Calendar of Events
March - May 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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**MARCH**

**Monday, Mar. 4**
12:30 & 6:30 PM

**Mondays at the Movies: Dumb Money**
The true story of everyday people who flipped the script on Wall Street and got rich by turning GameStop into the world’s hottest company. Rated R. 105 minutes. In-person.

**Tuesday, Mar. 5**
7:00-8:00 PM

**Meditation and Forgiveness: Healing the Heart**
Learn how meditation can open the door to forgiving yourself and others. Presenter: Arvind Naik. Online.

**Wednesday, Mar. 6**
4:00-5:00 PM

**Virtual Author Talk with Nina Totenberg**
Nina Totenberg will discuss her published works. The talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online.

**Wednesday, Mar. 6**
7:00-8:30 PM

**Understanding Annuities**
Learn about the basics of the different kinds of annuities. Presenter Gerri Walsh is a Senior VP at FINRA (The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority). Online.

**Thursday, Mar. 7**
10:00-10:45 AM

**Strength Training for Seniors (March 7 - August 29)**
A weekly series of classes to help seniors increase muscle tone, flexibility, balance, strength and endurance. Summit cardholders only. Instructor: Leena Kalle. Online.

**Sunday, Mar. 10**
2:00-3:30 PM

**Concert: The Cover Girls**
The singing duo will be performing tunes from famous movies, plus a few Irish songs in honor of St. Patrick’s Day. No registration needed. In-person.

**Sunday, Mar. 10**
2:00-3:30 PM

**Adult Craft Class: Bunny Wreath**
Make a delightful spring ornament. Instructor: Marge Barkan. In-person.

**Monday, Mar. 11**
12:30 & 6:30 PM

**Mondays at the Movies: Carol**
Aspiring photographer Therese and beautiful, elegant Carol develop a fast bond that becomes a love with complicated consequences. Rated R. 118 minutes. In-person.

**Tuesday, Mar. 12**
7:00-8:00 PM

**Painting the Revolution**
The American Revolution as seen through the eyes of the artists who chronicled the founding of our country. Presenter: Joel Farkas. In-person/online.

**Wednesday, Mar. 13**
12:30-3:30 PM

**Great Decisions Discussion: The U.S. and the Middle East**
Defending U.S. interests in the Middle East with a lower level of military and political involvement. The discussion moderators: Tom Ferguson and Vito Gallo. In-person.

**Thursday, Mar. 14**
4:00-5:00 PM.

**Virtual Author Talk with Christopher Paolini**
The creator of Eragon and the Fractalverse will discuss his 20 years of dragon-riding in YA fantasy. The talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online.
Friday, Mar. 15  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM  
**Explore Your World: The 60's: The American Pop Era (March 15-April 19)**  

Friday, Mar. 15  
12:30-1:30 PM  
**Brown Bag Book Club**  

Sunday, Mar. 17  
2:00-4:00 PM  
**Pysanky workshop**  
Anyone can learn this ancient Ukrainian folk art. Students will be taught the wax-resist method of decorating eggs which are then emptied and varnished. In-person.

Monday, Mar. 18  
12:30 & 6:30 PM  
**Mondays at the Movies: The Marsh King’s Daughter**  
Daisy Ridley stars as a woman with a secret past. Rated R. 108 minutes. In-person.

Wednesday, Mar. 20  
7:00-8:30 PM  
**Learn about Being a Puppy Raiser for the Seeing Eye**  
Puppy Raisers foster puppies from the age of 7 weeks to around 14-16 months. Learn more and meet a few puppies. In-person.

Thursday, Mar. 21  
7:00-8:00 PM  
**Virtual Author Talk with Madeline Miller**  
Madeline Miller, bestselling author of *The Song of Achilles* and *Circe*, will discuss her work. The talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online.

Thursday, Mar. 22  
7:00-8:30 PM  
**Virtual Trivia Night**  
Join us for a special trivia night highlighting the Summit Library's 150-year anniversary! Quizmaster: Mary Piekarski. Online.

Monday, Mar. 25  
12:30 & 6:30 PM  
**Mondays at the Movies: Emily**  
A semi-fictional account of Emily Brontë’s own story. Rated R. 130 minutes. In-person.

Thursday, Mar. 28  
7:00-8:30 PM  
**Comparing DNA Ethnicity Estimates**  
DNA ethnicity tests often yield unexpected results. Compare reports from all the major DNA tests and learn which test might be your best choice. Presenter: Richard Hill. Online.

