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Calendar of Events December 2023- February 2024



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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Adult Programs

DECEMBER

Friday, Dec. 1 2:00-4:00 PM	Explore Your World - Shakespeare's Green World (December 1 - December 15) Six week mini-course that will focus on Shakespeare. Presented by Professor Robert C. Comeau of Union County College. In-person/Online.
Sunday, Dec. 3 2:00-3:30 PM	Adult Craft Class: Decorative Holiday Cookie Plate Make your own unique glass cookie plate to use or display during the holidays! Also makes a great gift! Instructor: Marge Barkan. In-person.
Monday, Dec. 4 12:30 & 6:30 PM	Mondays at the Movies: No Hard Feelings On the brink of losing her childhood home, Maddie (Jennifer Lawrence) discovers an intriguing job listing: wealthy helicopter parents looking for someone to "date" their introverted 19-year-old son, Percy, before he leaves for college. Rated R. 103 minutes.
Tuesday, Dec. 5 11: 00AM-12:00 PM	Value Line Research Center (Investment database) Learn to use this investment research database which covers over 6,000 stocks, 18,000 mutual funds, 200,000 options, and other securities. Online.
Tuesday, Dec. 5 7: 00-8:00 PM	Virtual Author Talk with YA Fantasy Fiction Superstar Author Victoria Aveyard Victoria Aveyard will discuss her bestselling series Realm Breaker. This virtual author talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online.
Tuesday, Dec. 5 7: 00-8:00 PM	Workshop: Reducing Stress This Holiday Season through Meditation Long-time meditator Dave Buck will discuss the use of meditation as a stress reliever and share a simple technique. Online.
Wednesday, Dec. 6 1:00-3:00 PM	Great Decisions 2023: Discuss U.S. foreign policy and global issues This month's topic is Climate Migration. Moderators Fred Honold and Jack and Millie Cooper will lead the in-person discussion for participants. In-person/Online.
Thursday, Dec. 7 10:00-10:45 AM	Strength Training for Seniors (December 7 - February 29) A weekly series of classes designed to help seniors increase muscle tone, flexibility, balance, strength and endurance using easy-to-follow movements. Summit cardholders only. Instructor: Leena Kalle. Zoom link changes monthly; will be sent by email. Online.
Thursday, Dec. 7 7:00-9:00 PM	Conquering the College Application--a workshop For 10th- and 11th-grade students and their families. Presenter Dr. Kristina Kenny is an experienced college counselor. Participants will learn how to create a plan to successfully navigate the college application. In-person.
Sunday, Dec. 10 2:00-4:00 PM	Concert: Deni Bonet & Chris Flynn Lively Americana folk-rock duo whose blend of voices, virtuoso violin, guitar, and humor have entertained and captivated audiences from Carnegie Hall to the White House.
Monday, Dec. 11 12:30 & 6:30 PM	Mondays at the Movies: Desperation Road In a small Mississippi town, justice and the law are two very different things. Mel Gibson Garret Hedlund, and Willa Fitzgerald star in a noir thriller based on the novel by Michael Farris Smith about two lost souls tortured by past mistakes. Rated R. 112 minutes.
Monday, Dec. 12 2:00-3:00 PM	Virtual Author Talk with Stephanie Land Stephanie Land will discuss her memoir <i>Class: A Memoir of Motherhood, Hunger, and Higher Education</i> . This virtual author talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online.

Adult Programs

Thursday, Dec. 14
7:00-8:00 PM

All Ages Craft: Resin Ornaments

Resin is a fun craft material that can be used to make many things. Join us to create a special ornament. Ornaments will take about a week to dry. Make them in class and pick them up a few days later. Recommended for ages 8 and up, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Presenter: Lisa O'Shaughnessy. In-person.

Friday, Dec. 15
12:30-1:30 PM

Brown Bag Book Club

Lunchtime book group for adults. Book to be discussed: *Cry, the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton. Refreshments served. Registration is not required. In-person.

