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Newark Public Library Announces Programs for January 2010

The Newark Public Library presents its programming schedule for January. All Newark Public Library-sponsored programs are free and open to the public. For more information, please call the number listed with the program description. Program information may also be found at www.npl.org for adult programs and at kidsplace.npl.org for children's programs.

The Main Library and all branches will have the following closings in January:

Friday, January 1 – New Year's Day

Monday, January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Lecture

Tuesday, January 12, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Centennial Hall, Second Floor

This year's lecture will feature keynote speaker Donna Brazile, veteran Democratic political strategist, author of the best-selling autobiography "Cooking with Grease: Stirring the Pots in American Politics," and an adjunct professor at Georgetown University. In the media, she serves as a political contributor on CNN; a consultant to ABC News, regularly appearing as a commentator on ABC's "This Week with George Stephanopoulos"; and a frequent contributor to NPR's "News and Notes." In print and online, she is a columnist for "Roll Call" and "Ms." magazine. For more information and to RSVP, please call 973-733-7793 or email rsvp@npl.org.

Free American Sign Language (ASL) Classes

Saturdays, January 16, 23 & 30, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Special Services Room, Third Floor

Beginning Saturday, January 16 and continuing through March 13, American Sign Language classes return. Appropriate for Levels I (new) and II (returning beginners). For more information, please call Margaret George at 973-733-5412 (voice) or Lolata Greggs at 866-977-6858 (video phone).

Understanding Your Financial Needs, with Northwestern Mutual

Wednesday, January 20, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Auditorium, Fourth Floor

Keith Davis and associates from Northwestern Mutual Financial Network will discuss various financial, business and personal investment topics, such as retirement solutions, estate analysis, financial planning,

business needs, and trust services, and answer your questions. To RSVP, please call 973-733-7793 or rsvp@npl.org.

A new exhibition will be on view during January:

Photographic Books and Prints from the Special Collections of the Newark Public Library

January 20 – March 20, 2010, Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Third Floor Gallery

The Library's collection of photographic literature includes some of the most iconographic and seminal "photo-books" of our time. This exhibition will feature original photographs and photo-books by Diane Arbus, Margaret Bourke-White, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Roy DeCarava, Elliott Erwitt, Robert Frank, Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange, Edwin Hale Lincoln, Gordon Parks, Sebastiao Salgado, and Weegee, among others. Curated by Jared Ash.

Black History Month Opening Reception and Exhibition

Fiat Justitia, Let Justice Be Done: The History, Struggles, and Civil Rights Accomplishments of African American Lawyers and Judges

Opening Reception and Panel Discussion: Thursday, January 28, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Centennial Hall, Second Floor

"How Do We Navigate Race and Racism in This Age of Obama?" Moderated by Jacquelyn Rucker, Esq., retired from the Education Law Center in Newark. Panelists include Guy Whitlock, Esq., Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Montclair Public School System; Dr. S.E. Anderson, Brecht Forum Board of Directors; and David Dante Troutt, Esq., Professor of Law, Rutgers School of Law.

Exhibition runs January 28 – March 20, 2010, Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Second Floor Gallery.

Curated by Sandra West, this exhibit contains the legal memos, documents, articles, and artifacts of prominent African American lawyers and judges. It acknowledges and celebrates little-known legal practitioners who are pioneers in the field and principal players in major cases that changed the landscape of America, several of whom are from the greater Newark community. Also included are papers relating to landmark legal cases, such as Amistad, Jena Six, and the Dred Scott decision.

Newark Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, January 27, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Auditorium, Fourth Floor

The library's Board of Trustees will conduct their bimonthly meeting.

Children's Programs at Main Library

What Do You Know About Martin Luther King, Jr.?

Wednesday, January 13, 3:00 – 5:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Children's Room

Children are invited to test their knowledge of the famous civil rights leader with quizzes and word

searches. Small prizes will be awarded to participants. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

Winter Arts & Crafts

Wednesday, January 20, 3:00 – 4:30 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Children's Room
Children are invited to create a beautiful snowflake. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

Anansi, Spiderman of Africa Tales, featuring Crabgrass Puppet Theatre

Saturday, January 23, 2:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Centennial Hall, Second Floor
Anansi is one of the classic trickster characters in world folklore. These hilarious African stories are brought to life by the Crabgrass Puppet Theatre, with a dynamic blend of traditional African design, infectious music, and fabulous puppetry. You will be mesmerized by the tangled web of trickster tales. Presented by Encore Performing Arts, Inc. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

The branch libraries are presenting programs for children and adults. The schedule is listed below.

Branch Brook Branch, 235 Clifton Avenue, 973-733-6388

Tuesday, January 5, 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Día de los Reyes/Three Kings Day Craft – Tonight all over the Spanish-speaking world kids will be setting up boxes of straw for the Three Wise Kings' hungry camels. At the library we'll make and set up boxes of dried grass. Come by the next day, January 6, and see if the Wise Kings have left a present for you at the library! Suitable for ages 3 – 12. For more information, please call the Branch Brook Branch at 973-733-6388.

