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Edison Library Letter

Edison Township Free Public Library

Edison Library had a Blast at the Fall Family Spectacular!

The Edison Public Library attended the Fall Family Spectacular in September. Our Librarians, Carolyn, Debra and Karen had a blast spending the day with the Edison Community. Thank you to everyone who came by!



Summer Reading was a Smash Hit!

We had a fantastic number of readers in the Edison Community this year. The Summer Reading Program had a total of 1,526 readers including Children, Teens, and Adults!

Did you know that the Library Summer Readers read a grand total of 22,599! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Libraries Rock Summer Reading Program.

Keep Rocking and Reading Edison!

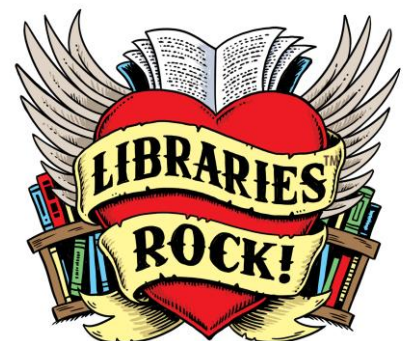
Save the Date!

Library Closures

The Edison Township Libraries will be **closed** on Nov. 6th, Nov. 12th, Nov. 22nd, Nov. 23rd, Dec. 24th, Dec. 25th, Dec. 31st, and Jan. 1st.

Did You Know?

The EPL Foundation has been working hard! Read about this summer's successes and upcoming fall events on page 6.



FALL 2018 COMPUTER CLASS SCHEDULE

North Edison Branch
777 Grove Avenue

Tuesdays 2:30 – 4 PM

October 2nd WordPress I

October 9th WordPress II

October 16th Fun with YouTube

October 23rd Excel II (Intermediate)
*Requirement: Basic Excel Skills

October 30th Excel III (Advanced)
*Requirement: Intermediate Excel Skills

Edison Main Library
340 Plainfield Avenue

Thursdays 2:30 – 4 PM

October 4th Internet I
*Requirement: Basic Mouse and Typing Skills

October 11th Internet II
*Requirement: Basic Mouse and Typing Skills

October 18th Word I (Beginner)
*Requirement: Basic Mouse and Typing Skills

October 25th Word II (Intermediate)
*Requirement: Basic Mouse, Typing Skills and Beginner Word

November 1st Resume Writing

All classes are taught by the Edison Public Library's Reference Librarians using Microsoft Office 2010. Laptops are provided for all classes.

Registration begins 1 week prior to each class
Register online at 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!

Open Enrollment for the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)

Open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) starts November 1 and ends December 15.

Need health insurance? Need help? Come to the library!

We have computers for public use. The librarians can assist in connecting you with reliable navigators.

Questions? Call us at (732) 287-2298 ext.2



Wills, Probate & Estate Planning

Tuesday October 2nd, at the Main Branch Library at 7 PM

Join us for a free informative program on wills and estates. All instructors are licensed attorneys who are members of the American Bar Association, New Jersey State Bar Association and Middlesex County Bar Association. Take the opportunity to listen to an experienced attorney who will discuss how to distribute your property as you wish and to avoid many rigid provisions of state law. Topics discussed will include: Who needs a will? What if you die without a will? Mechanics of a will, selecting an executor, trustee and guardian, proper will execution and inheritance taxes.

Register online at www.edisonpubliclibrary.net or call us at (732)287-2298.