Monday, Dec. 18
12:30 & 6:30 PM

Mondays at the Movies: Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret

In this adaptation of Judy Blume's classic novel, 11-year-old Margaret is uprooted from her life in NYC for the New Jersey suburbs, going through the tumultuous throes of puberty with new friends in a new school. Rated PG-13. 105 minutes.

Thursday, Dec. 28
7:00-8:30 PM

Art Talk: Henri Matisse: Master of Color, Magician of Modernism

This talk will examine Matisse's career and many of his important works, and will prepare you to enjoy the Metropolitan Museum of Art's current exhibition, "Vertigo of Color: Matisse, Derain, and the Origins of Fauvism". Speaker: Janet Mandel. In-person/online.

JANUARY

Monday, Jan. 8
12:30 & 6:30 PM

Mondays at the Movies: A Haunting in Venice

The now-retired Hercule Poirot reluctantly attends a séance at a haunted Venetian palazzo. When a guest is murdered, Poirot must investigate. Rated PG-13. 103 minutes.

Tuesday, Jan. 9
7:00-8:30 PM

Safeguarding your online world: Defend your accounts against scams, phishing & fraud

This program is for anyone seeking practical and accessible techniques to confidently ward off online threats. Speaker: Cybersecurity expert Niru Mallavarupu. In-person.

Wednesday, Jan 10
8:00-9:00 PM

Virtual Author Talk with Rebecca Serle

Rebecca Serle will discuss her journey writing epic love stories, including her New York Times bestsellers. This virtual author talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online.

Thursday, Jan. 11
7:00-8:00 PM

Adult Craft: Sharpie Mug

It's cold outside! Come create a personalized mug for your favorite hot drink. We will design our mugs, color them with Sharpie markers, then take them home to bake, making the design permanent. Instructor: Lisa O'Shaughnessy. In-person.

Sunday, Jan. 14
2:00-3:30 PM

Adult Craft Class: Snowman Candle

We'll take a battery-operated candle stick and turn it into an adorable snowman to light up your holiday! Instructor: Marge Barkan. In-person.

Tuesday, Jan. 16
7:00-8:00 PM

40 Whacks: The Lizzie Borden Case

We all know the rhyme "Lizzie Borden took an ax....." but few people know the actual facts! Christopher Daly's carefully-researched presentation includes historic photos and newspaper articles about America's favorite murder mystery. Online.

Thursday, Jan. 18
7:00-8:00 PM

Art Talk: Florine Stettheimer: Icon of Jazz Age New York

An unconventional painter, her salon was attended by New York's avant-garde during the 1920s through the early '40s. She portrayed such controversial subjects as race, sexual orientation, gender, and religion. Speaker: Janet Mandel. In-person/online.

Friday, Jan. 19
12:30-1:30 PM

Brown Bag Book Club

Lunchtime book group for adults. Book to be discussed: *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. Refreshments served. Registration is not required. In-person.

Adult Programs

Monday, Jan. 22
12:30 & 6:30 PM

Mondays at the Movies: Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny

Achaeologist Indiana Jones and his goddaughter race against time--and a former Nazi--to retrieve a legendary dial that can change history. Rated PG-13. 144 minutes.

Tuesday, Jan. 23
2:00-3:00 PM

Virtual Author Talk with Rajiv Nagaich, J.D. L.L.M.

Nagaich will discuss his book *Your Retirement: Dream or Disaster* This virtual author talk will be followed by a live Q&A session.

Thursday, Jan. 25
7:00-8:30 PM

Introduction to DNA Genealogical Research

Richard Hill was the first adoptee to identify his birth family through genetic genealogy DNA tests. He has written a book, and founded websites on DNA testing. Online.

Friday, Jan. 26
7:00-8:30 PM

Trivia Night (virtual)

Test your wits and knowledge. The questions are geared for people 18+ but all ages are welcome to try. Register to receive the Zoom invite. Quizmaster: Mary Piekarski. Online.

