

FALL NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS  
PROGRAMS  
NEWS & MORE FOR  
ADULTS & YOUTH



**COMING SOON!**

Get SPOOKED! *Weird NJ* publishers visit to talk about the curious happenings in and around Bergen County!

We're expanding our archive: Donate your Mahwah High School yearbooks!



# SAVE THE DATE

for **October 14 @ 7 PM**

## MAHWAH



### MEET THE CANDIDATES

Don't miss an important opportunity to meet the Board of Education candidates running for office in Mahwah. This event will be held live at the Library and streamed online.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Ms. Jennifer Park, President
- Ms. Zoe Cassotis, Vice President
- Mr. Richard Lee, Treasurer
- Mr. Thomas Murphy, Secretary
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- Hon. James J. Wysocki, Mayor
- Mr. Robert M. Ferguson III, Mayor's Alternate Liaison to Town Council
- Dr. Michael DeTuro, Superintendent of Schools

### HOLIDAY CLOSURES

- August 30-31, Labor Day Weekend
- September 1, Labor Day
- November 26, Closes at 2 PM for Thanksgiving
- November 27, Thanksgiving Day



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**9-WEEK PROGRAM**  
**EVERY MONDAY FROM 9/8-10/27**  
**@ MAHWAH PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**BEGINNER SESSION: 10AM | INTERMEDIATE SESSION: 11AM**  
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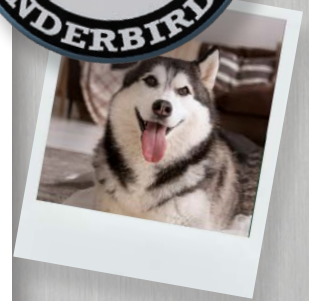
# BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back, Parents and Students!

As you know, the Library strives to create a safe, welcoming environment for all residents year-round. As part of our commitment to your safety, we employ a retired Mahwah police officer as our security guard. We carve out spaces for different levels of activity and expect all visitors – including students – to make responsible decisions about how they use the Library. Behavior that inhibits the orderly use and enjoyment of the Library by others is not tolerated. Examples include loud conversation, running, use of offensive language, violent conduct, and inappropriate physical contact. Use of athletic equipment is not permitted in or around the Library.

Disruptive behavior by children and teens is addressed first with non-punitive action depending on the frequency of misconduct. When necessary, we work closely with the Mahwah police and school officials to identify disruptive students so that we may communicate with their parents to discuss ongoing problems. As a last resort, we may temporarily ban individuals who either seriously or repeatedly violate the Library's Code of Conduct.

Please take a few moments to review the Code of Conduct and policies posted on our website and discuss appropriate use of the Library with your child. With your help, we can ensure that the Library remains a friendly, welcoming destination for your family and everyone in the community. Thank you!



## SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
pool day with alex + taylor		1	2	3	4	5 First Day of School!
						6 Finish reading Crown of Midnight on Libby
7	8 practica español más con Mango app	9 MANGO	10	11 FIND PLAYLIST ON freegalmusic	12 DANCE PARTY W/ TEAM @ EMMA'S HOUSE	13
14 my turn to go grocery shopping	15 2:30 pm Visit library for beaded bookmark craft	16 Comics Kingdom BingePass laugh session w/ Hailey	17 Soccer practice	18	19 PIZZA night with fam!	20 12 pm Visit library for Legend of Sleepy Hollow show
21 Final prep for SAT exam on brainfuse's Skillsurfer	22	23 Habitat for Humanity mtg	24 Soccer practice	25 hoopla	26 Decompress tonight with a feel-good movie/TV show on Hoopla	27 CollegeNow online meeting with CollegeNow guidance counselor -interview prep
28	29 brainfuse HelpNow	30 Get online homework help on brainfuse HelpNow	31 Soccer practice			31 SAT test day

**Reminder for Mom!**  
 Successfully Navigating College Admissions (ZOOM) Library thing  
 9/17 / 10/22 / 11/19 @ 7:30pm



# ADULT <sup>Featured</sup> LECTURES & PROGRAMS

## FALL FEATURES

### Small Space Gardening\*

Wednesday, 9/10 @ 7 PM

Whether you have a terrace, patio, or deck, Anthony of Bracco Farms will show you how to grow your own food in compact spaces. Explore growing methods and how to adapt backyard gardening techniques to fit a small space.