Tuesday, January 19, 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Write to the First Family – President Obama has been in the White House for a year now. Is there anything you'd like to say to him, First Lady Michelle Obama, or Malia and Sascha? Children of all ages are invited to write or draw a picture for any member of the Obama family. Suitable for all ages. For more information, please call the Branch Brook Branch at 973-733-6388.

Clinton Branch, 739 Bergen Street, 973-733-7754

Friday, January 8, 3:30 – 4:30 pm. B-I-N-G-O – Bing-o is its name-o and it's at the Clinton branch. For children up to eighth grade. For more information, please call the Clinton Branch at 973-733-7754.

Monday, January 11, 10:00 – 11:00 am and 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Story Time – Preschoolers are invited to a storytime where they can learn about Dr. King's life, and hear stories that feature his beliefs and values. For more information, please call the Clinton Branch at 973-733-7754.

Tuesday, January 12, 3:30 – 4:30 pm. How Much Do You Know About Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.? – Show and test your knowledge on Dr. King with games and other activities. For children up to eighth grade. For more information, please call the Clinton Branch at 973-733-7754.

Wednesday, January 13, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Celebrate Dr. King's Birthday in a Creative Way – Design a bookmark and/or make a poster with your friends that pays tribute to and celebrates the life of this great leader. For children up to eighth grade. For more information, please call the Clinton Branch at 973-733-7754.

Friday, January 15, 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Make a Unity Hand Wreath – In the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., children can make a unity hand wreath. For children up to eighth grade. For more information, please call the Clinton Branch at 973-733-7754.

Saturday, January 16, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. Appreciate a Dragon Day – In celebration of Appreciate a Dragon Day, children can make a dragon craft. For children up to eighth grade. For more information, please call the Clinton Branch at 973-733-7754.

Friday, January 29, 3:30 – 4:30 pm. National Puzzle Day – Enjoy doing a variety of puzzles. You can make your own puzzles, too. For children up to eighth grade. For more information, please call the Clinton Branch at 973-733-7754.

North End Branch, 722 Summer Avenue, 973-733-7683

Wednesday, January 13, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. "Appreciate a Dragon Day" Craft – Create your own dragon using a variety of craft supplies. Suitable for all ages. Please call 973-733-7683 for more information.

Wednesday, January 13, 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Coffee, Craft, and Book Chat – Bring a white or light colored t-shirt to paint, or your current knitting, crochet, or needlework project. Hear about the current bestsellers and tell us about your favorite reads. For young adults and adults. Please call 973-733-7766 for more information.

Wednesday, January 27, 1:30 pm. Movie Day – Come in and enjoy a movie with us. Suitable for all ages. Please call 973-733-7683 for more information.

Roseville Branch, 99 Fifth Street, 973-733-7770

Monday, January 4, 3:30 pm. Happy New Year – Children of all ages are invited to write their resolutions for the New Year 2010. For more information, please call the Roseville Branch at 973-733-7770.

January 5, 7, & 8, 10:30 am. It's Story Time – Come celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday with a special story hour. For more information, please call the Roseville Branch at 973-733-7770.

Wednesday, January 6, 6:00 pm. Celebrating New Year 2010 – Adults will celebrate the New Year with a tour of the library to see our new collections and enjoy music and refreshments. For more information, please call the Roseville Branch at 973-733-7770.

January 13 & 14, 3:30 pm. "I Have a Dream" – Kids—write your own "I Have a Dream" speech. Write your speech with encouraging words to present to the audience at the library. For more information, please call the Roseville Branch at 973-733-7770.

Wednesday, January 13, 6:00 pm. Let's Play Bingo – Adults are invited to play Bingo. A prize will be awarded to the winner. For more information, please call the Roseville Branch at 973-733-7770.

Wednesday, January 20, 6:00 pm. Cinema Night – Adults are invited to view a French film. For more information, please call the Roseville Branch at 973-733-7770.

Thursday, January 21, 3:30 pm. Squirrel Appreciation Day – Children are invited to come learn about different types of squirrels, looking at photos, how they live, eat, and survive. For more information, please call the Roseville Branch at 973-733-7770.

Wednesday, January 27, 6:00 pm. Let's Play Backgammon – Adults are invited to enjoy an evening of backgammon. A prize will be awarded to the winner. For more information, please call the Roseville Branch at 973-733-7770.

Springfield Branch, 50 Hayes Street, 973-733-7736

Wednesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, and Saturdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Free College Preparatory Classes – FREE sessions will include: Prep for SAT and HSPA; SAT and ACT registration; assistance with completing scholarship and financial aid applications; assistance with personal statements; obtain college applications. Open to high school juniors and seniors. For more information, please contact the Springfield Branch at 973-733-7736, or call Mr. Brown, Coordinator, at 862-368-4261.

Wednesday, January 13, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Martin Luther King, Jr. Craft – Children will make a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. figure using craft materials. Program is suitable for ages 5-12. For more information, please call the Springfield Branch 973-733-7736.

Thursday, January 14, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Let's Make a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Collage – Using poster board, newspaper and magazine clippings, photographs, and other materials, teens and tweens

will create a collage about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For more information, please call the Springfield Branch 973-733-7736.

