

# SUMMIT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

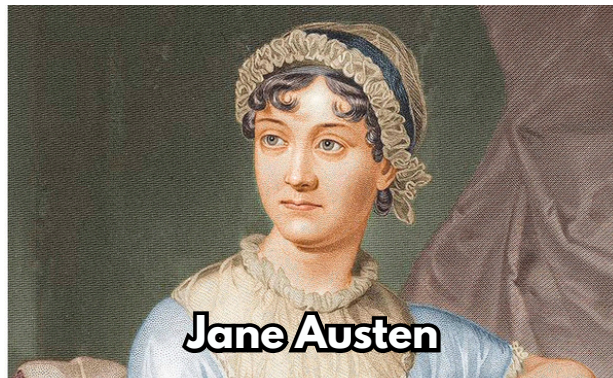


Inform - Enrich - Inspire

## Calendar of Events September - November 2025



**Stonehearth  
Bluegrass Band**



**Jane Austen**



**Candyland**



**ROBLOX**



**Hidden Murals  
and a Lost Artist**



**Mendhi**



**Mariachi  
Sones de mi Tierra**



**Papel Picado**



**Rhonda Denet**

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](http://www.summitlibrary.org) or call the Information Desk at 908-273-0350, option 3.

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# Adult Programs

## SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, Sep. 3  
7:00-8:00 PM

### **Virtual Author Talk with Hannah Nicole Maehrer**

Hannah Nicole Maehrer will discuss her *New York Times* bestselling *Assistant to the Villain* series. The talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online.

Wednesday, Sep. 3  
7:00-9:00 PM

### **Toastmasters Meeting** (Ongoing weekly program)

Summit Toastmasters meetings provide a supportive environment to practice and refine public speaking and leadership skills. All are welcome. Registration not required.

Thursday, Sep. 4  
10:00-10:45 AM

### **Strength Training for Seniors** (Ongoing weekly program)

A weekly series of classes to help seniors increase muscle tone, flexibility, balance, strength, and endurance. Summit cardholders only. Instructor: Leena Kalle. Online.

Sunday, Sep. 7  
2:00-3:30 PM

### **Adult Craft Program: Autumn Rainbow**

Let's get ready for fall by making an autumn-themed decoration for your wall or door. Spaces limited to 12 people. Registration opens August 29 @ 9:00 AM. Instructor: Marge Barkan.

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

### **Monday at the Movies: The Phoenician Scheme**

In Wes Anderson's comedy/thriller, wealthy businessman Zsa-zsa Korda appoints his only daughter, a nun, as his sole heir. They soon become the target of scheming tycoons, foreign terrorists and assassins. Rated PG-13. 100 minutes. Registration not required.

Tuesday, Sep. 9  
11:00 AM-12:00 PM

### **GRACE Pop-Up Distribution**

Join GRACE (Giving & Receiving Assistance for our Community's Essentials) to receive fresh food and household essentials. Library registration is not required. All support is free of charge to those who live, work, worship and receive care in Summit.

Tuesday, Sep. 9  
7:00-8:00 PM

### **An Overview of the Political Polling Industry**

Learn about the science behind polling and how it has evolved over the years. We'll also talk about polling in recent elections, and in the upcoming New Jersey Gubernatorial election. Speaker: Bill Simoneau, Director of Research & Analytics at Statara Solutions.

Wednesday, Sep. 10  
2:00-3:00 PM

### **Virtual Author Talk with Jefferson Fisher**

Jefferson Fisher will discuss his book *The Next Conversation: Argue Less, Talk More*. The talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online.

Friday, Sep. 12  
7:00-8:30 PM

### **Virtual Trivia Night**

Please join us for trivia night, hosted by Quizmaster Mary Piekarski. The questions in this game are geared for people 18 and older but all ages are welcome to try. You can play as a one-person team or as a team of up to 4 people. Online.

Saturday, Sep. 13  
2:00-3:00 PM

### **Puerto Rican Empanada Making Class**

In this class, Chef Erica will guide you through the process of making authentic Puerto Rican empanadas completely from scratch. You'll also learn about their history and cultural significance. And at the end of the class, you'll enjoy freshly made empanadas. Instructor: Erica Hernandez.

Sunday, Sep. 14  
2:00-3:00 PM

### **Concert: Stonehearth Bluegrass Band**

They play traditional bluegrass, but have been known to put a bluegrass style on hits by Simon and Garfunkle, the Drifters, the Everly Brothers and even the Beatles. Registration not required.