### Film Classics with Marty Gitlin\*

Monday, 9/15 @ 7 PM

Join award-winning author and pop culture historian Marty Gitlin as he explores iconic film scenes from classics like *Gone with the Wind*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Jaws*, *Rocky*, *E.T.*, *Saving Private Ryan*, and more. Through video clips and classic film trivia, Marty will highlight what made these scenes legendary.



### Fred Bethelot: Architect of the Mind Mentalist Show\*

Saturday, 9/20 @ 2 PM

Mentalist architect Fred Bethelot will entertain with the power and mystery of the human mind. He can't predict the future or talk to the dead, but he WILL mess with your head! His show is an immersive experience of mindreading, thought control, and mind over matter.



### Full Moon Tea Ceremony\*

Saturday, 10/4 @ 2 PM

Discover the complexities of the Japanese tea ceremony. Learn about the art of tea preparation, the health advantages of matcha, and the pockets of peace that come with enjoying Japanese sweets.

### Downsizing with Lori Carbone\*

Wednesday, 10/8 @ 2 PM

Ready to downsize? Whether you're navigating a strong sellers' market or pondering updates, come explore the ins and outs of downsizing, decluttering, and selling your home.

### Weird NJ: In and Around Bergen County Edition\*

Saturday, 10/11 @ 2 PM

We are proud to host *Weird NJ* publishers Mark Sceurman and Mark Moran as they present a special live edition, focusing on the weird and curious happenings in and around Bergen County! Just in time for the spooky season, learn about the kooky reasons that this county is so weird.

### Victorian Magic\*

Wednesday, 10/15 @ 7 PM

The Victorian era (1850–1910), known as "Golden Age" of magic, saw performances evolve from street acts to sophisticated theater productions. Key performers including the Father of Modern Magic emerged with ghostly illusions and iconic tricks used even to this day. Enjoy demonstrations of these legendary tricks, both on video and in live performances!

