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JOB SHADOWING PROGRAM FOR TEENS AND TWEENS

On July 18, SCLSNJ hosted a job shadowing program for teens and tweens at the North Plainfield branch.

"When we originally planned this program, we wanted to create a personal, memorable event that would allow the tweens in our communities to explore different professions and experience the library like they never had before. During the course of the morning, participants had the opportunity to shadow several staff members across different departments in different branches, including those in SCLSNJ's Administration," explained event coordinator Lynn Mazur. "By the end of the program they not only had a better understanding of how SCLSNJ works as a library system, but they also got a glimpse into the wide array of professions involved in the day-to-day operations of such a large organization. As the coordinator of the program here in Bridgewater, I was amazed at how engaged the tweens were throughout the program. They asked smart, interesting

questions of our staff and were in complete awe of all the work that happens behind-the-scenes."

"It's been my experience in this economy that there is very little room for a young college student to dabble with several different majors," said Business Librarian Cathy DeBerry. "There is little flexibility in a college schedule between general education requirements and major/minor requirements for students to take unrelated courses and be able to graduate on time. The more we can expose tweens and teens to different kinds of careers, the better they will be able to select a major as early as freshman year of college - which will not only save time but a great deal of money. SCLSNJ's intentions in hosting an event like this was to expose young students to different kinds of careers as early as possible. The students were not only able to learn about librarianship but they were also exposed to careers in management, marketing, public relations, finance, and human resources."

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(above) Sudarshan Ganapathy of Bridgewater, Emily Pena of North Plainfield and Alanna Boyd of North Plainfield attended SCLSNJ's job shadowing program at the North Plainfield branch. Students began the event by meeting Teen Services Librarian Errol Logan. Logan informed students on how to pursue a career in the public library sector and stressed how libraries are always keeping up with new technologies to offer our communities. Students then shadowed Youth Services Library Assistant Nancy Saltz, pulling reserves and learning the importance of shelving organization. All students finished the event by creating original bookmarks to share throughout Somerset County.

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NORTH PLAINFIELD FARMERS MARKET

The North Plainfield Farmers Market is proud to welcome back Norz Hill Farm of Hillsborough which is entering its 7th year serving the people of North Plainfield. We would also like to welcome some new vendors this year. Lara's Cookies will be joining us along with the delicious offerings of Barbara's Kitchen of South Plainfield and Sun 101 Solar of Lambertville will be telling folks about the benefits of Solar Energy. The market runs every Saturday from 9am to 2pm beginning June 24th through September 30th.

This year's North Plainfield Farmers Market Festival is scheduled for Saturday September 16th from 10am to 3pm. Also, there will be a regular "Open Mic" at the market, where local musicians can come and share their talents with market shoppers. Interested vendors, shoppers or musicians should contact market manager Paul Alirangues 908-723-1480 pma1963@aol.com for more information.

The North Plainfield Farmers Market Festival is scheduled for Saturday September 16th from 10am to 3pm. Live music, food vendors, crafters, fun for kids and families.

ADELE SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARDS STUDENTS

At a dinner held in May at the Spain Inn in Piscataway, two former North Plainfield high school graduates and one newly graduated Plainfield High School student were awarded a total of \$8,625 in scholarships from the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship Fund. The scholarships are financed by a bequest from Adele DeLeeuw, who was a longtime Plainfield resident, an author of 75 books, a journalist, and an arts activist. The Plainfield-North Plainfield Rotary Club administers the Adele DeLeeuw scholarship Fund and is one of five local Rotary clubs that provide scholarships to students in their communities who pursue a course of study in poetry, art, journalism, writing or engineering. The Fund, an endowment of the Plainfield Foundation,

distributed sixty-three thousand dollars this year to twenty-three local students. This year's awards brought the Fund's 21-year total distribution to over 1.25 million dollars. Kenar Myers was a scholarship recipient from the graduating class of 2017. The Scholarship Fund provided continuing scholarships to college students Melody Njoku and Brenda Okereke. An additional twenty students from area high schools received scholarships from the Fund. Applications for the 2018 Adele DeLeeuw Scholarships will be available in January from the guidance office of North Plainfield High School.

For further information, call Johanna Salvemini, Scholarship Administrator, at (908) 755-8098.



(above) Melody Njoku and Kenar Myers with a picture of Adele DeLeeuw between them.