Monday, Jan. 29
12:30 & 6:30 PM

Mondays at the Movies: Father Stu

Mark Wahlberg stars in this film based on the true-life story of a boxer-turned-priest, and his journey from self-destruction to redemption Rated R. 124 minutes.

Tuesday, Jan. 30
2:00-3:00 PM

Virtual Author Talk with Robert H. Lustig, M.D

Robert H. Lustig, M.D., M.S.L. will discuss his book *Metabolist: The Lure and the Lies of Processed Food, Nutrition, and Modern Medicine*. This virtual author talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online.

Wednesday, Jan. 31
7:00-8:00 PM

New Year: Fresh Start through Meditation

Meditation can be an effective technique for helping us to feel more balanced in our lives, while reducing stress and improving attention and focus. Presenter: Gaurav Singh. Online.

FEBRUARY

Thursday, Feb. 1
7:00-8:30 PM

Adult Craft Class: Make your own hand-colored silk scarf

Using permanent markers and rubbing alcohol, anyone can turn a plain silk scarf into a unique work of art. Registration is required. Instructor: Robin Carroll-Mann. In-person.

Friday, Feb. 2
10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Explore Your World: Anti-Racist World-Building (February 2 - February 23)

This 6-week anti-racism workshop will explore the world we want to build that does not focus merely on survival but thriving. Presented by Dr. Alexis Jemal and Dr. Karen Gaffney. In-person only.

Monday, Feb. 5
12:30 & 6:30 PM

Mondays at the Movies: Miracle at St. Anna

Spike Lee directed this film with a screenplay by novelist James McBride. During WW II, four Black U.S. soldiers take refuge in a small Tuscan village. .Rated R. 160 minutes.

Tuesday, Feb. 6
7:00-8:30 PM

The Future of Finance: A Beginner's Introduction to Cryptocurrency, Blockchain, and Decentralized Finance, Part 1. Presenter: Sara Hakim. In-person/online.

Wednesday, Feb. 7
7:00-8:30 PM

The Future of Finance, Part 2. Presenter Sara Hakim. In-person/online.

Thursday, Feb. 8
8:00-9:00 PM

Virtual Author Talk with Tessa Bailey

Tessa Bailey will discuss her career writing romance fiction. This virtual author talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online.

Adult Programs

Saturday, Feb. 10
3:00-6:00 PM

Lunar New Year Celebration

Celebrate Lunar New Year with the Library and Summit YMCA. Activities will take place at both locations and participants must fill out the Y's waiver. Library activities end at 5 PM.

Sunday, Feb. 11
2:00-3:30 PM

Adult Craft Class: No-Sew Fleece Throw

Make your own fleece throw size blanket using a simple tie process. No sewing required! Instructor: Marge Barkan. Limited space. Registration is required. In-person.

Monday, Feb. 12
12:30 & 6:30 PM

Mondays at the Movies: Licorice Pizza

Alana Kane and Gary Valentine: growing up, running around in the San Fernando Valley, 1973, and dealing with the turmoil of first love. Rated R. 133 minutes.

Thursday, Feb. 15
7:00-8:00 PM

Connecting to the Love Within Through Meditation

Join long time meditator Arlene Samsel in this workshop. Online.

Friday, Feb. 16
12:30-1:30 PM

Brown Bag Book Club

Lunchtime book group for adults. Book to be discussed: *Life with Picasso* by Françoise Gilot. Refreshments served. Registration is not required. In-person.

Sunday, Feb. 18
2:00-3:00 PM

Concert: James Austin, Jr. Jazz Trio

Award-winning Jazz pianist playing standards from the Great American Songbook.

Tuesday, Feb. 20
4:00-5:00 PM

Virtual Author Talk with Jason Mott

Jason Mott will discuss *Hell Of A Book*, winner of the National Book Award for Fiction. This author talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online.

