Calendar of Events
Dec. 2022-Feb. 2023

Registration is required and programs are held in-person unless otherwise noted in the event description. For questions or more information, visit the Events page of our website at www.summitlibrary.org or call the Information Desk at 908-273-0350, option 3.

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Thursday, Dec. 1
7:00-8:00 PM
Genealogy Research Resources (Including DNA Testing)

Tuesday, Dec. 6
7:00-8:30 PM
The Aftermath of the 2022 Mid-Term Elections
This is a supplemental lecture to the “Great Decisions” topic for this month. Presented by Dr. Peter Woolley, Professor of Politics and founder of the FDU (Fairleigh Dickinson University) Poll. In person.

Tuesday, Dec. 6
7:00-8:00 PM
Virtual Author Talk with Geraldine Brooks
Pulitzer Prize winning novelist Geraldine Brooks will discuss her most recent New York Times Bestselling novel Horse. This talk will be followed by a live Q&A session where participants can ask questions directly. Online only.

Wednesday, Dec. 7
100-3:00 PM
Great Decisions discussion: Biden’s Agenda Revisited
In person/Online.

Wednesday, Dec. 7
7:00-8:00 PM
Resilient Parenting Series: Beginning to Build Critical “Adulting” Skills in High School: It’s More Than Learning to do Laundry
Presented by Andrea Malkin Brenner, PhD, a college transition educator and co-author of How to College: What to Know Before You Go (and When You’re There). In person. The program is open to parents and students.

Saturday, Dec. 10
2:00-3:00 PM
Virtual Author Talk with Frederik Backman
Fredrik Backman will discuss his book The Winners, the third installment of the Beartown series. The talk will be followed by a live Q&A session where participants can ask questions directly with the author. Online only.

Sunday, Dec. 11
2:00-3:00 PM
Concert: Dr. David Podles, “Journey through the Slavic Countries in Music”
Concert violinist Dr. David Podles performs a variety of folk and classical music from Slavic countries such as Ukraine, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Moldova, Russia, Slovakia, Macedonia and more.

Sunday, Dec. 11
2:00-3:00 PM
Adult Craft Program with Marge Barkan: Macrame Keychains
Have you always wanted to try macrame? Come and learn how to macrame with this beginner piece. You will complete a keychain during the class.

Tuesday, Dec. 13
7:00-8:00 PM
Author Talk: Sara Cedar Miller, Before Central Park
Sara Cedar Miller, historian emerita of the Central Park Conservancy will discuss her new book chronicling two and a half centuries of history, including a secret meeting between George Washington and his generals; Dutch taverns in Harlem, and a unique community of African American landowners. In person.

Wednesday, Dec. 14
12:00-100 PM
Virtual Author Talk: Nicole Eustace, Covered with Night
Pulitzer Prize winning historian Nicole Eustace will discuss her book Covered with Night: A Story of Murder and Indigenous Justice in Early America, about the 1722 murder of an indigenous hunter by two white fur traders. Online only.

Friday, December 16
12:30-1:30 PM
Brown Bag Book Club
Lunchtime book discussion group for adults. In person. This month’s title is Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano.

Monday at the Movies: Weekly throughout the year, Mondays @ 12:30 and 6:30 PM. New and classic films in different genres.
**JANUARY**

**Thursday, Jan. 5**
7:00-8:00 PM  
New Year, New You: Start 2023 with Meditation  
In this program you'll have the chance to practice the art of meditation which can positively impact your life with joy, peace and relaxation. Presenter Gerry Gorman is a long-time meditator who lectures nationally on meditation. Online only.

**Tuesday, Jan. 10**
7:00-8:30 PM  
Finding Female Ancestors  
Finding women in genealogical records can be difficult because throughout much of history, a woman’s identity is intertwined with the men in her life. Genealogist Laura Cubbage-Draper will discuss how to think creatively and use different perspectives when looking for your female ancestors. Online only.

**Thursday, Jan. 12**
9:00-10:00 PM  
Virtual Author Talk: Namina Forma, The Merciless Ones  
Namina Forma will discuss her fantasy novel The Merciless Ones, the sequel to her New York Times bestseller, The Gilded Ones. Online only.

**Friday, Jan. 13**
2:00-4:00 PM  
Explore Your World: Mark Twain--The Problem of Tom Sawyer  
Professor Robert C. Comeau presents a 6-week mini-course that explores one of the most beloved characters in American fiction. How do we read him today? Fridays Jan 13-Feb 17. In person/Online.