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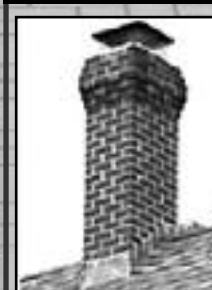
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In honor of Teddy Bear Picnic Day on July 10, children and their caregivers gathered at SCLSNJ's North Plainfield Memorial Library for a special storytime reading of "The Teddy Bears' Picnic" by Jimmy Kennedy. In addition, attendees created a teddy bear craft.



(above) North Plainfield residents Helen Montoya and Misael Castro, 6, who enjoyed the branch festivities.

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Visit SCLSNJ.org or call the Library for more information and to register.

A-OK SERVICE CLUB

SCLSNJ's North Plainfield Memorial Library branch Reading Buddies program, hosted every Saturday in July from 10 a.m.-noon, was a fun, drop-in program that paired teenage volunteers with children in grades 1-5.



(above l-r) The Reading Buddies program was maintained by the A-OK Service Club comprised of Claire Loder, Izzy Percario, Emily Howlett, Emma Finnegan, Gabby Mack, and Kristin Nastasi.



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MONTH OF THE HORSE

June is the month of the horse, so to celebrate and educate, SCLSNJ's North Plainfield branch invited Tor and Zorro to their branch on June 29th for fun, games, crafts, and, most importantly, a little reading. Visiting patrons learned the appropriate way to approach and interact with a horse, how to pet and groom a horse, and were able to take a photo with one of the visiting quadrupeds.

If you would like to read a book about horses, youth services librarian Amy Behr recommends "Misty of Chincoteague" by Marguerite Henry for fiction lovers, and "Horses!" by Gail Gibbons for those who prefer non-fiction. Both books, and more, can be found at SCLSNJ.org.



(above) Library patrons Malachi Batiste, Aaron Atis, Jolie Atis, and Makalae Batiste posed alongside Tor, a Paso Fino horse, and his owner, Susan Data-Samak.

FULL STEAM AHEAD AT LIBRARY

On July 26, SCLSNJ's North Plainfield Memorial Library branch hosted their second STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) program, titled Miss Jen's Lab. The theme for this month was "Fizz, Pop, Boom!" and focused on chemical reactions - using all five senses to explore them. Over 25 patrons made and tasted fizzy lemonade, designed pictures with noisy pop rocks paint, played with melting play-dough, and watched for exploding lunch bags.

SCLSNJ staffer Jennifer "Miss Jen" Fitzgerald explained, "I think this program is important for the Somerset County community because it promotes learning through fun interactions that fully immerse children in critical thinking by using all five senses. Simple science experiments,

like the chemistry ones we did this month, provide children with engaging experiences through which to explore their world and discover new things. Engineering problems, like the spaghetti building we did last month, give children a chance to tactilely work on problem-solving skills. Incorporating art and math into these activities also widen a child's view of the world, in particular allowing them to see the interconnectedness of various academic disciplines."

This educational series will continue on August 25 with the program "I'm Melting" and September 28 with the program "Water, Water, Water Everywhere." Register at: sclsunj.libnet.info



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On July 7-10th for 32-hours 16 new volunteers were trained to take on a year-long commitment at Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss as volunteer facilitators. The training is delivered by Imagine clinical staff who model how to provide support using mirroring and reflection and by immersing the volunteers in the experience of a support group. "The training was so rich and gave me a true sense of how to facilitate as well as the value in the work we do," said one newly trained facilitator, Maria Mujica.

"Volunteers are the heart and soul of Imagine and we could not be more grateful to all of the people who take on this commitment," said Mary Robinson, Imagine Executive Director.

"Since moving into our new space (244 Sheffield St., Mountainside, NJ) we have grown quickly as anticipated," said Mandi Zucker, Imagine's Program Director. "These new

volunteers mean we can start a fifth Night of Support in September serving 60 additional children and adults without having to place anyone on a waiting list. We now provide support groups on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, offering more choices and flexibility to the participants that need it."

Imagine offers free year-round grief support groups for people ages 3-30 as well as parents/guardians of the children who have had a parent or sibling die, and for people coping with a family member with a terminal or chronic illness. Support groups meet on weekday nights for an hour and a half. Dinner is provided prior to the group meeting.

To schedule an orientation for yourself or your family, or for more information about volunteering, please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or info@imaginenj.org.



(above, back row) Kathy Vergel (Westfield), Nina Carnavale (Caldwell), Florence Wilcox (Watchung), Meredith Stick (Westfield), Remy Davis (Basking Ridge), Monica Rodriguez (Union), Alayne Morgenthal (Westfield), Beth Rakin (Warren). (front row) Kathy Dulan (Westfield), Elizabeth Savnik (Bound Brook), Mandi Zucker (Westfield), Dorothy Jean Jones (Piscataway), Juliann Satz (North Brunswick), Jacqueline Miller (North Plainfield), Anna Berman (Warren), Veronica Ortiz (North Plainfield), Mackenzie Kuhl (Westfield), Maria Mujica (Union).

