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## AUDITIONS OPEN FOR HISPANIC THEATRE FESTIVAL

Submitted by Joel Redmount

Spanish-language theatre is alive and well in New Jersey. For the second straight year, the CDC Theatre will feature its Hispanic Theatre Festival (or, as it prefers to be known, its Festival de Teatro Hispanico) for four performances July 26 to 28, 2018.

Despite a large and vibrant Hispanic population of 1.2 million in the state, the creators of this event recognized that there are no Spanish-language plays being performed on an ongoing basis that cater to that community in central New Jersey. As far as the Theatre world is concerned, the beauty of the language and the richness of the Hispanic heritage is simply being ignored. Families that want to attend live theatre, do so exclusively in English. Children grow up never hearing Spanish on the stage.

Last summer, the CDC Theatre, the longest continuously-running Community theatre in New Jersey, bridged that gap by mounting the premiere Hispanic Theatre Festival. It featured two one-act plays: "Ana y las langostas (Ana and the Locusts)" by Argentine playwright Alicia Dolinsky and "Bony y Kin (Bony & Kim)" by Puerto Rican Carlos Canales. The casts were filled with local Spanish-speaking actors from Plainfield, Cranford, Union, Edison, and Linden, as well as more distant communities such as Jersey City, Perth Amboy and Fords. They represented various places of national heritage from Mexico, Cuba, Peru, Puerto Rico and Honduras.

The play being showcased this season is "Bar Manolo," a full-length comedy by European playwright Jean-Pierre Martinez. The story unfolds in a friendly, comfortable bar that happens to be across from a cemetery, and the bar owner, Manolo, relies on a steady stream of customers looking for a little respite from the activities across the street. This particular afternoon features the interplay of two philosophical funeral workers, a professor who may or may not be having an affair with one of his students, a flooded basement, a damaged coffin, a misplaced cell phone, a lost lottery ticket, a waitress frustrated with her bad luck with online dating, a befuddled old lady and a host of other characters, all of whom Manolo greets with a friendly smile and an offer of watered-down cognac.

Auditions for the nine adult roles will be held at the CDC Theatre, 78 Winans Avenue, Cranford from 8 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, June 10, and Monday, June 11. The production is looking for men and women of various ages. Spanish fluency is not necessary, but comfort in the language is a must. Bar Manolo will be directed by Joel Redmount of Scotch Plains, who founded and continues to produce the Hispanic Theatre Festival.

Performances will take place at the CDC Theatre on Thursday July 26, Friday July 27 and Saturday July 28, all at 8 p.m., with a matinee performance on Saturday July 28 at 2 p.m. Knowing it wouldn't truly be a Festival without appropriate music and food, the Producers of the event are looking to provide complementary refreshments on Opening Night, in the spirit of the evening.

And while the CDC Theatre is looking to tap into the underserved Spanish-speaking audience throughout our geographic region, they extend



(above, l-r) Lilian Rebelo and Valarie Beckford, both of Cranford, as Ana and her grandmother in "Ana y las langostas" by Argentine playwright Alicia Dolinsky.



(above, l-r) Milagros Cortes of Linden and Merari Cortes of Edison as the Narrators, with Sheldon Gochiz of Jersey City and Yarleen Hernandez of West New York as the title characters in "Bony y Kin" by Puerto Rican playwright Carlos Canales.

an invitation also to those non-Spanish speakers who may be intrigued by the multicultural nature of this Theatre Festival. The CDC looks forward to exploring the richness of la cultura Latina, as reflected in plays that mirror the pride, the drama and comedy of the human experience, as showcased through a Spanish language lens.

Tickets will be available for purchase in July through the website [cdctheatre.org](http://cdctheatre.org) or available at the box office prior to each performance. Further information will also be provided on the website.



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## NORTH PLAINFIELD MEMORIAL LIBRARY HOSTED 4TH ANNUAL JR. FIRST LEGO EXPO

Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) North Plainfield Memorial Library branch hosted their fourth Annual Jr. First LEGO League Expo recently at the North Plainfield Middle School. Over 150 people attended the interactive and educational event. This year's challenge was an Aqua Adventure theme.

