**Friends of the Metuchen Library wants 400 members in 2020, so renew or become a new member in January!**

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**Adult Programs**

**Integral Yoga Classes**
Alternate Fridays 10:30 am 1/3, 1/17, 1/31, 2/14, 2/28, 3/13 & 3/27. Bring a yoga mat, wear loose clothing. Donations provide more sessions; we request $5.00 per class, but any amount helps.

**Metuchen Book Discussion**
Tuesdays 5:30 pm. Join in to join the group, or call Larry at (732) 841-6663 or email larrynew@yahoo.com. 1/7 “Becoming” by Michelle Obama, February No Meeting, 3/10 “Just Mercy” by Bryan Stevenson.

**Spanish Book Club**
First Wednesdays 1/8, 7:00-8:45 pm. New members always welcome!
1/8 - “No hay silencio que no termine” by Ignacio Betancourt, 2/5 - “La distancia entre nosotros” by Reyna Grande, 3/4 - “Mujeres que compran flores” by Vanessa Montfort.

**Board Game Night**
1st Tuesday each month 5:30-8:30 pm. 1/7, 2/4, 3/3. New members welcome!

**Line Dancing Exercise Class**
Every Friday 1:30-2:30 pm. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes! Free and open to all; no registration required. If you haven’t exercised before, you may want to check with your doctor before starting a class.

**Getting to Know Hoopla and Libby**
Wednesdays 1/15 & 2/12, 7:30 pm. Thursday 3/15, 2 pm.
Learn to read or hear hundreds of graphic novels, ebooks, audiobooks, movies, and music albums free, through the Metuchen Public Library! Bring your phone, tablet, or laptop and your Metuchen Library card and we’ll show you how! Call 732-632-8526 to register.

**Senior Tech Help**
Saturdays 1/18, 2/15 & 3/28, 2:30-4:30 pm. One-on-one tech help at the library! Free, open to all senior citizens. Please bring the device you’d like assistance with. Call the library at 732-632-8526 to register.

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**Movies**
Paid for by Friends of the Metuchen Library.

**Movie Social**
Mondays 2:00 pm. Diane Keaton Series
January 13 – Book Club
January 27 – And So It Goes
February 3 – Something’s Gotta Give
February 10 – Father of the Bride
February 24 – Manhattan
March 9 – First Wives Club

**Edna Newby Fall International Film Festival:**
Mondays at 2:00 & 7:30 pm
January 6 – In the Aisles (Germany, 2018).
March 2 – “No hay silencio que no termine” by Ingrid Betancourt,
“La distancia entre nosotros” by Reyna Grande, 3/4

**Films are shown in their original languages with English subtitles. Free and open to all.**

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**Thanks:**
Friends of the Metuchen Library thanks Wegman’s of Woodbridge for their donation of lunch, and Dunkin’ Donuts of Edison for their donation of donuts for breakfast, for the volunteers at the Book Fair last October. Without such gifts, we could not provide the same level of support to Meuchen Library.

Always check the Library Calendar for changes and additions!

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**Special Events**

**Red Cross Blood Drive**
Wednesday 1/8 - 2-7 pm. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Metuchen Public Library to register.

**Census Job Fair**
Saturday 1/11 1-4 pm. Wednesdays 2/19 & 3/18, 4-8 pm. The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting to fill hundreds of thousands of positions to assist with the 2020 Census count. Learn about these jobs and how to apply. No registration necessary.

**Maximizing Social Security Benefits**
Tuesday 1/14 - 2 pm. Join Andy Panko, Certified Financial Planner®, to get the most from your social security benefits. Call the Metuchen library at 732-632-8526 to register.

**Knitting Night**
Wednesday 1/22, 2/26 and 3/25 - 7 pm. Bring your own project, or get ideas for charity knitting. Beginner or expert, knitter or crocheter - all are welcome! This is not a class, but if there are enough experienced knitters on hand we will do our best to get you started. (Beginners, please bring worsted weight yarn and size 6, 7, or 8 straight knitting needles). No registration necessary.

**Women’s Health Night**
Monday 2/3, 7 pm & Thursday 2/6 - 1 pm. Karen Sammer, CNC, CHHC, will teach about optimal heart health and disease prevention. Call the library at 732-632-8526 to register.

**Local History Day**
Sunday 2/9 - See a showcase of Metuchen and Edison History.

**Lunar New Year Celebration**
Sunday 2/16 – 1-3:30 pm. The Year of Mouse; programs provided by Edison Metro Music Group and others. More details will be followed.

**Sixth Annual New Jersey’s Maker Day (all ages)**
Saturday 3/21 - I-3 pm. Celebrate maker culture and all things STEM, with activities and demos for kids of all ages.

**Healthy Cooking: Mediterranean Style**
Thurs, 3/5 - 7 pm. Registered Dietician Diane Weeks explains the Mediterranean way of eating and a delicious cooking demonstration. Call the library at 732-632-8526 to register.

**SCORE Accounting Basics**
Wed 3/11 - 7 pm. A certified public accountant teaches the basics for small businesses. Call the library to register or visit centraljersey.score.org and select ‘take a workshop.’

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**Hold the Date:**

**2/9**
Join Friends of the Metuchen Library in a Red Carpet Afternoon celebrating the famous movie awards program showing that night. Walk down the red carpet in your finest attire, predict the winners, and fund the Edna Newby International Film Festival!