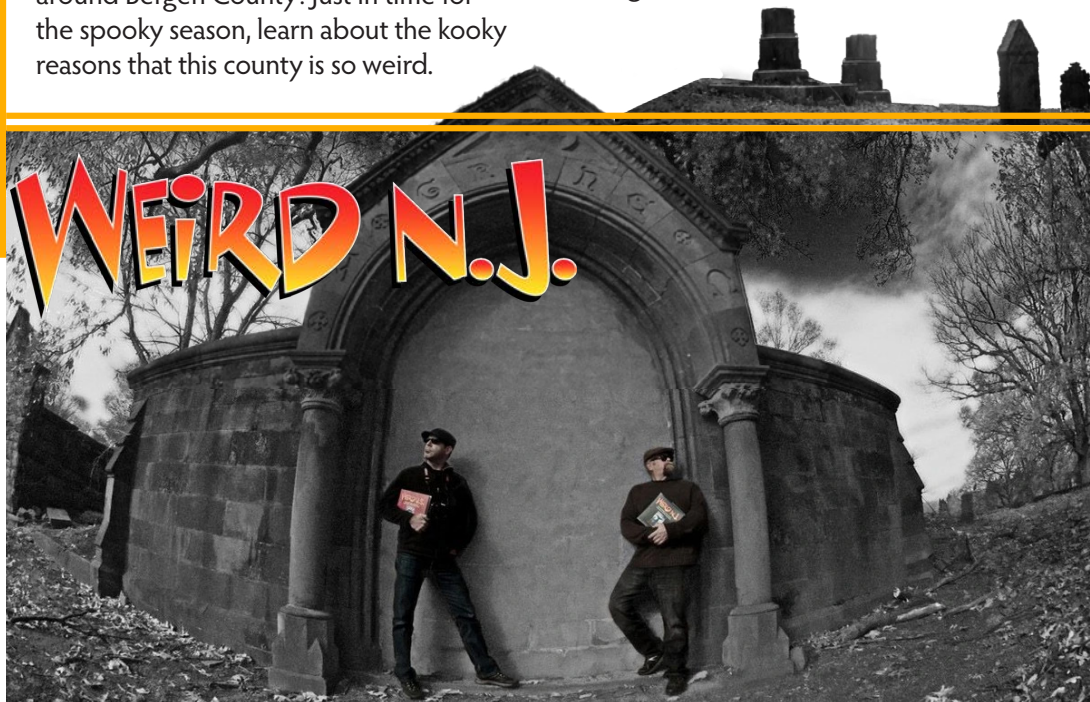


### Haunted History "New England"\*

Wednesday, 10/22 @ 7 PM (VIRTUAL)

From Mercy Brown the "Vampire" of Exeter, RI to the ghostly happenings at Mount Washington Hotel in NH, prepare to be intrigued! This **online-only** presentation blends historical facts with legend and myth, offering a fascinating new perspective on real events and the haunting stories that followed.

## WEIRD N.J.

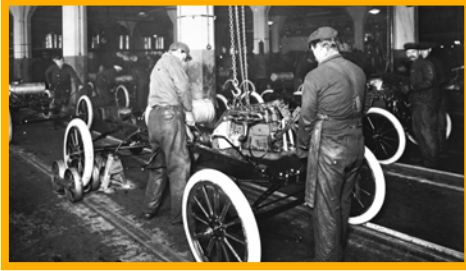




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# CONCERTS



## 1913: A Year of Revolution and Invention\*

**Wednesday, 11/5 @ 7 PM**

1913 was a game-changing year: America got a new president, women demanded the right to vote, and the Middle East's crisis may have started over grapes. Henry Ford revolutionized industry, and Woolworth built the world's tallest building. Join us for a fast-paced journey through a year that changed the world!

## Savannah, GA:

### Living History...Lifting Spirits\*

**Wednesday, 11/12 @ 6:30 PM**

Discover the "Hostess City"! Not only is Savannah a friendly and welcoming city, but it is also known as the most haunted in America.

### Get Organized for the Holidays\*

**Saturday, 11/15 @ 11 AM and 2 PM**

Tired of the holiday chaos? Professional organizer Linda Anders will help you bring joy and contentment to the holidays by organizing now for peace of mind later.



## HEALTH AWARENESS

### Stronger Together: QPR Suicide Prevention & Community Gathering\*

**Wednesday, 9/17 @ 6:30 PM**

### Valley Health: The Aging Eye\*

**Thursday, 9/18 @ 7 PM (VIRTUAL)**

### A Nutrition Guide for Diabetes Management\*

**Wednesday, 10/15 @ 2 PM (VIRTUAL)**

### Just For Girls\*

**Thursday, 11/13 @ 7 PM (VIRTUAL)**

### Nutrition and Mindful Eating Part 1\*

**Wednesday, 11/19 @ 7 PM (VIRTUAL)**

Learn fun and engaging ways to transform your relationship with food! The mix of nutritional science with mindfulness techniques will help you eat with intention, savor every bite, and truly listen to your body.