Monday, Sep. 15  
12:30 & 6:30 PM

### **Monday at the Movies: Miguelito--A Song to Puerto Rico (Documentary)**

In 1973, a New York record producer heard a boy singing at the San Juan airport. Within a year, Miguelito went from the slums to recording an album, to performing at Madison Square Garden. A year later, he had disappeared from public life. Not Rated. 93 minutes. In English and Spanish with English subtitles. Registration not required.

Tuesday, Sep. 16  
1:00-2:00 PM

### **How Jane Austen Continues to Speak to Our Age**

What accounts for the enduring interest in the fiction of Jane Austen? In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the author's birth, Dr. Laura Winters will provide some answers to that question. Laura Winters teaches literature, writing, and film at Saint Elizabeth University and Drew University.



# Adult Programs

- Wednesday, Sep. 17  
1:00-3:00 PM **Great Decisions Discussion: International Climate Cooperation in an Era of Turmoil**  
Over the past 30 years, climate change has become one of the central global challenges of the modern era, with major consequences for the livability of the planet. Moderator: Fred Honold.
- Wednesday, Sep. 17  
2:00-3:00 PM **Virtual Author Talk with Gabe Henry**  
Gabe Henry will discuss his book *Enough is Enuf: Our Failed Attempts to Make English Easier to Spell*. The talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online.
- Thursday, Sep. 18  
7:00-8:00 PM **AI in Education: Writing is Thinking**  
Dr. Victoria Livingstone will discuss writing as a process closely tied to critical thinking and consider the implications of generative AI in education. The talk will be followed by Q&A. Online.
- Friday, Sep. 19  
12:30-1:30 PM **Brown Bag Book Club**  
Lunchtime book group for adults. Book to be discussed: *Still Life* by Louise Penny. Refreshments served. Registration not required.
- Friday, Sep. 19  
2:00-4:00 PM **Explore Your World - There Was Only One Catch: Yossarian and the American Dream**  
A six-week mini-course that will explore Joseph Heller's *Catch-22*, along with its sequel, *Closing Time* and also *Slaughterhouse-Five*. Instructor: Prof. Bob Comeau of Union County College. In-person/online.
- Sunday, Sep. 21  
2:00-3:00 PM **Concert: Mariachi Sones de mi Tierra**  
The group, founded in 2019, will delight everyone with the lively sounds of traditional Mexican mariachi music. Registration not required.
- Monday, Sep. 22  
12:30 & 6:30 PM **Monday at the Movies: Neruda**  
A determined police inspector (Gael García Bernal) searches for Chilean poet and politician Pablo Neruda (Luis Gnecco) after he goes into hiding in 1948. Rated R. 107 minutes. Registration not required.
- Thursday, Sep. 25  
7:00-8:00 PM **Hidden Murals and a Lost Artist: Roberto de la Selva**  
For decades the work of a Latin American artist lay hidden beneath the wallpaper in a cottage in Feltville—the "Deserted Village". Eventually uncovered by volunteers, the colorful images of rural Mexican life proved to be the work of Roberto de la Selva, a native of Nicaragua. Speakers: Priscilla Hayes (Feltville historian) and Ron Burkard (art collector). In-person/online.
- Monday, Sep. 29  
12:30 & 6:30 PM **Monday at the Movies: Landfill Harmonic (Documentary)**  
The Recycled Orchestra of Cateura is a Paraguayan musical group that plays instruments made entirely out of garbage. After a natural disaster strikes Paraguay, music director Favio Chavez must find a way to keep the orchestra intact. In Spanish with English subtitles. Rated PG. 85 minutes. Registration not required.
- Tuesday, Sep. 30  
7:00-8:00 PM **Bachata and Salsa Class**  
Learn two Latin dances: Bachata, a social dance originating in the Dominican Republic and Salsa, one of the most popular Latin dances. No partner or experience necessary. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing. Instructor: Fred Astaire Dance Studios in Summit.

## OCTOBER

- Thursday, Oct. 2  
2:00-3:00 PM **Virtual Book Talk: Nuestra América: Stories of 30 Inspiring Latinas/Latinos Who Have Shaped the United States**  
Emily Key and Adrian Aldaba, from the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Latino, will discuss this new book. The talk will be followed by a live Q&A. Online.
- Sunday, Oct. 5  
2:00-3:00 PM **Concert: Carlos Pavan Guitar Recital**  
Argentinian-born Brooklyn-based composer Carlos Pavan skillfully blends Argentine rhythms with classical and jazz concepts. Registration not required.
- Monday, Oct. 6  
12:30 & 6:30 PM **Monday at the Movies: Roma**  
Cleo is a domestic worker who helps Antonio and Sofía take care of their children in Mexico City. Complications arise when Antonio runs away with his mistress and Cleo finds out that she's pregnant. In Spanish with English subtitles. Rated R. 135 minutes. Registration not required.

