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Newark Public Library Announces Programs for March 2010

The Newark Public Library presents its programming schedule for March. 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.

AARP Tax Aid for Seniors and Lower-Income Taxpayers

Mondays, March 1, 8, and 22, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Centennial Hall, Second 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.

"Michelle: A Biography"

Wednesday, March 3, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., James Brown African American Room, First Floor. In celebration of Women's History Month, the Frances E.W. Harper Literary Society will discuss "Michelle: A Biography" by Liza Mundy at their March meeting. For more information, please call 973-733-5411.

Black History Celebration 2010 – Continuing in March, the library will be celebrating with public programs and an exhibition at Main Library.

Fiat Justitia, Let Justice Be Done: The History, Struggles, and Civil Rights Accomplishments of African American Lawyers and Judges, on view through March 20, 2010, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Second Floor Gallery.

Curated by Sandra West, this exhibit contains the legal memos, documents, articles, and artifacts of prominent African American lawyers and judges. It acknowledges and celebrates little-known legal practitioners who are pioneers in the field, and principal players in major cases that changed the landscape of America, several of whom are from the greater Newark community. Also included are papers relating to landmark legal cases, such as Amistad, Jena Six, and the Dred Scott decision.

Camille Thurman Quartet

Saturday, March 6, noon – 2:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Centennial Hall, Second Floor.

Join us for an afternoon of jazz with saxophonist Camille Thurman, whose quartet has played at the 2009 International Women in Jazz Festival and the Newark Bethany Baptist Church Jazz Vespers. For more information, please call 973-733-5411.

Courtney Bryan Trio

Saturday, March 13, noon – 2:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Centennial Hall, Second Floor.

This program spotlights the piano wizardry of Courtney Bryan, who blends jazz and gospel music.

"The Mirror"

Thursday, March 11, 6:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Centennial Hall, Second Floor.

New Jersey author Morgan MacKinnon will read from her first novel "The Mirror," in which a Princeton-based scholar inherits a medieval Scottish castle and is unexpectedly transported back in time to Scotland's struggle for independence. For more information or to RSVP, please call 973-733-7793 or email rsvp@npl.org.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, March 24, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Centennial Hall, Second Floor.

The library's Board of Trustees will hold their bimonthly meeting.

Classes at the Main Library:

Free American Sign Language (ASL) Classes

Saturdays, March 6 and 13, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Special Services Room, Third Floor. The last two sessions of the library's free American Sign Language classes will be held on March 6 and 13. These are appropriate for Levels I (new) and II (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.

Our photography exhibition continues through March 20:

Photographic Books and Prints from the Special Collections of the Newark Public Library, on view through March 20, 2010, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Third Floor Gallery.

The Library's collection of photographic literature includes some of the most iconographic and seminal "photo-books" of our time. This exhibition will feature original photographs and photo-books by Diane Arbus, Margaret Bourke-White, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Roy DeCarava, Elliott Erwitt, Robert Frank, Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange, Edwin Hale Lincoln, Gordon Parks, Sebastião Salgado, and Weegee, among others. Curated by Jared Ash.

Children's Programs at Main Library

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday

Tuesday, March 2, 3:30 – 4:30 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Children's Room, First Floor. Children are invited to make a cat ears headband. Come and vote for your favorite Dr. Seuss book (other than "The Cat in the Hat"). We will announce the results on of the vote March 9. Appropriate for children. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

Celebrate Women's History Month

Tuesday, March 9, 3:00 – 5:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Children's Room, First Floor. Children are invited to create a postage stamp honoring the accomplishments of a favorite female. On the back of the stamp, important details such as dates and other facts may be listed. Appropriate for children and early teens. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

Juggle Jam with Jen Slaw

Saturday, March 20, 2:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Centennial Hall, Second Floor. Thrill to the skill of juggling with Jen Slaw as she entertains children and families with an interactive and fun performance that includes music, dances, comedy, audience participation, and a touch of magic while juggling various props. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

Celebrate Youth Art Month

Wednesday, March 24, 3:00 – 4:30 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Children's Room, First Floor. Children are invited to express their creativity by making a collage. All materials will be provided. Some will be displayed in the Children's Room. This program is appropriate for children and early teens. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

NJ Theatre Alliance will present its **Family Week at the Theatre and the Stages Festival** program at five library branches in March. This program provides a unique opportunity for young people to experience the magic of live theater with their parents and extended family. While the programs at the library are free, seating is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis. This event is part of Family Week at the Theatre,

a program of the New Jersey Theatre Alliance, cosponsored by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and Discover Jersey Arts.

