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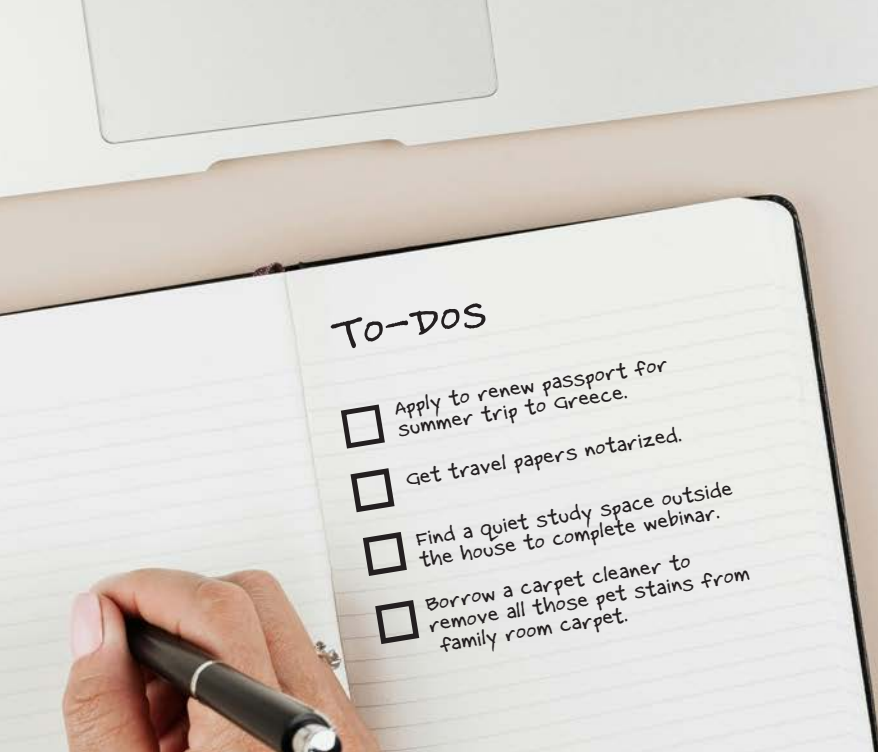
2026

EVENTS
PROGRAMS
NEWS & MORE FOR
ADULTS & YOUTH

COMING SOON!

NEW Parent Cafe Series: Safe spaces for families to share experiences, learn, and build a community!

Join us for tons of FUN on Take Your Child to the Library Day on February 7!



Looks Like Your 2026 To-Do List is Filling Up Fast!

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HOLIDAY CLOSURES

- December 24-25, Christmas Eve and Day
- December 31, New Year's Eve
- January 1, New Year's Day
- February 16, President's Day



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Tech the Shelves with Learning!

Borrow jolly devices
& STEM kits for kids

Stop by the Children's Room this winter season to discover a world of hands-on learning and fun! Kids can **explore new languages** with Habbi Habbi, enjoy **stories and songs** with Tonieboxes, **build and create** with WhaZoodles and other STEM kits, or **zoom in on science** with the GeoSafari Talking Microscope.

It's the perfect way to spark curiosity, imagination, and screen-free fun — all available to borrow from the Library!



Introducing our new Parent Cafe series, presented by the Bergen County Division of Child Care Resources!

Parent Cafes are safe spaces for families to share experiences, learn, and build a community. Each Parent Cafe will feature a different topic related to child development, offering caregivers a chance to connect, share, and grow in a supportive environment while their children enjoy hands-on activities nearby. Registration is for adults.

Winter Cafe Dates:
Saturday, 1/24 @ 1 PM
Saturday, 2/28 @ 1 PM



PARENT CAFE SERIES

ADULT

Featured LECTURES & PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS TO ENJOY FROM HOME



Nutrition and Mindful Eating Part 2*

Wednesday, 12/3 @ 7 PM (VIRTUAL)

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

Together They Lived, and Together They Died:

The Tragic Story of Bonnie and Clyde*

Monday, 12/15 @ 7 PM (VIRTUAL)

Enjoy a captivating journey through the real story of Bonnie and Clyde—far beyond the Hollywood myths. This presentation blends travelogue and history to separate fact from fiction and reveal a far more human and compelling tale than the movies ever told.