Tuesday, Feb. 20
7:00-8:00 PM

Workshop: Headed Back to Work, Mama?

Learn to ease the transition from motherhood to working mom, and identify your strategic, emotional and logistics needs. Presenter: career coach Sara Madera.. In-person/online.

Thursday, Feb. 22
7:00-8:00 PM

The Three Dots: Marks and Signatures as Tools to Uncover Identity

Genealogist Nicole Gilkison LaRue will explain how signatures and marks on documents can tell us more about our ancestors. Online.

Friday, Feb. 23
7:00-8:30 PM

Trivia Night (virtual)

Test your wits and knowledge. The questions are geared for people 18+ but all ages are welcome to try. Register to receive the Zoom invite. Quizmaster: Mary Piekarski. Online.

Friday, Feb. 23
7:00-8:30 PM

Art Talk: Augusta Savage: Renaissance Woman

Sculptor, educator, and activist Augusta Savage overcame poverty, racism, and sexism to become a luminary of the Harlem Renaissance. Speaker: Janet Mandel. Online.

Monday, Feb. 26
12:30 & 6:30 PM

Monday at the Movies: Selma

Drama portraying Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s voting rights campaign that culminated with an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in 1964. Rated PG-13. 124 minutes.

Tuesday, Feb. 27
7:00-8:30 PM

Understanding Fixed-Income Securities or Bonds

Jon Budish, retired bond trader/analyst, adjunct professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University, will give a talk explaining fixed income securities or bonds. In-person.

Wednesday, Feb. 28
2:00-3:00 PM

Virtual Author Talk with Kim Scott

Kim Scott will discuss her book *Radical Candor: Be a Kick-Ass Boss Without Losing Your Humanity and Just Work: How To Root Out Bias, Prejudice, and Bullying to Create a Kick-Ass Culture of Inclusivity*. This virtual author talk will be followed by a live Q&A session.

Thursday, Feb. 29
7:00-8:30 PM

Native Seed Plant Program

Two local experts will give you the information you need to design a native plant garden and grow native plants from seed, providing food for pollinators and birds. Online only.

Children's Programs

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

PRESCHOOL REGULAR/RECURRING PROGRAMS (AGES 6 MONTHS - KINDERGARTEN WITH A CAREGIVER)

Baby Bookworms (recommended for 6 months-2 years). Mondays @ 10:00-10:30 & 10:30-11:00 AM
(December 4 & 11, January 22-February 26) Age appropriate songs, bounces, rhymes and stories.

Listen, Play, Create: (recommended for 2 years+). Tuesdays @ 10-10:45 AM & 4:00-4:45 PM
(December 5 & 12, January 16-February 27) Age-appropriate stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft for preschoolers. We will also practice fine and gross motor skills.

Crafts Together (recommended for ages 2-5). First Wednesday of the month @ 10:00-11:00 AM
(December 6, January 3, February 7) Create age appropriate crafts together.

Spanish Storytime (recommended for 6 months-5 years). Thursdays @ 10:00-10:30 AM
(December 7 & 14, January 18-February 29) Age-appropriate stories, rhymes, activities, and songs in Spanish.

Pop-up Play (recommended for 6 months-2 years). Fridays @ 10:00-11:00 AM
(December 1-15, January 19-February 23) Encourage exploration, problem-solving, curiosity, and creativity in your little one through play! Drop in for a morning of hands-on play and engagement with your child. Hickok Room. Registration is not required.

PRESCHOOL SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Storytime Yoga (recommended for ages 2-5). Thursdays @ 11:00-11:30 AM (December 7, January 25, February 22) Join Ms. Pam from Peace Play NJ for a FREE yoga class.



Children's Programs

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ELEMENTARY WEEKLY/RECURRING PROGRAMS (GRADES K-5)

Books Buddies (Grades K-3). Mondays and Thursdays @ 4-5 PM (December 4-December 14, January 18-February 29) Your child will work with a middle or high school volunteer to read books, play word games, and create stories together.