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Learn to Knit! Join the Edison Library Knitting Group

If you haven't been to a knitting group class yet,
whether you're a beginner or a pro, make sure you stop by.
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)

And

Thursdays at 1 pm at the Clara Barton Branch (141 Hoover Avenue)

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Chair Yoga is 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 are on **Mondays at 10 AM.**

For More Information on Programs Visit:

www.edisonpubliclibrary.net

or call us at (732) 287-2298

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Saturday Yoga at the North Edison Library (777 Grove Avenue)

Join us for free Yoga classes at the North Edison Branch, on Saturdays at 2 PM. Mr. Murthy Manchikanti has been practicing yoga for more than 20 years, and teaching yoga for the past 3 years. Mr. Manchikanti did his yoga teacher certification in Rishikesh, India. Join Mr. Manchikanti to learn yoga exercises, breathing exercises and more. Space is limited and registration is required. Please register online at www.edisonpubliclibrary.net or call us at (732)548-3045.

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**George Washington, the Revolutionary War,
and New Jersey Lecture
at the Main Branch (340 Plainfield Avenue)**

Tuesday November 13th at 7 PM

Join Washington's Headquarters docent Mr. Joel Farkas for an oral journey through the Revolutionary War. Learn more about George Washington, his New Jersey battles, his Wintering in Morristown, and an in-depth visual tour of the Ford Mansion. This event is a must for anyone into learning more about U.S. history and the creation of this great country. The General orders you to attend!!!

Register is required. Register online at www.edisonpubliclibrary.net or call us at (732)287-2298.

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**The Pictography of Chinese Calligraphy
at the Main Branch (340 Plainfield Avenue)**

Saturday October 27th at 1:30 PM

Learn about the pictography of Chinese Calligraphy and the writing of characters with a brush. Join the library and Mr. Shang to learn more about this beautiful skill. There will be a chance to try your hand at calligraphy towards the end of the workshop!

We Will Discuss:

1. The fundamental of Chinese characters
2. The evolution of Chinese characters: language vs art
3. The right way to learn Chinese characters and calligraphy
4. How to write characters with brush!

Register is required. Register online at www.edisonpubliclibrary.net or call us at (732)287-2298.

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Blood Drives at the North Edison Library (777 Grove Avenue)

Thank you to everyone who participated in the blood drive on October 1st. The Library hosts Red Cross Blood Drives several times a year. Donating blood saves lives and the Library wants to help you have access to blood drives.

**To find out about the next date for the blood drive,
please visit us online at www.edisonpubliclibrary.net or call us at (732)548-3045 ext. 2**

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER FOR ALL LIBRARY EVENTS. LIBRARY EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED, YOU MAY NOT RECEIVE CHANGE NOTIFICATIONS.

**Prepare Your Home for Sale
at the North Edison Library (777 Grove Avenue)**

Tuesday October 23rd at 7 PM

Before you put your home up for sale, learn the 6 major factors that influence the sale of real estate. As professionals walk you through the steps to ready your home for sale, you will learn what buyers want and don't want. Everyone wants the most for their home, learn how to get it. Professionals from Berkshire Hathaway Home Services will be available to take you through the process.

Registration is required.

Register online at www.edisonpubliclibrary.net or call us at (732)548-3045

**Home at Last: A Journey to Higher Consciousness
A Self-Realization & Meditation Seminar
at the North Edison Branch (777 Grove Avenue)**

Tuesday November 13th at 7 PM

Come listen to author Sarada Chiravolu talk about her spiritual quest for self- realization in the midst of a successful pharmaceutical career. This seminar is perfect for anyone who is developing their meditation skills and wants to reach higher states of consciousness. Chiravolu's book gives stepping stones and describes various techniques and tools. In this seminar she will discuss all of these great tools with you!

Registration is required.

Register online at www.edisonpubliclibrary.net or call us at (732)548-3045

**Buying Real Estate and How to Improve Your Credit Score
at the North Edison Library (777 Grove Avenue)**

Tuesday November 27th at 7 PM

Professionals from Berkshire Hathaway Home Services and from Home Capital Network will be available to review the Market statistics and the two recent RE purchase documents that have changed -New Jersey RE Contract of Sale and the Closing Disclosure Document - and answer your questions. We will also discuss Investment Properties and the main methods of Real Estate Investing. We will also cover the risks/threats and ways of maximizing and jeopardizing returns.