**APRIL**

Monday, Apr. 1  
12:30 & 6:30 PM  
**Mondays at the Movies: Ninotchka**  
Greta Garbo in her first comedy role. Not Rated. 110 minutes. In-person.

Tuesday, Apr. 2  
2:00-3:00 PM  
**Virtual Author Talk with Smithsonian Curator Paula J. Johnson**  
Paula Johnson will discuss her book *Smithsonian American Table: The Foods, People, and Innovations That Feed Us*. The talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online.

Wednesday, Apr. 3  
7:00-8:00 PM  
**See the World: Less Money, Less Worry & More Travel**  
Professional world traveler Chris McCormack will give you practical tips and strategies to plan a trip, manage your budget, and optimize your itinerary. Chris also share useful websites and travel apps. In-person.

Sunday, Apr. 7  
2:00-3:30 PM  
**Adult Craft Class**  
TBA. Instructor: Marge Barkan.

Monday, Apr. 8  
12:30 & 6:30 PM  
**Mondays at the Movies: The Color Purple**  

Tuesday, April 9  
2:00-3:00 PM  
**Virtual Author Talk with Colum McCann**  
Colum McCann is joined by Diane Foley, the inspiration behind his book *American Mother*. The talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online.

Tuesday, Apr. 9  
7:00-8:00 PM  
**Meditation for Peace and Well Being**  
Learn how meditation can reduce stress and anxiety, Instructor: Jim Rose. Online.
## Adult Programs

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<td>Concert: The Bob Wylde Trio</td>
<td>2:00-3:00 PM</td>
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<td>The group—featuring guitar, bass, and vocalist—performs jazz and blues standards with some Brazilian and Pop songs mixed in. No registration needed.</td>
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<td>Alzheimer’s tests a long-time couple’s marriage. Rated PG-13. 100 minutes.</td>
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<td>Tuesday, Apr 16</td>
<td>Safeguarding your online world: Defend your accounts against scams, phishing &amp; fraud</td>
<td>7:00-8:00 PM</td>
<td>In-person</td>
<td>Learn effective techniques to avoid online threats. Speaker: Niru Mallavarupu.</td>
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<td>Great Decisions Discussion: NATO’s Future</td>
<td>12:30-3:30 PM</td>
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<td>Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, NATO has come under increased scrutiny because of its role in relations between Russia and its neighbors. Discussion Moderator: Ellen Spano. Guest Speaker: Dr. John J. Yurechko.</td>
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<td>Virtual Author Talk with Xochitl Gonzalez</td>
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<td>Business and Networking Breakfast: Reference Solutions Database Demo</td>
<td>9:30-10:30 AM</td>
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<td>Learn how to access a business database which can help target potential customers, and much more. Presenter: Bill Carlson. A continental breakfast will be served.</td>
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<td>Genealogy Talk: Y-chromosome Insights &amp; Strategies</td>
<td>7:00-8:30</td>
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<td>Learn how Y-DNA testing of suitable males can trace and confirm paternal lines in your family tree, and how to choose the right test. Presenter Richard Hill.</td>
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<td>Saturday, Apr 27</td>
<td>Friends of the Library GIANT Donated Jewelry Sale</td>
<td>10:00 AM-4:00 PM</td>
<td>In-person</td>
<td>Shop a huge selection of donated jewelry, ranging from inexpensive costume jewelry to boutique and vintage pieces in silver, gold, and semi-precious gems. All proceeds go to the Friends, and are used to fund special library resources and programs.</td>
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<td>Historic Homes of Summit</td>
<td>1:00-4:00 PM</td>
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<td>This slideshow explores the homes of some of Summit’s early residents. Presenter: Patricia Meola, President of the Summit Historical Society.</td>
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<td>Mondays at the Movies: The Holdovers</td>
<td>12:30 &amp; 6:30 PM</td>
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<td>A grouchy prep school teacher must remain on campus during Christmas break to babysit the handful of students with nowhere to go. Rated R. 133 minutes.</td>
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<td>Virtual Author Talk with Douglas Brunt</td>
<td>3:00-4:00 PM</td>
<td>Online</td>
<td>Douglas Brunt will discuss his book <em>The Mysterious Case of Rudolf Diesel</em>. The talk will be followed by a live Q&amp;A session.</td>
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<td>A Total Healing: The Meditation Prescription</td>
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<td>Learn about the health benefits of meditation. Presenter: Matthew Raider, MD.</td>
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<td><strong>Concert: Steve Minzer Quarter</strong></td>
<td>Jazz standards from swing to be-bop to songs by George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, and Cole Porter. No registration required. In-person.</td>
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<td><strong>Adult Craft Class: Make a Hand-Colored Silk Scarf</strong></td>
<td>Create a colorful and unique accessory for yourself or as a gift. All materials provided. Instructor: Robin Carroll-Mann. In-person.</td>
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<td><strong>Virtual Author Talk with Nina Simon</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Author Talk: Dr. Amy Knight</strong></td>
<td>Dr. Amy Knight discusses her soon-to-be-released book: <em>The Kremlin’s Noose: Putin’s Bitter Feud with the Oligarch Who Made Him Ruler of Russia</em>. In-person.</td>
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<td><strong>Art Talk: Ruth Asawa: Sculptor, Educator, Arts Activist</strong></td>
<td>Janet Mandel will discuss the work of this modernist Japanese-American artist, best known for her abstract wire sculptures. In-person/online.</td>
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<td><strong>Escape from Behind Enemy Lines</strong></td>
<td>In WW II, Lt. Louis Feingold was shot down over France, and escaped with help from the Resistance. His son will share his story using letters, maps, photos, and the original fake identity cards. Presenter: Rick Feingold. Online.</td>
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<td><strong>Great Decisions Discussion: Science Across Borders</strong></td>
<td>International collaboration can benefit scientific research, but it may also impact a nation’s national security. Discussion moderators: Tom Ferguson and Lisa Allen. In-person.</td>
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<td><strong>Finding Family Hidden Roots in Your DNA</strong></td>
<td>Learn how adoptees and others find biological parents and siblings through DNA testing. Presenter: Richard Hill, the first adoptee to find his birth family in this way. Online.</td>
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Children's Programs

