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Winter 2014/15

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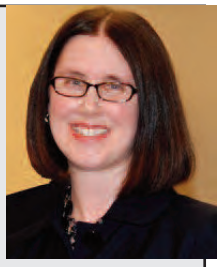


The Camden County Library System is offering residents the opportunity to get a high school diploma online. The program, called Career Online High School, is made possible by a grant awarded to the New Jersey State Library from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Thirty five scholarship recipients will have the convenience of anytime-anywhere, select a career pathway and gain career skills along with their diploma.

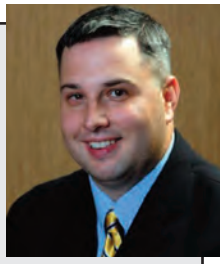
Literacy is critical to gaining employment and advancing education but unfortunately many residents still struggle with reading. The Library is now offering free reading classes for native English speaking and non-native speaking adults at our Nilsa-Cruz Perez Branch in Camden. Please call or visit the branch to sign up for classes or get more information.

Many children in Camden County do not have them in their homes. We are asking for donations of new and/or gently-used books for our annual Books for Kids Holiday Campaign, presented in partnership with the Camden County Department of Children's Services. All books collected will be distributed to area children in time for the holidays.

These programs are important and exciting because of the connections they make with the communities we serve. At the Camden County Library, we strive not only to change the lives of residents, but to improve our communities and help them to reach their aspirations and goals.

Linda A. Devlin, Director

Freeholder Leonard



Dear Friends:
Welcome to the winter edition of the Camden County Library System newsletter!

As we approach the holiday season the library system offers tidings of joy for your family to enjoy. Your library is bringing in the New Year early with a countdown, crafts, stories, and lots of fun for the kids.

Once the cold weather arrives you will definitely want to escape the winter blahs and enjoy a "Hula in the Coola", an indoor luau, designed to give you a break from the cold so you can think warm, happy thoughts. Dreams become reality with a little help from your imagination you could be anywhere and do anything…even be in the Chocolate Olympics.

The library makes your chocolate wishes come true with pie eating contests, chocolate games, relay races and all the chocolatey fun you can stand. The magic doesn't end.

There's also a magical guest at your library this season! Elsa the Ice Queen, will bring mystical stories and songs that will bring a smile to your little one's face.

The library gives your family the endless gift of exploration this and every season. I wish you and your family a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and hope that the library will give you one more reason to celebrate the season.

Ian K.Leonard, Freeholder Liaison

Give the Gift of Reading to Kids this Holiday Season

Please donate books at any branch from November 8 thru December 6

Each year we ask our customers to donate new and gently-used books to our Books for Kids Holiday Campaign.

You can help foster and develop a love of reading for children in Camden County who don't have enough books of their own to read.

It's easy. Just drop off your donation(s) at any one of our branch library locations – Bellmawr, Riletta I. Cream - Ferry Avenue (Camden), Gloucester Twp., Haddon Twp. Merchantville, Nilsa I.Cruz-Perez Downtown Branch (Camden), South County (Winslow Twp.) and Voorhees.

All books collected will be distributed in time for the holidays by the Camden County Children's Services Department to children who live throughout the county. Knowing the importance of literacy, a donated children's book truly is a gift that keeps on giving.

Earn Your Accredited High School Diploma and a Career Certificate through the Camden County Library System

The Camden County Library System is offering adults in its 27 member communities the chance to earn an accredited high school diploma through New Jersey's Career Online High School.

Made possible by a grant awarded to the New Jersey State Library from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, we are offering 35 scholarships that allow qualified candidates free access to the program. Our library is one of six statewide, and the only one in the South Jersey region, selected by the State Library to offer the Career Online High School. Enrolled participants will have the opportunity to earn a diploma complemented by a credentialed career certificate in one of eight possible fields. The program is for residents who dropped out of high school and have not returned nor taken the GED exam.

Participants must be at least 19 years of age and have completed at least one year of high school.

Scholarship recipients will be able to work toward their high school diploma completely online, giving them the convenience of an anytime-anywhere online learning platform and the ability to select a career pathway to gain skills in high-growth, high-demand job disciplines.

"We're excited to offer Career Online High School which could be a real life-changer for some residents in the communities we serve. It's a major undertaking for the library and its partners, but we're ready to meet this critical need as we expand how libraries serve their communities," says Camden County Library System Director Linda Devlin.

The Camden County Freeholders enthusiastically support the library's Career Online High School. "This initiative demonstrates the Freeholder Board's and the Library's commitment to educational opportunities in Camden County," says Freeholder Ian Leonard, liaison to Camden County Library System. "It gives students a unique opportunity to get back on an educational track by earning a diploma."

"Without a high school diploma and a college education it can be more difficult to find gainful employment in today's economy," Leonard says. "That is why we encourage anyone who has not completed high school to contact the Camden County Library System to learn more about this program."

The library is recruiting and selecting qualified candidates on a rolling admission basis until March 2015 or until all of the 35 seats have been filled.

If you're interested in applying for one of the scholarships, go online to fill out a self-assessment questionnaire as a first step toward qualifying at www.camdencountylibrary.org/career-online-high-school or call (856) 772-7356.

Kids System Wide Programs

Stories With Elsa

See branch pages for ages.

This January, Elsa the Ice Queen visits all 8 branches of the Camden County Library System. Come and listen to her magical stories and songs.

Merchantville:
Wednesday, January 7, 3:30 p.m.

Riletta L. Cream - Ferry Avenue Branch:
Saturday, January 10, 11 a.m.

Vogelson:
Sunday, January 11, 2 p.m.

Bellmawr:
Tuesday, January 13, 4 p.m.

Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez Downtown Branch:
Saturday, January 17, 2 p.m.

Gloucester Township:
Thursday, January 22, 6:30 p.m.

South County:
Saturday, January 24, 11 a.m.

Haddon Township:
Monday, January 26, 6:30 p.m.

2015 Read in the New Year

See branch pages for ages.

It may be past bedtime when the clock strikes midnight, but you can celebrate the New Year a little early! Our New Year's Eve celebrations designed especially for kids will include a countdown, craft, stories, and lots of fun.

Merchantville: Wednesday, December 17, 3:30 p.m.

Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez Downtown Branch:
Saturday, December 27, 11 a.m.

Haddon Township: Wednesday, December 31, 11 a.m.

South County: Tuesday, December 31, 11 a.m.

Gloucester Township: Tuesday, December 31, 11:15 a.m.

Bellmawr: Tuesday, December 31, 11:30 a.m.

Riletta L. Cream - Ferry Avenue Branch:
Tuesday, December 31, 11:30 a.m.

Hula in the Coola

See branch pages for ages.

Hula in the Coola is a day for those longing to escape the winter doldrums and laugh at the cold with a luau party. Put away your winter coats, get out your shorts and flip flops, and say "Aloha". Join us for crafts and fun!

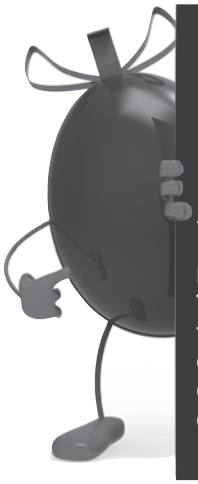
Gloucester Township: Monday, January 12, 6:30 p.m.

Riletta L. Cream - Ferry Avenue Branch:
Friday, January 16, 3:30 p.m.

South County: Friday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.

Merchantville: Wednesday, January 28, 3:30 p.m.

Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez Downtown Branch:
Saturday, January 31, 11 a.m.



Chocolate Olympics

See branch pages for ages.

Love chocolate? Then this is the program for you! Join us for chocolate-filled contests, games, races and lots of chocolatey fun!

Haddon Township:
Monday February 2, 6:30 p.m.

Merchantville:
Wednesday, February 11, 3:30 p.m.

Riletta L. Cream - Ferry Avenue Branch:
Wednesday, February 11, 4 p.m.

Gloucester Township:
Wednesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.

Bellmawr:
Thursday, February 13, all day

South County:
Saturday, February 14, 3 p.m.

Voorhees:
Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.

Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez Downtown Branch:
Saturday, February 14, 11 a.m.

WINTER MUSIC SERIES

Come in from the cold and let some of our favorite musical performers warm you up with their energy and song!

Mark Carroll and Family

All ages

Enjoy some traditional Celtic music that will warm your heart and spirit and get your toes tapping! Mark also plays music some of the early Americans would have enjoyed during the holidays in colonial times.

Merchantville:
Wednesday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.
Voorhees: Tuesday, December 9, 7 p.m.

Westmont Philharmonia Accordion Orchestra

All ages

Enjoy a cultural afternoon with the Westmont Philharmonia Accordion Orchestra. The orchestra has a symphonic sound produced by unique arrangements and voicing of instrumentation. Meet the accordion treated as a symphonic instrument.