George St. Playhouse's production of "New Kid" by Dennis Foon

Wednesday, March 10, 4:00 pm, Vailsburg Branch, 75 Alexander Street.

"New Kid" is an inspiring program that addresses racism, prejudice, peer pressure, and conflict resolution. Students will relate to the issues in "New Kid"—moving to a new place, being the outsider, making and keeping friends. Appropriate for grades K-6. Length of presentation: 70 minutes. For more information, please call 973-733-7755.

Pushcart Players' production of "Cuentos Del Arbol" (Tree Tales)

Wednesday, March 10, 4:00 pm, Van Buren Branch, 140 Van Buren Street.

Four charming stories drawn from Spanish and Latin American folklore provide a splendid celebration of musical theater just right for Spanish, English, or bilingual audiences of any age. Book and lyrics by Ruth Fost; music and orchestration by Larry Hochman. For more information, please call 973-733-7750.

East Lynne Theater's production of "Victorian Magic"

Saturday, March 13, 11:00 am, North End Branch, 722 Summer Avenue.

"Victorian Magic" is a tour de force for actor/magician Robert Aberdeen, who delights audiences of all ages with his sleight-of-hand. Performances include selections from *The Oldest Illusion in the History of Magic*: "The Cups and Balls" and *The Second Oldest Illusion*: "The Mystery of the Silver Rings." Appropriate for age 6 and up. For more information, please call 973-733-7766.

Youth Stage's production of "OZ!"

Thursday, March 18, 3:00 pm, Weequahic Branch, 355 Osborne Terrace.

This adaptation is highly imaginative and children love the creativity and playfulness of the two actors as they build the Tinman, the Scarecrow, and the Cowardly Lion right before the audience's eyes! Length of presentation: 50 minutes. For more information, please call 973-733-7751.

Tuckers Tales' production of "Drakestail, The Creative Duck"

Wednesday, March 31, 4:00 pm, Springfield Branch, 50 Hayes Street.

Based on an old French folk-tale, "Drakestail" is the story of a clever duck who happens to be a financial genius. When a nasty, evil king attempts to steal a fortune in gold from our hero, he must devise some very creative ways to foil the underhanded monarch. Join our unflappable hero as he and his unlikely band of friends use a combination of music and all their creative skills to retrieve his gold, and avoid being destroyed by the wicked king. Appropriate for age 4 to adult. Length of presentation: 40 minutes. For more information, please call 973-733-7736.

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

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

Wednesday, March 3, 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Celebrate Girls' Day – Hina-matsuri or Girls' Day is celebrated today in Japan and Hawaii, which has a large Japanese-American population. We'll make origami dolls, and enjoy tea and special rice crackers. Suitable for children of all ages. For more information, please call the Branch Brook Branch at 973-733-7760.

Monday, March 22, 4:00 – 5:00 pm. It's Blossom Time – We'll make our own versions of the blooming Branch Brook Park trees by making collages out of pink and white confetti. Suitable for children of all ages. For more information, please call the Branch Brook Branch at 973-733-7760.

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

Monday, March 1, 10:30 – 11:30 am. Celebrate Women's History Month – Toddlers and preschoolers are invited to join us for a story time featuring books by famous women authors. For more information, please call the Clinton Branch at 973-733-7754.

Tuesday, March 2, 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday – Children of all ages are invited for an afternoon of Dr. Seuss stories, coloring and drawing activities, games, and videos. For more information, please call the Clinton Branch at 973-733-7754.

Wednesday, March 17, 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day – Children of all ages can make a St. Patrick's day craft. For more information, please call the Clinton Branch at 973-733-7754.

