the due date of April 25, 2009. For more information, visit any Children's Room or [kidsplace.npl.org](http://kidsplace.npl.org).

The Friends of the Newark Public Library will hold their 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Sale on Saturday, April 18, from 9am to 5pm; Tuesday, April 21, from 10am to 6pm; Thursday, April 23, from 10am to 6pm; and Saturday, April 25, from 9am to 5pm. It will feature a wide selection of paperbacks and hardbacks—for children and adults—plus records, videotapes, cassette tapes, CDs, reference works, and posters. Most items are priced between fifty cents and two dollars each; admission to the sale is free. All proceeds from the sale support the library's programs and collections. Those individuals and organizations wishing to help sort the book sale items before and/or during the sale should leave a message for Jerry Caprio by emailing [friends@npl.org](mailto:friends@npl.org), or by calling the library at 973-733-7793.

Volunteers from the AARP will assist seniors and low-income participants with filing their 2008 tax returns. This assistance is free and **an appointment is necessary**. Patrons should call the

AARP between 9:30am and 2pm at 973-902-7760 to make an appointment. This AARP Tax-AIDE service takes place from 9:30am to 4:30pm on Thursday, April 2 (Conference Room), and concludes on April 9 (Auditorium).

The exhibition *Just In and Out Again* is on display in the third-floor gallery through April 10. Curated by William J. Dane and Chad Leinaweaver, it shows off many of the new gifts and purchases of the Special Collections Division and also highlights the collections accumulated over the past 100 years. Some of the new works on view are a gouache painting by Burhan Dogancay, a gift from William Peniston; a selection of gifts from artist Ellen Nathan Singer; two donations of New York-based artist Evelyn Eller; numerous screen prints and silkscreen greeting cards by Max Arthur Cohn, donated by his daughter, Jane Waldbaum; and two gifts from Newark-based artist Kenneth Schnall, who specializes in “painter’s books.” For more information call the curators at 973-733-7745.

On April 27, a new exhibition, *Collecting the History of Printing: Building Upon the Richard C. Jenkinson Collection*, will be mounted in the third-floor gallery. Nearly 85 years ago, the library was the recipient of a donation of 288 books showing off the work of fine presses and the art of printing. The collection was from Richard C. Jenkinson, who at that point was a 30-year veteran as a library trustee and the current Board President. Today, the collection stands at more than 3,600 titles, representing over 800 presses. A number of books are highlighted in this exhibition, which is curated by William J. Dane and Chad Leinaweaver, Special Collections Division. It will be on view through July 3. The New Jersey Council for the Humanities provided valuable funding to mount this show and two related programs.

Certain monumental works of printing from within the library’s collections will also be shown, including a page from an original Gutenberg Bible from the 1400s, a 1493 copy of the *Liber Chronicarum* (the “Nuremburg Chronicle”), and Denis Diderot’s *Encyclopédie, ou Dictionnaire Raisonné des Sciences, des Arts et des Métiers*, a massive multi-volume set published in France from 1751-1777. The show features some of the mechanics of printing and fine press books, and chronicles the men behind this major collection concerning fine printing at the Newark Public Library—John Cotton Dana, the library’s legendary second director, and Jenkinson himself.

Two programs will be presented during the exhibition’s run. “The History of Fine Printing: Exhibition Talk and Film Showing of *The Machine That Made Us*” will take place on Thursday, May 7 at 2:00pm. “Examining the Importance of Printing and the Book: A Panel Discussion” will be held on Tuesday, May 12 at 2:00pm.

For more information on *Collecting the History of Printing* and the related programs call 973-733-7745.

A new exhibition, *The National Pastime Revived in the Garden State*, will be installed in the second-floor gallery from April 13 through June 27. This historical and entertaining show will feature baseball in Newark, Jersey City and Paterson. It was curated by librarian James Lewis of the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center. Funding for this project comes from an

Operating Support Grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission. Fans of all ages will learn about Newark's first professional team, the Newark Peppers of the Federal League, while taking a nostalgic look at the glory years of Newark baseball. Contemporary Garden State-based teams of the Atlantic League, Can-Am League, Eastern League and South Atlantic League will be covered in dramatic photographs and memorabilia. Special thanks for the development of this exhibition go to Bob Golon, author of *No Minor Accomplishment: The Revival of New Jersey Professional Baseball*. For more information about this baseball retrospective call James Lewis at 973-733-7776.

On view in the fourth-floor gallery through April 15 is the exhibition *A Celebration of the Bicentennial of the Birth of Abraham Lincoln*. Included in the show are selected visual materials from the Special Collections of the library. For more information call William J. Dane, the curator, at 973-733-7745.

