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## ***Dream Big and Read at the Newark Public Library***

Young readers will let their imaginations soar when they dream BIG during our annual Summer Reading Challenge at the Newark Public Library. Funded by The Prudential Foundation and the United Way of Essex and West Hudson Summer Learning Initiative, the challenge runs from June 25 through August 4, and is geared towards children five through twelve. Young Adults are also encouraged to participate in their own program, **Own the Night**. Adults may participate in a drawing for prizes with the theme **Between the Covers**. All programs are free of charge and open to the public.

**The Summer Reading Challenge** is designed to foster a love of reading and prevent summer learning loss by offering a variety of incentives to those participating. Twice-daily educational activities such as arts & crafts, story times, and puzzles & games are offered at all Library locations.

**Dream Big and Read** participants are encouraged to challenge themselves to read as much as possible (within the 200 book maximum for the summer). **Own the Night** participants may read a maximum of sixty books. For additional rules, information, and a complete schedule please see: <http://www.npl.org/Pages/KidsPlace/New/programs/src.html> or visit any Newark Public Library location.

Special programs and events during the Summer Reading Challenge include:

### **While You Sleep, We Fly and Creep**

Come and learn about bugs. Some of them are cool and some are creepy. Learn how some insects such as night crawlers and flyers help us. Dress as a bug and make a clay arthropod to take home. Presented by the Essex County Environmental Center.

Monday, July 16 at 10:30 am, Vailsburg Branch Library, 75 Alexander Street, Newark, NJ 07106, (973) 733-7755

Monday, July 30 at 2:30 pm, Clinton Branch Library, 739 Bergen Street, Newark, NJ 07108, (973) 733-7754

Wednesday, August 1, 2:30 pm, North End Branch Library, 722 Summer Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104, (973)733-7766

Tuesday, August 14 at 10:30 am, Van Buren Branch Library, 140 Van Buren Street, Newark, NJ 07105, (973) 733-7750

### **Stripes and Masks**

Learn about nocturnal mammals such as raccoons. How do these creatures find their food at night and where do they hang out during the day? During this interactive program, participants will make their own raccoon or skunk necklace to take home. Presented by the Essex County Environmental Center.

Monday, July 30 at 10:30 am, Weequahic Branch Library, 355 Osborne Terrace, Newark, NJ 07112, (973) 733-7751

Wednesday, August 8 at 2:30 pm, Springfield Branch Library, 50 Hayes Street, Newark, NJ 07103, (973) 733-7736

Thursday, August 9 at 10:30 am, Branch Brook Branch Library, 235 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104, (973) 733-7760

### **Skeeter Eaters**

What are bats like? Explore the legends about these mysterious creatures. Come and learn how bats fly at night and how they hibernate in caves. During this interactive program, participants will make a bat mask to take home. Presented by the Essex County Environmental Center.

Tuesday, August 14 at 2:30 pm, Main Library Children's Room, 5 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102, (973) 733-7797

### **Financial Fair**

An afternoon of fun activities on saving, sharing, and spending at this special event for preschoolers and their families! Community partners will present information on saving, budgeting, and housing. Puppet show by Anna E. Kravis, games & prizes, refreshments, and much more! All children will receive a PNC Grow Up Great Kit. Funded by PNC Foundation.

Wednesday, July 18, 3:30—6:30 pm, North End Branch Library, 722 Summer Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104, (973)733-7766

### **Didgeridoo Down Under**

A high-energy, Australia-themed show combining music, character building, motivation, and entertainment!

Tuesday, July 31 at 10:30am, Van Buren Branch Library, 140 Van Buren Street, Newark, NJ 07105, (973) 733-7750

Tuesday, July 31 at 1:30pm, North End Branch Library, 722 Summer Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104, (973)733-7766

### **Wii Gaming**

Test your Wii gaming skills! Join Mario and Sonic at the Olympics, try your hand at archery and wake boarding at Wii Sports Resort and Just Dance!

July 17, 18, 19, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Main Library Children’s Room, 5 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07101, (973) 733-7797

July 17, 18, 19, 2:00–4:00 pm, Van Buren Branch Library, 140 Van Buren Street, Newark, NJ 07105, (973) 733-7750

July 24, 26, 27, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Van Buren Branch Library, 140 Van Buren Street, Newark, NJ 07105, (973) 733-7750

July 24, 25, 26, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, North End Branch Library, 722 Summer Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104, (973)733-7766

August 7, 8, 9, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Main Library Children’s Room, Main Library Children’s Room, 5 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07101, (973) 733-7797

August 7, 8, 9, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Weequahic Branch Library, 355 Osborne Terrace, Newark, NJ 07112, (973) 733-7751

August 14, 16, 17, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, North End Branch Library, 722 Summer Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104, (973)733-7766

August 14, 15, 16, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, Branch Brook Branch Library, 235 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104, (973) 733-7760

**Summer hours through Saturday, September 8, 2012 are:**

**Main Library**, 5 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07101, (973) 733-7800

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday- 9:00am to 5:30pm, Wednesday-9:00am to 8:30pm, Saturday- 9:30am to 1:30pm

**Branch hours are** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday- 9:30am to 5:30pm; Wednesday- 1:00pm to 8:00pm

**Branch Brook Branch Library**, 235 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104, (973) 733-7760

**Clinton Branch Library**, 739 Bergen Street, Newark, NJ 07108, (973) 733-7757

**North End Branch Library**, 722 Summer Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104, (973)733-7766

**Springfield Branch Library**, 50 Hayes Street, Newark, NJ 07103, (973) 733-7736

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