# Adult Programs

- Thursday, Oct. 9  
7:00-8:00 PM
- Virtual Author Talk with Leigh Bardugo**  
Bestselling fantasy author Leigh Bardugo will discuss her work, including the newly published 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of her *Six of Crows* duology. The talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online.
- Sunday, Oct. 12  
2:00-3:00 PM
- Concert: Rhonda Denet**  
Vocalist Rhonda Denet returns to Summit with a celebration of the unforgettable music of world-renowned crooner and pianist, Nat “King” Cole, and his Grammy-winning daughter, Natalie Cole. Registration not required.
- Monday, Oct. 13  
12:30 & 6:30 PM
- Mondays at the Movies: *Los Lobos***  
Luisa brings her two sons from Mexico to Albuquerque in search of a better life. While waiting for her to return from work, they build an imaginary world with their drawings and dream about mom's promise of going to Disneyland. In Spanish with English subtitles. Rated TV-14. 95 minutes. Registration not required.
- Tuesday, Oct. 14  
11:00 AM-12:00 PM
- GRACE Pop-Up Distribution**  
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- Tuesday, Oct. 14  
7:00-8:00 PM
- A Window on the Musical Traditions of the Andes Mountains**  
A visual review of the history of native Andean music from Bolivia, Peru, and Ecuador, accompanied by a live demonstration of a wide variety of musical instruments. Attendees are encouraged to participate by trying out various instruments. Presenter: master Andean musician Juan "Pepe" Santana.
- Wednesday, Oct. 15  
1:00-3:00 PM
- Great Decisions Discussion: The Future of NATO and European Security**  
European security is more uncertain than it has been for decades. Putin's Russia has launched a war with Ukraine, and America's role as leader of NATO and security provider has been called into question. What are Europe's options? Moderator: Fred Honold.
- Wednesday, Oct. 16  
7:00-8:00 PM
- AI in Healthcare**  
Dr. M. Imran Khan will discuss the application of AI tools in the health sector. He will provide an overview of the current state of AI technology in information, diagnosis, and management of diseases. Dr. Khan has a PhD in International Health. Online.
- Sunday, Oct. 19  
2:00-3:30 PM
- Adult Craft Program: Decorative Bar Soaps**  
We will learn a technique for decorating plain bar soaps and turning them into beautiful pieces to use in your home or gift to a friend. Instructor: Marge Barkan.
- Monday, Oct. 20  
12:30 & 6:30 PM
- Monday at the Movies: *Broke***  
True Brandywine is a bareback bronc rider clinging to his fading rodeo career. When he gets trapped in a freak spring blizzard, he must battle injuries, illness, and the bitter cold. While fighting for his survival, True is forced to face his choices and the circumstances that led him to this situation. Rated R. 100 minutes. Registration not required.
- Tuesday, Oct. 21  
7:00-8:30 PM
- Leverage the AI Tools of Today to Profit Tomorrow**  
Learn how to use popular AI tools to start or grow a business, automate work, solve problems, and increase profits. Real-life examples will be provided. Join this in-person event to learn how to harness Artificial Intelligence tools practically and profitably. Presenter: Eddi Khaytman, MBA.
- Wednesday, Oct. 22  
10:00-11:00 AM
- Come Meet Your Friends!**  
Join us for coffee and meet members of the Friends of the Library! Learn how their fundraising efforts support some of the Library's most popular offerings—like museum passes and our ever-growing Library of Things. Registration not required.
- Thursday, Oct. 23  
7:00-8:00 PM
- Maximize Your Census Research**  
Census records are frequently utilized in genealogy research. Learn about what is available in different census years, special enumerations and schedules, plus strategies and tips for effective searches. Online. Presenter: Laura Cubbage-Draper.



# Adult Programs

Friday, Oct. 24  
7:00-8:30 PM

## **Virtual Trivia Night**

Please join us for trivia night, hosted by Quizmaster Mary Piekarski. The questions in this game are geared for people 18 and older but all ages are welcome to try. You can play as a one-person team or as a team of up to 4 people. Online.

Sunday, Oct. 26  
2:00-4:00 PM

## **Adult Craft Program: Design Your Own Jigsaw Puzzle**

We'll supply the blank puzzle pieces and markers. You bring your creativity. Instructor: Mary Piekarski.