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10TH ANNUAL NJ MAKERS DAY: MARCH 15-17, 2024

Teen Maker Fest: Friday, March 15 at 3:00 PM (Grades 6-8)
Join us for STEM and art activities during CATSS, the Library's after school program for middle schoolers.

Family Maker Fest: Saturday, March 16 from 2:00-3:00 PM (Families)
Stop by all of the stations around the Library, and create items to take home or put on display in the Library. Pearl Observatory will also teach you about Solar Telescopes. If you're planning on attending the treasure hunt with the Department of Community Programs, we are the last stop.

Chinese Club: Sunday, March 17, from 3:30-4:30 PM (Grades K-5 who speak Chinese)
Make water and oil meet, create your own "lava" (not really, just food-safe coloring), and watch it bubble and burst to the top with fizzy tablets. Learn about density, and chemical reactions, and have a blast!

SPRING WEEKLY PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS THROUGH MAY 17
(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
Age appropriate songs, bounces, rhymes and stories.

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

Spanish Storytime (recommended for 6 months-5 years). 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 10:00-10:30 AM
Age-appropriate stories, rhymes, activities, and songs in Spanish.

Pop-up Play (recommended for 6 months-2 years). Fridays @ 10:00-11:00 AM
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). @ 11:00-11:30 AM Thursdays, March 7, April 25 and Wednesday, May 8. Join Ms. Pam from Peace Play NJ for a FREE yoga class. Registration required

Lil Tumblez (recommended for ages 6 months-5 years). Thursday, April 10 @ 10:00-11:00 AM
Celebrate National Library Week with LilTumblez. This activity is great for developing and improving motor skills, confidence and coordination. Kids will have a blast climbing, crawling, bouncing and exploring. Registration required.

Superhero Storytime (recommended for ages 2-5 years). Saturday, May 4 @ 11:00-12:00 PM Stories, songs and rhymes about superheroes

Crafty Kiddos (recommended for ages 2-5 with a caregiver). Wednesdays, May 22, 29, June 5. Create some easy crafts to take home.
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ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS (GRADES K-5)

Little Sprouts (Grades K-5). Mondays @ 4:00-5:00 PM. (March 4-October): Our community garden is beginning its second year! Participate in special STEAM focused garden lessons and help our garden grow. Meet science experts, plant seeds, make yummy recipes with our harvest and much more.

Books and Woofs (Grades K-5). Mondays @ 7:00-8:00 PM (March 18, April 15, May 20): Practice reading aloud to Seeing Eye dogs and puppies.