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"Food Too Good To Waste" by Chante Glenn, MA, Program Coordinator, Family & Community Health Sciences, Rutgers Cooperative Extension.
 August 21 - 10:30 am.

This is a PowerPoint presentation discussing how to save money by avoiding food waste. The issue of food waste is one that begins well before the home. Chante will

share some strategies for shopping, proper storage and different uses for leftover foods. She will also briefly discuss composting kitchen scraps.

"Build a Better Breakfast" by Jessica Guarnieri, Registered Dietitian, ShopRite/Wakefern.
 August 22 - 11:00 am.

Join Jessica as she shows you ways to shake up your breakfast routine! She'll show off some protein and fiber packed meal ideas that will help to keep you full and satisfied all morning long.

"Carnival of Sound", Roman Carnival Overture, by George Murriner Maull, Artist Director of the Discovery Orchestra.
 August 28 - 10:30 am.

Composed in 1844, it is a stand-alone overture intended for concert performance, made up of material and themes from Berlioz's opera Benvenuto Cellini, including some music from the opera's carnival scene-hence the overture's title. Join us as George takes us through the blueprint of this overture and teaches listening skills that will help the attendees to connect with classical music.

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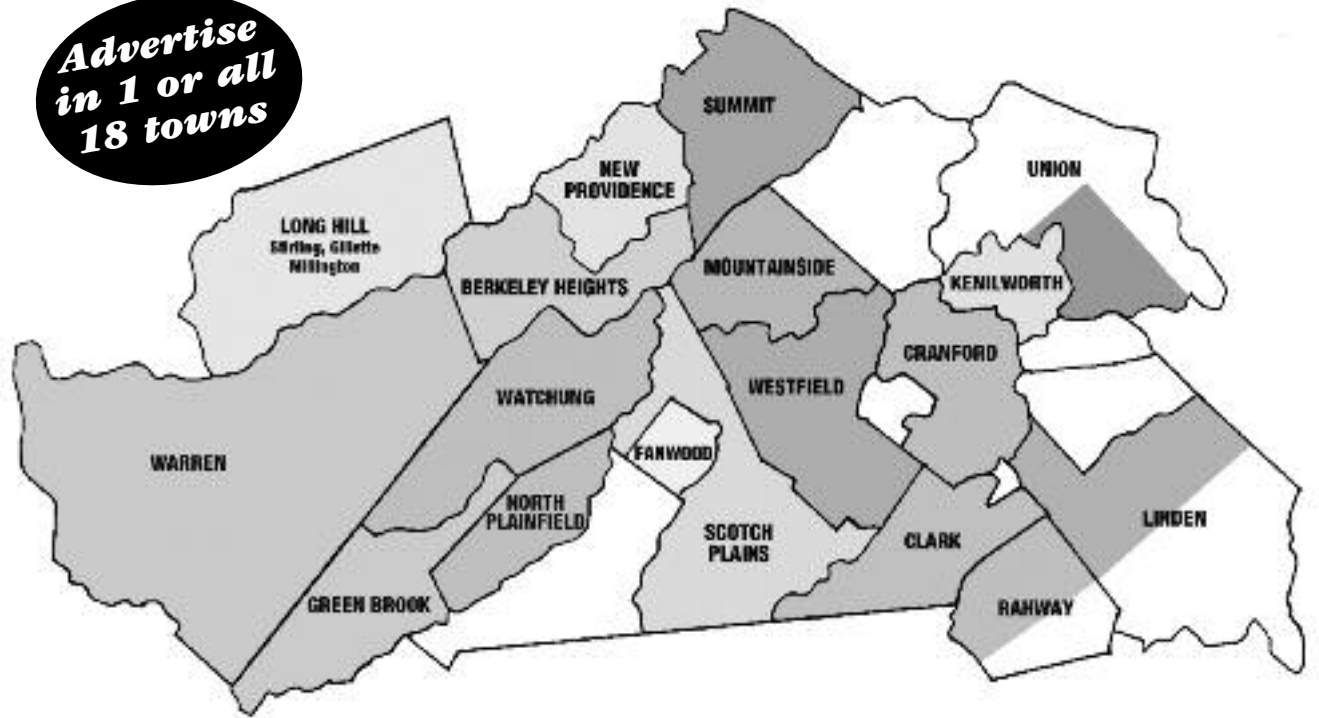
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