*Part 2 of this program is scheduled for 12/3.*

## SEPTEMBER

### Burt Bacharach with Lee Glantz\*

**Sunday, 9/7 @ 2 PM**

### Autumn in NY with Gordon James Duo\*

**Sunday, 9/14 @ 2 PM**

### The Frost Kings\*

**Sunday, 9/21 @ 2 PM**

### No Strings Attached A Capella\*

**Sunday, 9/28 @ 2 PM**

## OCTOBER

### Ridgewood Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company\*

**Sunday, 10/5 @ 2 PM**

### 3D Rhythm of Life\*

**Sunday, 10/19 @ 2 PM**

### Classical Composers through the Epochs with Dr. David Podles\*

**Sunday, 10/26 @ 2 PM**

## NOVEMBER

### The West African Kora\*

**Sunday, 11/2 @ 2 PM**

### Bob Wylde Jazz Band\*

**Sunday, 11/9 @ 2 PM**

### The Wonder Trio\*

**Sunday, 11/16 @ 2 PM**

### A Salute to Duke Ellington\*

**Sunday, 11/23 @ 2 PM**

### Stash and 5 O'Clock Shadow\*

**Sunday, 11/30 @ 2 PM**

## ONLINE AUTHOR TALKS

### Hannah Nicole Maehrer

**Wednesday, 9/3 @ 7 PM**

### Jefferson Fisher

**Wednesday, 9/10 @ 2 PM**

### Gabe Henry

**Wednesday, 9/17 @ 2 PM**

### Emily Key and Adrian Aldaba,

**Smithsonian Latino Center,**

**Nuestra America**

**Thursday, 10/2 @ 2 PM**

### Leigh Bardugo

**Thursday, 10/9 @ 7 PM**

### Phillipa Gregory

**Wednesday, 10/29 @ 2 PM**

### Joseph Lee

**Wednesday, 11/5 @ 2 PM**

### Amanda Peters

**Thursday, 11/13 @ 7 PM**



## THE SEASON HIGHLIGHT

### Octoberfest with

### Richard Stillman\*

**Sunday, 10/12 @ 2 PM**

Get ready for a toe-tapping, foot-stomping good time! Experience the sounds of Oktoberfest, with lively tap dancing to German waltzes and a musical washboard routine that'll have you dancing in the aisles!

# YOUTH Featured EVENTS & PROGRAMS



## TRICKS AND TREATS!

### Brian Richards' Magic & Comedy Show\*

Saturday, 9/13 @ 2 PM

Get ready to laugh out loud as Brian entertains you with his award-winning comedy magic show! Every show features magic, comedy, juggling, puppets, and TONS of audience participation. Grades K-5, Families.

### The Legend of Sleepy Hollow\*

Saturday, 9/20 @ 12 PM

Join us for Jonathan Kruk's dramatic retelling of Washington Irving's Fall classic, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. Highlighting Irving's mystery and wit, Kruk gives voice to every character. There are leaping ghostly jumpstarts and a rollicking musical headless horseman chase to entertain kids and adults alike!

Kruk has performed *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* across the country, from Salem churches to the Appalachian Storyteller Theater in Nashville. All Ages.

### Spooky Family Bingo\*

Saturday, 10/4 @ 1 PM

B-I-N-G-OooOOOooo! Enjoy an afternoon filled with rounds of bingo (with a spooky spin) and chances to win small prizes. Costumes are encouraged, and our younger guests who arrive in costume will be entered for the chance to win a special raffle prize. Please bring an unexpired, non-perishable food item for the *Center for Food Action* donation box. Join us for a good cause and a spooktacular time! Grades K-12, Families.



### Turtle Dance Music: Halloween Party!\*

Thursday, 10/9 @ 4 PM

The *Bubble, Comedy and Music Show: Halloween Rocks!* engages children with comedy, singing, the itsy-bitsy spider, bats, goblins, ghouls, music technology, and a monster mash dance party for the kids! You'll be "howling" with laughter! The show is crafted to be inclusive for children of all abilities and a great time for parents and caregivers. Each song in the show is accompanied by hands-on, visual and sensory experiences designed to help kids learn and have fun at the same time. Grades K-5.

### Saturday Crafternoon: Flying Bat\*

Saturday, 10/18 @ 2 PM

We're just "batty" over this cute little guy! Color your bat, attach the straw, and then give your creation a "flight test" at our Top Secret Bat Flight School location. Ages 3-8.



### Not-So-Spooky Halloween Parade\*

Saturday, 10/25 @ 2 PM

Give your Halloween costume a test run and join us at the library for a Not-So-Spooky Halloween Parade! Everyone is invited to wear their favorite costume and parade through the library with us beginning at 2pm. Stop by the Children's Department to decorate a trick-or-treat bag after the parade or bring your own, then visit each of the library's info desks to pick up some treats after the parade! All Ages.

### Halloween Candy Sushi\*

Monday, 10/27 @ 3:30 PM

Use Rice Krispies treats, gummies, fruit snacks, and other candies to create creepy Halloween treats! Grades 4-12.

