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Newark Public Library Announces Programs for April 2010

The Newark Public Library presents its programming schedule for April. All programs sponsored by the Newark Public Library 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 be closed on Friday, April 2.

AARP Tax Aid for Seniors and Lower-Income Taxpayers

Monday, April 12, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Auditorium, Fourth Floor.

Volunteers from AARP will be available to assist seniors and lower-income taxpayers with filing their tax returns. For an appointment or more information, please call Gail Warren at 973-373-5355. Appointments may be scheduled from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

"Becoming Billie Holiday"

Wednesday, April 7, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Auditorium, Fourth Floor. *New York Times* best-selling author Carole Boston Weatherford channels the voice and recalls the early years of jazz icon Lady Day through poems from the award-winning fictional verse memoir "Becoming Billie Holiday." To RSVP, please call 973-733-7793 or email rsvp@npl.org.

Celebrating National Poetry Month

Wednesday, April 7, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., James Brown African American Room, First Floor. The F.E.W. Harper Literary Society celebrates National Poetry Month. Guests to be announced. For more information, please call 973-733-5411.

Three new exhibitions will be opening at the Main Library in April.

The Combat Paper Project: Healing Through Art, on view April 1 through June 26, 2010,

Main Library, 5 Washington St., Third Floor Gallery. The Combat Paper Project is a grassroots initiative founded in 2008 to introduce veterans to the process of papermaking as a form of art therapy. This exhibition features art on "combat paper," which is made from military uniforms. The artwork is on loan from the Combat Paper Project, Burlington, Vermont. For more information about the Combat Paper Project, visit www.combatpaper.org. For information about the exhibition, please call Jared Ash, exhibition curator, at 973-733-7745, or email jash@npl.org.

Exhibition Tours and Demonstrations – Thursday, April 22, and Friday, April 23, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Third Floor Gallery.

Drew Cameron, Drew Matott, and other artists featured in the exhibition will present tours of the exhibition, and demonstrate the process of transforming uniforms into paper. Groups are welcome, and encouraged to make arrangements in advance. For additional information, please call 973-733-7745.

Panel Discussion and Opening Reception – Thursday, April 22, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Auditorium, Fourth Floor.

The reception is from 6:00 - 7:00 pm, followed by a panel discussion from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Panelists include Drew Cameron and Drew Matott, artists and cofounders of the Combat Paper Project, and Jon Michael Turner, Marine Corps machine-gunner turned book and paper artist. Jared Ash will moderate. Reservations are appreciated, but not required: 973-733-7745.

The European Grand Tour: Visiting the Old World through the Collections of the Newark Public Library, on view April 7 through May 29, 2010, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Second Floor

Gallery. For generations of Englishmen, a journey through the cultural epicenters of Europe in the 17th and 18th centuries was considered a fashionable rite of passage reserved for the wealthy and elite. The Newark Public Library has re-created this journey through vintage travel posters, fine prints, and illustrated books that highlight the history, architecture, and art of the cities along the grand tour route. For information about the exhibition, please call Chad Leinaweaver, exhibition curator, at 973-733-7745, or email cleinaweaver@npl.org.

The Mission: Gilberto Concepción de Gracia and His New York Years/La Misión: Gilberto Concepción de Gracia y sus años en Nueva York, on view April 29 through July 31, 2010,

Main Library, 5 Washington St., Fourth Floor. The library presents this exhibit in partnership with the Center for Puerto Rican Studies, Hunter College, CUNY.

Opening Reception – Thursday, April 29, 6:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Fourth Floor Auditorium.

Friends of the Newark Public Library Annual Book Sale, Main Library, 5 Washington St.,

Centennial Hall, Second Floor. Dates and times:

Saturday, April 17, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Tuesday, April 20, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 22, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 24, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Classes at the Main Library:

American Sign Language Classes

Saturdays, April 17 - June 12, 2010, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Special Services Room, Third Floor. Free American Sign Language (ASL) classes are open to beginners and returning beginners. For more information, please call: Margaret George at 973-733-5412 (voice) or Lolata Greggs at 866-977-6858 (video phone).

Computer Classes

The library offers a variety of computer classes each month. Topics include Microsoft Word, email, mouse skills, and more. Please visit the library's Web site at <http://www.npl.org/Pages/Computers/> for more information.

Children's Programs at Main Library

Spring Arts and Crafts

Tuesday, April 6, 3:00 – 4:30 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Children's Room, First Floor. Children are invited to create a paper bunny. All materials will be provided. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

Save the Earth Magic Show

Saturday, April 10, 2:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Auditorium, Fourth Floor.