Registration is required.

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The Edison Library Foundation

Upcoming Program: A Christmas Carol Wednesday December 5th, 2018 at 6:30 PM At the Main Branch

You are invited to join the Edison Public Library Foundation for a charming program,
"Dickens - a Christmas Carol."

Favorite speaker, Alisa DuPuy will portray Ebenezer Scrooge's sister, Fan (in period costume) for a heartfelt and truly entertaining one woman telling of Charles Dickens' classic, a **Christmas Carol**. You will laugh, you will cry and you will certainly be in the spirit of the season.

The program will be hosted at the Main Branch
340 Plainfield Avenue, Edison
Wednesday, December 5, 2018, 6:30 PM
Refreshments will be served.

Tickets are \$12 and will be available at all library branches starting in November.
Proceeds will benefit the Edison Public Library

For more information, visit www.edisonpubliclibrary.net
or call us at (732)287-2298

The Foundation's 1st Annual Mums Sale!

The Edison Public Library Foundation had a very successful Fall Mums Sale to raise money for the library on Saturday September 22nd. The Foundation was happy to announce that all the mums were successfully sold. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the library! We would also like to thank Mrs. Carol Arena and members of the Edison AARP #3446 for assisting us with the sale.



Celebrate Teen Read Week, October 7-13

This year's theme is "It's Written in the Stars: READ." Throughout the month of October, the library wants you to share one of your favorite, "can't put down" books. Take a selfie with your book and email the photo along with your name, library card number, address and phone number to: libadmin@edisonpubliclibrary.net with Edison Library Teen Read Week 2018 in the subject. Names and personal information will NOT be posted.

A staff member will post the photo to the library's webpage or Facebook page. All submitted selfies, when posted, will then be entered into a drawing for a Starbucks gift card on November 1st. Edison residents only please.

Anyone under 18 years of age submitting a photo must also submit a media release form signed by a parent/guardian. Copies may be obtained from the libraries website on the teen page or calling the library. Names and personal information will NOT be posted.

No picture – no problem! Visit the library anyway and explore our great selection of fantasy, science fiction and other out-of-this-world reads.

Book Buddies

Democracy House is partnering with the Edison Public Library to establish the Book Buddies program. Book Buddies volunteers are currently enrolled college students who have been accepted to the Bonner Leader Program. Bonner Leaders are hand selected for the program through a rigorous application and interview process. They must pass a federal background check, and receive weekly leadership and professional development training.

Encourage your child's love of books and reading development by signing up for this one-on-one reading time. Readers will meet with the volunteer once a week for three weeks, reading age and skill-level appropriate books and engaging in literacy centered activities. The program is currently being held at the Main branch of the Edison library. It is open to Edison residents currently in Grades 1 through 4. Child must have his/her own Edison library card and registration is in-person only. Please contact the library directly for further information.

The Path to Financial Literacy: Junior Achievement "More Than Money"

Our own Edison High School Junior Achievement volunteer Rebecca C., will lead this workshop to help prepare young people for the real world. Helping them understand business and economics, it will give students in grades 3 to 5 the opportunity to:

- learn money management skills such as earning, saving and spending;
- understand business and entrepreneurship;
- create and monitor their own businesses.

The program begins January 8, 2019 at the Edison Main branch. It consists of five 45 minute sessions spread over the course of five weeks. Participants must attend all five sessions.

Space is limited. Registration will begin December 18th.

Please check EPL's Eventkeeper page for all program dates and times.



Visit any library branch or call (732)287-2298 for more information.

*Available only inside the library.

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Fall Hours

Main Library

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

North Edison

777 Grove Avenue
(732) 548-3045

Mon – Thurs: 9:30 AM – 9 PM
Fri: 9:30 AM – 5 PM
Sat: 10 AM – 4 PM

Clara Barton

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

Bookmobile

(732) 777-0789

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.

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