Haddon Township:
Saturday, December 6, 3 p.m.

Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration with the Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble

All ages

Honor the beauty of African culture and family at this workshop and performance for all ages offered by Camden's own Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble.

Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez Downtown Branch:
Saturday, December 6, 11 a.m.

Riletta L. Cream Ferry Avenue Branch:
Saturday, December 6, 2 p.m.

Shades of Harmony

All ages

Shades of Harmony, an all women's chorus, will treat you to a delightful holiday performance of a capella barbershop harmony.

Bellmawr: Saturday, December 6, 11 a.m.

Abe Speller 3rio Holiday Concert

All ages

The Abe Speller 3rio, formerly known as The New Earth Trio, is back with a Holiday Concert! Abe has put together a trio of passionate musicians in the belief that everything modern has firm roots in the past. Enjoy the music as they perform jazz standards from the Great American Songbook.

South County: Friday, December 5, 7 p.m.

Camden County College Jazz Ensemble

All ages

Relax and enjoy an afternoon listening to a selection of jazz standards and favorites.

Voorhees: Saturday, December 13, 1 p.m.

Haddonfield Cello Society

All ages

A program of songs from around the world including many popular favorites. Singing along is encouraged!

Merchantville:
Wednesday, December 10, 7 p.m.

Adult Book Clubs

Bellmawr

Bellmawr Library Detectives Book Club
Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

December 3

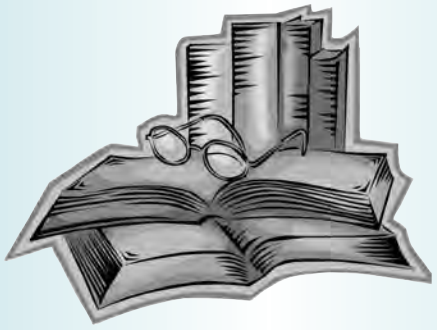
Partner in Crime by J.A.Jance
Big city homicide detective J.P.Beaumont and small town sheriff Joanna Brady join forces to solve the murder of an out-of-state attorney in Brady's jurisdiction.

January 21

That Old Black Magic by Mary Jane Clark
Aspiring actress and wedding-cake decorator Piper Donovan arrives in New Orleans to perfect her pastry skills at a renowned French Quarter Bakery, but a ghastly murder rocks this magical city.

February 18

Too Much Stuff by Don Bruns
One and a quarter million dollars in gold disappears during a 1935 hurricane in the Florida Keys.



Gloucester Township

Third Thursday Book Chat
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

December 18

The Paris Wife by Paula Mclain
In this fictional memoir, Hadley Hemingway chronicles the life and career of her husband, famed twentieth century writer Ernest Hemingway. Through Hadley's unique perspective, get a behind-the-scenes look into the personal lives of the Lost Generation writers, including Scott Fitzgerald, Gertrude Stein, and Ezra Pound.

January 15

*Unbroke*n by Laura Hillenbrand
On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared--Lt. Louis Zamperini. Captured by the Japanese and driven to the limits of endurance, Zamperini would answer desperation with ingenuity; suffering with hope, resolve, and humor.

February 19

Innocent by Harlan Coben
The horror of one night is forever etched in Matt Hunter's memory; the night he innocently tried to break up a fight-and ended up a killer. Now nine years after his release from prison, his innocence long forgotten, he's an ex-con who takes nothing for granted. Unwilling to lose everything for a second time, Matt and Olivia are forced outside the law in a desperate attempt to save their future together.

Adult Book Clubs

Haddon Township

Fourth Thursday Evening Book Discussion Group
7:15 - 8:45 p.m.

December 11
(Second Thursday)
A Jury of His Peers
by Jay Brandon
This short story is based on a historical mystery with events that occurred in Texas in 1842. Copies are available at the library.

January 22
Orphan Train
by Christina Baker Kline
Close to aging out of the foster care system, Molly Ayer takes a position helping an elderly woman named Vivian and discovers that they are more alike than different as she helps Vivian solve a mystery from her past.

February 26
The Art Forger
by Barbara A. Shapiro
An artist whose reputation has been tarnished stumbles on a piece of art that disappeared twenty-five years ago and agrees to forge it for a gallery owner, until she realizes that the art she is forging may itself be a forgery.

The Speculative Reader : Science Fiction, Fantasy and More
Adults
Tuesdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

December 9
Rite of Passage by Alexei Panshin
"Published originally in 1968, Alexei Panshin's Nebula Award-winning classic has lost none of its relevance, with its keen exploration of societal stagnation and the resilience of youth."
--Amazon

January 13
Railsea by China Mieville
"(Miéville) gives all readers a lot to dig into here, be it emotional drama, Godzilla-esque monster carnage, or the high adventure that comes only with riding the rails."—USA Today

February 10
Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro
The students of Hailsham, an elite English school in a brave new world, know they are very special; they don't know why, but they are going to find out.

South County

The "Tired Eyes" Book Club
Mondays, 7 – 8:45 p.m.
January 12

The "Tired Eyes" kick off the New Year with two great reads:
Lisa See's latest bestseller, *China Dolls,* and John Steinbeck's classic,
Travels with Charley: In Search of America.
New members are always welcome.

Adult Book Clubs

M. Allan Vogelson Branch

The Next Chapter Book Club
Thursdays, 7 p.m.

December 4, 11, 18,
January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26.

The Next Chapter Book Club (NCBC) offers weekly opportunities for adults and older teens with intellectual and developmental disabilities to read and learn together, talk about books, and make friends in a relaxed, community setting. Please contact Rosemary Scalese at 856-772-1636 x7350 or rscalese@camdencountylibrary.org for more information. Space is limited.

Short Story Discussion
Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

Take part in thought-provoking discussions of contemporary and classic short stories. Program is in conjunction with Kennedy Eldermed. Pick up stories at the Information Desk on the 1st floor.

December 9
On The Streets by William Trevor.

January 13
Hearts and Hands by O'Henry.

February 10
The Years of My Birth by Louise Erdrich.

Real Life Reads Book Group
Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m.

December 16
The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Olympics
by Daniel James Brown
In the depths of the great Depression, nine working class college boys unite as a team to go for the gold!

January 20
Argo: How the CIA and Hollywood Pulled off the Most Audacious Rescue in History
by Antonio J. Mendez and Matt Baglio
A dramatic account of a lesser-known aspect of the 1979 Iran hostage crisis recalls a high-risk mission to rescue hostages in Tehran conducted in the guise of a movie scouting expedition.

February 17
Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and *My Journey from Homeless to Harvard*
by Liz Murray
Living on the streets at age fifteen, Liz Murray overcomes seemingly insurmountable obstacles to make it to Harvard.

Literary Café: Book Club / Book Signing
Thursdays, 7 p.m.

December 18
Blackbird House by Alice Hoffman
Presents a series of interlinking stories that capture the lives and fortunes of the various occupants of an old Massachusetts house over the course of two centuries.

January 29
China Dolls by Lisa See
Three Asian-American girls audition for roles at an exclusive San Francisco nightclub, relying on each other for support until the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor causes one of them to be betrayed and sent to an internment camp. Skype Chat with Lisa See.

February19
Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline
Close to aging out of the foster care system, Penobscot Indian Molly Ayer takes a community service job helping an elderly woman clean out her home and discovers they have a lot in common as she helps the woman solve a mystery from her past.

Bellmawr Branch

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SignUp @ camdencountylibrary.org/events or call 856-931-1400.

Adults

Library Detectives Book Club
Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
December 3, January 21 and February 18
See page 6 for details.

Shades of Harmony
Families
Saturday, December 6, 11 a.m

Shades of Harmony, an all women's chorus, will treat you to a delightful holiday performance of a capella barbershop harmony
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Bellmawr Borough Tree Lighting
Families
Sunday, December 7, 6 - 8 p.m.
Start the holiday season with the annual lighting of the Bellmawr Borough tree located by the library. The library will be open that evening so stop in for a treat, check out a book or go online. Spread goodwill this season by bringing a canned good to donate to the South Jersey Food Bank, an organization that helps many families in this area.

Sip & Mingle Coffee Break
Adult
Tuesdays, December 9, January 13, February 10, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.
Stop in for a cup of coffee and a tasty treat while you look for a book, read a magazine and chat with staff.

Kids & Families

Toddler Tales
Ages 18 - 36 months, with caregiver
Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, January 5, 12, 26, February 2, 9, 23, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft.

Crafts
Grades 1 – 4
Mondays, December 1, 8, January 5, 12, 26, February 2, 9, 23, 3:45 p.m.
Make beautiful crafts with seasonal materials.

PJ Story Time
Ages 2 - 6
Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16, January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, 7 p.m.
Stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft.

Babies' Playtime
Ages Birth - 18 months, with caregiver
Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, 11 a.m.
Stories, songs and fingerplays followed by free play.