**Friday, Jan. 13**
7:00-8:30 PM  
Trivia Night  
Virtual trivia night, hosted by Quizmaster Mary Piekarski. The questions in this game are geared for people 18 and older but all ages are welcome. Online only.

**Sunday, Jan. 15**
2:00-4:00 PM  
Adult Craft Program with Marge Barkan  
Make your own fleece throw size blanket using a simple tie process. No sewing required! In person. Attendance is limited. Registration required.

**Tuesday, Jan. 17**
2:00-3:00 PM  
Virtual Author Talk: Dana K. White, Decluttering at the Speed of Life  
Dana K. White will discuss her books Organizing for the Rest of Us and Decluttering at the Speed of Life. Online only.

**Tuesday, Jan. 17**
7:00-8:00 PM  
Author Talk: Linda Flanagan, Take Back the Game: How Money and Mania Are Ruining Kids’ Sports—And Why It Matters  
In her new book, journalist Linda Flanagan reveals how the youth sports industry capitalizes on parents’ worry about their kids’ futures. Flanagan, a Summit resident, draws on her experience as a coach and a parent, along with research and expert analysis. In person.

**Wednesday, Jan. 18**
7:00-8:00 PM  
Poetry Reading: Bruce Lowry, Salvage  
Bruce Lowry will read from his latest book of poetry, Salvage, in which he shares the torments and joys of Southern boyhood and the grit and byways of New Jersey. Lowry, a Summit resident, has been thrice nominated for the Pushcart Prize and was twice awarded Honorable Mention for the Allen Ginsberg Prize. In person.

**Friday, Jan. 20**
12:30-130 PM  
Brown Bag Book Club  
Lunchtime book discussion group for adults. In person. This month's title is Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell.

**Wednesday, Jan. 25**
7:00-8:00 PM  
Resilient Parenting Series: Decoding Your Child's Behavior  
Learn to understand what is happening in a child’s brain during an emotional outburst and strategies to help guide your children to a calmer state. Presenter: Certified Parent Coach Rebecca Murphy has an extensive background in Special Education and is a long time resident of Summit. In person.

**Thursday, Jan. 26**
7:00-8:00 PM  
Three Steps to Sort Your Photos  
Do you have too many photographs? Author and organizer Jamie Novak reveals the three steps you can take today to have your photos sorted before the spring. She'll guide you through a live mini de-cluttering session and by the end of the program you'll be prepared to successfully tackle your photo sorting project over the winter months. Online only.

**Friday, Jan. 27**
2:00-3:00 PM  
Healthy Pasta Alternatives  
Journalist Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta will talk about healthy alternatives to traditional pasta, made from such ingredients as brown rice, quinoa, chickpeas, lentils, seaweed, buckwheat, squash, and more. The class will include samples for all, plus a gift card raffle, and giveaways. In person. Limited seating. Registration required.

**Tuesday, Jan. 31**
2:00-3:00 PM  
Virtual Author Talk: Randall Munroe, What If? 2  
Randall Munroe will discuss his new book What If? 2: Additional Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions.

**FEBRUARY**

**Sunday, Feb. 5**
2:00-3:00 PM  
Art Talk: Faith Ringgold: Artist, Author, Educator, Organizer  
Janet Mandel presents the compelling artwork of Faith Ringgold. Born in Harlem in 1930 and still productive, Ringgold is best known for her story quilts, but she also creates politically charged paintings, prints, sculptures, public art, performance art, and more. Online only.

**Tuesday, Feb. 7**
7:00-8:00 PM  
Vital Records for Genealogical Research  
Genealogist Melissa Johnson will explain the role of vital records: records of births, deaths, and marriages. Learn how to obtain those records, how to read and interpret them, and how to detect hidden but important pieces of information. Online only.

**Friday, Feb. 10**
7:00-8:30 PM  
Trivia Night  
Virtual trivia night, hosted by Quizmaster Mary Piekarski. The questions in this game are geared for people 18 and older but all ages are welcome. Online only.

**Sunday, Feb. 12**
2:00-3:00 PM  
Concert: Andrew Van Tassell Jazz Duo  
Andrew Van Tassell is an award-winning jazz saxophonist, composer, and educator. He will be performing a duo concert with keyboardist Lucas Hahn, featuring their original compositions and jazz standards.

