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# Edison Library Letter

Edison Township Free Public Library

The Edison Libraries would like to wish Barbara, Bobby and Donna a very happy Retirement! Thank you for your many Years of Service!

## Did you know?

The Edison Public Library is an outgrowth of the Raritan Township Free Public Library Association, which first met 91 years ago in 1926. In 1927, the association boasted 246 books. Today, 90 years later, the Edison Township Public Libraries have a vast collection of over 254000+ items in the collection, which includes books, audiobooks, DVDs, magazines, CDs, eBooks, and more. In just one day the Library branches and bookmobile checked out over 1300 materials to the community!

Tweens and Teens, Grades 4 – 9, we've got a special challenge for you! Do you think you can figure out the puzzle inside? Go to page 7 and try to solve the game for a fantastic prize!



## Save the Date!

### Library Closures

The Edison Township Libraries will be **closed** on Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> and on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Did you know?

The Edison Library Foundation is donating a new printer for the Edison Library!

### Upcoming...

We've got a ton of fantastic programs to kick off the New Year! Take a peak inside...

## In Honor of Black History Month, The Edison Library would like to share this story with you. “A World without Black People” by Author Unknown

This is a story of a little boy name Theo, who woke up one morning and asked his mother, “Mum, what if there were no Black people in the world?”

”Well, his mother thought about that for a moment, and then said, “Son, follow me around today and let’s just see what it would be like if there were no Black people in the world. Now go get dressed, and we will get started.”

Theo ran to his room to put on his clothes and shoes. His mother took one look at him and said, “Theo, where are your shoes? And those clothes are all wrinkled, son. I must iron them.” However, when she reached for the ironing board, it was no longer there, because **Sarah Boone, a black woman, invented the ironing board, and Jan E. Matzlinger, a black man, invented the shoe lasting machine, a machine that could make shoes automatically.** “Oh well,” she said, “please go and do something to your hair.”

Theo ran in his room to comb his hair, but the comb was not there because **Walter Sammons, a black man, invented the comb.** Theo decided to just brush his hair, but the brush was gone, because **Lydia O. Newman, a black woman, invented the brush.**

Well, he was a sight: no shoes, wrinkled clothes, hair a mess. Even Mum’s hair, **without the hair care inventions of Madam C. Walker was a mess.** Mom told Theo, “Let’s do our jobs around the house and then take a trip to the supermarket.”

Theo’s job was to sweep the floor. He swept and swept and swept. When he reached for the dustpan, it was not there, because **Lloyd P. Ray, a black man, invented the dustpan.** So he swept his pile of dirt over in the corner and left it there. He then decided to mop the floor, but the mop was gone because **Thomas W. Stewart, a black man, invented the mop.** Theo yelled to his Mum, “Mum, I’m not having any luck.” She replied, “Well, son, let me finish washing these clothes, and we’ll make a list for the grocery store.” When the wash finished, she went to place the clothes in the dryer, but it was not there because **George T. Samon, a black man, invented the clothes dryer.**

Mum asked Theo to go get a pencil and some paper to prepare their list for the supermarket. So, Theo ran for the paper and pencil but he noticed the pencil lead was broken. Well, he was out of luck because **John Love, a black man, invented the pencil sharpener.** Mum reached for a pen, but it was not there because William Purvis, a black man, invented the fountain pen. As a matter of fact, **Lee Burrige invented the typewriting machine and W. A. Lovette the advanced printing press.**

Theo and his mother decided just to head out to the supermarket. Well, when Theo opened the door, he noticed the grass was as high as he was tall because **John Burr, a black man, invented the lawn mower.** They made their way over to the car and found that it just wouldn’t go because **Richard Spikes, a black man, invented the automatic gears, and Joseph Gammel invented the supercharge system for internal combustion engines.** They also noticed that the few cars that were moving were running into each other and having wrecks because there were no traffic signals. You see, **Garrett A. Morgan, a black man invented the traffic light.**

Well, it was getting late, so they walked to the market, got their shopping, and returned home. Just when they were about to put away the milk, eggs, and butter, they noticed the refrigerator was gone. You see **John Standard, a black man, invented the refrigerator.** So, they just left the food on the table.