Story Time
Ages 3 - 5
Thursdays, December 4, 11, 18, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft.

Friday Fun
Families
Fridays, December 5, 12, 19, 26, 4 - 5 p.m.
Take a break during the hectic holiday season! We're pulling out the puzzles, games and cards. Bring your friends and spend an hour at play.

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Candyland
Ages 4 - 10
Tuesday, December 9, 4 p.m.
Play a lifesize game of Candyland with candy prizes.

Holiday Houses

Grades 1 - 6
Monday, December 15, 3:45 p.m.
Decorate graham cracker houses with candy and other edible decorations.

Read in the New Year
Ages 3 - 7
Wednesday, December 31, 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.
See page 4 for details.

Stories with Elsa
Grades Pre-K - 4
Tuesday, January 13, 4 p.m.
See page 4 for details.

Bingo
Grades 1 – 6
Wednesday, January 28, February 25, 4 p.m.
Play Bingo. Snacks and prizes included.

Chocolate Olympics
All ages
Friday, February 13, all day
See page 4 for details.

Bellmawr Branch

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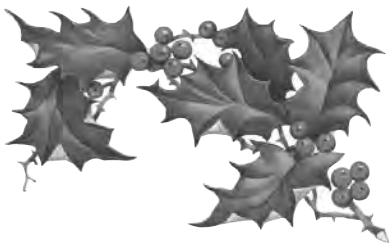
Teens and Tweens

Lego Maniacs
Grades 5 and up
Wednesdays, December 10, January 14, February 11, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Love Legos? Join our Lego Maniacs building party.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Grades 5 - 12
Thursdays, December 11, January 22, February 19, 4 - 5 p.m.
Start the new year off right. Be a Voluntween/Volunteen at the Bellmawr Branch of the Camden County Library. It's an easy way to earn community service hours.

Teen Tuesday with Ms. Barbara
Grades 5 - 12
Tuesdays, December 16, January 20, February 17, 4 - 5 p.m.
Make a cool craft on a snowy day with Ms. Barbara.

Wearable Art
Grades 6 and up
Wednesday, December 17, 6 - 8 p.m.
See page 25 for details.



Unusual Animals
Grades 5 and up
Monday, December 22, 4 - 5:30 p.m
Meet Speedy and Charlie the Box Turtles, Sunshine and Lily the Tarantulas, Cupcake the Rat and Crusty the Crab.

Teen Movie Night
Grades 6 and up
Friday, January 16, 5:30 - 8 p.m.
Join us for a great movie. We'll provide the popcorn if you provide the enthusiasm.

Free Tax Assistance

Vogelson Branch
Tax help from VITA and AARP for low and moderate income taxpayers and seniors. No appointments, space is limited.
AARP
Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7,14, Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, April 2, 9, 11 a.m.
VITA
Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 4:30 p.m.

Bellmawr Branch
Tax help from AARP for low and moderate income taxpayers and seniors. No appointments, space is limited.
Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7,14, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Gloucester Township Branch
Tax help from AARP for low and moderate income taxpayers and seniors. No appointments, space is limited.
Fridays, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Haddon Township Branch
Tax help from AARP for low and moderate income taxpayers and seniors. First come, first served, space is limited.
Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, Noon – 4 p.m.

Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez Downtown Branch
Tax help from VITA-trained Rutgers-Camden Law School students. First come, first served only.
Approximately 10 returns can be completed per session.
Tuesdays, January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 24, 31, April 7, 14,
Wednesdays, January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 25, April 8, 4 p.m.,
Saturdays, January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7, 28, April 4, 12 noon

South County
Tax help from AARP for low and moderate income taxpayers and seniors. No appointments, space is limited.
February 1 to April 15, Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Riletta L. Cream Ferry Avenue Branch

Please register for all programs in advance beginning three weeks prior to start date.
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Adults

Chair Yoga
Adults
Monday, November 17, 24,
December 1, 8 11 a.m.
Instructor Ritu Pandya teaches a gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting on a chair.

Decoupage Boxes
Adults
Tuesday, December 2, 10:30 a.m.
See page 25 for details.

Computer Classes for Adults

Microsoft Word
Mondays, December 8, February 9,
10 a.m.
Tuesday, January 13, 10 a.m.
Overview of the basic functions of Microsoft Word. Begin to create letters and other documents.

Gmail
Tuesdays, December 9, February 10 ,
Monday, January 12,
10 a.m.
Learn the basics of setting up and using Gmail. By the end of the session you will have your own email account.

Internet Searching & CCLS Databases
Mondays, December 22, February 23,
Tuesday, January 26,
10 a.m.
Learn basic research skills using the internet and CCLS databases.

Creating Resumes using Microsoft Templates
Tuesdays, December 23, January 27,
Monday, February 23,
10 a.m.
Create a basic professional resume using templates on the library computers.

Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration
All ages
Saturday, December 6, 2 p.m.
Honor the beauty of African culture and family at this workshop and performance for all ages offered by Camden's own Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble.

African American Film Festival
Adults
Thursday, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2 p.m.
Watch a film and enjoy a snack.
February 5, February 12, February 19, February 26. Call for titles.

Kids, Teens & Tweens and Families

Family Yoga
All ages
Monday, December 1, 3:45 p.m.
Instructor Ritu Pandya teaches basic gentle yoga stretches for all ages.

Homework Help
All ages
Monday, December 1, 8, January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, 3 p.m.
Rutgers Education students provide homework help after-school.

Tutor Time!
All ages
Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16,
January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, 3:30 p.m.
Thursdays, December 4, 11,
January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26
3:30 p.m.
Get your homework done in with a little extra help from a Cooper/Rowan Medical School Student.

Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration
All ages
Saturday, December 6, 2 p.m.
Honor the beauty of African culture and family at this workshop and performance for all ages offered by Camden's own Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble.

Holiday Stories around the World
All ages
Monday, December 8, 6 p.m.
Join Ms. Lisa for a cup of hot cocoa and a snack as she reads holiday stories from around the world.

Winter Ornament Decorating
Ages 6 and up
Wednesday, December 10, 3:30 pm
Show off your creativity and decorate a winter ornament.

HoopFrenZ
All ages
Saturday, December 13, 2:00-2:45 p.m.
Monday, January 26, February 23
4:30-5:15 p.m.
Instructor Ms. Jen teaches hula hooping. Join your friends, learn some great hooping tricks and techniques, and have fun!

Roboodyessy
4th grade and up
Wednesday, December 17, 3:15 p.m.
See page 25 for details.

Cookie Decorating
Ages 5 and up
Monday, December 22, 3 p.m.
Decorate cookies with Ms. Lisa. Limit of 25 participants.

Drop-in Craft Day
Ages 5 and up
Tuesday, December 30 2 p.m.
Wednesdays, January 14, February 18
3 p.m.
Melt Perler beads to make fun creations.

Read in the New Year
All ages
Wednesday, December 31, 11:30 a.m.
See page 4 for details.

Stories with Elsa
All ages
Saturday, January 10, 11 a.m.
See page 4 for details.

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Family Movie Day
All Ages
Saturday, January 10, February 21, 2 p.m.
Enjoy a family friendly movie and a snack. Check with Ms. Lisa for titles.

Evening Storytime
All ages
Monday, January 12, February 9, 6 p.m.
Enjoy a cup of hot cocoa with Ms. Lisa while she reads you stories about winter, animals, and snow!

Hula in the Coola
All ages
Friday, January 16, 3:30 p.m.
See page 4 for details.

LegoMania
Ages 5 and up
Wednesday, January 7, 21, February 4, 25, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Play with Legos provided by the library.

Board Game Day
Ages 7 and up
Friday, January 23, February 27 3:30 p.m.
Play a board game provided by the library with friends!

Chocolate Olympics
Ages 5 and up
Wednesday, February 11, 4 p.m.
See page 4 for details.

This Winter is "Despicable"!
Ages 5 and up
Saturday, February 21, 11:30 am
There's a "Minion" reasons to read this winter… join this "despicable" winter party. The movie will be shown later in the day at 2 p.m.

Hula Hoop fun at the Ferry Avenue Branch on August 8.

Lego Fun at the Ferry Avenue Branch on September 5.

Lots of laughs during the Brian Richards magic Show at the Ferry Avenue Branch on July 1.

Gloucester Township Branch

Please register for all programs in advance beginning three weeks prior to start date.
SignUp @ camdencountylibrary.org/events or call 856-228-0022.

Adults

Grave-Hopping Among the Cemetery Stones
Adults/Teens
Tuesday, December 2, 7 p.m

Bowling the Wii Way
Adults
Fridays, December 5, 19, January 9, 23, February 6, 20, 2:30 p.m.
Beginners are welcome as we bowl and play Wii games.

Third Thursday Book Chat
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

December 18- Fiction
The Paris Wife by Paula McLain

January 15- Nonfiction
Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

February 19 -Mystery
Innocent by Harlan Coben

See page 6 for details.