North Plainfield Youth Services Librarian Amy Behr explained, "It's never too early to introduce children to science, technology, engineering, and math. With Jr. FIRST LEGO League, participants not only discover STEM concepts through the use of LEGO pieces, but also learn to embrace imagination and teamwork outside of a formal academic setting."



(above) The Great LEGO Team from North Plainfield comprised of Liam Austin, 9; Campbell Maloney, 7; Dietrich Reiersen, 7; Nathan Napolitano, 8; and their leader Jim Maloney.

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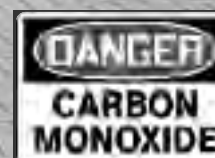
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## YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION HOSTS THE ANNUAL RALPH CAMMAROTA GOLF OUTING

*Submitted by Joe Pisaniello*

North Plainfield Youth Sports Association hosts a golf outing annually to benefit the youth organization, which serves as a booster group for North Plainfield's travel baseball, travel softball, and travel boys/girls basketball teams. The money raised from the event, is used for league entry fees, uniforms, equipment, officiating, tournaments entry fees and a recognition dinner for each team. NPYSA also funds running baseball and softball clinics that take place in the gyms of North Plainfield schools during the winter months and appear to be very successful.

NPYSA has hosted the annual golf outing for over 30 years. In 2006 the outing name was changed to honor and remember the late Ralph Cammarota, a longtime resident and dedicated volunteer who passed away suddenly in 2005. Ralph was probably one of the best volunteers we have had in the organization.

The cost of this year's outing is \$150 per person/\$600 per foursome which includes 18 holes of golf in a four-person scramble format with cart as well as a continental breakfast and an Italian buffet lunch in the Royce Brook Country Club Pavilion; there will be a cash and carry beverage cart on the course for the entire round and a cash bar during lunch. The event will also include awards as well as a 50/50 drawing and prizes. Registration and breakfast will begin at 7 a.m. followed by an 8:30 a.m. shot gun start. Hole sponsorships are also available for \$75.

The entry commitment date for the 12th Annual Ralph Cammarota Memorial Golf Outing is June 22, 2018.

Royce Brook Country Club is located at 201 Hamilton Road, Hillsborough Township. For additional information, contact Joe Pisaniello, tournament director, at 908-295-7489 or [joepisaniello@hotmail.com](mailto:joepisaniello@hotmail.com).

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## ROTARY CLUB TO HOLD 91ST ANNUAL TRACK AND FIELD MEET

*Submitted by Michael R. Townley*

The oldest service club of the three Plainfield's will hold their most important annual community service project on June 6 at the Hub Stine Athletic Complex, 1410 Randolph Road, in Plainfield, New Jersey.

Long a mainstay in supporting the North Plainfield and Plainfield communities, the Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield will offer an afternoon of friendly but determined competition to young 12-, 13- and 14-year-old athletes from area middle schools.

"This invitational meet is the longest-running meet of its kind in the entire state," said Michael Townley, director of the meet. "We have offered this meet as a service to area youth since 1923, except during World War II."

Rotary club members and their friends serve as the officials at the Meet. They are also supported by members of the Interact Club at North Plainfield High School. Interact is the youth-based service club sponsored by Rotary International.

"Interact is a great club of enthusiastic students who are interested in doing good deeds for others," said Roberta Smith, Rotary president. "They help us with a number of our service projects and activities throughout the year, and host quite a few activities of their own to benefit North Plainfield residents. We are proud of them and of all that they accomplish throughout the year."

Ninety years of track and field meets has drawn many thousands of participants, including Olympic decathlon champion and former Plainfield resident Milt Campbell. "We recognize that participating in our Track and Field Meet was but one step in Milt's long and successful

drive to achieve his decathlon championship," said Townley. "In fact, our Club was proud to be one of the many community groups that financially supported his Olympic trip."

According to Townley, each year the Club members learn something new about the athletes that participated in the Meet. "One of the seniors we interviewed at Plainfield High for our scholarship awards two years ago commented that not only did she win a medal at our Meet, it was also her first formal track event. It influenced her to go on to star on the PHS track team and led to her decision to run track in college."