Friday, January 15, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Create a Dragon Story or Poem – In celebration of Appreciate a Dragon Day (Saturday, January 16), children will read a story about dragons, then draw or write their own story or poem about a dragon. Program is suitable for ages 5-12. For more information, please call the Springfield Branch 973-733-7736.

Friday, January 29, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Puzzle Fun – In celebration of National Puzzle Day, students will have fun working on mazes, crosswords, word finds, and other puzzles. Suitable for all ages. For more information, please call the Springfield Branch 973-733-7736.

Vailsburg Branch, 75 Alexander Street, 973-733-7749

Saturdays, January 2, 16 & 30, 10:00 am. Imagination Station Storytime – All aboard! Come to the Vailsburg children's room and let your imagination take you to magical far-off places. For more information, please call the Vailsburg Branch at 973-733-7749.

Wednesday, January 6, 4:00 pm. Can You Connect 4? – Are you good at strategy? Do you like to have fun? Well, then come on down to the Vailsburg children's room for a rousing game of Connect 4. For more information, please call the Vailsburg Branch at 973-733-7749.

Wednesdays, January 6, 13, 20, & 27, 5:00 pm. Winter Wonderland Movie Night – Brrrrrrrr! Come in out of the cold—we have movies that will warm you right up. See Hollywood's best and brightest on our silver screen. Located here in the children's room. For more information, please call the Vailsburg Branch at 973-733-7749.

Wednesdays, January 13 & 27, 4:00 pm. Arts and Crafts – Calling all artists! Come on in, and let your inner artist run wild. We have various projects that are demanding your personal creativity. For more information, please call the Vailsburg Branch at 973-733-7749.

Friday, January 22, 4:00 pm. Spelling Bee – Are you the human dictionary or do you just love to spell? Well, why not come on down for a rousing afternoon of spelling? Bee there or bee square. For more information, please call the Vailsburg Branch at 973-733-7749.

Friday, January 29, 4:00 pm. Cooking with Chef Adam – Study with a master of the culinary arts. Get ready to chop, dice, and sizzle in the world-renowned kitchen, located in the children's room. You'll be a chef in no time. For more information, please call the Vailsburg Branch at 973-733-7749.

Van Buren Branch, 140 Van Buren Street, 973-733-7750

Wednesday, January 6, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, Children's Room. Three Kings Day Craft – Celebrate Three Kings Day by making your own crown. Appropriate for all ages. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-3897.

Wednesdays, January 6, 13 & 27, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, Program Room. Teen Movies – Chosen by our own Mr. Alex to bring thrills, chills, and guffaws. Appropriate for teens. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-7750.

Fridays, January 8, 15 & 22, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, Children's Room. Board Game Tournament – Not ready to get started on your weekend homework? Come play a board game at Van Buren! Puzzles, card, and board games available for children of all ages. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-3897.

Saturdays, January 9 & 30, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Children's Room. Saturday Story Hour – Start your weekend with a story. Appropriate for pre-K through third graders and their families. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-3897.

Wednesday, January 13, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, Children's Room. Poetry Slam – Have something to say? Put it in rhyme at Van Buren's Poetry Slam. Appropriate for any child who loves to write. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-3897.

Wednesday, January 20, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, Children's Room. Super Fly Guy Party – Celebrate author and illustrator Tedd Arnold's birthday at Van Buren. Enjoy a selection of Fly Guy stories and make your very own Fly Guy puppet to take home. Appropriate for pre-school through second grade. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-3897.

Wednesday, January 20, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, Program Room. New Year Bingo – Need a break from the holiday rush? Come in from the cold for a congenial game and light refreshments. Appropriate for adults. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-7750.

Wednesday, January 27, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, Children's Room. Alice in Wonderland Tea Party – Celebrate author Lewis Carroll's birthday at Van Buren. Enjoy light refreshments and make your own Alice in Wonderland character mask. Appropriate for children of all ages. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-3897.

Friday, January 29, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, Children's Room. Puzzle Challenge – Take part in National Puzzle Day at Van Buren branch. Board puzzles, crosswords, word scrambles, and Sudoku games will be available for children of all ages. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-3897.

Weequahic Branch, 355 Osborne Terrace, 973-733-7751

Wednesday, January 13, 4:00 pm. MLK, Jr. Birthday Celebration – Celebrate the life of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. What does this day mean to you? What do you know about him? We will celebrate his life by recreating historical scenes through crafts, essays, and speeches. All materials will be provided. All ages welcome. For more information, please call the Weequahic Branch at 973-733-7751.

Friday, January 15, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Martin's Dream – Join us as we celebrate the dream Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had for us all. We'll do activity sheets/crafts. All ages welcome. All materials provided. For more information, please call the Weequahic Branch at 973-733-7751.

Friday, January 22, 3:30 pm. Paint A Winter Scene – Create your favorite winter scene with cotton balls and paint. All ages welcome. All materials provided. For more information, please call the Weequahic Branch at 973-733-7751.

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