Books and Woofs (Grades K-5). Mondays @ 7:00 PM (December 18, January 22, February 26)
Practice reading aloud to Seeing Eye dogs and puppies.

Family STEAM Club (Grades K-5). Tuesdays @ 7:00-8:00 PM (December 5 & 12, January 16-February 27)
Join us for science, technology, engineering, and art activities.

Elementary Explorers (Grades 3-6). Thursdays @ 4:00-5:00 PM (January 18 - February 29)
Join us for crafts, book discussions, games, and more!

Healthy Kids Cook (Grades 3-6). Saturdays @ 2:00-4:00 PM. (December 9, January 13)
December 9: Soup Day! January 13: Mug Cakes

STEM Saturdays (Grades K-5). Saturdays @ 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (December 2, January 6)
Create STEAM crafts and experiments led by the Library's teen volunteers.

ELEMENTARY SPECIAL PROGRAMS (GRADES K-5)

Chinese Corner (Grades K-5). Sunday, December 10 @ 3:30 PM
A Chinese Immersion program hosted by the Summit Free Public Library and led by the volunteers of the Chinese Club, held on selected Sundays during the school year. Activities include conversation, music, crafts, and calligraphy. Cartoonist Zhong Ling will tell some holiday stories in comic form.

Cookie House Building. Wednesday, December 13. Two sessions @ 4:00-4:30 PM & 5:00-5:30 PM.
'Tis the season for our annual cookie house building program. Can you build a house out of graham crackers, icing and assorted candy? Let's find out.

Wolf Dogs from Howling Woods Farms (All Ages) Monday, February 12 @ 7:00-8:00 PM.
Stop by and learn all about wolf dogs from Howling Woods Farm in Jackson NJ.



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

- **Mondays:** Movie Mondays: Vote for a movie to watch every Monday.
- **Tuesdays:** Create Tuesdays: Use our supplies to create any sort of craft you want. Make bracelets, and keychains, knit, and more.
- **Tuesday, December 12: Cookie Castles.** Build a castle out of graham crackers and enjoy a tasty treat!
- **Wednesdays:** Community Service Days: Help the Library staff, and earn community service credit. To participate, please sign up to be a Teen Volunteer first.
- **Thursdays:** Anime Thursdays: Watch anime or do an anime-inspired activity as well as have snacks!
- **Fridays:** Video Game Fridays: Play video games, board games, and hang out!

TEEN NIGHTS

Vision Boards: Wednesday, January 3 @ 7:00-8:00 PM. Create a vision of goals for 2024.

Perler Beads Keychain: Wednesday, January 17 @ 7:00-8:00 PM. Create a keychain from perler beads.

Hot Chocolate Tasting: Wednesday, January 31 @ 7:00-8:00 PM. Taste a number of different hot chocolates and create a chocolate bomb.

Valentine's Day Cookie Decorating: Wednesday, February 14 @ 7:00-8:00 PM. Decorate cookies for Valentine's Day. You may take them with you or eat them here once you're done!

Slime Night: Wednesday, February 28 @ 7:00-8:00 PM. Create different types of slime to take home.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Virtual Author Talk with YA Fantasy Fiction Superstar Author Victoria Aveyard

Tuesday, December 5 @ 7:00-8:00 PM

Victoria Aveyard will discuss her bestselling series Realm Breaker. This virtual author talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online only. Register to get Zoom link.

Rubik's Cube Corner: (Grades 3-12). Mondays after school.

The purpose of this club is to help anyone who wants to learn and/or improve their skill at solving the Rubik's Cube, and to promote the great hobby of speedcubing. It's open to people of all ages and skill levels, from beginners who have never touched a cube to advanced solvers. We hope to meet you and help you improve, all while having lots of fun! Please bring your own cubes with you, if you have them.

Please see the library's website for the full schedule and times.