Schools invited to send athletes to this year's Meet include North Plainfield Middle School, Plainfield's Maxson Middle School and Hubbard Middle School, the Valley View School in Watchung, South Plainfield Middle School, and

four other area schools.

Medals will be awarded to first, second and third place finishers in all events except the relays, where ribbons are awarded to second and third place finishers. If the past is any indication, medals or ribbons will be earned by athletes from every school that is registered.

"Our Club looks forward each year to this special service project," said Townley. "Rotary International's motto is 'Service Above Self.' We truly enjoy providing this service to these fine young athletes and presenting them an opportunity to win medals or ribbons for their athleticism."

The Track and Field Meet is open to the public. Anyone wishing to volunteer assistance to the Rotary Club should contact them at [PNPRotary@gmail.com](mailto:PNPRotary@gmail.com) or call 908-822-1441.



(above) A North Plainfield Middle School student proudly displays his gold medal at the 2016 Meet.

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*Submitted by Kellie Baumann*

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The second winner, chosen by another Pepe's customer, was Diane Steinhardt from Watchung, New Jersey, who also won a \$25 gift certificate to our Restaurant. Lastly, the third winner, Cheryl Hughes from South Plainfield, was chosen by Pepe's owner, attorney Yanira Zavala's daughter, Sylvia Ardon.

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(above, l-r) Winner Cheryl Hughes and restaurant owner, Yanira Zavala.

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# STUDENTS PROVIDED COMMUNITY SERVICE AT MILITARY SHOW



(above) Cadet Kiana McQuade (Scotch Plains) safety fire line duty.

*Submitted by S.M Jose G. Vergara*

During the weekend of May 5 and 6, 2018, students from around New Jersey, provided community service at the Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Open House and Air Show ("Power In The Pines"). The students are cadets in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP is the US Air Force Auxiliary). They provided guidance to the public and safety by keeping the air field's fire lines clear for emergency evacuation of thousands of air show spectators. In addition, the cadets interacted with military personnel to learn about military technology (Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force) and their operations. They also gained knowledge about different aircrafts on display and enjoyed watching the multiple flight demonstrations from of a variety of aircraft such as F22, F18, F5, and Mustang (WWII airplanes), parachute demonstrations, etc.

The CAP Cadet program offers opportunities to Middle and High School students to learn about Aerospace, Leadership, Character Development, Physical Training, STEM,

Orientation Flights, and much more. In addition, the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program, provides the youth of ages 12 to 18 a strong list of credentials for their college applications and for highly competitive technical summer camps. Cadets with proper qualifications can attend Summer Camps at the Air Force McGuire Base, and national Cyber Security, Flight Training Camp, etc.

For more information about CAP Youth Cadet Program, please contact [jose.vergara@njwg.cap.gov](mailto:jose.vergara@njwg.cap.gov) or visit CAP's webpage: [gocivilairpatrol.com/join/youth-in-cadet-program/](http://gocivilairpatrol.com/join/youth-in-cadet-program/)



(above) Cadet Manali Shah and Niyati Shah (Scotch Plains) holding QuadCopters.

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# NORTH PLAINFIELD RUTGERS GRADS ENJOY THE CHALLENGE OF FACILITATING DANCE AND WRITING FOR ARTISTS WITH DISABILITIES

*Submitted by Heather Williams*

Shannon Johnston, who lives in North Plainfield, New Jersey, has a Masters Degree in Dance Education and a BFA in Dance from Rutgers and runs a dance program for children with special needs at the Family YMCA in Wyckoff, New Jersey.

Sonya Kimble-Ellis, a resident of Union, New Jersey, received her BA in English at Rutgers' Douglass College, has written articles for such publications as Black Enterprise and the New York Daily News, and is the author of children's activity books.

Kimble-Ellis and Johnston have also been trained to be facilitators for adults with disabilities who create fine art as part of the Matheny Medical and Educational Center's Arts Access Program, which empowers individuals

with disabilities to create art without boundaries.