Monday, Oct. 27  
12:30 & 6:30 PM

## **Mondays at the Movies: The Awful Truth (1937)**

Jerry (Cary Grant) and Lucy (Irene Dunne) are a married couple who doubt each other's fidelity: Jerry suspects Lucy and her music teacher, and Lucy is convinced Jerry lied about a business trip. When the jealous pair file for divorce, both rush into new relationships, but quickly realize their love never died. The soon-to-be-divorced husband and wife then scramble to spoil each other's newfound romances. Rated "Approved". 92 minutes.

Tuesday, Oct. 28  
7:00-8:00 PM

## **Marigolds: Fresh Flavors, Familiar Faces**

Spend an evening with Mary Cummins, owner of Marigolds café in Summit. Come hear how the idea for Marigolds was conceived, how the menu was generated, and how it still continues to thrive after 12 years. Part of the evening will include a soup and salad making demonstration with samples ready for tasting. Come hungry and with any questions you might have!

Wednesday, Oct. 29  
2:00-3:00 PM

## **Virtual Author Talk with Phillipa Gregory**

Renowned historical fiction author Phillipa Gregory will discuss her latest novel, *Boleyn Traitor*. The talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online.

Thursday, Oct. 30  
7:00-8:00 PM

## **What is the Meaning of Free Speech?**

In this talk, we consider the history and contemporary meaning of free speech. We trace its origins to the religious wars of the Reformation and trace its history as a protection for individual liberty under English and American law. We will consider some of the landmark cases in free speech history and how this right affects our politics today. In Person/Online. Presenter: Professor Ian Drake of Montclair University.

## NOVEMBER

Sunday, Nov. 2  
2:00-3:00 PM

## **Concert: Leonieke Scheuble & We Three**

Fronted by the prodigious pianist and jazz organist, Leonieke Scheuble, WE THREE performs original arrangements of works by Cole Porter, Duke Ellington, Thelonious Monk, and various other composers that contributed to America's most important musical legacy, jazz. Leonieke is well on her way to being one of the major figures in jazz. Come experience for yourself the artistry of this fine young talent and her outstanding group.

Sunday, Nov. 2  
2:00-3:30 PM

## **Charcuterie Made Simple: A Delicious Demo**

Join Chef Erica, The Charcuterie Lady, for a fun and flavorful event learning how to create a beautiful and balanced charcuterie board. Watch as she demonstrates professional tips for selecting ingredients, pairing flavors, and styling like a pro — all while you enjoy your own individual grazing cup filled with curated meats, cheeses, and accompaniments. Perfect for anyone who loves to entertain or simply wants to elevate their snacking game! Registration will open on Sunday, Oct. 19 @ 2:00 PM.

Monday, Nov. 3  
12:30 & 6:30 PM

## **Monday at the Movies: *The Amateur***

Charlie Heller is a brilliant decoder for the CIA working out of a basement office at headquarters in Langley whose life is turned upside down when his wife is killed in a London terrorist attack. When his supervisors refuse to take action, he embarks on a dangerous trek across the globe to track down those responsible. Rated PG-13. 122 minutes. Registration not required.

Wednesday, Nov. 5  
2:00-3:00 PM

## **Virtual Author Talk with Joseph Lee**

Author Joseph Lee will discuss his latest book. The talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online.

# Adult Programs

Friday, Nov. 7  
2:00-4:00 PM

## **Explore Your World: High Points of Ancient Greek and Roman History**

This six-week mini-course will cover ancient history from Athens and Sparta to Julius Caesar. Presenter: Professor John Lenz of Drew University. In'Person/Online.

Monday, Nov. 10  
12:30 & 6:30 PM

## **Mondays at the Movies: Trouble in Paradise (1932)**

Thief Gaston and pickpocket Lily are partners in crime and love. Working for perfume company executive Mariette Colet, the two crooks decide to combine their criminal talents to rob their employer. Rated "Approved". 83 minutes. Registration not required.

Tuesday, Nov. 11  
11:00 AM-12:00 PM

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Thursday, Nov. 13  
7:00-8:00 PM

## **Virtual Author Talk with Amanda Peters**

Amanda Peters will discuss her new book. The talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online.

Thursday, Nov. 13  
7:00-8:30 PM

## **Don't Toss These! 10 Things to KEEP When You Are Decluttering**

We all know decluttering is about getting rid of stuff. But expert organizer and author Jamie Novak says there are some surprising things you should keep. Online.

