



# THE NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### ***Newark Public Library Announces Programs for July 2010***

The Newark Public Library presents its programming schedule for July. 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](http://www.npl.org) for adult programs and at [kidsplace.npl.org](http://kidsplace.npl.org) for children's programs.

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

**Monday, July 5** – Holiday closing in observance of Independence Day

**Tuesday, July 6** – Furlough day

The Main Library and all branches will be on **summer hours**, beginning Monday, June 28:

#### **Main Library:**

Mondays, Tuesdays: 9:00 am – 5:30 pm

Wednesdays: 9:00 am – 8:30 pm

Thursdays, Fridays: 9:00 am – 5:30 pm

Saturdays: 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Sundays: Closed

#### **Branch Libraries:**

Mondays, Tuesdays: 9:30 am – 5:30 pm

Wednesdays: 1:00 am – 8:00 pm

Thursdays, Fridays: 9:30 am – 5:30 pm

Saturdays: Closed

Sundays: Closed

### **Prudential Foundation Summer Reading Challenge for Kids and Teens**

The Prudential Foundation Summer Reading Challenge will run through August 7 at all library locations.

The challenge is open all to children in grades K-12. For more information, please visit [kidsplace.npl.org](http://kidsplace.npl.org) or call 973-733-5642.

### **The James Brown Lecture Series**

The library will present three lectures in July as part of the James Brown Lecture Series.

**Wednesday, July 14, 6:00 – 8:00 pm**, Main Library, 5 Washington Street, James Brown African American Room, First Floor. David "Trust" Graham will speak on "The African Presence in Christianity." Graham is Director of the Afrikan Echoes Study Group in Newark.

**Wednesday, July 21, 6:00 – 8:00 pm**, Main Library, 5 Washington Street, James Brown African American Room, First Floor. A talk and book signing for "Do I Have to Be a Starving Artist in the 21st Century?" written by filmmaker Hisani P. Dubose. Dubose was designated by critic Kamm Williams "best black director of 2005" for her documentary "The Vanishing Black Male."

**Wednesday, July 28, 6:00 – 8:00 pm**, Main Library, 5 Washington Street, James Brown African American Room, First Floor. Dr. Akil Kokayi Khalfani presents a lecture on the status of Pan-Africanism. Dr. Khalfani is Director of Africana Institute at Essex County College. He is author of "The Hidden Debate: The Truth Revealed about the Battle over Affirmative Action in South Africa and the United States."

### **Newark Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 28, 5:00 – 7:00 pm**, Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Auditorium, Fourth Floor. The Board of Trustees will conduct their bimonthly meeting.

Three exhibitions will be on view at the Main Library in July.

**Entitled to Art: A Selection of New Art Books, on view through September 4, 2010**, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Second Floor Gallery. This exhibit displays the depth and breadth of the creative experience by showcasing new books on the fine arts, architecture, graphic arts, photography, sculpture, antiques and collectibles, and costume and fashion. For information about the exhibition, please call Nadine Sergejeff or Leslie Kahn, exhibition curators, at 973-733-7779, or email [nsergejeff@npl.org](mailto:nsergejeff@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 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. For more information, please call Ingrid Betancourt at 973-733-3637, or email [ibetancourt@npl.org](mailto:ibetancourt@npl.org).

**America by the Numbers: A Look at the Census Bureau, "Factfinder for the Nation," on view July 7 through September 25, 2010**, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Third Floor Gallery. The library's regional depository librarian, Laura Saur, has organized this display from the library's vast collection of federal documents to illustrate changes in government data collection since 1790. For more information, please call 973-733-7812 or email [lsaur@npl.org](mailto:lsaur@npl.org).

Classes at the Main Library:

### **Computer Classes**

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

## **Programs for Children and Teens at Main Library**

### **The Newark Black Film Festival for Youth**

**July 7, 12, 19, and 26 at 10:30 am**, Main Library, Auditorium, Fourth Floor.

The 2010 Newark Black Film Festival will be bringing its youth cinema to the Main Library again this summer. Funded by Bank of America and presented by the Newark Museum, all films are appropriate for grades pre-K through 5. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

**Wednesday, July 7:** "Inspiring Figures: Duke Ellington and Ella Fitzgerald" and "Alejandro's Gift"

**Monday, July 12:** "Stories from Africa" and "Families of Ghana, West Africa"

**Monday, July 19:** "The Journey of Henry Box Brown" and "Anansi"

**Monday, July 26:** "The Dot...and More Stories to Make You Feel Good" and "Chicken Sunday"

### **Catch a Cool Wave Movie Series for Teens**

**Thursdays, July 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 2:00 pm**, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Auditorium, Fourth Floor. Students entering eighth grade and up are invited to attend this series featuring water-themed films. All movies are rated PG or PG-13. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

**July 8:** "Splash"

**July 15:** "Blue Crush"

**July 22:** "Jaws"

**July 29:** "Ananconda"

### **Story Time with Sly**

**Friday, July 9 at 10:00 am**, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Children's Room, First Floor. Come and join in the fun as Sly, the NJ Nets mascot, visits the Library for an interactive read-aloud. Every child participating in the program will receive a voucher that can be used to obtain a ticket to a Nets home game. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

### **Check Out Mehendi Body Art**

**Friday, July 23 at 2:30 pm**, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Children's Room, First Floor. Artist Shilpa Shah and her daughter, Sneha, will apply henna paste and create beautiful designs on your hand/arm. These temporary tattoos will last for a few days. Suitable for 5 years and older.

Preregistration is required. This program is sponsored by the Prudential Foundation. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

Programs at the branches are listed below.