Kids and Families

Snuggle Up with a Story
Grades K - 3
Thursday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.
Enjoy a cozy night in the library with winter stories and songs plus hot cocoa, marshmallows, and cookies.

Story Time
Ages 3-5
Tuesdays, December 16, January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 10:30 a.m.
Stories, songs, fingerplays, and a craft.

Toddler Time
Ages 18 - 36 months with caregiver
Wednesdays, December 17, January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 10:30 a.m.
Stories, songs, fingerplays, and a craft.

Lego Club
Ages 6 – 13
Wednesdays, December 17, January 7 February 4, 6:30 p.m.
Each month we will have a theme to challenge the imagination .

Wiggles & Giggles
Ages birth – 18 months with caregiver
Fridays, December 19, January 9, 16, 30, 10:30 a.m.
Stories, songs, and playtime.

Read in the New Year
Family
Wednesday, December 31, 11:15 a.m.
See page 4 for details.

Hula in the Coola
Family
Monday, January 12, 6:30 p.m.
See page 4 for details.

Stories with Elsa
Ages 3 - 8
Thursday, January 22, 6:30 p.m.
See page 4 for details.

Kids' Kitchen
Family
Thursday, February 19, 3:45 p.m.
Make a special treat to ring in the Chinese New Year.

4th Annual Cupcake Challenge
Family
Saturday, February 21, 10:30 a.m.
Think you can be the next Cake Boss? Show off your cupcake decorating skills. We provide the cupcakes and decorations, you supply the imagination! Prizes for most creative.

Teens & Tweens

Minecraft Club Challenge
Grade 3 - 8
Tuesdays, December 2, January 6, February 3, 3:45 p.m.
What can you build during our Minecraft Challenge? Registration.

Robodyssey
Grade 4 -12
Thursday, December 4, 3 p.m.
See page 25 for details.

Gingerbread House Challenge
Grades 4 -12
Tuesday December 9, 6:30 p.m.
Get in the holiday spirit by making your own ginger bread house. All materials will be provided, registration is a MUST.

Science Scene
Grades 4 - 8
Wednesdays December 10, January 21 February 25, 6:30 p.m.
Each month we will be trying out different science experiments. Please dress to mess. Registration is required.

Teen Holiday Movie
Grades 6 - 12
Saturday, December 20, 2:30
Come see a frightfully good holiday movie. Snacks will be provided.

Book Bites
Grades 6 - 12
Wednesday, January 14, 6:30 p.m.
This month our Book Bites will read and discuss *John Green's Paper Towns* – coming to the theaters this summer!!!
Pizza will be provided,

Art Club
Grades 4 - 8
Tuesdays, January 27 and February 24, 6:30 p.m.
Each month explore a new art technique, all supplies will be provided, dress to create.

Maker Space @ Gloucester Township
Grades 4 - 8
Tuesday, February 10, 6:30 p.m.
We will make balloon powered cars.

Chocolate Olympics
Grades 6 - 12
Wednesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.
See page 4 for details.

Haddon Township Branch

Please register for all programs in advance beginning three weeks prior to start date.

SignUp @ camdencountylibrary.org/events or call 856-854-2752.

Adults

Canvas Paint Night
Adults
Wednesday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.
See page 25 for details.

Westmont Philharmonia Accordion Orchestra
All ages
Saturday, December 6, 3 p.m.
See page 5 for details.

Sew So Easy
Ages 16 and up
Monday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.
See page 25 for details.

Mousing and More: Computers for Seniors
Adults
Friday, December 12,
10:15 a.m. - 12 noon
Learn basic computer skills, including how to use the mouse and some web basics. No previous experience necessary. Non-seniors also welcome.

Web Basics for Seniors
Adults
Fridays, January 9, February 1,
10:15 a.m. – 12 noon
Learn basic web skills, including how to get on the web, how to navigate, and how to search. You must have some mousing experience and be able to enter small amounts of text. Non-seniors also welcome.

Ancestry.com 101
Adults
Friday, February 6, 10 - 11:45 a.m.
Explore your family tree at the library and let us help you discover who you are. Haddon is offering a beginner's class in genealogy using the in-library database AncestryLibrary.com. Space is limited, registration is required.

Book Clubs

The Speculative Reader: Science Fiction, Fantasy and More
Tuesdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

December 9
Rite of Passage by Alexei Panshin

January 13
Railsea by China Mieville

February 10
Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro

Fourth Thursday Evening Book Discussion Group
Thursdays , 7:15 - 8:45 p.m.

December 11
A Jury of His Peers by Jay Brandon

January 22
Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline

February 26
The Art Forger by Barbara A. Shapiro

See page 7 for details.

Kids and Families

Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Center
Ages 3 and up
Monday, December 1, 6:30 p.m.
Meet some of New Jersey's neatest wild animals! Learn how you can help protect these amazing creatures.

Backyard Birds
Ages 3 - 5
Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 10:30 a.m.
Let's go bird watching and see what we can find. Which birds are spending the winter with us and which ones are on vacation down south? Stories, shaky eggs and art projects for your pre-schooler.

Teddy Bear Time
Ages 12 - 36 months
Thursdays, December 4, 11, January 8, 15, February 5, 12, 10:30 a.m.
Books, songs and felt board fun for you and your toddler.

Lego Club
Ages 8 - 12
Mondays, December 15, January 12, February 9, 4 p.m.
A box full of little plastic blocks can become rockets, castles, robots or whatever you can envision. Our monthly quests and themed challenges will help you exercise your imagination.

Lego Junior
Ages 5 - 7
Tuesdays, December 16, January 20, February 17, 4 p.m.
Now there is a Lego program for all the younger kids! Use the library's Legos and create masterpieces based on our theme of the day.

The Making Space
Independent Kids
On Monday, December 22, we will be opening The Making Space. There will be items for kids to make independently in our library using library-supplied equipment and materials, craft kits to take home and make on your own, board games to play in the library, and a picture gallery for show and tell.

Read in the New Year
Families
Wednesday December 31, 11 a.m.
See page 4 for details.

Into the Jungle
Ages 3 – 5
Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 10:30 a.m.
We went into the jungle and what did we find? Elephants, flamingos, meercats and more. We will be singing, listening and making some art projects, so come join our safari.

Haddon Township Branch

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Stories With Elsa
Families
Monday, January 26, 6:30 p.m
See page 4 for details.

Whale of a Tale
Ages 3 – 5
Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 10:30 a.m.
We put out to sea and discovered ocean critters and pirates. So hop aboard and set sail for fun and adventure through stories, songs and art.

Chocolate Olympics
Families
Monday, February 2, 6:30 p.m.
See page 4 for details.

Teens & Tweens

Sew So Easy
Ages 16 and up
Monday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.
See page 25 for details.

Anime and Manga Club
Grades 6 - 12
Thursdays, December 18, January 15, February 19, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
Watch and discuss anime series and practice drawing Manga with professional Manga artists. Work at your own pace while having fun.

Shimmering Magazine Bowls
Grades 5 - 12
Tuesday, December 16, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
Make colorful shimmering bowls from coiled magazine strips. Fun to make, these bowls are beautiful, useable and perfect for gift giving.

Learn to Knit
Grades 5 - 12
Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
It's cold outside! Learn how to knit something warm in four easy classes. By the end of the program you will not only have learned knitting basics, you will leave with a finished product!

Make 'n Take Valentines
Grades 5 - 12
Monday, February 9 through Friday, February 13
Look for a table with all kinds of fun card making materials the week before Valentine's Day. Make and take a valentine for your sweetheart and then make and leave one for a homebound senior. The library will distribute the valentines for seniors.

Candy Jewelry
Grades 6 - 12
Tuesday, February 24, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Did you know that gumballs strung together look just like pearls? We'll use an assortment of candy to make jewelry that looks great and tastes great too.

Teen Book Chat

Grades 9 - 12
Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Spend time with other teens discussing books you'll love. Snacks provided.
The library will have a limited number of books available to borrow.

December 4
Cinder by Marissa Meyer
"Singing mice and glass slippers are replaced with snarky androids and mechanical feet in this richly imagined and darkly subversive retelling of 'Cinderella.'"—Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books,

January 8
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
An extraordinary story about a young thief, some words, an accordion, a Jewish fist fighter, Nazi Germany, and the ability of books to feed the soul… --litlovers.com

February 5
If I Stay by Gayle Forman
A powerful story of a girl who, having lost everything, must decide between life and death. Intensely moving, the novel will force readers to take stock of their lives and the people and things that make them worth living.
--Publisher's Description

Merchantville Branch

Please register for all programs in advance beginning three weeks prior to start date.
SignUp @ camdencountylibrary.org/events or call 856-665-3128.

Adults

Mark Carroll's Irish Music
Traditional Irish music that will lift your heart and spirit!
Wednesday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.
See page 5 for details.