Saturday, Nov. 15  
10:00 AM-5:00 PM  
Sunday, Nov. 16  
1:00-4:00 PM

## **Friends of the Library GIANT Donated Jewelry Sale**

There's something for all tastes and budgets at the Friends' donated jewelry sale: cute holiday-themed items, stylish costume jewelry, and elegant boutique jewelry. Interested in being a Friend of the Library? Members can shop early on Friday, Nov. 14 from 6-8PM.

Sunday, Nov. 16  
2:00-3:30 PM

## **Adult Craft Class: Holiday Cookie Plate**

Make a one of a kind holiday cookie plate that will make a wonderful addition to your holiday celebrations or a fantastic gift. Instructor: Marge Barkan. **Due to the popularity of this program, we request that you NOT register for this class if you have attended a previous session.**

Monday, Nov. 17  
12:30 & 6:30 PM

## **Monday at the Movies: *Materialists***

A young, ambitious New York City matchmaker (Dakota Johnson) finds herself torn between the perfect match (Pedro Pascal) and her imperfect ex (Chris Evans). Rated R. 116 minutes. Registration not required.

Wednesday, Nov. 19  
1:00-3:00 PM

## **Great Decisions Discussion: AI and American National Security**

The AI revolution is the leading edge of a larger high-tech revolution which promises to transform the world. Experts argue that international cooperation is needed to expand the opportunities these new technologies hold while protecting societies from their dangers. Moderator: Fred Honold.

Thursday, Nov. 20  
7:00-8:30 PM

## **Cybersecurity: Navigating the Online World Safely**

An interactive presentation on the latest trends in online fraud, including phishing, identity theft, and financial scams, providing attendees with practical tips for enhancing their digital security. Presenter: Eddi Khaytman, MBA. Online.

Friday, Nov. 21  
7:00-8:30

## **Virtual Trivia Night**

Please join us for trivia night, hosted by Quizmaster Mary Piekarski. The questions in this game are geared for people 18 and older but all ages are welcome to try. You can play as a one-person team or as a team of up to 4 people. Online.

Sunday, Nov. 23  
2:00-3:00 PM

## **Concert: Tal Naccarato**

A musician/songwriter in the Americana/folk/blues/classical guitar tradition, Tal will perform solo acoustic guitar from his original and traditional repertoire. Registration not required.

Monday, Nov. 24  
12:30 & 6:30 PM

## **Monday at the Movies: *North Face***

Set in 1936, as Nazi propaganda urges the nation's Alpinists to conquer the unclimbed north face of the Swiss massif--the Eiger--two reluctant German climbers begin their daring ascent. In German with English subtitles. Not Rated. 126 minutes. Registration not required.



# WELCOME WEEK

**Sunday, September 14 – Saturday, September 20**

*Presented by the SFPL Welcome Committee*

Join us for a week filled with music, family fun, and activities for all ages. Attend a program and receive a free giveaway (while supplies last), plus all new library card sign-ups will receive an extra special gift. Don't forget to spread the word—encourage your friends and family to sign up for their very own library card and join the celebration!

**CONCERT: STONEHEARTH BLUEGRASS BAND – SUNDAY @ 2:00 PM**

**EXPLORATION STATIONS (AGES 2-6) – TUESDAY @ 10:00 & 11:30 AM**

**TEEN NIGHT: ROBLOX EMBER GAMES – TUESDAY @ 5:30 PM**

**MAGIC OF MAKE BELIEVE (AGES 3-6) – WEDNESDAY @ 1:00 PM**

**ROBLOX OBSTACLE COURSE (GRADES K-5) – THURSDAY @ 4:00 PM**

**CUENTOS EN FAMILIA (IN SPANISH; FAMILIES) – THURSDAY @ 6:30 PM**

**PEARL OBSERVATORY PLANETARIUM SHOW (GRADES K-5) – SATURDAY @ 2:00 PM**

For more  
information or  
to register, scan  
the QR code.



# Programs for All Ages

## CUENTOS EN FAMILIA

**Thursdays, September 18 - November 20**  
**@ 6:30-8:00PM**

This program guides parents in building a reading routine at home, shows them how to share books with their children, and supports both parents and school-age kids in learning English vocabulary and library resources. This Spanish language program is a collaboration between the Summit Public Library and Summit Public Schools, with generous support from the Gottesman Fund.

## CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY

**Sundays, September 28,**  
**October 26, and November 23**  
**@ 3:00-4:00 PM**

Join us for a Chinese Calligraphy Workshop for people who are interested in traditional Chinese calligraphy to meet. The Chinese Calligraphy Workshop is open to all enthusiasts of any age and skill level.

Registration for each program opens the week prior to the current week's program.

