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Library Announces May Programs

A variety of exhibitions, exhibition-themed programs, and special children's events highlight the May schedule for the Newark Public Library, 5 Washington Street. All are free and open to the public. For more information, patrons should call the number listed with the program description. Some additional details may be available at www.npl.org for adult programs and at KidsPlace.npl.org for children's programs, or by visiting the library's blog at <http://www.nj.com/newark/npl>.

Installed in the third-floor gallery is ***The History of Fine Printing: With a Special Salute to the Richard C. Jenkinson Collection of Notable Books and Broadsides***. Nearly 85 years ago, the library received a donation of 288 books showing off the work of fine presses and the art of printing. The collection was from Richard C. Jenkinson, who at that point was a 30-year veteran as a library trustee and the current Board President. Today, the collection stands at more than 3,600 titles, representing over 800 presses. A number of books are highlighted in this exhibition, which is curated by William J. Dane and Chad Leinaweaver, Special Collections Division. It will be on view through July 1. The New Jersey Council for the Humanities provided valuable funding to mount this show and two related programs.

Monumental works of printing from within the library's collections will also be shown, including a page from an original Gutenberg Bible from the 1400s, a 1493 copy of the Liber Chronicarum (the "Nuremburg Chronicle"), and Denis Diderot's Encyclopédie, ou Dictionnaire Raisonné des Sciences, des Arts et des Métiers, a massive multi-volume set published in France from 1751-1777. The show features some of the mechanics of printing and fine press books, and chronicles the men behind this major collection concerning fine printing at the Newark Public Library—John Cotton Dana, the library's legendary second director, and Jenkinson himself.

Two programs will be presented during the exhibition's run. "The History of Fine Printing: Exhibition Talk and Film Showing of *The Machine That Made Us*" will take place on Thursday, May 7 at 2pm. Stephen Fry hosts and appears in this video history of Johannes Gutenberg and the movable type press. A discussion with the curators and tour of exhibition highlights will follow the film. The second program, "Examining the Importance of Printing and the Book: A Panel Discussion," will be held on Tuesday, May 12 at 2pm. Two distinguished speakers will share their expertise in design and

printing arts from a contemporary viewpoint: Michael Joseph, Rutgers University Libraries; and Jerry Kelly, freelance designer, calligrapher and partner in the Kelly/Winterton Press.

For more information on *The History of Printing* and the related programs call 973-733-7745.

The Revival of Professional Baseball in New Jersey is installed in the second-floor gallery through June 27. This historical and entertaining show features baseball in Newark, Jersey City and Paterson. It was curated by librarian James Lewis of the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center. Funding for this project comes from an Operating Support Grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State. Fans of all ages will learn about Newark's first professional team, the Newark Peppers of the Federal League, while taking a nostalgic look at the glory years of Newark baseball. Contemporary Garden State-based teams of the Atlantic League, Can-Am League, Eastern League and South Atlantic League will be covered in dramatic photographs and memorabilia. Special thanks for the development of this exhibition go to Bob Golon, author of *No Minor Accomplishment: The Revival of New Jersey Professional Baseball*.

Complementing the exhibition will be a May 6 program in the main library's Auditorium, beginning at 6pm. Filmmaker Bryan Persons and author Bob Golon will discuss and present a documentary on the resurgence of baseball in the Garden State. Despite attempts to revive baseball, it was essentially non-existent in New Jersey from 1951-through 1993. Persons' film takes the audience on a guided tour of New Jersey minor league and independent professional baseball. Golon's book tells the history of the New Jersey pastime from not only a baseball perspective, but from community, state and fan points of view. Person is a Communication senior at Rider University; Golon is a Project Archivist at Princeton Theological Seminary. A reception with the filmmaker and the exhibition curators follows the presentations. For more information about this baseball retrospective call James Lewis at 973-733-7775.

The **Frances E.W. Harper Literary Society**, which is dedicated to discussing books on the African Diaspora, will discuss Margaret Craven's *I Heard the Owl Call My Name* on May 6 at 6:30pm in the James Brown African-American Room. For more information on this program and the Society call 973-733-5411.

Hooray for Children, the series that is fun for the entire family, will present "Reading Is Cool—The Magic of Books" on May 2. Master magician Jim Vagias combines magic, humor, storytelling and audience participation to motivate young people (and adults) to turn them onto books and reading. The program begins promptly at 2pm in Centennial Hall. Information: 973-733-7797.

The Deaf Awareness Club of Newark, N.J., will hold a meeting on Saturday the 2nd from 1:30pm to 3pm, in the Special Services Room, which is located on the third floor of the main library. Refreshments will be served, and Deaf Awareness Club polo shirts (\$18.00) and T-shirts (\$10.00) will be available for purchase.