By this time, Theo noticed he was getting very cold. Mum went to turn up the heat, and what do you know? **Alice Parker, a black woman, invented the heating boiler.** Even in the summertime, they would have been out of luck because **Frederick Jones, a black man, invented the air conditioner.**

It was almost time for Theo’s father to arrive home. He usually took the bus, but there were no buses, because **the electric trolley, which came before buses, was invented by another black man, Elbert R. Robinson.** His father usually took the lift from his office on the 20th floor, but there was no elevator because **Alexander Miles, a black man, invented the elevator.** He also usually dropped off the office mail at a near by postbox, but it was no longer there because **Philip Downing, a black man, invented the letter drop post box, and William Barry invented the postmarking and cancelling machine.**

Theo and his mother sat at the kitchen table with their heads in their hands. When the father arrived, he asked, “Why are you sitting in the dark?” Because **Lewis Howard Latimer, a black man, invented the filament within the light bulb.** Theo quickly learned more about what it would be like if there were no black people in the world, especially if he were ever sick and needed blood because **Dr. Charles Drew, a black scientist, found a way to preserve and store blood, which led to his starting the world’s first blood bank.** Well, what if a family member needed heart surgery? This **would not have been possible without Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, a black doctor, who performed the first open-heart surgery.** So, if you ever wonder, like Theo, where would we be without black people? Well, it’s pretty plain to see. We would look pretty messy have nothing to write with, we’d all be walking, tall buildings would take forever to get to the top off, there would be no post and we’d still be in the DARK!

**Dig into Databases**

Everyone knows that the Edison Public Library offers books to its patrons for free, but did you know that the library also subscribes to electronic databases?

Join us to learn more about the electronic databases we have to offer, including what they contain and how to access them to satisfy your information needs.

**Clara Barton**

- Thursday January 5th at 5:30 PM (Zinio & Hoopla)
- Monday January 9th at 5:30 PM (Lynda & Learning Express)
- Thursday January 12th at 5:30 PM (Global Road Warrior & Britannica)
- Monday January 23rd at 5:30 PM (EBSCOHost & Reference USA)
- Thursday January 26th at 5:30 PM (Access World News & ProQuest NY Times)
- Thursday February 2nd at 5:30 PM (InfoBase Learning & Gale Virtual Reference Library)
- Thursday February 16th at 5:30 PM (Value Line & Mango Languages)

**Main Branch**

- Saturday January 7th at 1 PM (Zinio & Hoopla)
- Tuesday January 10th at 7 PM (Lynda & Learning Express)
- Saturday January 21st at 1 PM (Global Road Warrior & Britannica)
- Tuesday January 24th at 7 PM (EBSCOHost & Reference USA)
- Saturday January 28th at 1 PM (Access World News & ProQuest NY Times)
- Saturday February 4th at 1 PM (InfoBase Learning & Gale Virtual Reference Library)
- Saturday February 18th at 1 PM (Value Line & Mango Languages)

**WINTER 2017 COMPUTER CLASS SCHEDULE**

**Edison Main Library**  
340 Plainfield Avenue

**Tuesdays 2:30 – 4 PM**

- Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> Computer Basics
- Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> Mouse Skills
- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> How to Buy a Computer
- March 7<sup>th</sup> Word I
- March 14<sup>th</sup> Word II
- March 21<sup>st</sup> Internet
- March 28<sup>th</sup> How to Spot Fake News

**North Edison Branch**  
777 Grove Avenue

**Thursdays 2:30 – 4 PM**

- Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> Excel I
- Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> Excel II
- Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> Excel III
- Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> Word I
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> Word II
- March 9<sup>th</sup> PowerPoint I
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> Social Media I

**Registration begins 1 week prior to each class**

**Register online at [www.edisonpubliclibrary.net](http://www.edisonpubliclibrary.net) or call 732-287-2298 Ext. 2**

Space is limited so make sure you reserve your spot for the classes you want to take! For more information about each topic please visit our website or stop by and ask a Reference Librarian Today!

