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***Library Announces June Programs***

Highlighting the June schedule of programs for the Newark Public Library, 5 Washington Street, are the Prudential Foundation Summer Reading Challenge, two exhibitions, book signings, and special children's events. 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](http://www.npl.org) for adult programs and at [KidsPlace.npl.org](http://KidsPlace.npl.org) for children's programs, or by visiting the library's blog at <http://www.nj.com/newark/npl>.

A festive rally on Tuesday, June 23 will launch the **Prudential Foundation Summer Reading Challenge**. The event will begin at 10:30am in Centennial Hall of the main library. It features New Jersey magician/comedian/author Mark H. Wurst. His program, "The Library Magic and Creativity Show," teaches children how to unleash their own creativity and why being creative is important for their future success. The rally also includes an appearance by Corky, the library's mascot, refreshments and a prize.

The Prudential Foundation Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to put the enjoyment of reading in their summer fun activities. This year's theme for kids is *Be Creative*; the theme for teens is *Express Yourself*. The program runs from June 22 through August 1. It rewards Newark's children, who read and report on at least five books, with a step system of prizes. For more information, stop by any of the library's Children's Rooms system wide, or visit [kidsplace.npl.org](http://kidsplace.npl.org).

The Frances E.W. Harper Literary Society, which is dedicated to discussing books on the African Diaspora, will hold a lecture and book signing on Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30pm in Centennial Hall. Louis Reyes Rivera will discuss and sign copies of his newest book, *The Bandana Republic*. In addition to being an author, Rivera is a talk-show host and a professor of history. For more information about this program or the Society call 973-733-5411.

On Wednesday, June 24, Dr. Albert Lewis will present a documentary highlighting three hundred gospel legends. The film will be shown in the Auditorium at 6pm. Please *RSVP* by emailing [rsvp@npl.org](mailto:rsvp@npl.org) or by calling 973-733-7793.

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes, presented by the Main Library's Special Services Room, continue at two locations through July 11. Classes will be held at the Van Buren Branch Library, 140 Van Buren Street, on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10am, on Wednesdays at 5pm, and on Saturdays at 10am. At the Main Library, in the third-floor Special Services Room, they will take place on Wednesdays at 5pm, and on Saturdays at 10am. For more information call 973-733-5412.

Kirsten Poe Hill and Renee E. Warren will hold a book signing and talk about two friends who formed a business wrote a book about their experiences: *You Buy the Peanut Butter, I'll Get the Bread: The Absolute True Adventures of Best Friends in Business*. The program will take place on Thursday, June 18, beginning 6:00 pm in Centennial Hall. Please RSVP by emailing [rsvp@npl.org](mailto:rsvp@npl.org) or by calling 973-733-7793.

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. A number of books are highlighted in this exhibition, which was curated by William J. Dane and Chad Leinaweaver, Special Collections Division. Monumental works of printing from within the library's collections will also be shown, in addition to some of the mechanics of printing and fine press books. 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. For more information on ***The History of Printing*** 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*. For more information about this baseball retrospective call James Lewis at 973-733-7775.

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/](http://www.npl.org/Pages/Computers/).

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

The Weequahic Branch Library, 355 Osborne Terrace, 973-733-7751, will hold Children's Movie Day on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm. A Teen Movie Day will take place at 3pm on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup>. Make a special Father's Day craft on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Celebrate summer with a variety of crafts on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm.

The Main Library Children's Room, 5 Washington Street, 973-733-7797, will hold a Father's Day card craft on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. On Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30pm, celebrate "Juneteenth," which is also called Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, in commemoration of the emancipation of the last slaves in the U.S. (June 19, 1865).

The Van Buren Branch Library, 140 Van Buren Street, 973-733-7750, will hold a Harry Potter Movie Marathon at 3pm on each Friday from June 12 through July 17. Make Dad a picture frame at this craft on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. For those 13 and older, join the Master for Magic—The Gathering on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. 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. The entire family can take part in belly-dancing classes for beginners on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

The First Avenue Branch Library, 282 First Avenue, 973-733-8091, will hold a "Pup for Pop" craft for kids on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, at which they can create a Father's Day gift of a pup made out of wooden clothespins.

There will be several story hours at the Madison Branch Library, 790 Clinton Avenue, 973-733-8090. On Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am, the librarian will read from Barbara M. Joosse's *Papa Do You Love Me*. On Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am, there will be a reading from *How I Learned Geography* by Uri Shulevitz. On Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am, the librarian will read from Carl Norac's *My Daddy Is a Giant*. On Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am and 3:30pm, listen to Christine Loomis's *The Best Father's Day Present Ever*. On Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am and 3:30pm, there will be a reading from *The Bond* by Drs. Sampson Davis, Rameck Hunt and George Davis. On Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am and 3:30pm, the librarian will read from Jerry Pinkney's *The Little Red Hen*. On Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm, there will be a reading from David Shannon's *Alice the Fairy*. It's movie time on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30pm, with a showing of an enchanting film for children and families. Celebrate Flag Day with a program on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm at which children will pledge allegiance to the flag and receive a miniature American flag. For children aged 3 and 4, there will be board games (Candy Land, Chutes and Ladders) on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am and 3:30pm. Make a Father's Day card on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. Children will learn the location of states and their capitals by finding the states on a blank map on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm.

The Clinton Branch Library, 739 Bergen Street, 973-733-7754, will hold a Famous Author's storytime on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Make a Father's Day card on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. The June

book club will be held on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at which adults will read and discuss *Deception* by Selena Montgomery.

The Branch Brook Branch Library, 235 Clifton Avenue, 973-733-6388, will instruct children and young teens how to be safe and smart through quizzes, word searches and other activities at 3:30pm on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup>. For those aged 2 to 7, there will be a storytime about fathers at 10:30am on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday the 9, and Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>. Children and teens are invited to bring an “important male” in their lives to the library while they make a card for that person on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Teens are invited to make a customized picture frame—sign up before June 22<sup>nd</sup>—on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

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 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. It’s family night—with a movie about grinning ghosts, a psychic, and the battle to break a curse—presented Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm. Cook with Chef Adam in the children’s room on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. It’s all aboard the “Imagination Station” on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Find the scrambled words the fastest at a Word Hunt held on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. It’s “Sensational Spring Movie Night” on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

The North End Branch Library, 722 Summer Avenue, 973-733-7683, will hold a World Environment Day arts and crafts on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm, at which children will learn about recycling and then make a pencil holder using tin cans and household trash materials. In celebration of author Maurice Sendak’s birthday, on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm, there will be a reading from *Where the Wild Things Are*, and then children will create scary masks to look like their favorite characters from the book. On Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm, there will be an Eric Carl’s birthday program at which there will be a reading from his book, *Rainbow Fish*, and then children will make fishes using a variety of craft supplies.

The Springfield Branch Library, 50 Hayes Street, 973-733-7736, invites children to make wolf masks and chomp on cookies on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 4pm to celebrate the birthday of Maurice Sendak, author of *Where the Wild Things Are*. Make a handy compass craft for Father’s Day at this event on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:45pm.

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