Haddonfield Cello Society
A program of songs from around the world.
Wednesday, December 10, 7 p.m.
See page 5 for details.

Kids & Families

Let's Get Jolly Holly!
Grades Pre-K – 5
Wednesday, December 3, 3:30 p.m.
Jolly seasonal make and takes!

Mr. Malcolm presents "A Christmas Carol"
Grades Pre-K – 5
Wednesday, December 10, 3:30 p.m.
Mr. Malcolm returns for this classic!

Read In The New Year!
Grades Pre-K – 5
Wednesday, December 17, 3:30 p.m.
Out with the old!
See page 4 for details.

Stories with Elsa
Grades Pre-K – 5
Wednesday, January 7, 3:30 p.m.
See page 4 for details.

Pine Cone Craft
Grades Pre-K – 5
Wednesday, January 14, 3:30 p.m.
See what you can make.

Snowflakes
Grades Pre-K – 5
Wednesday, January 21, 3:30 p.m.
Everyone is different!

Hula in the Coola
Grades Pre-K – 5
Wednesday, January 28, 3:30 p.m.
See page 4 for details.

Decoupage
Grades Pre-K – 5
Wednesday, February 4, 3:30 p.m.
Turn a mason jar into a work of art.

Chocolate Olympics
Grades Pre-K – 5
Wednesday, February 11, 3:30 p.m.
See page 4 for details.

Book Bingo
Grades Pre-K – 5
Wednesday, February 18, 3:30 p.m.
Everyone's a winner!

Jewelry Making!
Grades Pre-K – 5
Wednesday, February 25, 3:30 p.m.
Get bejeweled!

Merchantville Parent Chantel Bechtel (right) checks out Museum Passes for the Garden State Discovery Museum, with daughters Olivia (left) and Jona Lee, who display their Summer Reading tote bags, painted and decorated by them.

Literacy Volunteers of Camden County

Literacy Volunteers of Camden County is looking for:

Adults who could benefit from free tutoring in Reading, Math or English as a Second Language (ESL) and Volunteers who would like to be trained as tutors.

Contact us for more information:
Literacy Volunteers of Camden County
(856) 772-1636 X 7331 literacy@camdencountylibrary.org

Member Library

John McPeak - Berlin Township

Preschool Storytime - Ages 2 ½ - 5
Thursday, January 29, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Are you ready for preschool? Get ready for circle time at preschool with this story time filled with stories, songs, finger plays and a simple craft chosen especially for you.

Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez Downtown Branch

Please register for all programs in advance beginning three weeks prior to start date.
SignUp @ camdencountylibrary.org/events or call 856-225-6807.

Adults

Computer Skills for Jobseekers
Learn in-demand programs and power up your job search.

December
MS Word 2010
(Beginner/Intermediate)
Saturday, December 6,
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

MS Word 2010 (Beginner)
Tuesday, December 9,
6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

MS Word 2010 (Intermediate)
Tuesday, December 16,
6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

January
MS Excel 2010 (Beginner)
Tuesday, January 13,
6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

MS Excel 2010 (Intermediate)
Tuesday, January 20,
6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

MS PowerPoint 2010
(Beginner/Intermediate)
Tuesday, January 27,
6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

February
MS Excel 2010
(Beginner/Intermediate)
Saturday, February 7,
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Advanced Email
Tuesday, February 10,
6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Internet Power Searching
(Advanced)
Tuesday, February 17,
6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Job Seek Like a Librarian
(Advanced)
Tuesday, February 24,
6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Basic Mouse and Keyboarding
Tuesday, December 2, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.,
Saturday, January 10, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.,
Tuesday February 3, 11 a.m. – 12 noon
Start at the beginning with pointing, clicking, and typing and gain confidence using a computer.

Computer Basics for Seniors
Thursdays, December 11, January 8, 22, February 12, 26,
11 a.m. – 12 noon
Join us for a variety of topics in these fun, friendly classes for ages 50+.

Computer Help Hour
Fridays, December 5, 12, 19, January 16, 23, 30,
February 6, 13, 20, 27, 10 – 11 a.m.
Get help with a resume or job application, or take time to practice what you learn in your workshops.

Computadora Básica en Español
Ofrecemos una-en-una sesión en la computadora en español. Para hacer una cita llame a la biblioteca (856-225-6807) y pedir a Nélida.
We offer one-on-one computer help in Spanish. To make an appointment, call the library (856-225-6807) and ask for Nelida.

Short Story Club
Ages 18 and up
Mondays, December 8, January 12, February 23, 2 p.m.
Read and discuss powerful works of concise literature with your library friends.

Feature Film Matinees
Ages 17 and up
Thursdays, December 11, January 8, February 12, 2 p.m.
Enjoy a movie on the big screen with your library friends.

Canvas Paint Night
Adults
Monday, December 15, 2 p.m.
See page 25 for details.

Movie Magic Matinees
All ages
Thursdays, December 18, January 22, February 26, 2 p.m.
Watch a new movie on the big screen with your library friends. This screening is for all ages.

Sew So Easy
Ages 16 & up
Monday, December 22, 2 p.m.
See page 25 for details.

Crafternoons
Ages 18 and up
Mondays, January 26, February 9, 2 p.m.
Craft time for grown-ups. Learn a fun new skill or teach someone your area of expertise. Some materials provided, or bring your own.

Black History Month Film Fest
Ages 17 and up
Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2 p.m.
Join us every week to watch a new or classic film that celebrates African American history, innovation, and cinematography.

Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez Downtown Branch

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Kids & Families

Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration with the Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble
All ages Saturday, December 6, 11 a.m.
See page 00 for details.

Storytime Friends
Ages 3 - 5
Tuesdays, December 9, January 6, February 10, 10:30 a.m.
Let's have fun with stories, music and crafts.

Fun Friday: Free Play Friday
Ages 3 - 5
Fridays, December 12, February 13, 2:30 p.m.
Bring your child to the library for family-supervised play.

Create Your Own Pizza Bagel Dinner
All ages
Thursdays, December 18, January 22, February 26, 5 p.m.
Kids and families, come for dinner and a story before the movie starts! Please register for Movie Magic Night, too.

Movie Magic Nights
All ages
Thursdays, December 18, January 22, February 26, 6 p.m.
Watch a new movie on the big screen with your library friends. This screening is for families with kids ages 12 and under only.

Fun Friday: Lego Club
Ages 11 and under
Fridays, December 19, January 16, February 20, 3:30 p.m.
Use your imagination to create a Lego world.

Fun Friday: Make & Take Craft
Ages 11 and under
Fridays, December 26, January 23, February 27, 2:30 p.m.
Try your hand at a fun craft you can do at home.

Read in the New Year
Ages 5 - 8
Saturday, December 27, 11 a.m.
See page 4 for details.

Stories with Elsa
Ages 3-10
Saturday, January 17, 2 p.m.
See page 4 for details.

Hula in the Coola
Ages 6-8
Saturday, January 31, 11 a.m.
See page 4 for details.

Chocolate Olympics
Ages 5-11
Saturday, February 14, 11 a.m.
See page 4 for details.

Teens & Tweens

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting
Ages 12 - 18
Wednesdays, December 3, January 7, February 4, 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Meet new friends, earn volunteer hours, and help plan upcoming events.

Takashi Teen Anime Club
Ages 12 - 18
Wednesdays, December 10, January 14, February 11, 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Watch the latest episodes, discuss your favorite manga, and meet new friends. Create your own New Year's resolution charm in January, and join us Valentine's Week for our "Notice me Senpai" event, otaku style.

Minecraft
Ages 12 - 18
Wednesdays, December 17, January 21, February 18, 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Use your imagination to build structures and then have fun tearing it down. You can play alone or with multiple players. Just watch out for the Zombies that come out at night.

Black History Month Trivia Night
Ages 12 - 18
Wednesday, February 4, 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Join us for Black History Month and let's see how much you really know your history. Browse our collection, watch movie trailers, win prizes, and more.

Art Club
Ages 12 - 18
Wednesday, January 28, 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Express your creativity through art. Use library supplies or bring your own.

Game Day
Ages 12 - 18
Wednesday, February 25, 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Drop by and play some Nintendo Wii, board games and more. Don't forget to bring your friends and make new ones!

South County Branch

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Adults

Mahjong Players Meet-Up
Adults
Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, Fridays, December 5, 12, 19, 26, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27 , Noon – 4 p.m.
The library is a great place to meet and play the afternoon away. Bring your mahjong sets or join in with other players. We supply the space.

One Stroke Painting Class
Adults
Wednesdays, December 3, 17, January 14, 28, February 4, 18
7 – 8:30 p.m.
Must bring your own supplies. See library staff for supply list.