## Meditate Your Stress Away in 2017

**January 11<sup>th</sup> 2017, at the Main Edison Library at 7 PM**

Please join Umesh Bhatia, long-time meditator, for an engaging workshop teaching you practical strategies to reduce stress, and create a more healthy and positive lifestyle.

**January 17<sup>th</sup> 2017, at the Main Edison Library at 7 PM**

A diet that is high in plant based proteins and organic, non-GMO foods has many benefits for healthy living. Handouts will include menus and recipes.

**February 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, at the North Edison Library at 7 PM**

We'll cover the basics of good nutrition, how to balance proteins and carbs, and help you transition to a nutrient dense diet that is healing for the body.

**March 21<sup>st</sup> & March 28<sup>th</sup> 2017, at the North Edison Library at 7 PM**

Meditation is a means of creating a more positive, healthy lifestyle. It is an invaluable tool helping people reduce stress, gain a deeper sense of fulfillment in life as well as foster greater physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.

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The Knitting Groups will begin meeting in January!

If you haven't been to a knitting group class yet, make sure you stop by in the New Year, whether you're a beginner or a pro!

Please bring a pair of knitting needles in size 6, 7 or 8 with 1 skein of worsted yarn in any color.

**Knitters meet on:**

**Mondays at 7 pm at the Main Branch (340 Plainfield Avenue) starting January 9<sup>th</sup>**

**And**

**Thursdays at 1 pm at the Clara Barton Branch (141 Hoover Avenue) starting January 5<sup>th</sup>**

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**Chair Yoga is back in the New Year starting on Monday January 9<sup>th</sup> at the North Edison Library (777 Grove Avenue).**

"Get Fit Where You Sit" and come to therapeutic chair yoga.

Learn gentle yoga with positions designed to help balance the body, soul and spirit.

Classes will be every **Monday at 10 am.**

**For More Information on Programs Visit:**

**[www.edisonpubliclibrary.net](http://www.edisonpubliclibrary.net)**

**or call us at (732) 287-2298**

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## Color Yourself Calm!

Discover the calming effects of coloring with an hour of quiet coloring, and relaxing fun. The library has tons of great coloring sheets and colored pencils waiting to help you find that moment of calm. Join the fun at any of our 3 library branches. We're at the North Edison Branch on the last Monday of every month, the Main Edison Branch on the last Tuesday of every month and the Clara Barton Branch on the last Thursday of every month.

**The French in America:  
From Fighting to Fashion  
Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM**

Join historical novelist Jeff Heller as he presents the fascinating story of how fighting, folkways and even fashion influenced the decisions taken by the French in their bold quest to claim a continent!



**Did you know that there are new  
New Jersey Estate Tax Laws?**

**Fear not, Ken Vercammen will be speaking at the Clara Barton Library on Monday February 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7 PM.**

Ken will go over the ins and outs of the new laws and help you navigate through the various laws regarding estates and probate!



**We've got Maker Tech Fun for Tweens and Teens!**

Join us at:

Main Edison Branch Library on  
**Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 6:30 PM**  
Clara Barton Branch Library on  
**Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 6:30 PM**

We'll be working with Makey Makeys, Scratch Programming, Circuit Scribes and more!

Want to try an exciting new challenge?

Come to the North Edison Library on March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup> from 2 PM – 6 PM. We're turning our MakerSpace into a giant puzzle game! Bring your friends, in teams of 3 and work together to solve a series of puzzles to solve the great mystery. Can you beat the clock and get out before time runs out?