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

During July, the Branch Brook Branch will present a variety of activities for children Mondays through Fridays in the mornings and afternoons. Please contact the branch at 973-733-7760 for information on daily activities.

**Friday, July 9, 10:30 am.** Check Out Mehendi Body Art – Artist Shilpa Shah and her daughter, Sneha, will apply henna paste and create beautiful designs on your hand/arm. These temporary tattoos will last for a few days. Suitable for 5 years and older. Preregistration is required. This program is sponsored by the Prudential Foundation. For more information, please call 973-733-7760.

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

During July, the Clinton Branch will present a variety of activities for children Mondays through Fridays in the mornings and afternoons. Please contact the branch at 973-733-7754 for information on daily activities.

**Monday, July 26, 10:30 am.** It's Raining, It's Pouring – Come and learn about wet weather. Join us to explore the secrets of rain. During this interactive program children will use colored ice to design a rainbow painting. For more information, please call 973-733-7754.

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

During July, the First Avenue Branch will present a variety of activities for children Mondays through Fridays in the mornings and afternoons. Please contact the branch at 973-733-8091 for information on daily activities.

**Tuesday – Thursday, July 20 – 22, 2:00 – 4:00 pm.** Gaming Tournament – Kids ages 7 through 14 are invited to test their skills and enter the Wii gaming tournament. Please call 973-733-8091 for more information.

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

During July, the Madison Branch will present a variety of activities for children Mondays through Fridays in the mornings and afternoons. Please contact the branch at 973-733-8090 for information on daily activities.

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

During July, the North End Branch will present a variety of activities for children Mondays through Fridays in the mornings and afternoons. Please contact the branch at 973-733-7683 for information on daily activities.

**Friday, July 23, 10:30 am.** Check Out Mehendi Body Art – Artist Shilpa Shah and her daughter, Sneha, will apply henna paste and create beautiful designs on your hand/arm. These temporary

tattoos will last for a few days. Suitable for 5 years and older. Preregistration is required. This program is sponsored by the Prudential Foundation. For more information, please call 973-733-7683.

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

During July, the Roseville Branch will present a variety of activities for children Mondays through Fridays in the mornings and afternoons. Please contact the branch at 973-733-7770 for information on daily activities.

**Friday, July 9, 2:30 pm.** Check Out Mehendi Body Art – Artist Shilpa Shah and her daughter, Sneha, will apply henna paste and create beautiful designs on your hand/arm. These temporary tattoos will last for a few days. Suitable for 5 years and older. Preregistration is required. This program is sponsored by the Prudential Foundation. For more information, please call 973-733-7770.

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

During July, the Springfield Branch will present a variety of activities for children Mondays through Fridays in the mornings and afternoons. Please contact the branch at 973-733-7736 for information on daily activities.

**Wednesday, July 14, 2:30 pm.** "Check It Out" Reading Program – Ronald McDonald will share his love of books by reading a story to the audience. This program is suitable for children in kindergarten through fourth grade. Please call 973-733-7736 for more information.

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

During July, the Vailsburg Branch will present a variety of activities for children Mondays through Fridays in the mornings and afternoons. Please contact the branch at 973-733-7749 for information on daily activities.

**July 13, 15, and 16, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm.** Gaming Tournament – Kids ages 7 through 14 are invited to test their skills and enter the Wii gaming tournament. Please call 973-733-7749 for more information.

**Friday, July 30, 10:30 am.** Check Out Mehendi Body Art – Artist Shilpa Shah and her daughter, Sneha, will apply henna paste and create beautiful designs on your hand/arm. These temporary tattoos will last for a few days. Suitable for 5 years and older. Preregistration is required. This program is sponsored by the Prudential Foundation. For more information, please call 973-733-7749.

**Van Buren Branch, 140 Van Buren Street, 973-733-3897**

During July, the Van Buren Branch will present a variety of activities for children Mondays through Fridays in the mornings and afternoons. Please contact the branch at 973-733-3897 for information on daily activities.

**Friday, July 16, 2:30 pm.** Check Out Mehendi Body Art – Artist Shilpa Shah and her daughter, Sneha, will apply henna paste and create beautiful designs on your hand/arm. These temporary tattoos will last for a few days. Suitable for 5 years and older. Preregistration is required. This program is sponsored by the Prudential Foundation. For more information, please call 973-733-3897.

**Wednesday, July 28, 2:00 pm.** Wetland Creatures – Come and learn about the wildlife found in New Jersey’s wetlands. Take a look at feathers, furs, and other unique animal adaptations. Children will use recycled and natural materials to make their own wetland creature. For more information, please call 973-733-3897.

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

During July, the Weequahic Branch will present a variety of activities for children Mondays through Fridays in the mornings and afternoons. Please contact the branch at 973-733-7752 for information on daily activities.

**July 13, 14, and 15, 2:00 – 4:00 pm.** Gaming Tournament – Kids ages 7 through 14 are invited to test their skills and enter the Wii gaming tournament. Please call 973-733-7752 for more information.

**Monday, July 26, 2:00 pm.** Amazing Water – Come and learn about the properties of water. Follow the life of a water droplet, and play a water cycle game. During this interactive program children will make a bracelet to remember their water journey. For more information, please call 973-733-7752.

**Friday, July 30, 2:30 pm.** Check Out Mehendi Body Art – Artist Shilpa Shah and her daughter, Sneha, will apply henna paste and create beautiful designs on your hand/arm. These temporary tattoos will last for a few days. Suitable for 5 years and older. Preregistration is required. This program is sponsored by the Prudential Foundation. For more information, please call 973-733-7752.

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