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Newark Public Library Announces Programs for June 2010

The Newark Public Library presents its programming schedule for June. 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 have the following **closings in June**:

Monday, June 7 – 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: 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Sundays: Closed

Frances E. W. Harper Literary Society Meeting

Wednesday, June 2, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., James Brown African American Room, First Floor. The F.E.W. Harper Literary Society will discuss "Girls at War and Other Stories" by Chinua Achebe. For more information, please call 973-733-5411.

The History of African American Music

Thursday, June 3, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Auditorium, Fourth Floor. Vocal coach Gwen Moten and music teacher B. Dexter Allgood, PhD, both of Newark, will trace the rich history of African American music from its roots in Africa to today's American music. They will discuss a variety of musical styles, including field cries, art songs, ragtime, jazz, swing, bebop, early rock and roll, soul, hip hop, and traditional and contemporary gospel music. To RSVP, please call 973-733-7793 or email rsvp@npl.org.

Great Women in Jazz, Blues, and Gospel

Thursday, June 10, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Centennial Hall, Second Floor. The Carrie Jackson Sextet will feature music and signature songs of Newark's own Sarah "Sassy" Vaughan, Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Dinah Washington, Bessie Smith, Ma Rainey, Carmen McRae, Gloria Lynn, and Mahalia Jackson. To RSVP, please call 973-733-7793 or email rsvp@npl.org.

Revolution '67

Wednesday, June 23, 6:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Auditorium, Fourth Floor. Filmmakers Marylou and Jerome Bongiorno re-create the six days in July 1967, when Newark, New Jersey experienced one of the deadliest racial disturbances per capita in recent U.S. history. The film utilizes chilling archival footage and interviews with social historians, including Dr. Clement A. Price, Rutgers University, and Dr. Kenneth Jackson, Columbia University. To RSVP, please call 973-733-7793 or email rsvp@npl.org.

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

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 information about the exhibition, please call Jared Ash, exhibition curator, at 973-733-7745, or email jash@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. For information about the exhibition, please call Ingrid Betancourt at 973-733-3637, or email ibetancourt@npl.org.

Entitled to Art: A Selection of New Art Books, on view June 28 through September 4, 2010,

Main Library, 5 Washington St., Second Floor Gallery. Highlighting recent acquisitions in the Library's nationally recognized circulating and reference collections of art books, 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 Leslie Kahn or Nadine Sergejeff, exhibition curators, at 973-733-7779, or email reference@npl.org.

Classes at the Main Library:

American Sign Language Classes

Saturdays, June 5 and 12, 2010, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Special Services Room, Third Floor. The final two classes of the spring series of American Sign Language (ASL) 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

Prudential Foundation Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff

Tuesday, June 29, 10:00 am, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Centennial Hall, Second Floor.

The Library kicks off this year's Prudential Foundation Summer Reading Challenge with special guests Beth and Scott Bierko, who will entertain the audience with the musical program, "Beach Blanket Bierkos." Our library mascot, Corky, will also join in the fun, greeting the kids and rocking out to the music. The Challenge will run from June 28 through August 7, and is open to children in grades K-12. For more information, please call 973-733-5642.

Story Time

Tuesdays, June 8 and 15, 10:30 am, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Children's Room, First Floor.

Join us to read stories about dads. Appropriate for children ages 3 to 8. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

Arts and Crafts

Wednesday, June 16, 3:00 – 4:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Children's Room, First Floor.

Children are invited to design a colorful picture frame. Please bring a couple of small pictures that you want to frame. Other materials will be provided. Appropriate for children and young teens. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

Itchy Bear – Sign Language Story Hour with Puppets

Friday, June 18, 10:30 am, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Auditorium, Fourth Floor. Join us for a story time and puppet show. Elizabeth Burns from the Talking Book and Braille Center will present "Itchy Bear" by Neil Griffiths, with the assistance of American Sign Language interpreters. She will bring Braille books and toys, and children will learn about how those who cannot read a traditional print book use Braille to read. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

Origami Fun

Tuesday, June 22, 3:00 – 4:30 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Children's Room, First Floor.

Children are invited to make an origami kite and other fun shapes. Appropriate for children and young teens. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

Sea Story: A Puppet Show

Wednesday, June 23, 1:30 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Centennial Hall, Second Floor.

Enjoy an exciting undersea adventure with a pirate, mermaid, and other marine creatures as Charlotte Dore blends music, puppetry, and storytelling into a fun and interactive performance for children and families. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

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

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

Wednesdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Learn How to Play Chess – Children up to eighth grade are invited to learn how to play chess. For more information, please call 973-733-7754.

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

Wednesday, June 16, 3:30 – 4:30 pm. #1 Dad Craft – Give your dad his own star this Father's Day. Make sure he knows you're his #1 fan. 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, June 9, 3:30 pm. Juggle Jam – Jen Slaw is a master juggler and entertainer. She 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. Please call 973-733-7683 for more information. This program was made possible by a matching grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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

Wednesday, June 9, 3:45 pm. Bubble Trouble – Come join us to learn the science of bubbles with Jeff Boyer. Have you ever seen bubbles that are different shapes than circles? Or bubbles that can be placed inside other bubbles? You will at this special program. Suitable for children of all ages and

families. Please call 973-733-7736 for more information. This program was made possible by a matching grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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

Wednesdays, June 2 and 23, 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.

Wednesdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 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, June 5 and 19, 11:00 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.

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Wednesday, June 16, 4:00 pm. Game-a-Palooza – Come in for an exciting afternoon of games, fun, and friends. For more information, please call 973-733-7749.

Wednesday, June 23, 6:30 pm. Astrology and You – For Adults – Astrologer Nancy Levine will discuss how astrology influences people and impacts life choices. Learn what your astrological sign signifies for the day you were born. For more information, please call the Vailsburg Branch at 973-733-7755. **Disclaimer: The Newark Public Library makes no claim whatsoever concerning the validity of the information provided herein, and will not be held liable for any use thereof.**

Friday, June 25, 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

Wednesday, June 2, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Children's Room. Decorate a Diary – Start a diary of your own in honor of Anne Frank's birthday. Children will design a cover and layout for their diary. Appropriate for children of all ages. For more information, please call 973-733-3897.

Wednesday, June 9, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Children's Room. Decorate a Wild Thing Puppet – Make a wild thing puppet in honor of Maurice Sendak's birthday. Appropriate for children in grades pre-k - 3. For more information, please call 973-733-3897.

Saturday, June 12, 11:00 am. Reading by Dr. Margaret Brisco – Dr. Margaret Brisco will read from her collection of short stories. “Women in Transition” and “Metamorphoses” feature small, unique snapshots from a variety of women’s lives. Born in Italy, Dr. Brisco practiced obstetrics and gynecology for 35 years. Since her retirement in 1996, she has devoted herself to writing, and is the founding member of The Write Group in Montclair. For more information, please call 973-733-7750.

Wednesday, June 16, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Children's Room. Build a Kite – Get ready for summer by building a kite. Appropriate for middle grade students, although younger children can participate with a parent's assistance. For more information, please call 973-733-3897.

Saturday, June 19, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Children's Room. Saturday Story Hour – Start your weekend with a story. Appropriate for children and story lovers of all ages. For more information, please call 973-733-3897.

Wednesday, June 23, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Children's Room. Make a Hungry Caterpillar Bookmark – Make a hungry caterpillar bookmark in honor of author Eric Carle's birthday. Appropriate for children of all ages. For more information, please call 973-733-3897.

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