Registration is required. Please visit:

[www.edisonpubliclibrary.net](http://www.edisonpubliclibrary.net)

or email us at [makerspace@edisonpubliclibrary.net](mailto:makerspace@edisonpubliclibrary.net)

The Edison Library Foundation Presents:  
**Love Letters: Hidden Love, Deep Love,  
Forbidden Love**

Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM  
at the Main Edison Library

Terry Antoniewicz, a handwriting historian and graphologist, will present a program that will touch the hearts of anyone who has written, read or desires to receive a touching love letter. Highlighted will be letters from the last 300 years that express fire and ice relationships of love that has influenced powerful leaders as well as letters of tender love. Words from the letters will demonstrate how love influenced major changes in history, bolstered the moral of millions of soldiers, or simply made everyday living a heavenly experience. Letters from the Civil War to WW2 will also be exhibited during the presentation.

Tickets will be available beginning January 2017.  
For more information, visit [www.edisonpubliclibrary.net](http://www.edisonpubliclibrary.net)  
or call us at (732) 287-2298.

The Edison Library Foundation Presents:  
**Ellis Island Passage to All Things Possible**  
Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM  
at the North Edison Library

New Jersey actor Mark Simmons brings 30 years experience to his one-man presentation of three immigrants and their passage to America. Simmons, an actor with a love of history, reenacts his thoroughly researched program and also on display will be his extensive photo exhibit featuring many Ellis Island artifacts, including inspection and detention cards.

Tickets will be available beginning January 2017.  
For more information, visit [www.edisonpubliclibrary.net](http://www.edisonpubliclibrary.net)  
or call us at (732) 548-3045.

## UPCOMING TWEEN EVENTS

Join us for Craft Time @ the Library  
**MUST** be in GRADES 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Supplies provided. Register online, in person or by phone using your library card and pin number.**

When: Thursday, January 19, 2017

Where: Clara Barton Branch

Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

When: Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Where: Main Library

Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

When: Thursday, February 9, 2017

Where: Clara Barton Branch

Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

When: Tuesday, February 28, 2017

Where: Main Library

Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm



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CATHY	B. CUPID
ROSE DEWITT BUKATER	C. KEVIN FEDERLINE
PSYCHE	D. TRISTAN
HELEN OF TROY	E. LANCELOT
BRITNEY SPEARS	F. HEATHCLIFF
GUINEVERE	G. JACK DAWSON
JULIET	H. ODYSSEUS
PENELOPE	J. PARIS

### Can You Match Up These Famous Lovelorn Couples

Open to Grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>.  
 Return the completed form to any circulation desk at any Edison Branch Library, including Bookmobile. Return your marked match game to the Circulation desk to receive your prize.

One entry per person.  
 Hurry, prizes are only available while supplies last.

Student's Name:

Grade:



**Borrow free digital video, TV, music and audiobooks with your library card!**



## Winter Hours

<p><b>Main Library</b>                  340 Plainfield Avenue                  (732) 287-2298                  Mon – Wed: 9:30 AM – 9 PM                  Thurs – Fri: 9:30 AM – 5 PM                  Sat: 10 AM – 4 PM</p>	<p><b>Clara Barton</b>                  141 Hoover Avenue                  (732) 738-0096                  Mon: 12:30 PM – 8 PM                  Tues: 9:30 AM – 5 PM                  Wed: Closed                  Thurs: 12:30 PM – 8 PM                  Fri: 9:30 AM – 5 PM                  Sat: 9:30 AM – 5 PM</p>
<p><b>North Edison</b>                  777 Grove Avenue                  (732) 548-3045                  Mon – Thurs: 9:30 AM – 9 PM                  Fri: 9:30 AM – 5 PM                  Sat: 10 AM – 4 PM</p>	<p><b>Bookmobile</b>                  (732) 777-0789</p>

## Mission Statement

The Edison Township Free Public Library is the first place to go for cultural, intellectual and leisure learning which will enrich our community and improve the quality of life in Edison.

**Judith Mansbach**  
Library Director

**Website: [www.edisonpubliclibrary.net](http://www.edisonpubliclibrary.net)**  
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