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***Newark Public Library Announces October Programs***

The Newark Public Library presents its programming schedule for October. All library programs are free and open to the public. For more information, patrons should 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.

**Library Closings in October**

On Friday, October 9, the Main Library and all branches will be closed in compliance with the City of Newark's furlough day. All library locations will be open on Saturday, October 10.

The Main Library and all branches will also be closed on Monday, October 12, in observance of Columbus Day. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday, October 13.

**Hispanic Heritage Celebration**

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage during October, the exhibition **A Journey from Ancient Times: Peruvians in New Jersey** will be on display in the second floor gallery, and the library will present five public programs. The library's Hispanic Heritage Celebration is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts and administered by the Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs.

**Exhibition: A Journey from Ancient Times: Peruvians in New Jersey**

**Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Second Floor Gallery**

**Runs September 17 – December 31, 2009**

The exhibition showcases the history, cultural traditions, and experiences of this immigrant community, which is one of the fastest growing Latino groups in our state. Curated by Ingrid Betancourt.

**Peruvian Journalists' Day – Challenges Facing Peruvians Abroad: What is the Role of the Press?****Thursday, October 1, 5:30 – 8:30 pm****Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Centennial Hall, Second Floor**

Presenters: Blanca Rosa Vílchez (UNIVISION), Néstor Ikeda (The Associated Press AP, Washington, DC), Miguel Vivanco (correspondent, El Comercio de Lima, Washington, DC), and Pedro A. Espinoza (former director "El Chasqui" - founded by OHCAPERUSA in 1979). Peruvian socio-political cartoonist, Carlos Bernales – CABE, will present and discuss a sampling of the political caricatures he has created during his 25 years in journalism. For more information please call, 201-538-1736 or e-mail rbustamante02@hotmail.com.

**Ballet Folklórico Perú****Saturday, October 3, 2:00 pm****Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Centennial Hall, Second Floor**

One of most respected and beloved Peruvian folkloric groups based in the East Coast of the United States, this extraordinary group presents a rich repertoire of authentic dances from the Amazon, the Andes, the Coast, and Afro-Peruvian communities.

**Soy Andina****Saturday, October 10, 2:00 pm****Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Auditorium, Fourth Floor**

This documentary tells the dazzling story of two women raised in different worlds, an immigrant folk dancer from the Andes and a modern dancer from Queens, NY, who return to Peru to reconnect with their roots and an astonishing world of traditional dance and celebration. The director/producer will be present to provide commentary and take questions from the audience. Subtitled in English and Spanish.

**An Evening of Peruvian Prose, Poetry, and Music****Thursday, October 15, 5:30 pm****Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Auditorium, Fourth Floor**

Enjoy a poetry reading by three contemporary Peruvian poets, the presentation of the new memoir, "Las Luces del Retorno" by Tony Escudero, introduced by journalist/writer Liliana Bringas; and the vibrant melodies of Pablo Canela's guitar.

**Waiting for Miracles****Saturday, October 24, 2:00 pm****Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Auditorium, Fourth Floor**

Every year in October, thousands of Peruvians flood the streets in Peru and in countries all over the world where Peruvians immigrants have migrated and settled over the past fifty years to honor El Señor de los Milagros (the Lord of Miracles). This fascinating documentary by Ulla Dalum Berg

follows a Peruvian Catholic brotherhood as it prepares for its yearly procession honoring El Señor de los Milagros. This compelling film explores the power of faith in the lives of Peruvian immigrants in New York City. In Spanish with English subtitles.

The library's third floor gallery is home to **New Jersey Through Artists' Eyes: Garden State Iconography**, on display through December 31. Curated by Chad Leinaweaver and William J. Dane, this exhibition displays the work of a local artists depicting New Jersey scenes using a variety of formats. There will be an **opening reception and gallery tour** of the exhibition on Thursday, October 8, at 2:00 pm in the Main Library's Fourth Floor Auditorium, 5 Washington Street. To RSVP for the reception, please call 973-733-7745 or email [rsvp@npl.org](mailto:rsvp@npl.org).

