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Newark Public Library Announces July Programs

The Newark Public Library presents its programming schedule for July. All library programs are free and open to the public. For more information, patrons should 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 **Prudential Foundation Summer Reading Challenge** is being held at all library locations through August 1. This year's theme for kids is Be Creative; the theme for teens is Express Yourself. For more information, stop by the Children's Room at any of the library's eleven locations, or visit kidsplace.npl.org. Story times, arts and crafts, games, and film programs are featured at all locations. Please check with the location/branch for a daily schedule.

The Main Library will host two film programs for kids and teens.

The Newark Black Film Festival's Youth Cinema Schedule

Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Fourth Floor Auditorium

This program is sponsored by the Newark Museum and funded by Bank of America. For more information, please call 973-733-7797. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, July 6, 10:30 am – "Chato and the Party Animals" and "Incredible Voyage of Bill Pinkney"

Monday, July 13, 10:30 am – "I Lost My Tooth in Africa," "Lincoln and Douglass," and "Apple for Harriet Tubman"

Monday, July 20, 10:30 am – "Cliques, Phonies and Other Baloney" and "Garrett's Gift: The Story of Garrett Morgan"

Gotta Dance – Teen Film Festival

Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Fourth Floor Auditorium

This series is part of the Express Yourself theme from the Prudential Foundation Summer Reading

Challenge for Teens. For more information, please call (973) 733-7797. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, July 9, 3:00 pm – "Stomp the Yard"

Thursday, July 16, 3:00 pm – "Save the Last Dance"

Thursday, July 23, 3:00 pm – "Save the Last Dance 2"

Thursday, July 30, 3:00 pm – "Take the Lead"

Page + Stage series, From Homer to Hip-Hop – Book Discussion Group

Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Second Floor Board Room

Book discussion group with Rosa Andujar of Princeton University. Please call 973-733-7793 to confirm attendance.

Wednesday, July 1, 6:00 pm. "The Gospel at Colonus" by Lee Breuer

Wednesday, July 22, 6:00 pm. "Seven" by Will Power

Poetry Night

Wednesday, July 15, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Fourth Floor Auditorium

Local poetry event organizer Elijah Brown will present local area poets and thought-provoking poetry.

To RSVP, please call 973-733-7793 or email rsvp@npl.org.

Two new exhibitions will open in July.

Weequahic Memoirs: Celebrating Newark's Legendary Neighborhood, opening July 8

Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Second floor gallery.

Curated by Linda Forgosh, and organized by the Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest, Weequahic Memoirs tells the story of the Weequahic neighborhood from the 1930s through the 1960s. The exhibition will be on view through September 4.

Weequahic Memoirs –Opening Reception

Thursday, July 9, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Fourth Floor Auditorium

The opening will feature a panel discussion entitled Weequahic Then and Now: Bridging the Years, moderated by Sandra King, Emmy award-winning producer of NJN's "Due Process."

Panelists: Warren Grover, Newark historian and author, and Wilbur McNeil, President of the Weequahic Park Association. Additional panelists to be announced. To RSVP, please call 973-733-7793 or email rsvp@npl.org.

The Global Artistry of Leo & Diane Dillon: A Retrospective, opening July 9

Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Third floor gallery.

This traveling exhibition from the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature features selected original artwork of children's book illustrators Leo and Diane Dillon, the winners of two Caldecott Medals and two Coretta Scott King Awards. The exhibition will be on view through September 9.

The branch libraries have July programs for children, teens, and adults. The schedule is listed below.

First Avenue Branch, 282 First Avenue, 973-733-8091

Wednesday, July 1, 4:00 pm. July Fourth Fans – Celebrate the country's birthday with the fanfare it is due—waving a handmade fan that looks like the American flag. For more information, please call the First Avenue Branch at 973-733-8091.

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

Wednesday, July 1, 2:30 - 4:00 pm. Bald Eagle Paper Bag Craft – Children will make eagles using brown paper bags and paint. Suitable for children of all ages. For more information, please call the North End Branch at 973-733-7683.

Wednesday, July 8, 2:30 - 4:00 pm. Make Charlotte the Spider – Children will make their version of Charlotte using a variety of craft supplies. Suitable for children of all ages. For more information, please call the North End Branch at 973-733-7683.

Friday, July 10, 2:30 - 4:30 pm. Movie: Charlotte's Web – Come enjoy a movie about a very friendly spider. Suitable for children of all ages. For more information, please call the North End Branch at 973-733-7683.

Wednesday, July 22, 2:30 - 4:30 pm. Come Fly With Us – Make an airplane that will fly using a variety of craft supplies. Suitable for children of all ages. For more information, please call the North End Branch at 973-733-7683.

Wednesday, July 29, 2:30 - 4:00 pm. Phoenix Paper Craft – Learn about the phoenix—then make your own mythical bird. Suitable for children of all ages. For more information, please call the North End Branch at 973-733-7683.

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

Saturday, July 11, 11:00 am. Beginning Belly Dance Class with Sandra Catena – Basic steps and isolated movements will be taught. Belly dancing is an excellent cardiovascular exercise. This class is taught in a fun and safe environment. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-7750.

Begins Tuesday, July 14, 12:00 – 2:00 pm. Calling all Drama Kings and Queens – Join drama instructor Maria de los Angeles for a series of workshops for aspiring writers and actors on how to create your own characters. Appropriate for ages 13 and older. No need to sign up in advance.

Program dates: Tuesdays: July 14, 21, and 28. Thursdays: July 16, 23, and 30

For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-7750.

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