Friday, March 19, 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 the Clinton Branch at 973-733-7754.

Wednesday, March 24, 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Test Your Knowledge of Great Women in History – For Women's History Month, show and test your knowledge of famous women with games and other activities. For children up to eighth grade. For more information, please call the Clinton Branch at 973-733-7754.

For Adults:

Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Crochet Club – Adults and teens meet and crochet joint and individual items. For more information, please call the Clinton Branch at 973-733-7757.

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

Wednesday, March 3, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Dr. Seuss Craft – Make your own "Cat in the Hat" cookies. Suitable for grades 2 – 5. Please call 973-733-7683 for more information.

Fridays, March 5, 12, 19, and 26, 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, March 17, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. St. Patrick's Day Craft – Create "Lenny" the Leprechaun using a variety of craft materials. Suitable for all ages. Please call 973-733-7683 for more information.

Wednesday, March 31, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Bumblebee Craft – Make a bumblebee bookmark or a bumblebee flying puppet. Suitable for all ages. Please call 973-733-7683 for more information.

For Adults and Young Adults:

Wednesday, March 10, 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Coffee, Cocoa, Craft, and Chat – Chase away the winter doldrums. Enjoy light refreshments while working on a craft project, either your personal craft or our craft of the month. Hear about current best sellers and talk about your favorite reads. Please call 973-733-7766 for more information.

Wednesday, March 24, 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

Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 3:30 - 4:30 pm. National Craft Month – Come and have fun by creating different crafts. Felt faces (Mar. 3), felt animals (Mar. 10), spoonheads (Mar. 17), popsicle-stick basket (Mar. 24), paper-plate shaker (Mar. 31). All materials will be provided. Children ages 7 and up are welcome. For more information, please call the Roseville Branch at 973-733-7770.

Fridays, March 5 and 26; Mondays, March 8 and 22, 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Women's History Month – Learn about and have fun with quizzes on women lawyers (Mar. 5), police officers (Mar. 8), firefighters (Mar. 22), and CSIs (Mar. 26). Prizes will be given to those who participate. Children ages 7 and up are welcome. For more information, please call the Roseville Branch at 973-733-7770.

For Adults:

Wednesdays, March 3, 10, and 17, 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 and come join us at the Roseville Branch. Adults are invited. For more information, please call the Roseville Branch at 973-733-7770.

Wednesday, March 24, 5:30 pm. Cinema Night – Adults are invited to see an inspirational film based on the true story of a brilliant pianist. For more information, please call the Roseville Branch at 973-733-7770.

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

Wednesdays, March 3, 24, and 31, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, and Saturdays, March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 11:00 am – 1:00 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 contact the Springfield Branch at 973-733-7736, or call Mr. Brown, program coordinator, at 862-368-4261.

Wednesday, March 10, 4:00 – 7:00 pm. College Fair – High school seniors and their parents/guardians are invited to meet recruiters from Bloomfield, Rider, Felician, St. Peter's, Fairleigh Dickinson, Kean, Cheyney, Johnson C. Smith, Morgan, Delaware State, NJCU, Kean, NJIT, William Paterson, Norfolk, Culinary Institute of America, College of NJ, United States Navy, Art Institute of America, Johnson & Wales, and other institutions. Students interested in onsite consideration should bring SAT scores, two letters of recommendation, personal statement, and transcripts. For more information, please call the Springfield Branch at 973-733-7736 or Mr. Brown, program director, at 862-368-4261.

Wednesday, March 17, 2:00 – 4:00, and 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Financial Aid Workshop – High school seniors and their parents/guardians are invited to this program, which will provide assistance with completing financial aid forms. Parents/guardians should bring copies of their 2009 income tax returns. For more information, please call the Springfield Branch at 973-733-7736 or Mr. Brown, program director, at 862-368-4261.

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

Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 5:00 pm. Winter Wonderland Movie Night – Brrrrrrrr—come in out of the cold. We have movies that'll warm you right up. See Hollywood's best and brightest on our silver screen. Located here in the children's room. For more information, please call the Vailsburg Branch at 973-733-7749.