### **General Programs at Main Library**

The library is hosting a number of exciting programs for the public in October.

#### **"Newark will get there first": The Legacy of Mayor Ken Gibson**

**Tuesday, October 6, 6:00 pm**

**Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Centennial Hall, Second Floor**

The library and the Newark History Society are cosponsoring this panel discussion. The moderator will be Guy Sterling (retired Star-Ledger reporter and long-time Newark resident). Panelists: Thomas Banker (former budget director and assistant city business administrator for the City of Newark), Robert Curvin (former head of the Newark chapter of CORE), Carol Graves (Essex County Register of Deeds and Mortgages and former president of the Newark Teachers Union), and Gustav Heningburg (former president of the Greater Newark Urban Coalition). RSVP by October 1 via email to [rsvp@npl.org](mailto:rsvp@npl.org), or by phone to (973) 733-7793.

#### **Jazz Poets, presented by Elijah Brown**

**Wednesday, October 7, 6:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Centennial Hall, Second Floor**

Elijah Brown and area poets recite original works accompanied by live smooth jazz. Please RSVP by phone to (973) 733-7793 or email to [rsvp@npl.org](mailto:rsvp@npl.org).

#### **Children of the Waters**

**Wednesday, October 7, 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

**Main Library, 5 Washington Street, James Brown African American Room, First Floor**

"Children of the Waters" by Carlene Brice will be the first book discussion of the new season for the Frances E.W. Harper Literary Society.

**B&B: Baraka Book & Birthday Bash****Thursday, October 8, 5:30 – 8:30 pm****Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Centennial Hall, Second Floor**

The library will hold a book and birthday party in honor of author Amiri Baraka. Several emerging poets from the area will read from their favorite Baraka writings. Mr. Baraka will discuss and sign his latest books: "Tales of the Out and the Gone," "Home: Social Essays," and "Digging: The Afro-American Soul of American Classical Music." Refreshments will be served.

**Children's Programs at Main Library**

**Wednesday, October 14, 3:30 – 5:00 pm, Children's Room.** Celebrate Diwali – Celebrate the Asian Indian festival of Diwali by creating a rangoli design wall hanging. (Rangoli is a decorative art used in India as a way to welcome visitors.) Some light refreshments will be served. This program is suitable for children and young teens. For more information, please call the Main Library Children's Room at 973-733-7797.

**Saturday, October 17, 2:00 pm, Fourth Floor Auditorium.** Latin American Journey featuring TAINO – Through traditional and original songs and stories, TAINO takes the audience on a journey through Central and South America and the Caribbean in this bilingual program full of participation. Presented by Encore Performing Arts, Inc., this program is part of the library's Hooray for Children series. For more information, please call the Main Library Children's Room at 973-733-7797.

**Monday, October 19, 10:00 am, Fourth Floor Auditorium.** Meet Local Author Jane Lovascio – Jane Lovascio is a New Jersey native and the author of two books, "Casey and Bella Go to Hollywood" and "Casey and Bella Go to New York City." Ms. Lovascio will do a book reading and an interactive slide show of the two canine characters, Casey and Bella. Books will be available for sale. Proceeds from the book sales go to charities such as lovingpaws.com. This program is suitable for children five to ten years old. For more information, please call the Main Library Children's Room at 973-733-7797.

**Thursday, October 29, 3:30 – 5:00 pm, Children's Room.** Halloween Craft – Children are invited to design a seasonal spooky surprise. Program is suitable for children and young teens. All supplies will be provided. For more information, please call the Main Library Children's Room at 973-733-7797.

**Saturday, October 31, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, Children's Room.** Celebrate Halloween – Children are invited to wear their favorite costume for "trick or treating" at the library. This program is suitable for children and teens. For more information, please call the Main Library Children's Room at 973-733-7797.

### Classes at Main Library

The library's Special Services department is hosting two classes for those interested in American Sign Language.