At 2:30pm on Saturday, April 11, in the main library's fourth-floor Auditorium, New York's Aquila Theatre presents a performance of Homer's *Iliad: Book One* as a part of the program series Page and Stage: The Power of the Iliad Today. A workshop led by actors from Aquila Theatre will be held at 1pm. Through this program series, the Newark Public Library explores the theme From Homer to Hip-Hop: Reinventing the Classics. This ground-breaking, in-depth partnership among the Newark Public Library, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Aquila Theatre is designed to inspire people to read and think about classical literature and how it continues to influence American cultural life today. A post-show discussion will take place with noted local scholar Rosa Andujar, Princeton University. Call 973-733-7793 to RSVP or email [rsvp@npl.org](mailto:rsvp@npl.org).

A poetry jam on Wednesday, April 22 features the hip-hop works of local poets, as well as more traditional renditions of the spoken word by a noted Midwestern poet. The programs will mark the Newark Public Library's celebration of National Poetry Month.

Dr. Eugene B. Redmond, "poet laureate of East St. Louis" and author of *Eighty Moods of Maya* about Maya Angelou, will read from his works in the James Brown African-American Room at 6:30pm. This program is presented by the Frances E.W. Harper Literary Society.

An emeritus professor of English at Southern Illinois University, Redmond is the editor of *Drum Voices Review* and the author of *The Eye in the Ceiling: Selected Poems, 1993*, for which he won an American Book Award. In 1999, he was inducted into the National Hall of Fame for Writers of African Descent, along with such distinguished colleagues as Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, Walter Mosley, Lerone Bennett, Jr., August Wilson and Henry Dumas.

A second program, Let It Flow Poetry Show, involves the cutting-edge work of local poets and runs from 5:30 to 8pm in the fourth-floor Auditorium. Poet and Newark native Elijah Brown is the host of this inspirational and provocative poetry jam. One of Newark's youngest spoken-word promoters, Brown has composed more than a thousand poems and will read from his self-published collection of his work, *Missing Pages... Out of My Life*. He has taught poetry at the Montclair YMCA and East Orange Library. For more information, please visit [www.npl.org](http://www.npl.org) or call 973-733-5411.

The **Frances E.W. Harper Literary Society**, which is dedicated to discussing books on the African Diaspora, will hold an additional “poetry” program; this one will be on April 1 at 6:30pm in the James Brown African-American Room. Entitled “I Hear the Call of the Poets,” it will feature a selection of readings. For more information on this program and the Society call 973-733-5411.

**Hooray for Children**, the series that is fun for the entire family, will present *Transformation Show—Stories for Earth Day* on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>. It begins promptly at 2pm at the main library. Christopher Agostino presents Voices of the Earth, a program of traditional folktales and original stories, illustrated by his amazing face painting on audience volunteers. In a playful storytelling style, combined with mask and makeup art from world cultures that tell ecology tales, he creates a unique performance to engage any audience. Information: 973-733-7797.

Free computer classes—in English and Spanish—are being held in the Technology Training Center, which is located on the third floor of the main library. Class size is limited to ten participants. Some classes are designed for first-time computer users (Mouse Clinic, Typing), while others are for those with more computer literacy (Word Processing, Email, Blogging, Internet, Creating a Résumé). For more information on the calendar of classes for the month, please call 973-733-3603, or visit [www.npl.org/Pages/Computers/](http://www.npl.org/Pages/Computers/).

Following is the April schedule for the “Programs @ the Branches” initiative that is funded by a grant from the Newark Public Schools.

Monday, April 20, 4pm, Vailsburg Branch, 75 Alexander Street, 973-733-7749, *The Lizard Guy*. Celebrate Earth Day with the exotic animals from all over the earth. Get the chance to see, touch and learn about animals from Madagascar, Africa and The United States.

Wednesday, April 22, 4pm, Clinton Branch, 739 Bergen Street, 973-733-7754, *The Lizard Guy*. Celebrate Earth Day with the exotic animals from all over the earth. Get the chance to see, touch and learn about animals from Madagascar, Africa and the United States.

Wednesday, April 22, 4pm, First Avenue Branch, 282 First Avenue, 973-733-8091, *The Cat in the Hat*. Join Ann Coppola and Kate Pak as they present a special program of *The Cat in the Hat*. These two actors will send you on a journey of fun and silliness in the style of the famous cat. It will be a fun-sprinkled experience for all children, with jokes, stories, and plenty of fun adventures.

Wednesday, April 22, 4pm, Springfield Branch, 50 Hayes Street, 973-733-7736, *Piccirillo Sciencetelling presents The Jungle of Jersey*. Celebrate Earth Day by journeying with Doug a dog from a pet store who wants to get out into the world and find new exciting adventures. The story will be told with science experiments as eggs fly, water disappears, and jungle sounds are made.

Wednesday, April 22, 4pm, Branch Brook Branch, 235 Clifton Avenue, 973-733-6388, *Fun on a String Puppets and Marionettes*. Join Miss Penny on Earth Day as she uses puppets and marionettes to make you laugh. There will be many surprises and plenty of fun as we meet some of her friends, including Twinkles, and Octavius the Octopus!

