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Newark Public Library Announces August Programs

The Newark Public Library presents its programming schedule for August. 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** will hold its awards ceremony on Saturday, August 15 at 10:00 am in the Main Library's Centennial Hall at 5 Washington Street. Children who have participated by reading at least five books will receive a certificate of achievement. The library will also honor the top readers from each library location. Awards will be given to the winners of the Summer Reading Poster Contest as well. As part of summer reading, story times, arts and crafts, games, and film programs will be featured at all locations through the end of August. Please check with the location/branch for a daily schedule.

The Main Library, 5 Washington Street, continues its film program for teens through the end of August.

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, August 6, 3:00 pm – "Drumline" – Rated: PG-13. Running time: 122 minutes.

Thursday, August 13, 3:00 pm – "Shall We Dance?" – Rated: PG-13. Running time: 106 minutes.

Thursday, August 20, 3:00 pm – "Dance With Me" – Rated: PG. Running time: 127 minutes.

Thursday, August 27, 3:00 pm – "Mad Hot Ballroom" – Rated: PG. Running time: 105 minutes.

The Main Library will present a special environmental program for children on Friday, August 14.

Dragonfly Art

Friday, August 14, 12:30 pm

Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Children's Room

Children will take a closer look at some of nature's most intricate patterns, such as the wings of a dragonfly. Then they will design their own dragonfly art. Please call 973-733-7797 for more information.

The Main Library will present two book programs and a documentary film series.

Numbers and You: A Numerology Guide for Everyday Living

Friday, August 1, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Centennial Hall – Second Floor

The Frances E.W. Harper Literary Society hosts a book signing with author Lloyd Strayhorn.

Mr. Strayhorn has appeared on the "Oprah Winfrey Show," "Tony Brown's Journal," and "Geraldo."

He will discuss his book, "Numbers and You: A Numerology Guide for Everyday Living."

Music on Mondays – Classic Jazz Documentary Series

Main Library, 5 Washington Street, James Brown African American Room, First Floor

This four-part series of documentaries about jazz music and musicians contains interviews and classic performances by jazz legends. A different artist will be featured each week. From the Ralph Gleason Jazz Casual Series, a popular national television series of the 1960s. Running time: 30 minutes.

Monday, August 3, 12:30 pm – Sonny Rollins

Monday, August 10, 12:30 pm – John Coltrane

Monday, August 17, 12:30 pm – Dave Brubeck

Monday, August 24, 12:30 pm – Dizzy Gillespie Quintet

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

Wednesday, August 19, 6:00 pm. "Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" by Junot Diaz

Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Second Floor Board Room

Book discussion group with Rosa Andujar of Princeton University. This is the final meeting for the series. Please call 973-733-7793 to confirm attendance.

The Main Library will feature two exhibitions during August.

Weequahic Memoirs: Celebrating Newark's Legendary Neighborhood

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.

The Global Artistry of Leo & Diane Dillon: A Retrospective

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 Writers at Newark Reading Group has ten openings in this free program of readings by authors, along with discussions of their works. The Reading Group is presented by the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program at Rutgers University, Newark and co-sponsored by the Newark Public Library. The program which begins September 8 and ends December 8, involves eight meetings, after an initial orientation. The registration form can be downloaded at

<http://www.mfa.newark.rutgers.edu/reading%20group.htm> and must be mailed or faxed by **August 10**.

For additional information on the Writers at Newark Reading Group, email

RNMFANewark@newark.rutgers.edu, or call 973-353-1107.

The branch libraries have August programs for children and teens. The schedule is listed below.

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

Tuesday, August 18, 12:30 pm. Dragonfly Art – Children will take a closer look at some of nature's most intricate patterns, such as the wings of a dragonfly. Then they will design their own dragonfly art. For more information, please call the Branch Brook Branch at 973-733-6388.

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

Thursday, August 13, 10:00 am. Dragonfly Art – Children will take a closer look at some of nature's most intricate patterns, such as the wings of a dragonfly. Then they will design their own dragonfly art. For more information, please call the Clinton Branch at 973-733-7754.

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

Wednesday, August 12, 4:00 pm. Magazine Mosaic – What's a mosaic? It's a picture crafted with lots of small tiles—or in this case, paper squares cut from magazines. Children are invited to come make a mosaic. For more information, please call the First Avenue Branch at 973-733-8091.