Speaking on the Spectrum
Adults
Wednesdays, December 3, January 7, February 4, 7 – 8 p.m.
A group for those on, or interested in, the Autism Spectrum. Friends, family, and interested parties are welcome! Join Aspergian host, Laura Cushing, for topical discussions, guest speakers, projects, and more. Learn and discuss in a friendly atmosphere.

Abe Speller Trio Holiday Concert
Families
Friday, December 5, 7 p.m.
The Abe Speller 3rio, formerly known as The New Earth Trio, is back with a Holiday Concert! Abe has put together a trio of passionate musicians in the belief that everything modern has firm roots in the past. Enjoy the music as they perform jazz standards from the Great American Songbook.
See page 5 for details.

Yoga for Adults
Adults
Saturdays, December 6, 13, 20, January 10, 17, February 7, 14, 21
No class January 3.
10:30 a.m. - noon

Join Shawn Swift and Audrey Hannum for some mind calming and body stretching yoga. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat or beach towel. Class will be conducted without socks or shoes. All levels of yoga experience, including beginners, are welcome.

Learn to Knit - Making a Hat
Adults
Saturdays, December 6 and 13, 1 – 3 p.m.
Have you read the *Farmers Almanac's* winter predictions? You will need the hat! This class is open to beginner knitters. Bring a skein of worsted weight yarn and size 7, 8, or 9 needles. This is a 2 session class. Must attend first session.

South Jersey Writers Group
Adults
Tuesdays, December 16, January 20, February 17, 7 - 8:45 p.m.
Inspire and be inspired! We are a group for writers of all levels and projects. Join us to read, explore ideas, and above all WRITE! New members are welcome.

South County Scrapbookers Meet-Up
Adults
Fridays, December 19, January 16, February 20, 5 – 8:45 p.m.
Like to scrapbook but never have enough space? Come to the library, spread out, and relax. Bring a snack to share and meet other scrapbookers.

South County YarnBalls
Adults
Tuesdays, December 9, January 13, February 10
Mondays, December 22, January 26, February 23
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Meet a great group of people who enjoy all things yarn. New members of any skill level are always welcome. Registration is not required. Please bring your own supplies.

The "Tired Eyes" Book Club
Adults
Monday, 7 – 8:45 p.m.

January 12

The "Tired Eyes" kick off the New Year with two great reads: Lisa See's latest bestseller, *China Dolls,* and John Steinbeck's classic, *Travels with Charley: In Search of America.* New members are always welcome.

See page 7 for details.

South County Branch

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Kids & Families

Baby's First Library Visit
Ages 0-18 months
Ongoing
Make baby's first library visit an event to remember! Visit South County Regional Branch Library to get baby's first library card, information on services for our littlest patrons, and learn about early literacy. While supplies last, baby will receive a small welcome gift.

Bouncing Babies and Books
Babies up to 18 months
Tuesdays, December 2, 16, 30, January 13, 27, February 10, 24
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Join Miss Candace for a half hour of finger plays, music, activities, and stories. During the second half hour, babies are welcome to stick around and discover new toys while making new friends. Stories and activities are chosen especially for our littlest patrons, but all children who enjoy stories and music are welcome!

Family Frenzy
Ages 3 and up
Tuesdays, December 9, January 6, February 10 , 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Turn off all your electronic devices and come play board games as a family! Board games will be available for all ages. We have everything from *Chutes and Ladders* to *Clue*.

Toddler Tunes and Tales
Ages 18 - 30 months
Wednesdays, December 10, January 7, 21, February 4, 18, 10:30 - 11 a.m.
Calling all toddlers! You are growing up and need a story time just for you. Enjoy stories, songs, and finger plays chosen especially for you.

Whimsical Wednesdays
Ages 2 ½ - 5 years
Wednesdays, December 10, January 7, 21, February 4, 18
11:30 a.m. - noon
Are you ready for preschool? Get ready for circle time at preschool with this story time filled with stories, songs, and finger plays chosen especially for you.

LEGO Block Party
Ages 6 – 13
Fridays, December 12, February 13
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Join us for an evening of building with LEGOs! Bring your imagination and build whatever comes to mind. You can bring a friend to build with you or meet a new building buddy.
No program in January.

Make a Present
Families
Saturday, December 13, 3 – 4 p.m.
Get ready to celebrate the season at the library! Create presents for the special people in your life.
Registration required.

Kid Stitchers' Club
Grades 1 – 5
Mondays, December 15, January 5, February 9, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
No machines! Explore the art of hand stitching. Each month we will work on new skills for little hands. The library will supply new stitchers with supplies. Space is limited.

Sensory Story Time
All ages
Saturdays, December 27, January 10, February 7, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
This story time, which is open to all children, is especially geared to children with sensory integration issues. If your child has difficulty sitting through one of the library's other story times, or is just more comfortable in a small, interactive story time, this program of stories, songs, and activities with Miss Candace may be just what you need. Registration required.

Winter Carnival
Families

Join the Youth Services Staff during Winter Break for a new activity each day!

Massive Game Day Monday
December 29, 3 – 5 p.m.
Bring your own board or video game or use ours.

Tinker Tuesday
December 30, 3 – 5 p.m.
Build with Legos and Tinker Toys.

Read in the New Year
December 31, 11 – noon.
Stories, party games, and snacks.

Calling All Gamers
January 2, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Play the board and video games your parents used to play.

Cinema Saturday
January 3, 3 – 5 p.m.
It's going to be a frigid movie experience, complete with activities and a snack.

Hula in the Coola
Grades 3 – 8
Friday, January 23
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
See page 4 for details.

Stories with Elsa
Saturday, January 24, 11 a.m. – noon
See page 4 for details.

Laugh Yourself Silly
Grades K – 3
Tuesday, January 27, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Do you like funny stories and jokes? Join Miss Janet for some of her favorite funny stories and "Laugh Yourself Silly."

South County Branch

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South County Kids & Families continued

Milk and Cookies Story Time
Families
Wednesdays, January 28, February 25
6:30 – 7 p.m.
Wear your p.j.s and bring your lovey to this family story time with Miss Candace! We provide the cookies.

Little Gamers' Hour
Ages 5 – 8
Fridays, January 30, February 27
5 – 6 p.m.
Get your game on! Enjoy a special hour of gaming for those under 9. For those too young for *Calling All Gamers!* No December program.

Play-Doh Play Date
Those who no longer eat Play-Doh – Age 10
Saturday, February 21, 3 – 4 p.m.
Skip the mess at home and play with Play-Doh at the library. We supply the dough and the tools, you supply the imagination!

Family Read Challenge
Families
Starting Friday, January 30
In Honor of African American History Month, Celebrate the Family at Your Library and Take the Family Read Challenge.
Take the Family Read Challenge by pledging to turn off the television and spend more time as a family reading together. Weekly prizes and events!

Family Memory Albums
Tuesday, February 3, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Make a cute book in which to store keepsakes and pictures.

Meet the Author
Saturday, February 7, 3 p.m.
Dina A-Raheem will be here with her children's book, *Self Expression*.
Bring your favorite crayon color and explore what is in your heart.

Family Frenzy
Tuesday, February 10, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Play board games as a family!

Family Portraits
Tuesday, February 17,
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Have fun making shadow portraits of each other.

Family Trees
Tuesday, February 24,
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Family: the people who love us. Loved ones will use their hand print to create a tree and make a family memento.

Teens & Tweens

It was Made at the Library!
Tweens and Teens
Ongoing
Join the *Maker Movement.*
See page 25 for details.

Finger Knitting for Teens
Grades 6 – 12
Monday, December 8
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
See page 25 for details..

LEGO Block Party
Ages 6 – 13
Fridays, December 12, February 13
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Join us for an evening of building with LEGOs! Bring your imagination and build whatever comes to mind. Bring a friend to build with you or meet a new building buddy.

Teen Stitchers' Club
Grades 6 – 12
Monday, December 15, January 5, February 9,
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
No machines! Explore the art of hand stitching. Each month we'lll make a cute critter or an adorable wearable. We will supply needles and thread. Limited space.

Hula in the Coola
Grades 3 – 8
Friday, January 23, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
See page 4 for details. m

Chocolate Olympics
Grades 3 – 8
Saturday, February 14, 3 – 4 p.m.
See page 4 for details.

Calling All Gamers
Ages 9 – 18
Friday, January 2, January 30, February 27, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Teens game for two hours! We have the game systems and the games! Bring your hand held games and connect with other Nintendo DS players. Yu Gi Oh card players are welcome to bring their cards and meet up with other players. **No December program.**
Special gaming night on January 2.

M. Allan Vogelson Branch

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Adults

Focus Group: ESL Conversation Class
Adults
Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, January 5, 12, 26, February 2, 9, 23, 10:30 - 12 p.m.
Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30 - 12 p.m.
Focus on practical topics and pronunciation. Have fun and meet people from all over the world. No registration.

Canvas Paint Night
Adults
Tuesday, December 2, 6:30 p.m.
See page 25 for details.