Free computer classes—in English and Spanish—are being held in the Technology Training Center, which is located on the third floor of the main library. Class size is limited to ten participants.

Some classes are designed for first-time computer users (Mouse Clinic, Typing), while others are for those with more computer literacy (Word Processing, Email, Blogging, Internet, Creating a Résumé). For more information on the calendar of classes for the month, please call 973-733-3603, or visit www.npl.org/Pages/Computers/.

Following is the May schedule for the “Programs @ the Branches” initiative that is funded by a grant from the Newark Public Schools.

Thursday the 14th, 4pm: Roseville Branch Library, 99 Fifth Street, 973-733-7770, *Piccirillo Sciencetelling presents The Jungle of Jersey*. Go on a journey with Doug, a dog who lives in a pet store and wants to find new adventures. The story will be told with science experiments (eggs fly, water disappears) and jungle sounds.

Thursday the 14th, 4pm: Weequahic Branch Library, 355 Osborne Terrace, 973-733-7752, *Jeff Boyer presents Bubble Trouble*. Learn the science of bubbles. See bubbles that are different shapes and those that are inside other bubbles.

Monday the 18th, 4pm: Vailsburg Branch Library, 75 Alexander Street, 973-733-7749, *Piccirillo Sciencetelling presents The Jungle of Jersey*. Go on a journey with Doug, a dog who lives in a pet store and wants to find new adventures. The story will be told with science experiments (eggs fly, water disappears) and jungle sounds.

Wednesday the 20th, 4pm: Branch Brook Branch Library, 235 Clifton Avenue, 973-733-6388, *Piccirillo Sciencetelling presents The Jungle of Jersey*. Go on a journey with Doug, a dog who lives in a pet store and wants to find new adventures. The story will be told with science experiments (eggs fly, water disappears) and jungle sounds.

Saturday the 23rd, 11am: Van Buren Branch Library, 140 Van Buren Street, 973-733-3897, *Piccirillo Sciencetelling presents The Jungle of Jersey*. Go on a journey with Doug, a dog who lives in a pet store and wants to find new adventures. The story will be told with science experiments (eggs fly, water disappears) and jungle sounds.

Wednesday the 27th, 4pm: Clinton Branch Library, 739 Bergen Street, 973-733-7754, *Piccirillo Sciencetelling presents The Jungle of Jersey*. Go on a journey with Doug, a dog who lives in a pet store and wants to find new adventures. The story will be told with science experiments (eggs fly, water disappears) and jungle sounds.

Wednesday the 27th, 4pm: First Avenue Branch Library, 282 First Avenue, 973-733-8091, *Jeff Boyer presents Bubble Trouble*. Learn the science of bubbles. See bubbles that are different shapes and those that are inside other bubbles.

Wednesday the 27th, 4pm: Madison Branch Library, 790 Clinton Avenue, 973-733-8090, *The Lizard Guys*. Join The Lizard Guys for an exciting glimpse into the fabulous world of exotic animals, such as lizards, turtles, frogs, and a huge guest for the finale. Kids will learn many different facts about these animals, such as where they live and what they eat.

Saturday the 30th, 11am: North End Branch Library, 722 Summer Avenue, 973-733-7683, *Jeff Boyer presents Bubble Trouble*. Learn the science of bubbles. See bubbles that are different shapes and bubbles that are inside other bubbles.

Additional programs for children, teens and adults are as follows.

The Van Buren Branch Library, 140 Van Buren Street, 973-733-7750, will hold several children's programs. On Tuesday the 5th, celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a craft-making session at 4pm. Join us on Wednesday the 6th at 5pm for a story hour in honor of Children's Book Week. Draw your favorite book cover or create a new one on Friday the 8th at 4pm. All posters will be hung in the Children's Room to celebrate Children's Book Week. Make Mom a Picture Frame on Saturday the 2nd at 11:30am. Take part in Friday Game Days (the 15th, 22nd and 29th) at 3pm. For those 13 and older, join the Dungeon Master every Friday at 3pm as he instructs you on how to create your own character and play Dungeons & Dragons. Kung-Fu movies for teens will take place on the four Thursdays in the month at 3pm. Adults can take part in the English as a Second Language Instruction (for beginners) on DVD on Tuesdays at 10am, on Wednesdays at 5:30pm, on Fridays at 10 am, and on Saturdays at 10am.