**Wednesday, Feb. 15**
7:00-8:00 PM  
Before you can say Jackie Robinson: Black Baseball in America in the Era of the Color Line  
Baseball historian Lawrence Hogan will discuss the Negro Leagues, and show clips of interviews with surviving players. Poet/playwright Kevin Kane will present his original poem, “Breaking the Line with the Mudville Nine,” a Negro League update to that iconic American poem, “Casey at the Bat.” In person.

**Sunday, Feb. 26**
2:00-3:00 PM  
Adult Craft Program with Marge Barkan  
Make a unique version of a dreamcatcher to keep or give as a gift to a special person. Attendance limited. Registration is required.
**Children's Programs**

**PRESCHOOL PROGRAM SERIES (Ages 6 months and up with a caregiver)**
- **Tuesdays**
  - Dec. 27-Jan 10
  - Storytime Stars (Ages 18 months-3 years) @ 10:00-10:30 AM
    - Stories, songs, rhymes, and bounces.
  - Jan. 17
  - Listen, Play, Create (Ages 2 and up) @ 10:00-10:45 AM and 4:00-4:45 PM
    - Stories, songs, rhymes and a craft.

- **Wednesdays**
  - Jan. 11-Feb. 22
  - Story Yoga (Ages 2-5 with a caregiver) @ 10:00-11:00 AM
    - Easy yoga poses and stories. Registration required. Presented by Reyna Steinberg.
  - Jan. 20
  - Baby Bookworms (Ages 6 months-2 years) @ 10:00-10:30 AM and 10:30-11:00 AM
    - Stories and songs for babies with an adult.
  - Jan. 23
  - Spanish Storytime (Families/all ages) @ 10:00-10:30 AM
    - Stories, rhymes, activities, and songs in Spanish for preschool children and their caregivers.
  - Jan. 27
  - Sensory Shenanigans (Ages 6 months-2 years) @ 10:00-11:00 AM
    - Encourage exploration, curiosity, and creativity in your little one through sensory play!

- **Fridays**
  - Jan. 20
  - Storytime Stars (Ages 18 months-3 years) @ 10:00-10:30 AM

**ELEMENTARY PROGRAM SERIES (Grades K-5)**
- **Mondays**
  - Books and Woofs. (Grades K-5) Dec. 19, Jan. 23, Feb. 27 @ 7:00 PM
    - Practice reading aloud to Seeing Eye dogs and puppies.
  - Jan. 17
  - Family STEAM Club (Grades K-5): 7:00-8:00 PM
    - Easy to intermediate science activities.

- **Tuesdays**
  - Jan. 17
  - Creation Station (Grades 3-6): Dec. 17, Feb. 3, Feb. 4 @ 2:00 PM
    - An interactive hands-on program exploring different mediums of art.
  - Jan. 2-Feb. 9
  - NeuLingo: Mandarin Language Learning for Children (Grades 1-5): @ 4:00-5:00 PM
    - Learn the basics of Chinese Culture and phrases in Mandarin Online.

- **Thursdays**
  - Jan. 19
  - Healthy Kids Cooking (Grades K-5): Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb.16 @ 4:00 PM
    - A hands-on cooking class where we explore healthy recipes.
  - Jan. 26
  - Listen, Play, Create (Ages 2 and up) @ 10:00-10:45 AM and 4:00-4:45 PM
    - Stories, songs, rhymes and a craft.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES**
- **Saturdays**
  - Dec. 3
  - Winter Concert with Yosi. (Families/all ages): Join us for a family friendly concert featuring Christmas, Hanukkah, and winter songs.
  - Dec. 11
  - Chinese Corner: Winter Solstice Festival (Grades K-6): Learn how to celebrate the winter solstice and make dumplings.
  - Mon. Dec. 12
  - Cookie House Building (Families/all ages): Build a house out of graham crackers, icing, and assorted candy.
  - Tues. Dec. 27
  - 2:00-2:45 PM
  - Talewise: Dragons & The Ice Sorceress (Grades K-5): This fantasy adventure is all about an Ice Sorceress who tries to cancel spring ... and the two kids who use science to thwart her icy plans! Volunteers will help the performer conduct exciting science experiments.
  - Sat. Dec. 31
  - Noon Year’s Eve Celebration (Families/All Ages): Count down to 2023 with the library, with games, activities, photos, balloons and more.

**ON-YOUR-OWN PROGRAMS IN THE THINK IT LAB**

**Cat's House (Grades K-5):**
Stop by the Think It Lab, and create some easy crafts to take home, or play with in the library.