Breath, Water, Sound Yoga: A Lifestyle Practice to Empower You
Adults
Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17, January 7,14, 21, 28, February 4,11,18, 25, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Learn simple yet effective tools to let go of emotional, mental, and physical stress, using a multifaceted approach involving breath, water, sound, humor, postures, and group dynamics.

Senior Card Group
Adults
Fridays, December 5, 12, 19, 26, January 2, 9, 16, 23,
February 6, 13, 20, 27, 1 p.m.
Friends gather to play various card games. Meet on the 3rd floor of the Vogelson branch library.

South Jersey Yarners
Adults
Fridays, December 5, 19, January 2, 16, February 6, 20, 7 - 8:45 p.m.
All things yarn! Come with your knitting needles, crochet hooks, and yarn. All ages and levels from beginners to advanced.

Open Mic Night
Adults
Fridays, December 5, January 2, February 6,
7 - 8 p.m.
A featured poet will read, then other poets can share their works.

Chair Yoga
Adults
Saturdays, December 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Enjoy relaxing the body and opening the heart, mind and spirit. Experience classic postures, meditation, music and chanting. Reduce stress, increase flexibility and enhance an overall feeling of wellness. Suitable for all levels.

Music with Mark Carroll and Family
Adults
Tuesday, December 9, 7 p.m.
See page 5 for details..

Kennedy ElderMed Knitting and Crochet Group
Adults
Wednesdays, December 12, 24, January 7, 21, February 11, 25, 1 p.m.
Share skills and learn new skills, while working on individual, group, hospital, and community projects. Bring your own supplies and materials. Completed projects will be accepted at the second meeting of each month.

Camden County College Jazz Ensemble
Adults
Saturday, December 13, 1 - 2 p.m.
Student musicians will perform a variety of favorite jazz standards.
See page5 for details.

Sew So Easy
Adults
Monday, December 15, 6:30 p.m.
See page 25 for details.

Scrabble
Adults
Friday, December 26, January 23, February 27, 1 p.m.
Enjoy playing a challenging game of Scrabble with a few friends. Program is in conjunction with Kennedy Eldermed. Meet on the 3rd floor of the library.

Crochet and Knit Club
Ages 10 to adult
Wednesdays, January, 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Bring current project and make friends. Beginners welcome. Bring worsted weight yarn and a size H hook.

Book Clubs

Next Chapter Book Club
Older Teens and Adults
Thursdays, December 4, 11, 18, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 7 - 8 p.m.
The Next Chapter Book Club (NCBC) offers weekly opportunities for adults and teens with intellectual and developmental disabilities to read and learn together, talk about books, and make friends in a relaxed, community setting. Please contact Rosemary Scalese at 856-772-1636 x7350 or rscalese@camdencountylibrary.org for more information. Space is limited.

Short Story Discussion
Adults
Tuesdays, 1 p.m.
December 9,
On The Streets by William Trevor.
January 13, Hearts and Hands by O'Henry.
February 10
The Years Of My Birth by Louise Erdrich

Real Life Reads Book Group
Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m.

December 16, *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Olympics* by Daniel James Brown
January 20, *Argo: How the CIA and Hollywood Pulled off the Most Audacious Rescue in History*
by Antonio J. Mendez and Matt Baglio
February 17, *Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard* by Liz Murray

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Literary Café Book Club
Thursdays, 7 p.m.

December 18,
Blackbird House by Alice Hoffman
January 29, *China Dolls* by Lisa See
Skype Chat with Lisa See
February 19,
Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline

See page 8 for details.

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Kids & Families

Play Groups

Babies
Ages 1 – 18 months
Fridays, Ongoing, 10 – 11 a.m.

Toddlers
Ages 18 – 36 months
Fridays, Ongoing 11 – 12 noon

Meet new friends! We provide the toys and books but no organized programming.

Totally Toddler
Ages 18 months - 2 years
Mondays, December 1, 15, January 12, 26, February 9, 23, 10:30 a.m.
This drop in story time includes stories, songs, finger plays and a coloring sheet.

Kid's Bingo
Grades K - 5
Tuesdays December 2, January 6, and February 3 at 6:30 p.m.
Bring a blanket for sitting and play bingo!

Jump Start Story Time
Ages 13 - 17 months
Wednesdays, December 3, 17 January 7, 21, February 4, 18, 10:30 a.m.
Stories, songs, movements, and finger plays! Short stay and play afterwards. Registration is for a 3 month session.

Little Listener's Lapsit
Ages 6 - 12 months
Wednesdays, December 3, 17, January 7, 21, February 4, 18, 11:30 a.m.
Stories, songs, lifts, and bounces for babies and their caregivers! Short stay and play afterwards. Registration is for a 3 month session.

Sew Together
Grades 4 - 8 and Caregiver
Wednesday, December 3, 7 p.m.
Grab an adult, your sewing machine (or needle and thread) and join us for a monthly project! Call the Youth Services Desk beforehand to check what supplies are needed.

Ready, Set, READ!
Ages 3 - 5
Thursdays, December 4, 18, January 8, 22, February 5, 19, 10:30 a.m.
This drop in story time includes stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft!

Pokemon Fun Night!
Ages 5 – 11
Fridays, December 5, January 9, February 13, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Trade cards, make a craft and play Wii on the big screen. No valuable cards please.

Minecraft Challenge
Ages 6 - 12
Sunday, December 7, 2 p.m.
Take on our challenges while designing in creative mode. Bring your device with your own Minecraft account: phones, iPads, tablets, laptops, etc.

Shake Your Sillies Out
All Ages
Tuesdays, December 9, 23, January 6, 20, February 3, 17, 10:30 a.m.
Sing, dance, and enjoy stories.

Preschool Craft Corner
Ages 3 - 5
Thursdays, December 11, January 15, February 12, 10:30 a.m.
A seasonal craft perfect for preschoolers.

Legomania Club
Ages 5 – 11
Saturdays, December 13, January 17, February 7, 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Tuesday, December 30, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 22, 1:30 – 3 p.m.
Create and play with Legos provided by the library. Use your imagination or make something based on the theme of the day.

Winter Home School Programs

Home School Lego
Grades K - 8
Tuesdays, December 9, January 13, February 10, 11 a.m.
Build with legos provided by the library and meet other homeschool families.

Home School Winter Celebration
Grades K - 8
Tuesday, December 23, 11 a.m.
Celebrate the start of a new season with crafts, snacks, and games.

Home School Comics
Grades K - 8
Tuesday, January 27, 11 a.m.
All things comics and graphic novels! We'll be writing and illustrating our very own collection of comics.

Home School Geography Bee
Grades K - 8
Tuesday, February 24, 11 a.m.
Test your geographical knowledge with trivia and games. Be sure to study up on your state capitals, continents and countries.

Read to a Therapy Dog
Ages 5 – 11
Mondays, December 15, January 12, February 9, 7 – 8 p.m.
Read to our therapy dogs and make a craft. Bring your favorite book or choose one at the library.

Art Hour
Ages 8 - 12
Tuesdays, December 16, January 20, and February 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Get creative and make unique works of art. Each month will feature a different activity.

Kid Craft Corner
Grades K - 2
Thursdays, December 18, January 22, February 12, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.
Enjoy a snack, story, and make and take craft after school!

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Vogelson Kids & Families continued

Playing on the Spectrum
Ages 3 - 10
Saturdays, December 20, January 3, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Make new friends while you create and play with Legos in the library. This program is for children with special needs and their families.

Saturday Morning Cartoons: Holiday Edition
All ages
Saturday, December 27, 10:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Wear your PJs and celebrate the holiday season with holiday cartoons! Hot cocoa and snacks provided.

No Snowflake Alike Story Time
Ages 3 - 8
Saturday, January 10, 11 a.m.
Stories and a craft to celebrate our uniqueness and the beauty of winter!

Stories with Elsa
Ages 3 and up
Sunday, January 11, 2 p.m.
See page 4 for details.

Friday Flicks
All Ages
Fridays, January 16, February 20, 6:30 p.m.
Come in your PJs, bring a pillow and blanket, and join us for movie night! Refreshments will be served. Call the Youth Service's Desk for movie listings.

Game On!
Ages 8 - 12
Tuesdays, January 27, February 24, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Join us for Wii and Xbox360. You're also welcome to bring a handheld device to play in between turns.

Sciencetellers: Bugs of Blackwood
Ages 5 and up
Monday, February 2, 7 p.m.
By using experiments with fire, gas, air pressure, water, chemicals, and much more, see if Benjamin the Bug's friends can save him before all hope is squashed!

Spongebob Party
Grades 2 - 6
Friday, February 6, 7 p.m.
Do you wish you lived in a pineapple under the sea? Join us for Spongebob Squarepants themed games and snacks!

Chinese New Year Celebration
Ages 5 and up
Sunday, February 8, 2:30 p.m.
Celebrate the Chinese New Year 4713, the year of the Sheep. We'll share a story, learn the art of paper cutting, and craft lovely lanterns.

