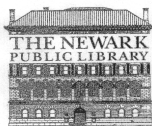


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June 21, 2011

**Reading Around the World at the Newark Public Library**

Readers of all ages will travel the globe this summer as The Newark Public Library presents its annual Prudential Foundation Summer Reading Challenge from June 27 through August 6. "One World, Many Stories," is aimed at children ages five through 12; "You Are Here" is the theme for teens ages 13 through high school.

A kick off celebration will be held on Thursday, June 30 at the Main Library at 10:30 a.m. with musical entertainment by the award-winning singer/songwriter husband and wife team, Beth and Scott Bierko.

The Prudential Summer Reading Challenge is geared toward preventing summer learning loss by using a variety of reading incentives. In addition to encouraging children and families and friends to read over the summer, the Newark Public Library also provides a full-range of fun and educational activities including story times, crafts, poetry, games, and creative writing. Activities for children are held every day that the Library is open.

"This program provides the encouragement and materials to enable young people to maintain and even enhance their reading skills during their summer break from school," said Library Director Wilma Grey.

Longtime supporter of the Library, the Prudential Foundation donated \$20,000 towards this six week program.

One World, Many Stories participants are encouraged to read as much as possible with the maximum limit of 200 books. Every child who reads at least five books will receive a certificate at the awards ceremony on August 13 at the Main Library.

The largest municipal library in New Jersey, the Newark Public Library has had a summer reading program for over 40 years. This year, adults are also invited to participate by entering the "Novel Destinations" prize drawing when they record their reading at the Library.

The New Jersey Statewide Summer Reading Program is cosponsored by the New Jersey Library Association and the New Jersey State Library.

Selected programs and special events listings follow. For a complete schedule, including daily drop-in activities, please visit [www.npl.org](http://www.npl.org) or any Newark Public Library location.

### **Main Library Children's Room**

Newark Public Library

5 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102, 973-733-7797

### **Black Film Festival**

Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 10:30 am

- *James Armistead*
- *The Bremen Town Musicians*
- *Koi and The Kola Nuts*

### **Meet Roscoe the Bed Bug Hunting Dog**

Thursday, July 7, 2011 at 10:30 am

### **Black Film Festival**

Monday, July 11, 2011 at 10:30 am

- *Uncle Jed's Barbershop*
- *Abiyoyo*
- *Line*

### **Get Your Gaming On!**

Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 10:30 am

Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 10:30 am

Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 10:30 am

### **Black Film Festival**

Monday, July 18, 2011 at 10:30 am

- *Finding Lincoln*
- *Harriet Tubman*
- *Burkina Faso: The Tyrant and the Child*
- *A Living Painting*

### **Didgeridoo Down Under**

Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 10:30 am

### **Black Film Festival**

Monday, July 25, 2011 at 10:30 am

- *Caribbean: The Chief and the Carpenter*
- *Juviez: Boyz vs. Girlz*
- *Princess Scargo and the Birthday Pumpkin*

### **Black Film Festival**

Monday, August 1, 2011 at 10:30 am

- *Panchita the Prairie Dog*

- *The Good Day*

**Fruits, Vegetables, and Beyond**

Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 10:30 am

**Get Your Gaming On!**

Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 10:30 am

Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 10:30 am

Friday, August 5, 2011 at 10:30 am

**Branch Brook Branch**

235 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104, 973-733-7760

**Frogs from around the World**

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 2:30 pm

**Get Your Gaming On!**

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 12:00 pm

Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at 2:00 pm

Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 2:00 pm

**Clinton Branch**

739 Bergen Street, Newark, NJ 07108, 973-733-7754

**Frogs from around the World**

Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at 2:30 pm

**Digital Story Telling for Teens**

Tuesday, July 12 at 11:00 am

Wednesday, July 13 at 11:00 am

Thursday, July 14 at 11:00 am

**World Games Online for Teens**

Thursday, July 21 at 3:00 pm

**Chocolate Tasting....“Mapping Cacao’s Flavor” for Teens and Adults**

Wednesday, July 27, 2:00 – 6:00 pm

**Clinton Crafters Crochet and Knitting Club Exhibition and Open House**

Wednesday, August 3, 2011, 4:00-7:00 pm

The Clinton Crafters Crochet and Knitting Club display their projects.

**North End Branch**

722 Summer Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104, 973-733-7683

**The World’s Habitats**

Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 2:30 pm

**Didgeridoo Down Under**

Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at 10:30 am

**Get Your Gaming On!**

Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 2:00 pm

Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at 2:00 pm

Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 2:00 pm

**Roseville Branch**

99 Fifth Street, Newark, NJ 07107, 973-733-7770

**Fruits, Vegetables, and Beyond**

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 10:30 am

**Springfield Branch**

50 Hayes Street, Newark, NJ 07103, 973-733-7736

**Get Your Gaming On!**

Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 10:30 am

Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 10:30 am

Friday, August 12, 2011 at 10:30 am

**The World's Habitats**

Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at 2:30 pm

**Vailsburg Branch**

75 Alexander Street, Newark, NJ 07106, 973-733-7749

**Stories in Motion presents One World, Many Stories with professional storyteller Ralston Morris**

Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 4:00 pm

**Frogs from around the World**

Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at 2:30 pm

**Van Buren Branch**

140 Van Buren Street, Newark, NJ 07105, 973-733-3897

**Get Your Gaming On!**

Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 2:00 pm

Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 2:00 pm

Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 2:00 pm

**Didgeridoo Down Under**

Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 10:30 am

**Fantastic Flags**

Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 2:30 pm

**Weequahic Branch**

355 Osborne Terrace, Newark, NJ 07112, 973-733-7752

**Fruits, Vegetables, and Beyond**

Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 2:30 pm

**Get Your Gaming On!**

Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 2:00 pm

Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 2:00 pm

Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 2:00 pm