Family STEAM Club (Grades K-5). Tuesdays @ 7:00-8:00 PM, through May 28: Join us for science, technology, engineering, and art activities, with a few stories mixed in.

STEM Saturdays (Grades K-5). Saturdays @ 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (March 2, April 13, May 11): Create STEAM crafts and experiments led by the Library’s teen volunteers.

Composting with The Recycling Committee of Summit: (Grades K-5). Monday, May 13 @ 4:00-5:00 PM: Learn the basics of composting with an interactive demonstration during our Little Sprouts Gardening Club.

Chinese Corner (Grades K-5). Sundays @ 3:30-4:30 PM (March 17 & 24, April 14 & 28, May 12): A Chinese Immersion program hosted by the Summit Free Public Library and led by the volunteers of the Summit Library Chinese Club on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month

OLDER ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS (Grades 3-6)

Elementary Explorers (Grades 3-5). Thursdays @ 4:00-5:00 PM, through May 16: Join us for crafts, book discussions, games, STEAM, coding, and more!

Jewelry Making & Yoga (Grades 4-6). Thursday, March 28 @ 4:00-5:00 PM. In this class we will work with mantras and affirmations that are repeated to aid in meditation and concentration. Kids will choose their own mantra to focus on during the yoga session, and then turn their mantra into a bracelet using letter beads. Bring a mat or towel and a water bottle. Instructor: Pamela Nixon of Peace Play.

Snapology (Grades 3-5). Wednesday, April 10 @ 4:00-5:00 PM: Create springtime themed robots with Snapology Summit.

Visualize JOY, a presentation with Erica Lasan (Grades 3-5 with an adult). Thursday, April 25 @ 4:00-6:00 PM. Learn how to adopt a culture of JOY and well-being by creating a vision board to reflect and envision your future.

Summit Free Public Library’s 150th Birthday Party and Summer Reading Kick Off Saturday, June 8, 2024 2pm-5pm Summit Village Green
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 while you wind down from your school day.
- Tuesdays: Create Tuesdays: Use the library’s art supplies to create any sort of craft you want. Make bracelets, keychains, knit, crochet, buttons, and more.
- 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!

MORE AFTER SCHOOL TEEN PROGRAMS
THIS SPRING

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- Rubik’s Cube Club (Grades 3-12): Mondays @ 4:00-5:30 PM Learn the basics of speedcubing from nationally ranked players on the 1st and 3rd Mondays. Practice your skills on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. (No Cube Club on April 29)
- March Mental Health Mondays with NJ4S. March 4, 11, 18 @ 3:00-4:30 PM: Conflict resolution, making friendships, and how to unwind. Registration required.
- Composting with The Recycling Committee of Summit: Monday, May 13 @ 3:00-4:30 PM: Learn the basics and importance of composting with some hands on activities.

TEEN NIGHTS (Grades 6-8): Wednesdays @ 7:00-8:00 PM

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- NJ Makers Day Preview: Wednesday, March 6: Get a preview of the crafts we’ll be making for the 10th annual NJ Makers Day.
- Giant Chess: Wednesday, March 27: Play against your friends on our GIANT board in the Teen Room.
- Paint a Pot and Plant a Succulent: Wednesday, April 3: Decorate a clay pot and plant a succulent to take home.
- Candy Sushi: Wednesday, April 24: Create sushi rolls made out of different candies for a deliciously fun snack.
- String Art: Wednesday, May 15: Turn a plank of wood into a work of art using nails and string.
- DIY Resin Bookmarks and Keychains: Wednesday, May 29: Create a unique bookmark or Keychain using the science and art of resin.

COLLEGE BOUND PROGRAMS

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- Why Gap Years Matter More Than Ever (Grades 9-12, Adult). Thursday, March 14 @ 7:00-8:00 PM. Tuesday, December 5 @ 7:00-8:00 PM. Learn how to plan a Gap Year on any budget. Presenter: Katherine Stieyter, Founder of Gap Year Solutions. In-person/online.
- Top 10 Mistakes Students Make on College Application Essays (Grades 9-12). Tuesday, March 19 @ 7:00-8:00 PM. Learn how to write a better college application essay, and what the admissions officers are looking for. Instructor: Randy Levin, former high school English teacher. In-person/online.
- Workshop: Conquering the College Application (Grades 9-12). Thursday, April 11 @ 7:00-8:00 PM. Learn about current trends and the factors colleges take into consideration when evaluating applicants. Instructor: College counselor Dr. Kristina Kenny. In-person.