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Newark Public Library announces Summer Hours, Children-Teen Films, winners of Create-Your-Own-Book contest, and “Newark, Hockey & Me” essay contest winners

The Newark Public Library, 5 Washington Street, will begin its summer-operating schedule on Monday, June 23 and conclude it on Saturday, September 6. The main library hours will be 9am to 5:30pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays; 9am to 8:30pm on Wednesdays; and 9:30am to 1:30pm on Saturdays. The branch library hours will be 9:30am to 5:30pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays; 1pm to 8pm on Wednesdays; and 9:30am to 1:30pm on Saturdays.

Included in the generous funding from the Prudential Foundation for the “Prudential Foundation Summer Reading Challenge,” the library is able to show a summer film program for teens and children. All films will begin promptly at 3pm in the 4th-floor Auditorium of the main library. For more information, visit the film’s website.

Movies for Teens:

Blood and Chocolate (2007) Rated PG-13 Thursday, June 26

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0397044/>

Blood and Chocolate follows a young werewolf as she finds love and makes difficult choices about her life. This film was adapted from the novel by Annette Curtis Klause.

Eragon (2007) Rated PG Thursday, July 3

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0449010/>

Based on the best-selling novel by Christopher Paolini, *Eragon* tells the tale of a young man, his dragon and their fight against evil.

Stardust (2007) Rated PG-13 Thursday, July 10

<http://imdb.com/title/tt0486655/>

Michelle Pfeiffer and Claire Danes appear in this science fiction/fantasy about a young man seeking a star for his true love. This film was adapted from the novel by Neil Gaiman.

Princess Mononoke (1997) Rated PG-13 Thursday, July 17

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0119698/>

Directed by the Japanese anime master Hayao Miyazaki, *Princess Mononoke* is a fantasy about a brave princess who battles to keep her forest safe from human destruction.

We Are Marshall (2006) Rated PG Thursday, July 24

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0758794/>

Following a catastrophic plane crash in 1970, where the entire football team was killed, the Marshall University football program nearly ended. This film follows the students who soldiered on to play another day, despite the tragic loss they experienced.

Persepolis (2007) Rated PG-13 Thursday, July 31

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0808417/>

Persepolis follows Marji, a young Iranian girl, as she comes of age during the Iranian Revolution of the 1970s. This animated film is based on the graphic novel by Marjane Satrapi.

Movies for Children

The Secret Garden (1993) Wednesday, June 25

<http://imdb.com/title/tt0108071/>

Adapted from the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett, *The Secret Garden* tells the story of an orphaned girl sent to live in the English countryside with her uncle. Mary discovers many secrets and makes lasting friendships in this magical film.

Charlotte's Web (2006) Wednesday, July 2

<http://imdb.com/title/tt0413895/>

Adapted from the novel by E.B. White, *Charlotte's Web* follows the unlikely relationship between a pig and a spider. This touching tale highlights the importance of friendship and acceptance for all creatures.

Antz (1998) Wednesday, July

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0120587/>

A celebrity cast, including Woody Allen and Anne Bancroft, voice this delightful animated tale about ants and their desire to change their ant society. Will worker ants and queen bees forever be separated? Watch this movie to find out.

A Bug's Life (1998) Wednesday, July 16

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0120623/>

A Bug's Life is about a colony of ants under the control of bully grasshoppers who steal their food. The unlikely ant hero Flik tries to save his fellow ants from the grasshopper's clutches.

Bee Movie (2007) Wednesday, July 30

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0389790/>

Barry B. Benson (voiced by Jerry Seinfeld) is a bee unhappy with his job of making honey. He discovers that humans eat honey, which he finds unfair because the bees make it for them free-of-charge. This movie follows Barry's quest to win justice for the bees against the humans of Earth.

After reviewing more than 200 entries in the "Create-Your-Own-Book" contest held during National Library Week, a panel of judges selected the following winners. (Branch library affiliation is noted in parentheses.)

Grades PreK to 3 Category

First Place: *A Day with George* by Janiya Copper (Springfield Branch Library)

Second Place: *The Masked One* by Denis Rudder (Branch Brook)

Third Place: *A Night at the WWE* by Athony Espinal (Branch Brook)

Honorable Mention (in Branch Library order): *Islands of Adventure* by Jelisa Negron (Branch Brook), *Swanee Bay* by Andrea D'Andrea (Branch Brook), *Turley Lost in the Lakes* by Abinaya Ravichandren (First Avenue), *A New Family Member* by Solcyre Burga (Van Buren).

Grades 4-8 Category

First Place: *The Sun's Special Surprise* by Yadirah Bradley (Roseville)

Second Place: *Peppa Pig, The School Carnival* by Mathushanth Ravichandren (First Avenue)

Third Place: *The Day My Brain Died* by Domar Cabrera (Main Library)

Honorable Mention (in Branch Library order): *Sketches of Pokemon* by Mahishan Gnanaseharan (First Avenue), *My Fabulous, Friendly, Funny Family* by De'Janee Jones (Springfield), *My First Day of School* by Inayah Brown (Vailsburg), *Nike, Just Do It!* by Eric Johnson (Weequahic).

The New Jersey Devils and the library announced the winners of the Devils' third annual essay contest, in which the hockey team encouraged students to participate by writing 200 words or fewer on the theme "Newark, Hockey & Me." Youngsters entered based on their grade-level category. The winners, with Branch Library affiliation, were Laura Ramos (Branch Brook), Eriel Montesino (Branch Brook) and Mahishan Gnanaseharan (First Avenue).