## GAMING @ THE LIBRARY

### GAMING PROGRAMS

**Registration is required for all programs**

**Roblox: Ember Games (Grades 6-12 only)**  
**Tuesday, September 16 @ 5:30-7:00 PM**

Competitors begin the game on pedestals centered around a Cornucopia full of weapons, tools, and food. After the countdown ends, competitors are on their own to survive. The last player standing is Champion!

**Roblox Obstacle Course (Grades K-5)**

**Thursday, September 18 @ 4:00-5:00 PM**  
Challenge yourself in this exciting obstacle course! Test your skills, patience, and agility—first to complete the course wins the challenge!

**Candyland: The Live Board Game (Families)**

**Saturday, October 18 @ 1:00-4:00 PM**  
Travel to the magical land of candy by playing our live board game version of Candyland. Visit each station to collect small prizes and the winner is chosen when you reach candy castle.

**Family Team Kahoot (Grades K-5, Families)**

**Tuesday, November 4 @ 5:30-7 PM**  
Join us for our first ever family team trivia night using Kahoot.com. We will have questions for each age range. The top three teams will win a small prize or grab bag of prizes. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM, followed by Trivia at 6:00 PM

**Pokémon Lock-In (Grades 1-5)**

**Friday, November 7, 2025 @ 5:15-7:15 PM**  
Do you love Pokémon? Join us for a fun night with a Pokémon swap, a Pokémon scavenger hunt, and other fun activities.

### NOVEMBER IS



### THE TOP 5 WAYS TO CELEBRATE ALL SEASON LONG

- 1. Yard Games:** Check out yard games from the Library of Things collection: Cornhole, Spike Ball, Giant Jenga, Giant Chess & Checkers, and more.
- 2. Tabletop Games:** Check out Dungeons & Dragons or Chess Sets from the Library of Things collection.
- 3. Launchpads:** Check out a Launchpad tablet, preloaded with educational games
- 4. Video Games:** Check out a video game for PS5, Xbox Series X or Switch (located on the Mezzanine).
- 5. Virtual Trivia Nights:** Attend Trivia Night, hosted by Quizmaster Mary Piekarski (9/12, 10/24, 11/21). The questions in this game are geared for people 18 and older but all ages are welcome to try. Please register to receive the zoom link.



# Middle & High School: Ages 11-18



## CATSS (GRADES 6-8)

**Monday-Friday @ 3:00-4:30 PM**

Registration is not required.  
CATSS is not held when school is closed.

## TEEN NIGHTS (GRADES 6-12) TUESDAYS @ 5:30-7:00 PM

Registration is required for all programs

### September 9: Locker Magnets

Get ready for the new school year with locker must haves! Create a few DIY locker accessories.

### September 16: Roblox: Ember Games

You may bring your own device, or use a device provided by Arrayscape Gaming.

### September 30: Punch Needle Embroidery

Create a piece of embroidery using one of our outlines or create your own design.

### October 7: Stop Motion Animation

Learn the basics of stop motion animation using simple materials, easy to use apps, and a green screen. Create your own mini movie using clay, paper, or LEGO's.

### October 14 and 21: Basic 3D print Workshop

Learn how to turn digital designs into real life objects in this beginner friendly, two-part workshop!

**Participants must attend both sessions.**

- In Session 1: Explore the basics of 3D modeling using free design software.
- In Session 2: Learn how a 3D printer works and prepare your custom design for printing.

### October 28: Learn Mendhi Art

Find out more about the henna plant and its many uses as a dye, fragrance, medicine, and more! Learn how to draw traditional Indian motifs, henna application techniques, and create your own designs.

### November 11: Perler Beads Keychains

Design and create your own keychain using Perler beads. Choose from patterns or come up with your own design.

### November 18: DIY Resin Keychains

Learn how to make your own resin keychain with custom colors, glitter, and more. We'll walk through the basics of working with resin and help you create a piece that's totally your own.

### November 25: Friendsgiving Treats

Make (and enjoy!) a variety of easy, festive treats perfect for sharing.

## TEEN VOLUNTEERS (GRADES 7-12)

For more information or to register, please scan the QR code.



## HOMESCHOOLER TEEN DROP-IN

**Fridays @ 1:00-2:30 PM**

**starting September 26**

Create some crafts, play video games, and hang out with your friends.

## RUBIK'S CORNER (GRADES 3-12)

Registration is required for all programs

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays @ 3:15-4:45 PM, beginning September 19**

Speedcubing is a hobby where someone solves a Rubik's cube as fast as they can. In this Cube Corner, practice your cubing skills and connect with fellow cubing enthusiasts.

