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Newark Public Library Announces Programs for May 2010

The Newark Public Library presents its programming schedule for May. 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 May**:

Monday, May 10 – Furlough day

Monday, May 31 – Memorial Day holiday

Frances E. W. Harper Literary Society Meeting

Wednesday, May 5, 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 "The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family." For more information, please call 973-733-5411.

Historic Photos of Newark

Thursday, May 6, 6:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Centennial Hall, Second Floor. Mother and daughter authors Sharon and Elizabeth Hazard's "Historic Photos of Newark" is a pictorial journey through time that traces the story of this great American city, from the early days of photography in the 1860s to the post-war era. The authors will deliver a slide presentation that captures unforgettable vignettes of the city and its citizens. To RSVP, please call 973-733-7793 or send an email to rsvp@npl.org.

2010 María DeCastro Blake Awards Dinner

Saturday, May 8, 6:00 pm, New Jersey City University, Gilligan Student Union Building, Multi-Purpose Room, 2039 Kennedy Boulevard, Jersey City, NJ 07305. Cosponsored by the Support Network of the New Jersey Hispanic Research and Information Center of the Newark Public Library. Reception and silent auction will begin at 6:00 pm. Cost: \$85 per person, includes reception, dinner, beer, wine, and dance. Business attire. For tickets and information, please contact José R. Acevedo at mayaguezano@optonline.net or 973-557-1957.

The Star-Ledger: A Proud Past, An Uncertain Future

Tuesday, May 18, 6:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Centennial Hall, Second Floor. A panel discussion cosponsored by the Newark History Society and the Newark Public Library. Moderator: Guy Sterling, retired Star-Ledger reporter and long-time Newark resident. Panelists: Bob Braun, Star-Ledger columnist; George Jordan, retired Star-Ledger reporter; Jonathan Lazarus, former Star-Ledger news editor; Allan Wolper, Professor of Journalism, Rutgers-Newark. Please RSVP by May 13 to NewarkHistorySociety@verizon.net or rsvp@npl.org, or by calling 973-376-8273.

Newark Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 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 May.

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 European Grand Tour: Visiting the Old World through the Collections of the Newark Public Library, on view April 7 through May 29, 2010, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Second Floor

Gallery. For generations of Englishmen, a journey through the cultural epicenters of Europe in the 17th and 18th centuries was considered a fashionable rite of passage reserved for the wealthy and elite. The Newark Public Library has re-created this journey through vintage travel posters, fine prints, and illustrated books that highlight the history, architecture, and art of the cities along the grand tour route. For information about the exhibition, please call Chad Leinaweaver, exhibition curator, at 973-733-7745, or email cleinaweaver@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.

Classes at the Main Library:

American Sign Language Classes

Saturdays, from April 17 - June 12, 2010, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Special Services Room, Third Floor. Free American Sign Language (ASL) classes 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

The Love Bug's Hug

Saturday, May 1, 2:00 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Auditorium, Fourth Floor.

Allynn Gooen and Annie Hickman of Goowin's Balloowins combine their creative talents into an extraordinary and entertaining theatrical experience, as they lead the audience on a search for the magical love bug and a cure to cheer up the sad princess. Balloon helicopters, airplanes, scuba tanks, and more highlight zany adventure. Presented by Encore Performing Arts, Inc. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

Story Time

Thursday, May 6, and Tuesday, May 11, 10:30 am, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Children's Room, First Floor. Join us to read stories about mothers and families. Appropriate for children ages 3 to 8 years. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

Memorial Day Arts and Crafts

Tuesday, May 18, 3:00 – 4:30 pm, Main Library, 5 Washington St., Children's Room, First Floor. Children are invited to make a Lincoln penny pendant. All supplies will be provided. Suitable for all children. For more information, please call 973-733-7797.

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

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

Thursday, May 6, 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Mother's Day Cards – We'll make beautiful pop-up cards for the mothers, godmothers, stepmothers, and grandmothers in our lives. Suitable for all ages. For more information, please call 973-733-7760.

Friday, May 21, 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Spirit of St. Louis Day – On this day in 1927 Charles Lindbergh landed his plane, "The Spirit of St. Louis," in Paris after the first solo crossing of the Atlantic Ocean. We'll make amazing paper airplanes in varying degrees of complexity. Suitable for all ages. For more information, please call 973-733-7760.

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

Wednesday, May 5, 3:00 - 6:00 pm. Make Mom's Special Day Even More Special – Show your mom how much you love her by making her a special Mother's Day card. Make a card for grandma and auntie, too. For children up to eighth grade. For more information, please call 973-733-7754.

Tuesday, May 11, 3:00 - 4:30 pm. Celebrate Children's Book Week – Test your knowledge on how to look for books both on the shelves and from using the library catalog. Participants will be given a list of subjects and then can look for nonfiction books on those subjects. For children in second through eighth grade. For more information, please call 973-733-7754.

Friday, May 14, 3:00 - 4:30 pm. Spring Fun – Children of all ages are invited for Spring arts and crafts. For more information, please call 973-733-7754.

Saturday, May 22, 11:00 am. 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. For more information, please call 973-733-7754. This program was made possible by a matching grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Friday, May 28, 3:00 - 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 973-733-7754.

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

Wednesday, May 5, 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Design Your Own Sombreros – Olé! Liven up this year's Cinco de Mayo celebration by designing your own sombrero. All materials will be provided. Children ages 7 and up are welcome. Please call 973-733-8091 for more information.