Wednesdays, March 10 and 31, 4:00 pm. Arts and 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 the Vailsburg Branch at 973-733-7749.

Saturdays, March 13 and 27, 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 the Vailsburg Branch at 973-733-7749.

Wednesday, March 17, 4:00 pm. Game-a-palooza – Come in for an exciting afternoon of games, fun, and friends. For more information, please call the Vailsburg Branch at 973-733-7749.

Friday, March 19, 4:00 pm. Spelling Bee – Are you a human dictionary or do you just love to spell? Well, why not come on down for a rousing afternoon of spelling? Bee there or bee square. For more information, please call the Vailsburg Branch at 973-733-7749.

Friday, March 26, 4:00 pm. Cooking with Chef Adam – Study with a master of the culinary arts. Get ready to chop, dice, and sizzle in the world-renowned kitchen, located in the children's room. You'll be a chef in no time. For more information, please call the Vailsburg Branch at 973-733-7749.

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

Wednesday, March 3, 3:00 - 4:00 pm, Children's Room. Dr. Seuss Celebration – Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday at the Van Buren Branch. A selection of his stories will be read, followed by a craft. Appropriate for children of all ages. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-3897.

Fridays, March 5, 12, 19, and 26, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, Children's Room. Board Game Tournament – Before you start your homework, join us for a game. Board and card games available for children of all ages. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-3897.

Saturdays, March 13 and 27, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Children's Room. Saturday Story Hour – Start your weekend with a story. All story lovers are welcome, but stories are most appropriate for children in grades K-3. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-3897.

Wednesday, March 17 and 31, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, Program Room. Wii Wednesday – Join us for a selection of Mario Brothers games (Mario Kart, Super Mario Bros. Wii, Mario, and Sonic at the Olympics). Appropriate for older children and teens. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-3897.

Wednesday, March 24, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Children's Room. Magic Trick Workshop – Learn a magic trick in honor of Harry Houdini's birthday, Appropriate for lower to middle grade students. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-3897.

Monday and Tuesday, March 29 and 30, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Children's Room.

Drawing Club – No need to bring papers or pencils — we will supply both. Appropriate for children of all ages. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-3897.

Monday, March 29, 3:00 - 4:00 pm, Children's Room. Puzzle Time – Puzzles, crosswords, word scrambles, and Sudoku games will be available for children of all ages. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-3897.

Tuesday, March 30, 3:00 - 4:00 pm, Children's Room. Make Your Own Picture Book – Write and illustrate your own book. Appropriate for children of all ages. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-3897.

For Teens:

Wednesday, March 3, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Program Room. Wacky Movies Celebrating March Madness – Come see movie favorites chosen by our staff. Appropriate for teens. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-7750.

For Adults:

Wednesday, March 17, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Program Room. March Madness Bingo – Looking for something a little offbeat? Relax with us and come in from the wind and rain for a congenial game and light refreshments. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-7750.

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

Tuesday, March 2, 3:30 pm. Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration – In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, we will watch "The Cat in the Hat" movie and make the famous red and white hat. All ages welcome. All materials provided. For more information, please call the Weequahic Branch at 973-733-7751.

Wednesday, March 3, 4:30 pm. I'm Every Woman! – Teens will pair with children and read works by various female writers. They will read, discuss, portray, and make a poster of the selected piece. All materials provided. All ages welcome. For more information, please call the Weequahic Branch at 973-733-7751.

Tuesday, March 16, 3:30 pm. Saint Patty's Day Craft and Trivia – Let's celebrate St. Patrick's Day while making a four-leaf clover and answering some fun questions about the holiday. All ages welcome and all materials provided. For more information, please call the Weequahic Branch at 973-733-7751.

Wednesday, March 17, 3:30 pm. The Green Fest – "Go Green" with fun activities, crafts, and food. How many green things can you name? All ages welcome. All materials provided. For more information, please call the Weequahic Branch at 973-733-7751.

Friday, March 26, 3:30 pm. Women's History Trivia – Celebrate Women's History month with trivia questions about past and present women and their accomplishments. For more information, please call the Weequahic Branch at 973-733-7751.

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