Chocolate Olympics
Ages 8 - 12
Tuesday, February 10, 6:30 p.m.
See page 4 for details.

Teens & Tweens

Movie Making Sundays
Grades 6 - 12
Sundays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 1:30 p.m.
Are you interested in film making? Learn script writing, animation, filming with devices you have in your possession, and editing in this four week Movie Making Sundays series.

Teen Volunteer Power Hour
Grades 6 - 12
Wednesdays, December 10, January 28, February 25, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Earn a quick hour of volunteer service without having to attend a Volunteer Boot Camp. There will be different projects each month.

Teen Volunteer Boot Camp
Grades 6 - 12
Thursday, December 11, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, January 6, 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 1, 3 p.m.
Do you want to volunteer at the library? All interested teens must sign up and complete a Teen Volunteer Boot Camp session. Please call Christen at the Youth Services Desk with any questions.

Gaming Fridays
Grades 6 - 12
Fridays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 3-6 p.m.
Drop by The Corner for board games, Wii, and XBox 360 fun.

Crochet and Knit Club
Ages 10 to adult
Wednesdays, January, 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Bring your current project and make friends as you knit or crochet. Beginners welcome. Bring worsted weight yarn and a size H hook to learn the basics of crochet.

Teen Anime Marathon
Grades 6 - 12
Friday, January 23, 6 - 8:30 p.m.
Watch anime, discuss your favorite manga, make and eat candy sushi.

After Hours
Grades 6 - 12
Saturdays, January 31, February 28, 6 - 9 p.m.
Three full hours of movies, games, crafts, and food. The library will be closed for everyone but you and your friends! Registration is limited and a permission slip is required.

Sew Fantastic
Grades 6 - 12
Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Learn how to use a sewing machine and create your very own messenger bag in this three week program. Please call the Youth Services Desk (856-772-1636 x7360) for a supply list.

Super Smash Brothers Tournament
Grades 6 - 12
Saturday, February 21, 2 - 5 p.m.
Battle it out at in our Super Smash Brothers Tournament. You must register for this event.

December is Maker Month!

Become a Maker **...during the month of December at the Camden County Library System. It's time to get hands on and create with step by step instructions and assistance from members of your community. Learn to paint or talk to a robot. Create with a sewing machine or design your own wearable art. No experience required.**

A great time guaranteed!

Canvas Paint Night

Adults

Enjoy light refreshments while painting your own masterpiece. Supplies and instruction provided from Paint-a-Treasure. No experience needed!

Voorhees:
Tuesday, December 2, 6:30 p.m.

Haddon Township:
Wednesday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.

Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez Downtown Branch:
Monday, December 15, 2 p.m.

Sew So Easy

Ages 16 & up

Learn how to use a sewing machine and create your very own bag. Supplies will be provided, but you can bring your own fabric and sewing machine. You will be emailed a supply list after you register. Space is limited.

Haddon Township:
Monday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.

Voorhees:
Monday, December 15, 6:30 p.m.

Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez Downtown Branch:
Monday, December 22, 2 p.m.

Wearable Art

Grades 6 – 12

Turn a sweatshirt into a cardigan or decorate a T-shirt. Class size strictly limited to 10 tweens/teens. All supplies are provided.

Bellmawr:
Wednesday, December 17, 6 p.m.

The Making Space

Independent Kids

On Monday, December 22, we will be opening The Making Space. There will be items for kids to make independently in our library using library-supplied equipment and materials, craft kits to take home and make on your own, board games to play in the library, and a picture gallery for show and tell.

Haddon Township:
Monday, December 22

Robodyssey

Grades 4 & up

Learn how to talk to a robot. We'll learn the basics of robot programming in a class-like setting. Participants will work in teams, learning the language and programs necessary to get the robots moving. By the end of the session, you will be ready to join in on some friendly competition.

South County:
Tuesday, December 2, 6:30 p.m.

Gloucester Township:
Thursday, December 4, 3:30 p.m.

Riletta L. Cream - Ferry Avenue Branch:
Wednesday, December 17, 3:15 p.m.

Decoupage Boxes

Adults

Decorate a box with pictures and paper cutouts then seal it with a decoupage finish. Supplies will be provided.

Riletta L. Cream - Ferry Avenue Branch:
Tuesday, December 2, 10:30 a.m.

Indieflix Gives Unlimited Access to Thousands of Streaming Film Festival Hits

We're pleased to provide IndieFlix for Libraries, a premier online streaming service provider of award-winning independent films, shouts and documentaries from around the world.

Through the library's website customers have unlimited free access to thousands of streaming film-festival hits, including the best of Sundance, Cannes, Tribeca, and more. IndieFlix is available on Apple, Android and all Internet-enabled devices. Customers can also watch films on TV with their Roku devices.

"The Camden County Library System is always seeking new ways to provide services in forms that our customers want and use. The addition of a streaming service like IndieFlix is one way we can satisfy the interests of our independent film fans at no cost to them," notes Director Linda Devlin.

Provided through a partnership with RBdigital from Recorded Books, Indieflix streams thousands of award-winning films from festivals around the world. Indieflix is dedicated to providing a forum where filmmakers and their audiences can interact and build a community that translates artistic vision into commercial success. IndieFlix operates on the principle that every good movie has an audience. For more information, visit camdencountylibrary.org/indieflix.

Fun at some of the branches!

Luren Huerta shows off her Bricks 4 Kidz vehicle that she made at Ferry Avenue on September 20.

Our beloved Darby at the Vogelson Pirate program on September 20.

Vogelson' s Summer Reading Kickoff Celebration on June 20.

Rutgers Ignite summer camper Najahe Moore posing with the best book she read all summer at the Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez Downtown branch.

The Harmony Show Choir from Mainstage Center of the Arts performed at the GloucesterTownship branch as part of the library's summer music festival program on July 22.

CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

The Camden County Library System is providing free reading classes for English speaking and non-native English speaking adults at the Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez Branch in Camden. Classes are held on afternoons and Saturdays and will be taught in small groups. Prospective students may register for classes by visiting the branch, which is located at 301 North 5th Street, Camden, on the Rutgers-Camden campus, or by calling the branch at (856) 225-6807. This program is brought to residents by the Camden County Freeholder Board.

Freeholder Ian Leonard, liaison to the Library System, is passionate about literacy and this new program: "It's not enough to say that reading is fundamental, we need to proactively go out to the community and provide a service that will advance literacy and strengthen our society and workforce," Leonard says. "We know that literacy is critical to gaining employment and advancing education and we also know that without it, life can be considerably harder and tougher to ascertain simple goals."

FREE READING CLASSES FOR ADULTS

We welcome those who speak English
and those learning English (ESL)

Call (856) 225-6807

Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez Downtown Branch
- on the Rutgers Campus
301 North 5th Street, Camden

Come in from the cold... attend one of our winter programs!

Happy New Year!

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Anthony P. Infanti - Bellmawr Branch Library
35 East Browning Road
Bellmawr, NJ 08031
Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Debbie Stefano, Branch Manager
(856) 931-1400

Gloucester Township Blackwood Rotary Public Library
15 South Black Horse Pike
Blackwood, NJ 08012
Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Anne Ackroyd, Branch Manager
(856) 228-0022

M. Allan Vogelson Regional Branch Library
203 Laurel Road
Voorhees, NJ 08043
Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday, 1 - 5 p.m.
Closed Sundays during the summer
William Brahms, Branch Manager
(856) 772-1636 ext. 7308

Merchantville Public Library
130 S. Centre Street
Merchantville, NJ 08109
Monday and Wednesday, 2 - 9 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday, 2 - 5 p.m.
Saturday, 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Eve Brown, Branch Manager
(856) 665-3128

Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez Downtown Branch - on the Rutgers Campus
301 North 5th Street
Camden, NJ 08102
Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Julie Tozer, Branch Manager
(856) 225-6807

Riletta L. Cream - Ferry Avenue Branch Library
852 Ferry Avenue
Camden, NJ 08104
Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Jerome Szpila, Branch Manager
(856) 342-9789

South County Regional Branch Library
35 Coopers Folly Road
Winslow Township, NJ 08004
Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday, 1 - 5 p.m.
Closed Sundays during the summer
Edward Troike, Branch Manager
(856) 753-2537

William G. Rohrer Memorial Library-Haddon Township Branch
15 MacArthur Boulevard
Westmont, NJ 08108
Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Jennifer Druce, Branch Manager
(856) 854-2752

Virtual Branch
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Winter Schedule

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Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve...All branches close at 1p.m.
Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day...Closed
Wednesday, December 31, New Year's Eve... All branches close at 5p.m.

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Thursday, January 1, New Year's Day.....Closed
Monday, January 19, Martin Luther King Day.....Closed
Monday, February 16, President's Day.....Closed

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