**Crafty Kiddos (Ages 2-5):**
Stop by the Think It Lab, and create some crafts to take home or decorate the library.

**Teen Programs**

**CATSS (Grades 6-8):** Monday-Friday @ 3:00-4:30 PM

**Cool Awesome Teen Students of Summit: An after school drop in program for students enrolled at Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School. No registration required.**

- **Mondays:**
  - Movie Mondays: Vote for a movie to watch every Monday.
- **Tuesdays:**
  - Take and Make Tuesdays: Make a craft during CATSS, or take it to make at home.
- **Wednesdays:**
  - Community Service Days: Help the library staff, and earn community service credit.
- **Thursdays:**
  - Thursday Hang Out
- **Fridays:**
  - Fun Fridays: Play video games, board games, and hang out!

**1st & 3rd Mondays**
4:00-5:30 PM
Rubik's Cube Corner (Grades 5-8)
Learn the basics of speed cubing with nationally ranked teen volunteers.

**Thursdays**
Dec. 1-Feb. 23
3:00-5:00 PM
Anime Club (Grades 6-8)
Learn the basics of speed cubing with nationally ranked teen volunteers.

**Wednesday, Dec. 7**
7:00-8:00 PM
Protect the Egg Challenge (Grades 6-8)
Design a successful crash test car that will hold an egg! You will send the car down a 5-foot ramp to test its safety. Spaces limited. Registration required.

**Wednesday, Dec. 21**
7:00-8:00 PM
Perler Bead Keychains (Grades 6-8)
Make your own perler beads to use for your keys or your backpack.

**Wednesday, Jan. 4**
7:00-8:00 PM
Minute to Win It (Grades 6-12)
Play short challenging games, complete the task in under a minute to win!

**Wednesday, Jan. 18**
7:00-8:00 PM
DIY Candles (Grades 6-12)
Get ready for midterms by making a candle to help you relax.

**Monday-Wednesday**
Jan. 23-25
5:00-9:00 PM
Midterm Study Break (Grades 9-12)
Need a break from studying for midterms? Stop by the teen room, and do a bunch of different activities to give your brain a breather.

**Friday, Jan. 27**
1:30-2:30 PM
Eyes of the Wild: Winter Animals (Grades 6-8)
Join our friends from Eyes of the Wild, and learn all about the winter animals that they bring to show you.

**Monday, Feb. 13**
1:30-2:30 PM
Snakes-N-Scales (Grades 6-8)
Join our friends from Snakes-N-Scales and learn all about reptiles and amphibians that they bring.
Summit Celebrates Lunar New Year 2023

Sunday, January 22nd, 2:00-4:30 p.m.
Summit Free Public Library || 75 Maple St Summit, NJ 07901

The most fascinating Chinese New Year Bazaar ever!
Come experience Asian food, traditional music, dance, Chinese traditional attire and more!

1. A Taste of Asia
Treat yourself with a wide variety of authentic Asian food, including those of China, Malaysia, Vietnam, and Korea. An eye-opening and mouth-watering experience!

2. New Year’s Greetings from God of Wealth
Make sure to receive a Red Envelope from God of Wealth with the best wishes for the upcoming Year of Rabbit!

3. Chinese New Year Art Show Exhibition
View the Lunar Year artwork gallery created by young artists of Summit and surrounding communities!

4. Heritage Showcase
Participate in traditional Chinese painting and calligraphy, paper-cutting, knitting, and the art of tea!

5. Classical Chinese Performing Arts
Be astonished by the performances of our local artists for Peking Opera, Chinese instruments, folk dance, and more.

The theme of this year’s art show is Our Community!

- Entrants must be a student enrolled in Kindergarten thru 8th grade, or an equivalent grade.
- Each participant may only enter one (1) piece.
- Works of crayons, pastels, water colors, oil paints, acrylic paints, ink, pencil, mixed media, etc. are all accepted.
- Works may be created on 8.5x11 or 11x14 paper.
- Please drop off your work at the Summit Free Public Library (75 Maple Street, Summit, NJ 07901) between 12/12/2022 and 1/7/2023 during regular library hours. Entries must be received by 5:00 pm, 1/7/2023. The Exhibition will be between 1/8/2023 - 2/11/2023.

Young artists of Summit and surrounding communities, including Berkeley Heights, Chatham, Madison, Millburn/Short Hills, Mountainside, New Providence, Springfield, and Westfield, are invited to participate in the Summit Free Public Library’s 2023 Chinese New Year Art Show! Students attending private schools in these towns are also welcome.

The QR Code for the registration link is below. If you have any further questions about the Chinese New Year Art Show, please contact us at SummitChineseClub@gmail.com.