Friday, May 7, 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Mother's Day Teacup Ornaments Craft – Let Mom know she is as sweet as sugar in her tea. Come and make a teacup ornament for Mom. All materials will be provided. Children ages 7 and up are welcome. Please call 973-733-8091 for more information.

Saturday, May 15, 11:00 am. Fun on a String Puppets and Marionettes – Join Miss Penny on Earth Day as she uses puppets and marionettes to make you laugh. There will be many surprises and lots of fun as we meet some of her friends, including Twinkles and Octavius the Octopus. Suitable for

children of all ages and families. For more information, please call 973-733-8091. This program was made possible by a matching grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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

Wednesday, May 19, 3:30 pm. Fun on a String Puppets and Marionettes – Join Miss Penny on Earth Day as she uses puppets and marionettes to make you laugh. There will be many surprises and lots of fun as we meet some of her friends, including Twinkles and Octavius the Octopus. Suitable for children of all ages and families. For more information, please call 973-733-8090. This program was made possible by a matching grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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

Tuesday, May 4, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Scrapbooking – Create a beautiful scrapbook for Mother's Day. Suitable for all ages. Please call 973-733-7683 for more information.

Wednesday, May 5, 4:00 - 6:00 pm. El Día de los Niños – Miss Leisa will play her sax for us. Fun literacy packs, with books, art supplies, and games, will be raffled off. Refreshments served. Suitable for all ages. Please call 973-733-7683 for more information.

Fridays, May 7, 14, 21 & 28, 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, May 19, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Handprint Craft – Make a handprint flower basket. Suitable for all ages. Please call 973-733-7683 for more information.

For Adults and Young Adults:

Wednesday, May 19, 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

Wednesday, May 5, 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Cinco de Mayo: Peace Votive – Children are invited to decorate your own peace votive with Mexican peace symbols of your own choosing. Refreshments will be available. Ages 7 and up. For more information, please call 973-733-7770.

Friday, May 7, 3:30 - 4:30 pm, and Saturday, May 8, 10:00 - 11:00 am. Happy Mother's Day: Stained Glass Vases – Children are invited to decorate bud vases and make tissue paper flowers for their mother or guardian. For more information, please call 973-733-7770.

For Adults:

Wednesdays, May 5, 12 & 26, 6:00 pm. Get In Shape – Please wear your sweats and come join us for a 30-minute video workout of easy exercises to get in shape. Adults are invited. For more information, please call 973-733-7770.

Wednesday, May 19, 6:00 pm. Cinema Night – Adults and teens are invited to see the documentary about the making of a famous London concert tour. For more information, please call 973-733-7770.

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

Saturdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, and Wednesdays, May 5, 12, 19, and 26, 5:00 – 7:00 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 call the branch at 973-733-7736, or Mr. Brown, program coordinator, at 862-368-4261.

Wednesday, May 12, 3:45 pm. Fun on a String Puppets and Marionettes – Join Miss Penny on Earth Day as she uses puppets and marionettes to make you laugh. There will be many surprises and lots of fun as we meet some of her friends, including Twinkles and Octavius the Octopus. Suitable for children of all ages and families. For more information, please call 973-733-7736. This program was made possible by a matching grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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

Wednesday, May 5, 4:00 pm. Spelling Bee – Are you the 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 973-733-7749.

Wednesdays, May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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.

Friday, May 7, 4:00 pm. And BINGO Was His Name-o – It's time to get out of the BIN and GO GO GO. Please come to the Children's Room for a rousing night of library bingo. Come for a night of fun and prizes. For more information, please call 973-733-7749.

Saturdays, May 8 & 22, 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 973-733-7749.

Wednesday, May 12, 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.

Wednesday, May 19, 3:30 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. For more information, please call 973-733-7749. This program was made possible by a matching grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Friday, May 21, 4:00 pm. Vailsburg Idol – Do you have any talents? Sure you do! Come in as we bring Hollywood straight to Newark. For more information, please call 973-733-7749.

Friday, May 28, 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, May 5, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Children's Room. Cinco de Mayo Craft – Make your own mini-sombrero in honor of Cinco de Mayo. Appropriate for children of all ages. For more information, please call 973-733-3897.

Fridays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, Children's Room. Board Game Tournament – Before you start your weekend, join us for a game. Puzzles, board and card games available for children of all ages. For more information, please call 973-733-3897.

Saturday, May 8, 11:00 am. Fun on a String Puppets and Marionettes – Join Miss Penny on Earth Day as she uses puppets and marionettes to make you laugh. There will be many surprises and lots of fun as we meet some of her friends, including Twinkles and Octavius the Octopus. Suitable for children of all ages and families. For more information, please call 973-733-3897. This program was made possible by a matching grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Wednesday, May 12, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Children's Room. Wild Things Story Hour – Celebrate National Children's Book Week with a story hour led by Max from "Where the Wild Things Are." All story lovers welcome, but stories are most appropriate for grades PK-3. For more information, please call 973-733-3897.

Wednesday, May 12, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Program Room. Laura Cesana Graphic Works – Artist Laura Cesana—rooted in Italy, Portugal, America, and Judaism—explores these worlds with this

selection from her large body of work. Join us for the opening reception and conversation with the artist. Exhibit continues until Saturday, May 22. For more information, please call 973-733-3897.

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

Saturday, May 8, 11:00 am. 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. For more information, please call 973-733-7752. This program was made possible by a matching grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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