#### **Baby Talk: American Sign Language Classes for Babies, Toddlers, and Parents**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, continuing through October 22, 10:00 – 10:45 am**

**Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Special Services Room, Third Floor**

This American Sign Language class for babies and parents is suitable for toddlers and children twelve months to five years. For more information, please call: Margaret George at 973-733-5412 (voice) or Lolata Greggs at 866-977-6858 (video phone).

#### **American Sign Language Classes for Beginners (and Returning Beginners)**

**Saturdays, October 10 – December 12, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**

**Main Library, 5 Washington Street, Special Services Room, Third Floor**

These classes are open to beginners — Level 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).

### At the Branches

The branch libraries will present programs for children and teens. The schedule is listed below.

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

**Friday, October 2, 3:30 – 4:30 pm.** B-I-N-G-O – Bing-o is its name-o and it's at the Clinton branch! For children up to eighth grade. For more information, please call the Clinton Branch at 973-733-7754.

**Wednesday, October 7, 3:30 – 4:30 pm.** Autumn Fun – Children up to eighth grade can make an Autumn craft. Have fun and be creative! For more information, please call the Clinton Branch at 973-733-7754.

**Friday, October 30, 3:30 – 4:30 pm.** Celebrate Halloween Early – Children up to eighth grade are invited to a pre-Halloween party. Join us for spooky stories, crafts, and Halloween treats. For more information, please call the Clinton Branch at 973-733-7754.

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

**Thursday, October 1, 10:30 am.** Story Hour – A reading of "Read All About It!" by Laura Bush and Jenna Bush. It is a story about a boy who hates books and is a class clown who becomes a lover of books and the library. All pre-k children are invited to attend. For more information, please call the Madison Branch at 973-733-8090.

**Tuesday, October 6, 10:30 am.** Story Hour – We'll read "Chicken Little," and then color our own pictures of Chicken Little. For more information, please call the Madison Branch at 973-733-8090.

**Wednesday, October 7, 6:00 pm.** Teen Movie – All teens are invited to come see "Freedom Writers," a story about teen violence and a teacher who cares. For more information, please call the Madison Branch at 973-733-8090.

**Tuesday, October 13, 10:30 am.** Story Hour – Children are invited to a reading of "Miss Malarkey Leaves No Reader Behind." A principal places a bet that he will dye his toupée purple if a teacher can get all the children to read 1,000 books. For more information, please call the Madison Branch at 973-733-8090.

**Wednesday, October 14, 6:00 pm.** Teen Movie – All teens are invited to come see "Coach Carter," a true story about a controversial coach. For more information, please call the Madison Branch at 973-733-8090.

**Thursday, October 15, 10:30 am.** Story Hour – The librarian will read "Goose and Duck." All children are invited. For more information, please call the Madison Branch at 973-733-8090.

**Tuesday, October 20, 10:30 am and 3:30 pm.** Rhyme Time – Children will participate in a sing along. So let's have fun stomping our feet and clapping our hands to the beat of rhymes. For more information, please call the Madison Branch at 973-733-8090.

**Thursday, October 22, 10:30 am and 3:30 pm.** Animal Art – Children are invited to draw their favorite animal for the animal art creation contest. A prize will be awarded for the best animal creation. For more information, please call the Madison Branch at 973-733-8090.

**Tuesday, October 27, 3:30 pm.** Story Hour – Come listen to a CD of "Halloween" by Gail Gibbons and have fun celebrating Halloween with cupcakes and refreshments. For more information, please call the Madison Branch at 973-733-8090.

**Wednesday, October 28, 3:30 pm.** Teen Movie – All teens are invited to come see "Coach Carter," a true story about a controversial coach. For more information, please call the Madison Branch at 973-733-8090.

**Thursday, October 29, 10:30 am and 3:30 pm.** Painting Pumpkins – All children and teens are invited to come paint pumpkins to celebrate Halloween. Limited space available, please sign up by Friday, October 23, 2009. For more information, please call the Madison Branch at 973-733-8090.