Thursday, August 13, 3:00 pm. 4 Rs and You: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rethink – Come play an exciting game of Trash Time Line and learn how to properly sort your garbage. Children will then design a recycled magazine mosaic. For more information, please call the First Avenue Branch at 973-733-8091.

Tuesday, August 18 – Thursday, August 20, 2:00 pm. Get Your Gaming On – Kids ages 7-14 are invited to test their skills and enter Wii gaming tournaments. Tuesday – Wii Bowling; Wednesday – Wii Mario Kart; Thursday – Wii Mario Olympics. Registration is required. Limit 20 participants per Wii session. You may bring your own controller to the tournament. Funded and sponsored by the Prudential Foundation Summer Reading Challenge. For more information, please call the First Avenue Branch at 973-733-8091.

Madison Branch, 790 Clinton Avenue, 973-733-8090

Thursday, August 6, 10:00 am. Colors and Textures of Nature – Discover the vibrant colors and variety of textures that can be found in nature using your senses. Children will design their own masterpiece using different shades of soil and plants found in nature. For more information, please call the Madison Branch at 973-733-8090.

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

Wednesday, August 5, 2:30 - 4:00 pm. Catch Some Sun – Make a sun catcher to hang in the window. Suitable for children of all ages. For more information, please call the North End Branch at 973-733-7683.

Friday, August 7, 3:30 pm. Didgeridoo Down Under – Join Lindsay Dank as he celebrates the didgeridoo as a musical, cultural, and global icon bridging racial and societal gaps through rhythm and music. This program is appropriate for all ages. For more information, please call the North End Branch at 973-733-7766.

Tuesday, August 11 – Thursday, August 13, 2:00 pm. Get Your Gaming On – Kids ages 7-14 are invited to test their skills and enter Wii gaming tournaments. Tuesday – Wii Bowling; Wednesday – Wii Mario Kart; Thursday – Wii Mario Olympics. Registration is required. Limit 20 participants per Wii session. You may bring your own controller to the tournament. Funded and sponsored by the Prudential Foundation Summer Reading Challenge. For more information, please call the North End Branch at 973-733-7766.

Wednesday, August 12, 2:20 - 4:00 pm. Scrapbooking – Create your own scrapbook using brown paper bags and decorative materials. Suitable for children of all ages. For more information, please call the North End Branch at 973-733-7683.

Tuesday, August 18, 3:00 pm. Dragonfly Art – Children will take a closer look at some of nature's most intricate patterns, such as the wings of a dragonfly. Then they will design their own dragonfly art. For more information, please call the North End Branch at 973-733-7683.

Wednesday, August 19, 2:30 - 4:00 pm. Let's Float – Create your own ice-cream float. Suitable for children of all ages. For more information, please call the North End Branch at 973-733-7683.

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

Thursday, August 6, 3:00 pm. Colors and Textures of Nature – Discover the vibrant colors and variety of textures that can be found in nature using your senses. Children are invited to design their own masterpiece using different shades of soil and plants found in nature. For more information, please call the Roseville Branch at 973-733-7770.

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

Tuesday, August 4 – Thursday, August 6, 2:00 pm. Get Your Gaming On – Kids ages 7-14 are invited to test their skills and enter Wii gaming tournaments. Tuesday – Wii Bowling; Wednesday – Wii Mario Kart; Thursday – Wii Mario Olympics. Registration is required. Limit 20 participants per Wii session. You may bring your own controller to the tournament. Funded and sponsored by the Prudential Foundation Summer Reading Challenge. For more information, please call the Springfield Branch at 973-733-7736.

Thursday, August 13, 12:30 pm. Dragonfly Art – Children will take a closer look at some of nature's most intricate patterns, such as the wings of a dragonfly. Then they will design their own dragonfly art. For more information, please call the Springfield Branch at 973-733-7736.

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

Friday, August 14, 10:00 am. Dragonfly Art – Children will take a closer look at some of nature's most intricate patterns, such as the wings of a dragonfly. Then they will design their own dragonfly art. For more information, please call the Vailsburg Branch at 973-733-7749.

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

Tuesdays, August 4, 11, 18, and Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20, 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. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-7750.

Tuesday, August 18, 10:00 am. Dragonfly Art – Children will take a closer look at some of nature's most intricate patterns, such as the wings of a dragonfly. Then they will design their own dragonfly art. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-3897.

Weequahic Branch, 355 Osborne Terrace, 973-733-7752

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