## BANNED BOOKS READOUT (GRADES 8-12)

**Tuesday, October 7 @ 7:00-8:30 PM**

The Library's teen volunteers will help us celebrate Banned Books Week 2025 by reading an excerpt of a banned book aloud in front of an audience. The program will be moderated by Dr. Jocelyn A. Chadwick.

## ADULTING ESSENTIALS (GRADES 9-12)

Registration is required for all programs

Learn practical and soft skills that will help you throughout your life. A light dinner will be served at the beginning of all programs.

### Halloween Gnomes

**Wednesday, October 22 @ 6:00-7:00 PM**

Learn how to sew and create your own handsewn gnome.

### Car Care Basics

**Wednesday, November 12 @ 5:00-7:00 PM**

The pros from NP Fuel will teach basic skills every driver should know like: how to check your oil, check your tire pressure, change your wiper blades, change a tire, and more.

# Elementary Programs: Ages 6+

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, AND ATTENDANCE IS OPEN TO THE LISTED AGE GROUPS ONLY.**

## BOOKS & READING

**Book Buddies (Grades K-3)**

**Mondays & Thursdays @ 4:00-5:00 PM**

Listen to stories read by the Library's teen volunteers.

**Books & Woofs (Grades K-5)**

**Monday, September 29, Wednesday, October 22, and Monday, November 24 @ 7:00-8:00 PM**

Practice reading aloud to guide dogs and puppies from Seeing Eye.

**Dog Man Party (Grades K-3)**

**Thursday, November 6 @ 4:00-5:00 PM**

Celebrate Children's Book Week with some Dog Man activities, games, and crafts.

**Storyfaces (Grades K-5)**

**Saturday, November 8 @ 2:00-3:00 PM**

Join artist Christopher Agostino for a one-of-a-kind creative adventure in art through stories and painted faces designed to encourage and inspire young artists.

## SCIENCE, ART, & MATH

**Little Sprouts Garden Club (Grades K-5)**

**Wednesdays @ 4:00-5:00 PM, until October 15**

Participate in special STEAM focused garden lessons and help our garden grow.

**Pearl Observatory Planetarium Show (Grades K-5)**

**Saturday, September 20 @ 2:00-3:00 PM**

Enjoy a planetarium show where you'll explore the night sky, learn about planets, discover how to spot them, trace constellations, and more.

**Family STEAM Club (Grades K-5)**

**Mondays, October 20, and November 17 @ 4:00-5:00 PM**

Join us for science, technology, engineering, and art activities. We will break into groups and explore several experiments.

**Rangoli Workshop (Grades K-5, Families)**

**Thursday, October 23 @ 7:00-8:00 PM**

Celebrate Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, and create Rangoli designs to take home.

**3D Printing Workshop (Grades 3-6)**

**October 29, November 5, and November 19 @ 7:00-8:00 PM**

Learn the fundamentals of 3D design using TinkerCAD, an online CAD software. Laptops will be provided. Attendance at all 3 sessions is required.

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

### FAMILY PROGRAMS

**Crafty Creators (Families)**

Stop by the Think It Lab and create easy to intermediate crafts and experiments to take home or to help decorate the Library.

- **September 14-20: Papel Picado.**
- **September 21-17: Costa Rican Oxcart**
- **September 28-October 4: Maracas**
- **October 5-November 1: Add to our Alebrije.** Design a feather for the Alebrije on the bulletin board in the Activity Corner, to help us celebrate Dia de Muertos.



**Bright Star Theatre: Hispanic Folktales (Grades K-5)**

**Saturday, October 11 @ 2:00-3:00 PM**

This show features a variety of characters from a wide range of cultures in stories that celebrate the various folk tale traditions of the Spanish-speaking world. Come and listen to these high-energy stories being brought to life.

## CHINESE CORNER (GRADES K-5)

**SUNDAYS @ 2:00-3:00 PM**

Chinese corner is an informal immersion program for children who speak Chinese.

**September 14: Happy Yarn**

Use your hands to create beautiful yarn flowers.

**October 19: Sugar Art from China:**

Learn about the history and cultural significance of this Tanghua (糖画) where melted sugar is used to create delicate animals, flowers, and symbols.

**November 9: Weapons in History**

Through funny comics, we'll journey through the evolution of Western weapons—shaped by European history, religion, architecture, and epic battles.



## TEAL PUMPKIN: OCTOBER 31

The Library will be a Teal Pumpkin Location for Halloween! Stop by the Library to Trick or Treat for prizes on Friday, October 31.