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

**Wednesday, October 7, 3:30 pm.** Stop, Drop, and Roll – A local fireman will lead a workshop for children on fire safety and prevention. Suitable for all ages. For more information, please call the North End Branch at 973-733-7683.

**Wednesday, October 14, 3:30 pm.** Diwali – Learn about Diwali, the Festival of Lights. Then make a paper craft and decorate it with Rangoli patterns using colored chalks. Suitable for all ages. For more information, please call the North End Branch at 973-733-7683.

**Wednesday, October 21, 3:30 pm.** Handprint Craft – In celebration of United Nations Day 10/24, participants will trace their handprints and decorate them with a variety of craft materials. Suitable for all ages. For more information, please call the North End Branch at 973-733-7683.

**Tuesday, October 27, 3:30 pm.** Bring Your Teddy to the Library Day – Prizes awarded for the Teddies that closely resemble their owners. So dress up your Teddies to look like you and bring them to the library. Suitable for all ages. For more information, please call the North End Branch at 973-733-7683.

**Wednesday, October 28, 3:30 pm.** Halloween Craft – Participants will paint, color, and decorate wooden shapes. Suitable for all ages. For more information, please call the North End Branch at 973-733-7683.

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

**Wednesday, October 7, 3:30 – 4:30 pm.** Crinkle Tissue Paper Corn – Learn about corn and create a corn craft colorized with beautiful fall colors. For preschoolers through sixth graders. For more information, please call the Roseville Branch at 973-733-7770.

**Tuesday, October 20, 3:30 – 4:30 pm.** Celebrate the Sweetest Day – Create a “Bunches of Love Heart Bouquet” for the sweetest person in your life. For more information, please call the Roseville Branch at 973-733-7770.

**Wednesday, October 28, 3:30 – 4:30 pm.** Fall Leaves Recipe Holder – Create a recipe holder made of fall leaves to help the cook in your home. For more information, please call the Roseville Branch at 973-733-7770.

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

**Wednesday, October 7, 3:45 pm.** Make a Sea Monster Puppet – Children will make a sea monster puppet using an old sock, pencil, yarn, construction paper, scissors, and a black felt pen. Suitable for young children. For more information, please call the Springfield Branch at 973-733-7736.

**Wednesday, October 28, 3:45 pm.** Make a Paper Bag Monster for Halloween – Children will make paper bag monster puppets using wiggly eyes, felt, stickers, and construction paper for Halloween. Suitable for young children. For more information, please call the Springfield Branch at 973-733-7736.

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

**Tuesdays, October 6 and 20, 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 the Vailsburg Branch at 973-733-7749.

**Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28, 5:00 pm.** Fabulous Fall Movie Night – Leaves are beginning to fall and great movies are coming to call. 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.

**Friday, October 16, 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 the Vailsburg Branch at 973-733-7749.

**Friday, October 23, 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.

**Saturday, October 24, 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, October 28, 4:00 pm.** The 2000’s: Were You There? – Join us for an exciting trivia contest that looks at the great pop culture moments of the past decade. For more information, please call the Vailsburg Branch at 973-733-7749.

**Van Buren Branch, 140 Van Buren Street, 973-733-7750**

**Saturdays, October 3 and 24, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Children's Room.** Family Story Hour – Start your weekend with a story. Appropriate for pre-K through third graders and their families. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-3897.

**Wednesday, October 21, 2:00 – 3:00 pm (sign-up); 3:00 – 5:00 pm (tournament), Program Room.** Mario Kart Tournament – Too young for your driver's permit? Join us for a Mario Kart



Tournament! Sign-ups will begin at 2:00 pm on the day of the event. Appropriate for all ages. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-3897.

**Wednesday, October 21, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, Program Room.** Monster Masks – Celebrate Halloween a few days early by making a scary mask! Appropriate for all ages. For more information, please call the Van Buren Branch at 973-733-3897.

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