Celebrate Earth Day with George, the talking parrot, as he takes you on a fun and magical journey to save the earth and respect the environment, visiting wildlife throughout the world from the rain forests to the oceans. Presented by Full Effect Productions. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

Celebrate Earth Day

Tuesday, April 20, 3:00 – 4:30 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Children's Room, First Floor.

Come and learn about going green through a variety of activities, such as word scrambles, puzzles, and more. Suitable for children and early teens. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

Programs for children and adults at the branches are listed below.

Branch Brook Branch, 235 Clifton Avenue, 973-733-7760

Saturday, April 17, 11:00 am. Juggle Jam – Master juggler and entertainer Jen Slaw will combine a juggling performance with an interactive workshop, where you will learn some of the magic behind juggling. Suitable for children of all ages and families. For more information, please call 973-733-7760.

Clinton Branch, 739 Bergen St., 973-733-7754

Thursday, April 1, 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Easter Egg Hunt – Children up to eighth grade are invited to take part in an Easter egg hunt. For more information, please call 973-733-7754.

Monday, April 12, 10:00 - 11:00 am. Celebrate National Library Week – To celebrate National Library Week, toddlers and preschoolers are invited to a story time, featuring books, libraries, and stories that celebrate reading. For more information, please call 973-733-7754.

Thursday, April 22, 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Celebrate Earth Day – In celebration of Earth Day, children of all ages may join us for an animal craft activity. Make a duck, frog, mouse, owl, or other forest or rainforest animals. For more information, please call 973-733-7754.

Friday, April 30, 3:30 - 4:30 pm. B-I-N-G-O – Bingo is its name-o and it's at the Clinton Branch. For children in first through eighth grade. For more information, please call 973-733-7754.

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

Wednesday, April 21, 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Earth Day Photo Frames – An Earth day craft—frame a picture of yourself or color a picture to show ways you can go green to help planet Earth. All materials will be provided. Children ages 7 and up are welcome. Please call 973-733-8091 for more information.

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

Wednesday, April 7, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Earth Day Craft – Create your world using a variety of household materials. Suitable for grades 2-6. Please call 973-733-7683 for more information.

Fridays, April 9, 16, 23, and 30, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. After-School Movies – Come in after school and enjoy a movie with us. Suitable for all ages. Please call 973-733-7683 for more information.

Wednesday, April 14, 3:30 pm. Princess Moxie Rules – Puppeteer Jennifer Levine uses her funky and fun handmade puppets to tell the story of a princess's journey to find true friends. Suitable for children of all ages and families. Please call 973-733-7683 for more information.

Wednesday, April 21, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Arbor Day Activity – Discover your green thumb by helping us plant a tree. Then come inside and decorate a clay pot and plant a flower of your choice to take home. Suitable for grades 2-6. Please call 973-733-7683 for more information.

For Adults and Young Adults:

Wednesday, April 14, 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Retro Fun With Dominoes – If you can count to twelve, you can play dominoes. Take a step back in time to relax your body and exercise your mind with some old-fashioned domino play. Light refreshments will be served. Please call 973-733-7766 for more information.

Roseville Branch, 99 Fifth St., 973-733-7770

Thursday, April 1, 3:30 pm. Story Time – We'll read "The Easter Surprise" by Janet McDonnell. For more information, please call 973-733-7770.

Thursday, April 1, 4:00 pm. Easter Egg Hunt – Join us for an Easter egg hunt. Come help find the hidden colorful eggs. Prizes will be given for the smallest number of eggs collected. Children of all ages are invited. For more information, please call 973-733-7770.

Tuesday, April 6, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Spring Is Here Again – Children of all ages will enjoy making an assortment of spring flowers to be displayed in the library for the Spring. All materials will be supplied. For more information, please call 973-733-7770.

Wednesday, April 14, 3:30 pm. Juggle Jam – Master juggler and entertainer Jen Slaw will combine a juggling performance with an interactive workshop, where you will learn some of the magic behind juggling. Suitable for children of all ages and families. For more information, please call 973-733-7770.

Wednesday, April 14, 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Scrabble Slam Card Game – Come and play Scrabble, card slapping, and word changing fun. Winners will receive prizes. Age 8 and up. For more information, please call 973-733-7770.

Friday, April 16, 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Bingo – Join us to play Bingo. Age 7 and up. For more information, please call 973-733-7770.