**Gallery**

Quilts, quilts, and more quilts! The Gallery at the Metuchen Library proudly presents the work of Metuchen quilter, Jennifer Strauser, January 2 through March 30. Ms. Strauser, whose quilted Adirondack chair was part of Metuchen’s public art project last summer, is a professional quilter who has been quilting for 18 years. A Meet-the-Artist reception will be held in the gallery on Saturday, January 25, from 2 to 4 pm. Don’t miss it—just once; the artist plans to switch out her quilts over the three-month period. For more information about the artist, visit her website—dizzyquilter.com.

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This program guide is funded by our sponsors:
**Maker Space**

Web design using HTML (Grades 5-8)
Saturday 2-3:30 pm 1/11 & 1/18
Learn to build your own website using HTML with Wemake 4-H! Kids will learn to create text, lists, links, images, and tables in their website. This is a 2-session class; register only if you can attend both. See the library website for more information.

CoderDojo Club (Ages 7-17)
Saturday 2-4 pm 1/18, 2/18, & 3/14
Bring your own laptop for hands-on experience.
Register: http://corderdojometuchen.com/registration

**What's New**

Friends of the Metuchen Library were able to give the full amount requested by the Director and Trustees of the Metuchen Library to pay for for programming and acquisitions in 2020. Because members have been so generous with dues and corporate matches, and patrons of the library have bought so many used books and also participated in fundraisers throughout the year, we were able to give $18,300. This money will pay for:

- All the films shown at the library, Summer Reading Club books, E-books and E-mags, Guest performers and teachers for all ages, Programs in the Maker Space, Presenters for all ages, Supplies for the gardens and gallery, Cultural events. Join us in making Metuchen Library a great place to learn and grow!

The Library reserves the right to record or photograph patrons for publicity purposes, unless an individual files a Photo Opt-Out Release form.

**Who’s Who?**

Joanne Jacobson always thought of the library as her “happy place.” Which is why she sought the opportunity to volunteer by leading story time programs for children in the fall of 2017. When a part time job opened up in January 2018, Joanne was thrilled to be granted the opportunity to work in the library.

Before coming to the library, Joanne taught kindergarten and first grade for 12 years at the Wardlaw+Hartridge School in Edison NJ, and taught first grade for 6 years in the Westfield Public Schools. She earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Early Childhood Education from The College of New Jersey, and a Master’s Degree/Reading Specialist Certification from Rutgers. Joanne is also a certified teacher of Environmental Sustainability. When she is not working at the library, she can often find her hiking in the mountains, doing yoga, or thrift shopping.

**Children's Programming**

- **Rhythm & Rhyme Storytime (Preschoolers)**
  Mondays 10:30 1/6, 1/13, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/24, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23
  Stories, songs, and more!

- **Bookworms (Ages 3-5)**
  Tuesdays 10:30 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24
  Mostly Mother Goose (MMG) (All Ages)
  Friday 10:30 am 1/17, 2/7, 3/6
  Join us for a short trip into the land of Mother Goose!
  We welcome rhymes from other cultures, so bring your favorites to share with friends!

- **Movin’ to the Music with Mr. Ron (All Ages)**
  Thursday 10:30 am 1/16 2/13, 3/12
  Come to the Children’s room at the Metuchen Library where Mr. Ron will play his guitar while we sing our favorite songs! Playtime will follow

- **Saturday Special (Ages 4 and up)**
  3:00-4:00 pm It’s something new each month!
  1/11 Book Tac Toe
  2/8 Drop In Crafts (Valentine Day)
  3/14 Game Day

- **Leap into Science (ages 3-5)**
  Saturday 10:30-11:30 am 2/27
  Air is everywhere...but we can’t see it, so how do we know it is there? Wind! Join us in the library to experiment with wind and learn how something we can’t see can produce so many visible effects. Space is limited, reserve your spot at by calling the library at (732) 632-8526 to register.

- **Volunteer Needed!**
  The Maker Space has a room full of tools and a 3-D printer! But library staff needs a volunteer to lead and organize more programming. Do you have great organizational skills and some ‘Maker’ style skills? Drop by the library and speak to Mary Beth Mulligan.

**Young Adult**

**Teen Advisory Board (grades 6-12)**
Thursday 1/2, 2/6, 3/12 at 7:30 pm

**Sewing School (all ages)**
Thursday 1/16 7:00 pm
All are welcome to this free presentation on sewing.

**Acting classes with Kat Davis**
Thursday 1/23 & 1/30: Grades 2-3 from 4:30-5:15
Grades 4-6 from 5:30-6:30
Grades 7-12 from 7-8:15

**Movie Night (grades 6-12)**
Thursday 2/13 7pm
Addams Family, rated PG
(Subject to change if the release date is moved)

**Avetch Presentation (all ages)**
Thursday 2/20 7 pm
Avetch will share alternatives to college and how to see if you qualify for tuition assistance for these programs, such as Medical Services, Billing and Computer Services.

**Soap Making (grades 6-12)**
Thursday 2/27 7 pm
Please bring a silicone mold from home to share if you have one.
Registration is required.

**TekTaurus (all ages)** - Thursday 3/19 7 pm
TekTaurus is an IT training institute that offers software and medical training courses. They will discuss available training programs.