There will be several story hours at the Madison Branch Library, 790 Clinton Avenue, 973-733-8090. On Tuesday the 5th at 10:30am, the librarian will read from Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. On Thursday the 7th at 10:30am and 3:30pm, there will be a reading from Eric Carle's *Hello, Red Fox*, followed by a birthday party for Red Fox. On Tuesday the 19th at 10:30am, the librarian will read from Eric Carle's *Rooster's Off to See the World*. On Thursday the 21st at 10:30am, listen to Margret & H.A. Rey's *Curious George*. And on Tuesday the 12th at 3:30pm, this story hour will help children learn the names of dinosaurs and how they lived. At "Let's Do Poetry," the librarian will read a collection of poems (*Down by the Bay, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Eency Weency Spider; Old MacDonald; Yankee Doodle; and Pop Goes the Weasel*) on Wednesday the 20th at 10:30am. Children will make a Mother's Day card on Friday the 8th at 3:30pm. Two movie times will be held: *Sunder* will be shown on Thursday the 14th at 3:30pm; *Adventures in Honesty* on Thursday the 28th at 3:30pm. On Thursday the 21st at 3:30pm, children will learn the locations of states and their capitals on a blank U. S. map.

The Roseville Branch Library, 99 Fifth Street, 973-733-7770, will hold "Pulsating Poetry/Rhyming Poetry with Swapan Basu" for teens and adults on Wednesday the 20th at 6pm. There will be an open mic for those interested in presenting their poems or favorite poets. Children will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with two educational crafts on Tuesday the 5th at 3:30pm. Children aged 8 and older are invited to participate in the Hip-Hop dance version of Twister on Wednesday the 6th and 27th at 3:30pm. Create a beautiful gift for Mother's Day: make a handy memo book on Friday the 8th at 3:30pm, or a card on Saturday the 9th at 11am. Children aged 7 to 17 are invited to learn the basics of dance techniques of break dancing on Wednesday the 13th at 3:30pm. A twenty minute film will be presented and the three basic techniques will be introduced: Uprock, Footwork and Freezes. At the Art of Poetry on Monday the 18th at 3:30pm, read your own poems or lyrics and listen to selections from

Alicia Keys' *Tears for Water: Songbook of Poems and Lyrics*. On Wednesday the 20th at 3:30pm, create your name in "graffiti art form" and reveal the Hip-Hop artist within you.

The Clinton Branch Library, 739 Bergen Street, 973-733-7754, will hold a number of programs in May. Make a Mother's Day card on Friday the 1st at 3pm. Children will be read stories on Wednesday the 13th at 3:30pm—without being shown the cover/title—and then have the opportunity to draw what they think the covers/titles should be. Students up to 8th grade will make a Memorial Day craft on Friday the 15th at 3:30pm. Children of all ages are invited to Spring arts and crafts on Wednesday the 27th at 4pm. Bingo is the name and it will be fun for students through grade 8 on Friday the 29th at 3:30pm.

The Springfield Branch Library, 50 Hayes Street, 973-733-7736, will celebrate the birthday of author Leo Lionni with arts and crafts of fish collages on Tuesday the 5th at 3:45pm. Children will make a sachet of potpourri at an arts and crafts on Wednesday the 6th at 4pm. Make a patriotic Memorial Day visor on Thursday the 21st at 3:45pm.

The Vailsburg Branch Library, 75 Alexander Street, 973-733-7755, is calling all artists to this special children's arts and crafts on various projects on Friday the 1st and 15th at 4pm. It's family night at the movies with a showing of *Alladin* on Wednesday the 6th at 6pm. Cook with Chef Adam in the children's room on Friday the 8th and 22nd at 4pm. It's all aboard the "Imagination Station" on Saturday the 9th and 23rd at 10am. Who can find the scrambled words the fastest at a Word Hunt held on Wednesday the 13th at 4pm? It's "Sensational Spring Movie Night" on Wednesday the 20th and 27th at 4pm.

The Branch Brook Branch Library, 235 Clifton Avenue, 973-733-6388, will hold a "Mother's Day" storytime for young children at 10:30am on Tuesday the 5th, Thursday the 7th, and Tuesday the 12th. Make a Mother's Day card on Wednesday the 6th at 4pm. Children are invited to learn the meaning of Memorial Day through puzzles, word searches and other activities at 4:30pm on Tuesday the 19th, Wednesday the 20th, and Thursday the 21st.

The Main Library Children's Room, 5 Washington Street, 973-733-7797, will hold a Mother's Day popup card craft on Friday the 8th at 3:30pm. From May 11 to 15, children can vote for their favorite book during library hours. Two winners—one in the "up to grade 3" category, and one in grades 4 to 7—will be selected from those who voted and will win a book to be presented the following week.

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