Additional programs for children, teens and adults are as follows.

Jordan Coleman, former Nickelodeon actor and creator-producer-writer of *Say It Loud* will appear at three branch libraries for a screening of his film, as well as a Q-and-A session, games and prizes for the audience. Coleman's film encourages young African-American boys to do well in school and life, with the help of noted personalities such as Kobe Bryant, Michael Strahn and Newark Mayor Cory Booker. The program begins at 3:45pm at each location: Van Buren Branch (April 8<sup>th</sup>), 140 Van Buren Street, 973-733-7750; North End Branch (April 22<sup>nd</sup>), 722 Summer Avenue, 973-733-7766; and the Springfield Branch (April 29<sup>th</sup>), 50 Hayes Street, 973-733-7736.

Van Buren Branch Library, 140 Van Buren Street, 973-733-7750. There will be a Saturday Morning Story Hour at 11am on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Beginning at 10am, children under 10 can celebrate National Library Week with a story hour on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup>, Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Two Yu-Gi-Oh Tournaments (one for Singles and one for Doubles) will take place on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>, from 11am to 1pm. There will be separate competitions for beginner, intermediate and expert playing levels. Registration will be held at the children's desk from April 6 through April 9. A limited number of participants can register on the day of the event. Children must bring their own cards to the event. Must be 13 and under to register. Kick your spring break off with game day on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 2pm—card and board games for all ages will be available. Celebrate Earth Day by starting your own garden on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30pm. Decorate a flower pot and receive a starter kit of seeds. Appropriate for children of all ages. There will be four teen programs during the month: an anime movie will be shown on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> at 4pm; join the Dungeon Master as he instructs on how to create your own character and enjoy the exciting role-playing game of Dungeons & Dragons; view the *Twilight* movie on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm; take the confusion out of what to read next by joining a book talk on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> at noon that will discuss some of the branch's new "young adult" titles. Adult programs: English as a Second Language Instruction on DVD for beginners on Tuesdays (7, 14, 21, 28) at 10am, Wednesdays (April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29) at 5:30pm, Fridays (3, 17, 24) at 10am, and Saturdays (4, 11, 18, 25) at 10am.

Madison Branch, 790 Clinton Avenue, 973-733-8090. Children will make spring flowers at an arts and crafts on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:30pm. A story hour, featuring Annie Auerbach's *Bob's Egg Hunt*, will be held on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30pm. Children will make Easter lilies on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am that will be for the library display. Join in on the Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. A story hour, featuring *Minnie and Moo the Attack of the Easter Bunnies* by Denys Cazet, will begin at 3:30pm on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup>, followed by coloring Easter bunnies. Four additional story hours will take place: *Jack and the Beanstalk* by B. A. Hoena (Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm); *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle (Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am); *Freight Train* by Donald Crews (Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30am); and *Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans (Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm). Children will create and design their own cards on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30pm.

Clinton Branch, 739 Bergen Street, 973-733-7754. To celebrate International Children's Book Day, preschoolers and toddlers are invited to a special storytime, featuring classic picture books, on

Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am, followed by a craft in which children can make their own book. Daycare groups are welcome but please call before the end of March to make arrangements. During the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>, during library hours, those in grades 1 to 8 can guess the amount of jelly beans in a jar. The one who guesses the correct number, or comes closest to the correct number without going over, will receive a prize. The winner will be announced on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Toddlers and preschoolers can celebrate National Library Week with a story hour on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Children of all ages can celebrate National Library Week by making bookmarks on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Celebrate Earth Day with an animal craft on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm.

The main library Children's Room, 973-733-7797, will have an Easter Egg Hunt—these Easter eggs have surprises inside—on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm that is suitable for all ages. Celebrate Children's Day/Books Day (**El Día de los libros/ día de los niños**) on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm by playing Spanish Bingo, learning/practicing your Spanish vocabulary, enjoying some pastelillos, and taking home a book or two.

Vailsburg Branch Library, 75 Alexander Street, 973-733-7755. Family Night at the Movies will take place on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm with a showing of *Kung Fu Panda*. Join Po and his friends as they defend their territory from the ferocious Tai Lung. Parents, children and adults are welcome at this function. On Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm, all artists are invited to an arts and crafts that features various projects that demand children's personal creativity. Have fun at a "Word Hunt" by unscrambling letters on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. It's time to chop, dice and sizzle again with Chef Adam on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Let your imagination take you to magical, far-off places at the Imagination Station on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am. It's "Sensational Spring Movie Night" on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, when children can see Hollywood's best and brightest on the branch's silver screen.

Springfield Branch Library, 50 Hayes Street, 973-733-7736. On Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:45pm, children will decorate a blank paddle as a festive bunny—once dry, they can challenge themselves and their friends to see how many times they can hit the ball with the paddle—without the ears falling off. On Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:45pm, children will transform an ordinary craft stick into a fun, bright-green gecko.

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