Matheny is a special hospital and educational facility here for children and adults with medically complex developmental disabilities. Arts Access was created in 1993 to answer the question: "Can people with disabilities create fine art?" The answer was a resounding "Yes!" and the program will be celebrating its 25th anniversary at Full Circle 2018: Then and Now on Saturday, November 3, 2018.

When Arts Access was created a quarter century ago, it was primarily a visual arts program. The facilitation process used for paintings was gradually adapted to other art forms, and now artists with disabilities can choreograph dances; write poetry, prose, and drama; and dance and act onstage.

Facilitators must be professional artists, and once they are hired by Matheny, they must complete a training program emphasizing that they maintain a sense of neutrality throughout the creative process. Being a facilitator is a challenging job, because it's so important that all decisions are the artists'. In some cases, this is particularly difficult because some artists are non-verbal. But they all have a way of indicating 'yes' or 'no.' It might be by looking up or down or shaking their heads in a certain direction.

Johnston recalls starting training as a dance facilitator in September 2016. Some of the Arts Access choreographers and dancers "were asked to start a new piece with me so I could practice asking about music, patterns, and movement." One of the dancers, Cindy, "was so excited when she completed one of the 'training pieces', and so was I. She was the first artist to start and finish a piece with me, and that was really special."

The greatest challenge for Kimble-Ellis occurred during the early stages of working as a writing facilitator. "There were a few people who didn't think or feel they could write. But, once presented with a process that would enable them to write relatively easily, they were all in. What I like most about facilitating is seeing the excitement or joy once someone finished a piece

of writing, hears their piece read at a reading, when it's included in Full Circle, or when it's part of a book compilation or a book of their own." Kimble-Ellis developed a system using action words and photos. "We started with picture graphs," she says, "and now it's all computerized."

Johnston finds it challenging to "clarify all the details, especially in body part movements. When a choreographer wants to make up an arm movement, for example, they are looking at how the shoulder, elbow, wrist, and fingers can bend, curve, or rotate. They select the starting position of the arm, the ending position, and how the arm will travel there. There are a lot of options to look at, which requires the facilitator to keep the line of questioning clear."

"These artists," adds Kimble-Ellis, "amaze me all the time, with their dedication, consistency, and patience. Many of them know all the hard work it takes to complete a piece of writing or book. They also know what it takes to finish a piece of choreography or painting. But they continue to do it until their creations are done. Many of the ideas and concepts they come up with for their art are so unique. Some are shocking, and others are funny. But they're always true to who each one of them is as an artist. The results are creations that defy what the general public may think is possible from this population."

People who attend the Full Circle celebration on November 3, says Johnston, will see how "the facilitators' skills bring these artists' work to life. I recommend people come to see Full Circle for themselves; it is better than any explanation could possibly be."

"This program," adds Christie, "is a window into the lives of people who, though they are viewed as existing on the peripheries of society, have voices that are relatable, exciting, and profound."

To learn more about Arts Access and the 25th anniversary Full Circle program, log onto [artsaccessprogram.org](http://artsaccessprogram.org).



*(above) Shannon with choreographer TJ Christian post performance.*



*(above) Shannon with choreographer Cindy Shank*

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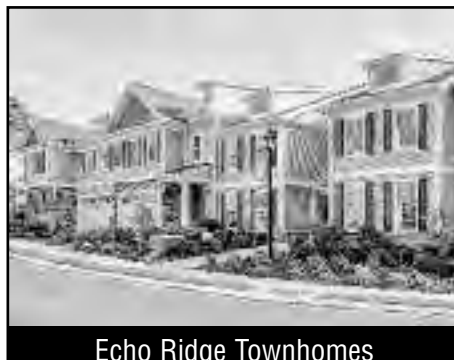
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# RAPTOR TRUST'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY

By Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta

The Raptor Trust, of Millington, New Jersey, recently held their Third Annual Community Day at Stirling Hotel, Stirling, New Jersey. The day was filled with fun and festivities, including live music from Ross Griswold and the Second Line, with special guests the Raccoon Ridge Ramblers. Booths from community partners and local environmental organizations were featured. There was also family games and activities, a tricky tray, a silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle. Food and drinks were provided by The Stirling Hotel. Proceeds from the event benefit The Raptor Trust.