Brooklyn Bridge-Brooklyn Heights with Marty Schneit*

Wednesday, 1/7 @ 7 PM (VIRTUAL)

The Brooklyn Bridge symbolizes modern America and the nation's shift from rural to urban life. From iconic brownstones to Revolutionary War history, Marty's got the scoop on this key NY borough!

The Life of Ludwig van Beethoven*

Wednesday, 1/21 @ 7 PM (VIRTUAL)

Beethoven, a timeless gift to the world, lives on through some of the greatest music ever written. Enjoy fascinating stories, timeless musical highlights, and a closer look at one of classical music's greatest composers!

Selling on eBay*

Wednesday, 1/28 @ 7 PM (VIRTUAL)

Millions of people earn a part-time or full-time income on eBay, and you could too! Learn from an eBay power seller how to sell successfully—from start to finish.

The Harvey Girls: Civilizers of the Wild West*

Wednesday, 2/4 @ 7 PM (VIRTUAL)

The Santa Fe Railroad and Fred Harvey's iconic eating houses transformed travel in the late 1800s. Discover how they also inspired the classic 1946 MGM musical *The Harvey Girls*, starring Judy Garland and the Oscar-winning song "On the Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe".



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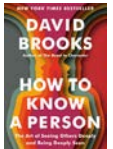
Sue Hincenbergs

Tuesday, 12/2 @ 2 PM



Paula J. Johnson, Smithsonian Collaboration

Tuesday, 12/9 @ 2 PM



David Brooks

Tuesday, 1/13 @ 2 PM

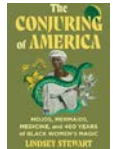


Vanessa Riley,

Thursday, 2/5 @ 7 PM

Lindsey Stewart

Thursday, 2/12 @ 2 PM



VALLEY HEALTH ONLINE SERIES

Stroke: Staying Ahead of the Risks*

Tuesday, 12/2 @ 7 PM

Learn how to recognize stroke signs, reduce your risks, and take quick action to protect your brain and save lives.

Surviving Winter Illness with Kids*

Wednesday, 12/10 @ 7 PM

'Tis the season for sniffles and coughs! Discuss what's going around and how to prevent it from taking over your home.

Foot, Skin and Nail Health*

Thursday 12/11 @ 7 PM

Explore issues like athlete's foot, cracked heels, and nail disorders. Discover prevention tips and treatments to keep your feet looking and feeling great.

Skin Deep Solutions: Biologics and Immunotherapy Explained*

Thursday, 2/26 @ 7 PM

Discover how immunotherapy is transforming treatment of skin conditions like eczema, psoriasis, and skin cancers.



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CONCERTS

PROGRAMS TO ENJOY HERE

Thomas Edison Film Festival Winter Film Program*

Saturday, 12/6 @ 2 PM

Join us for a screening of three award-winning documentary films from the TEFF's 2025 touring collection: "R.E.S.C.U.E.", "Meko", and "MEVO: From Farm to Feast". A panel and discussion will follow.

Holiday Lights of NYC with Mario Medici*

Wednesday, 12/10 @ 7 PM

Join us for a photo tour that's sure to put you in the holiday spirit!

Adult Craft: Winter Water Colors*

Wednesday, 1/14 @ 7 PM

Capture the magic of the season as you paint a cozy winter scene.



Adult Craft: Zentangle Workshop*

Saturday, 1/17 @ 1:30 PM

Explore meditative drawing using different color options to give vibrancy and "pops" of color to your creations.

Home Organization* Saturday, 1/31 @ 1 PM

Join organizing expert and author Bonnie Borromeo Tomlinson for practical advice on simplifying your home and habits.



