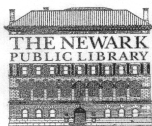


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June 21, 2011

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 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