Wednesday, April 21, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Movie Night – Children are invited to enjoy an exciting animated movie adventure. Refreshments will be served. Age 7 and up. For more information, please call 973-733-7770.

For Adults:

Wednesdays, April 7 and 21, 5:30 and 6:00 pm. Get In Shape – A 30-minute video workout of easy exercise to get in shape. Please wear your sweats. Adults are invited. For more information, please call 973-733-7770.

Wednesday, April 14, 5:30 and 6:00 pm. Nutrition! – Adults are invited to see a 30-minute nutrition management video. It will help you shop smart, eat healthier, and maybe even lose pounds. For more information, please call 973-733-7770.

Wednesday, April 28, 5:30 and 7:00 pm. Cinema Night – Adults are invited to see a film about two old friends who rekindle their forgotten relationship. For more information, please call 973-733-7770.

Springfield Branch, 50 Hayes St., 973-733-7736

Saturdays, April 3, 10, 17, and 24, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, and Wednesdays, April 7, 14, 21, and 28, 5:00 – 7:00 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 call the branch at 973-733-7736, or Mr. Brown, program coordinator, at 862-368-4261.

Saturday, April 24, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Procrastinators' College Fair – All high school seniors and high school graduates ready to apply to college are invited to this workshop for assistance with completing financial aid forms, registering for the SAT, obtaining scholarship applications, and completing college applications and personal statements. Students who have taken the SAT should bring their scores, two letters of recommendation, their personal statement, and transcripts. For more information, please call the branch at 973-733-7736, or Mr. Brown, program director, at 862-368-4261.

Vailsburg Branch, 75 Alexander St., 973-733-7749

Wednesdays, April 7 and 28, 4:00 pm. Word Hunt – Can you find scrambled words the fastest? Well, come test your skills and most of all have fun. For more information, please call 973-733-7749.

Wednesdays, April 7, 14, 21, and 28, 5:00 pm. Sensational Spring Movie Night – Spring has sprung here in the Northeast. See Hollywood's best and brightest on our silver screen. Located here in the children's room. For more information, please call 973-733-7749.

Saturdays, April 10 and 24, 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 973-733-7749.

Friday, April 16, 4:00 pm. Arts & 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 973-733-7749.

Friday, April 30, 4:00 pm. Cooking with Chef Adam – Study with a master of the culinary arts. Get ready to learn how to cook in the world-renowned kitchen, located in the children's room. You'll be a chef in no time. For more information, please call 973-733-7749.

Van Buren Branch, 140 Van Buren St., 973-733-7750

Thursday, April 1, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Children's Room. Decorate an Easter Egg – Decorate a paper Easter egg. Appropriate for children of all ages. For more information, please call 973-733-3897.

Thursday, April 1, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, and Fridays, April 9, 16, and 23, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Children's Room. Board Game Tournament – Puzzles, board, and card games available for children of all ages. For more information, please call 973-733-3897.

Wednesday, April 21, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Children's Room. Crazy Hair Cup – Celebrate Earth Day by making your very own crazy hair cup. Recycled materials will be available for children of all ages to use. For more information, please call 973-733-3897.

Saturday, April 24, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Children's Room. Saturday Story Hour – Start your weekend with a story. Appropriate for children under 10 (or story lovers of any age). For more information, please call 973-733-3897.

Friday, April 30, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Children's Room. El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros – Decorate your own bookmark in honor of El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros. Appropriate for children and their families. For more information, please call 973-733-3897.

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

Thursday, April 1, 3:30 pm. Easter Baskets – Celebrate Easter and Spring with an arts and crafts project. All ages welcome. All materials provided. For more information, please call 973-733-7751.

Wednesday, April 7, 3:30 pm. April Showers – Let's make some rainy day boots and umbrellas. All materials provided. All ages welcome. For more information, please call 973-733-7751.

Tuesday, April 13, 3:30 pm. Celebrate Spring – Make some beautiful and unusual flowers for Spring. All materials provided. All ages welcome. For more information, please call 973-733-7751.

Wednesday, April 14, 4:30 pm. My Little Bunny – Make your very own bunny and fill it with some goodies. All materials provided. All ages welcome. For more information, please call 973-733-7751.

Wednesday, April 21, 4:30 pm. Young Poets – Celebrate Poetry Month by writing a special poem or verse. All materials provided. All ages welcome. For more information, please call 973-733-7751.

Thursday, April 22, 3:30 pm. Celebrate Earth Day – Celebrate Earth Day with a rock painting craft. All ages welcome. All materials provided. For more information, please call 973-733-7751.

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