Adult Craft: Wood Slice Painting* Wednesday, 2/11 @ 7 PM

Celebrate love and creativity by painting a stunning floral design on a natural wood slice that'll add a personal, heartfelt touch to your home as a charming coaster or a lovely piece of wall art.

Cybersecurity & Online Fraud* Wednesday, 2/18 @ 7 PM

Join an interactive presentation on the latest trends in online fraud, including phishing, identity theft, and financial scams, and discover practical tips for enhancing your digital security.



DECEMBER

Cold Sweat*
Sunday, 12/7 @ 2 PM

Jersey Jubilation Handbell Choir*
Sunday, 12/14 @ 2 PM

The Spirit of Christmas*
Sunday, 12/21 @ 2 PM

JANUARY

Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians: A Tour of Europe Through Music*
Sunday, 1/4 @ 2 PM

Cold Chocolate*
Sunday, 1/11 @ 2 PM

Rave On! *
Sunday, 1/25 @ 2 PM

FEBRUARY

The Songs of 1926 with The Glen Crytzer Quartet*
Sunday, 2/1 @ 2 PM

Trio Fontes: A Classical Piano Trio*
Saturday, 2/14 @ 2 PM

Laura Hull Jazz Trio: My Funny Valentine*
Sunday, 2/15 @ 2 PM

Bergen County Academies Presents: Ensemble Prestige*
Sunday, 2/22 @ 2 PM

MUSICIAN-HIGHLIGHTS

Crooners, Swingers, and Idols*

Sunday, 12/28 @ 2PM

Prepare to be serenaded with tunes popularized by the heart-throb crooners, Rat Pack swingers, and TV-dinner idols of the 1950s and 1960s.



Grandpa Band*

Sunday, 1/18 @ 2PM

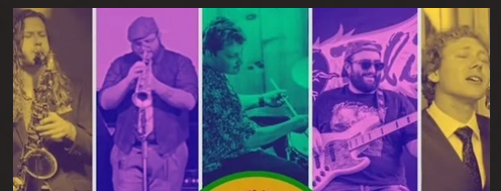
Come tap your feet, sing along, and share the joy of the music we grew up with! The Grandpa Band keeps the spirit of old-time rock & roll, blues, country, standards, and folk music alive, and loves every minute of it!



The Stank Factory Presents: New Orleans- America's Most Important Musical City*

Sunday, 2/8 @ 2PM

Embrace the Mardi Gras season with this five-piece band as they play New Orleans blues, jazz, soul, and funk! Learn all about the musical traditions of the Crescent City, and their influence on popular music around the world.



MUSICIANS

YOUTH

Featured EVENTS & PROGRAMS



SNOW BETTER TIME TO LEVEL UP

¡Cuentos Juntos! : Spanish Storytime*

Mondays, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/23 @ 4 PM

Enjoy an exciting mix of stories, songs, rhymes, and more - all in Español! Whether you speak the language, want your child to learn, or simply value language exposure, this program is a fun way to engage with Spanish. Kids will build literacy skills, and adults can learn or practice too! Ages 9 mo. – 5 yrs.

Irish Dance for Beginners*

Tuesday, 1/6 @ 4 PM

Come learn Irish Dance with Rory Beglane, certified Irish Dance teacher with the Marie Moore School of Irish Dance. Learn a jig and a reel before this year's St. Patrick's Day! Grades K-3.

Skill Builders: The ABCs of Sports and Play*

Friday, 1/16 @ 10:30 AM

Friday, 2/20 @ 10:30 AM

Spark creativity and curiosity through games, obstacle courses, and movement-based challenges that build foundational motor skills like hopping, skipping, and crawling, along with basic sports techniques. Little ones will work on their "ABC"s (Agility, Balance, and Confidence) while developing agility, coordination, and confidence with engaging sports drills, teamwork activities, and mindfulness practices. Ages 2-5 yrs.



Teen Magic Workshop*

Wednesday, 1/21 @ 3:45 PM

Go backstage and learn the true secrets of how to amaze others! Grades 6-12.



SNOW MUCH CRAFTING TO DO!