# Preschool Programs: Ages 6 months-6 years

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, AND ATTENDANCE IS OPEN TO THE LISTED AGE GROUPS ONLY.**

## **PRESCHOOL STORYTIME SCHEDULE: BEGINS SEPTEMBER 22**

**Baby Bookworms (Ages 6 months-2 years). Mondays @ 10:00-10:30 & 10:30-11:00 AM**

Age-appropriate songs, bounces, rhymes and stories.

**Listen, Play, Create (Ages 2 years-6 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 (Ages 6 months-6 years). 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 10:00-10:30 AM**

Age-appropriate stories, rhymes, activities, and songs in Spanish.

## **SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR PRESCHOOLERS**

**Exploration Stations (Ages 2-6)**

**Tuesday, September 16**

**@ 10:00 AM-11:00 AM and 11:30 AM-12:30 PM**

10 themed sensory stations with 2-3 activities per station. Come and explore each station together by using pretend play, stories and games to learn about different themes.

**Magic of Make Believe (Ages 3-6)**

**Wednesdays, September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 17 @ 1:30-2:15 PM**

Join us for a program series that blends theater games, music, movement, and imaginative play designed to spark creativity, build confidence, and nurture social-emotional growth in early childhood. Please plan to attend all four sessions.

**Freedom to Read Storytime (Ages 2-6)**

**Saturday, October 4 @ 11:00-11:45 AM**

Let's celebrate every child's freedom to read by sharing picture books that have been banned or challenged around the country. Age-appropriate songs, rhymes, a craft and stories will be shared.

**Crafty Creators (Families): Dinovember**

**November 2-30, while the Library is open**

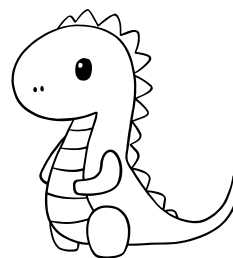
Let's celebrate "Dinovember" in the Think It Lab with a different dinosaur craft each week throughout the month!



On behalf of the 1,000 Books Foundation, the Friends of Summit Free Public Library, and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, we invite you to participate in this free program encouraging families to read 1,000 books before kindergarten.

The idea is simple, and the benefits are priceless: read with your child - any book, at any pace, and as often as you like (repeats count!).

To learn more or to sign up, please scan the code or stop by the Ask Us desk.



## **AUTUMN STORYWALK® TITLES**

The StoryWalk® features a full length picture book story on 20 signs around the bushes on the Library's front lawn. All you have to do is follow the stone path around the lawn to read the whole story.

If you would like to listen to the story while you walk around the stone path, call the library's Dial-A-Story number at (908) 277-9480, and press 1. The story told on our Dial-A-Story will change at the same time StoryWalk® changes.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

- **September: *Pete the Cat: Rocking in my School Shoes*, by Eric Litwin**
- **October: *The Lizard and the Sun / La Lagartija Y El Sol*, by Alma Flor Ada**
- **November: *Stone Soup*, by Marcia Brown**

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**Sat. 9/13, 2:00-3:00PM**  
***Puerto Rican Empanada Making Class***

**Mon. 9/15, 12:30 & 6:30PM**  
***Film: Miguelito: Song to Puerto Rico***

**Sun. 9/21, 2:00-3:00PM**  
***Concert: Mariachi Sones de mi Tierra***

**Mon. 9/22, 12:30 & 6:30PM**  
***Film: Neruda***

**Thu. 9/25, 7:00-8:00PM**  
***Hidden Murals and a Lost Artist: Roberto de la Selva***

**Tue.. 9/30, 7:00-8:00PM**  
***Bachata and Salsa dance class***

**Mon. 9/29, 12:30 & 6:30PM**  
***Film: Landfill Harmonic***

**Thu. 10/2, 2:00-3:00PM**  
***Virtual Book Talk: Nuestra América***

**Sun. 10/5, 2:00-3:00PM**  
***Concert: Carlos Pavan, classical guitar***

**Mon. 10/6, 12:30 & 6:30PM**  
***Film: Roma***

**Sat. 10/11, 2:00-3:00PM**  
***Bright Star Theatre: Hispanic Folktales (Grades K-5)***

**Mon. 10/13, 12:30 & 6:30PM**  
***Film: Los Lobos***

**Tue. 10/14, 7:00-8:00PM**  
***Concert & Talk: A Window to the Music Traditions of the Andes Mountains***

**PROGRAMS FROM  
SEPTEMBER 13  
THROUGH  
OCTOBER 14**