### Dot Painted Paper Pumpkins\*

Wednesday, 10/29 @ 11 AM

Paint a paper pumpkin in the style of artist Yayoi Kusama! Use dot paint markers to make your pumpkin a unique Halloween or Fall decoration. Ages 2-5.



### Halloween Storytime\*

Wednesday, 10/29 @ 4:30 PM

Join us for a special Halloween-themed storytime! We'll have stories, songs, and a fun craft. Don't forget to wear your Halloween costume! Grades K-3.





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## IMAGINATION UNLEASHED

### Creating with Clay\*

Tuesday, 9/9, Monday, 10/13, Tuesday, 11/11 @ 3:30 PM  
Join us for a seasonal clay craft—a great way to unwind after school while creating a nice decoration or accessory to bring home. Grades 5-12.

### Battle Chefs\*

Wednesday, 9/10, Tuesday, 10/14, Wednesday, 11/12  
Grades 4-12 @ 3:30 PM  
Grades K-3 @ 5 PM  
Work in teams to create fun edible displays!

### Beaded Braided Bookmarks

Monday, 9/15 @ 2:30 PM  
Drop in anytime between 2:30pm and 4:15pm to make a bookmark using string, beads, and other tiny trinkets. Perfect for your favorite book! Grades 4-12.

### Tuesday Crafternoon: Make a Magnet for Your Locker\*

Tuesday, 9/16 @ 3 PM  
Spice up your new locker with a fun magnet! Make a creature from your fingerprint, or “freestyle” with your own drawing. Give your imagination free rein! Grades 4-12.

### Creative Cartooning\*

Monday, 9/29 @ 4 PM  
Come join Garden Arts for Kids to create unimaginable creatures using templates and your imagination! Let’s see what you come up with! Grades K-3.

### STEM: Wrecking Ball\*

Monday, 11/3 @ 3:45 PM  
Design and create a wrecking ball contraption that can perform demolition challenges. Grades 4-8.

### Decoupage Plates\*

Monday, 11/17 @ 3:45 PM  
Decoupage a glass plate with an array of colorful papers for a one-of-a-kind creation! Super fun to put your favorite snacks on! Grades 4-8.

## SOUND THE [FUN] ALARM!

### Firetruck Visit\*

Wednesday, 10/8 @ 6 PM  
Drop by the library to get up close with firetrucks and other emergency vehicles in celebration of **Fire Prevention Week!** Learn about the trucks and equipment that firefighters use, then enjoy a special storytime with a firefighter afterward. All Ages.

## FROM SCALES TO TALES!

### Tropical Bird Show\*

Wednesday, 9/17 @ 4 PM  
Meet and interact with a variety of tropical birds from around the country and around the world! Ages 5-13.

### Live Snake & Reptile Show\*

Wednesday, 10/22 @ 4 PM  
Meet and interact with snakes and other reptiles from around the country and around the world! Ages 5-13.

### Dinosaurs Arise Adventure!\*

Saturday, 11/15 @ 2 PM  
Meet some dinosaur friends up-close, enjoy a dino themed storytime, and learn about the dinosaurs you will meet in this fun adventure back in time! Preschool-Grade 3.

### Dinovember Storytime\*

Wednesday, 11/19 @ 4 PM  
Join us for a dinosaur-themed storytime to celebrate Dinovember! Featuring a very special guest and a craft after the stories. Ages 4-6.





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## LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday	1 PM - 5 PM
Monday	10 AM - 9 PM
Tuesday	10 AM - 9 PM
Wednesday	10 AM - 9 PM
Thursday	10 AM - 9 PM
Friday	10 AM - 5 PM
Saturday	10 AM - 5 PM

# The Yearbook Archive Project

Help ensure your class' story is never forgotten.



SCAN ME!

Calling all Mahwah High School Alumni!  
The Library is on a mission to expand its archive of Mahwah High School yearbooks and we need your help. Please consider donating yours to our collection!

Donated yearbooks will have bookplates added to commemorate your generosity, and each donor will receive a small gift as a token of our gratitude.

For more details on how to donate, scan the QR code or visit [mahwahlibrary.org/yearbook-archive-project/](http://mahwahlibrary.org/yearbook-archive-project/)