Cardboard Creations*

Wednesday, 12/17 @ 4 PM

Use your creativity to design and build awesome cardboard creations. Is it a plane? Is it a fort? Is it a windmill? That's up to you and how you make it, and there are no wrong ways to do it! Grades K-3.

DIY Sugar Scrub Jars*

Thursday, 12/18 @ 3 PM

Need a last-minute holiday gift? Come make a jar of homemade sugar scrub! Combine organic jojoba oil with sweet sugar crystals and a few drops of essential oil, then decorate your jar to make the perfect DIY gift (or a little treat for yourself). Grades 6-12.

Love Potion Jars*

Friday, 2/13 @ 3:30 PM

These love potion jars are sure to delight your loved ones. Stop by to create your own jar decorated with paint, sequins, ribbons, and more! At the end of the program participants will be given a small bag of M&Ms to fill their completed jar, turning it into a heartfelt (and handmade) Valentine's gift. Grades 4-8.

K-Pop Craft: Toploader Deco*

Friday, 1/16 @ 3:30 PM

Calling all K-pop fans! Bring your favorite photocards and join us for an afternoon full of K-Pop. Chat about your favorite groups and biases in a relaxed environment while we watch music videos and decorate a toploader using stickers and washi tape. Grades 4-8.





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SCIENCE IS COOL AND THERE'S SNOW DOUBT ABOUT IT

Middle Grade STEM*

- Monday, 12/22 @ 3:45 PM (Plane Design)
- Monday, 1/26 @ 3:45 PM (Bubble Wander)
- Monday, 2/23 @ 3:45 PM (Arcade Mania)

Learn about a variety of engineering/design concepts and skills with these creative, hands-on activities! Grades 4-8.



Science Heroes: The Adventure of the Missing Color*
Saturday, 1/10 @ 2 PM

Join Science Heroes on our mission to turn science into an adventure! Through hands-on experiments and interactive stories, get excited about the science that's all around us as we celebrate the scientists who color our world with art! Grades K-5.

Pearl Observatory Planetarium Night*

- Thursday, 1/15 @ 6 PM
- Thursday, 2/12 @ 6 PM

Learn about the sky and space in this Planetarium experience! Sit inside the inflatable planetarium and watch as the space lights up with stars, planets, and constellations. Grades 4-8.

SNOW PLACE LIKE COZY!

Miss Jolie: Pajama Dance Party*

Thursday, 12/4 @ 6:30 PM

Move & Groove in your PJs in this musical class with Miss Jolie! Babies-PreK.

Winter Movie Theater*

Thursday, 12/11 @ 4 PM

Stay warm inside with a family movie everyone can watch together! Bring a cozy blanket to sit on and make a fun craft before the show starts. A small snack and juice will be served. PreK-Grade 3, Families.



LET IT SNOW, LET IT SHOW

Kurt Gallagher Winter Concert*

Saturday, 12/13 @ 2 PM

Sing along, dance around, and have a lot of silly fun in this interactive, winter themed musical adventure with Kurt Gallagher. Babies-Grade 3, Families.

Snake & Reptile Show*

Wednesday, 1/14 @ 4 PM

Meet and interact with snakes and other reptiles from around the country and around the world! Ages 5 yrs and up.

Tropical Bird Show*

Wednesday, 2/18 @ 4 PM

Meet and interact with a variety of tropical birds from around the country and around the world! Ages 5 yrs and up.



LIBRARY DAY!

Celebrate *Take Your Child to the Library Day* with us, Saturday, February 7!

Drop by any time during the day to sign up for a library card, decorate your own book cover, and get to know the shelves better with our library scavenger hunt! Stick around for an afternoon show with Christopher Agostino's Storyfaces, perfect for kids and adults to participate together. All Ages

Christopher Agostino's StoryFaces:

Tales of Transformation and Wonder*

Saturday, 2/7 @ 2 PM

Join us on a creative adventure in art through stories and painted faces that will encourage and inspire young artists! A world of stories comes to life on the faces of the audience in this unique performance designed for children and adults to participate together. PreK-Grade 5, Families.

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