Community partners included: Somerset County Parks Environmental Education Center; Friends of the Great Swamp, Woodlands Wildlife Refuge, Morris County Parks Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center, Delaware Valley Eagle Alliance, and Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ.

Educator Kate Matta was showing birds like Penny, a 9-year-old blind Eastern Screech Owl and Zizi, a female American Kestrel. Zizi was found in New York City as a baby. The people

who found her fed her baby food, which was a mistake.

"They eat mice and insects," said Matta. "So, she was not getting proper nutrition. Her growth is stunted." However, since Zizi was raised around humans, she is totally unafraid of people according to Matta. She added, "Zizi doesn't know how to hunt. She's a 'people bird.' She's done this event before. She had no problem with people looking at her and taking pictures."

Melissa Anahory, a licensed wildlife rehabilitator at Woodlands Wildlife, was teaching children about Tan, an Eastern Box Turtle. "He likes people," she said. "He doesn't hide. He's used to people." She continued to explain to the kids that a turtle has the shell to hide in.

The Raptor Trust was named and established as a non-profit corporation in the state of New Jersey in 1982.

The next event presented by The Raptor Trust will be a Guided Tour of The Raptor Trust on Saturday, June 30, 2018, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Registration is required. For more information, visit: [theraptortrust.org](http://theraptortrust.org), call 908-647-2353, or email: [info@theraptortrust.org](mailto:info@theraptortrust.org)

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(above) Christopher Soucy, Executive Director



(above, l-r) Alyssa Frediani, ER Staff and Rehab Staff at The Raptor Trust; and Kristi Ward, Senior Rehab Tech at The Raptor Trust.



(above) Penny, a 9-year-old blind Eastern Screech Owl.



(above) Zizi, a female American Kestrel.



(above, l-r) Blake Putnam, Director of Development at The Raptor Trust; and Leslie Peterson, Financial Administrator.





## 2ND ST YOUTH CENTER SUMMER CAMP AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

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attended our Pre-School Program. While most of the attendees are from Plainfield, those from neighboring communities such as North Plainfield, Dunellen, Piscataway, South Plainfield are welcome. Camp activities include arts and crafts, reading time, computer lab, playground games and table games in the multi-purpose room, which also serves as a lunch and healthy snack room. Outside excursions include swimming in a local pool, playing sports,

attending professional sports events, visiting science centers, attending theatrical productions, bowling, visiting museums, barbecuing in parks, swimming at the beach, camping overnight and visiting amusement parks and other attractions. Some activities are contingent on funding.

In 2012, SSYC introduced a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) component into its After-School program and in the summer of 2017, we incorporated elements of STEAM into the summer camp program. This and other educational components are an antidote to the "summer slide" and kids return to school in the fall with a greater appreciation of learning. This past summer, SSYC's camp provided many opportunities for science and math projects including computer coding, viewing of the solar eclipse, manufacturing slime, baking in a solar oven and planting and harvesting vegetables grown on our grounds. The arts initiative included acting lessons painting, dancing in a Latin style and African drumming.

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# NORTH PLAINFIELD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION HAPPENINGS

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By Andrew Goldberg

The North Plainfield Business Association was resurrected in March 2016. After a few years of being dormant it was brought back to life by Bruce Heyman, owner of Fabricland, and Pete Eddy, owner of Eddy's Kitchen. The mission statement of the NPBA is to promote the economic, professional, and civic welfare for business in and around North Plainfield.

Over the last couple months guest speakers included Mayor Michael Giordano (February), Congressman Leonard Lance (March), North Plainfield Detective Domizi (April).

The Business Association holds meetings at 7 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month at establishments in town. The format of the meetings features a welcome reception (with open networking), followed by company introductions, township and association business, the sponsor's presentation, and guest speakers. All are welcome whether you are a local business or resident or an out of town business. Standard membership is free, however, there are "elevated levels" of membership which include:

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For questions about location of the next meeting reach out to: Bruce 908-755-4700; Pete Eddy 908-256-1273; or Danny Dominguez (Habla Espanol) 908-447-2468




(above, l-r) Cindy Boyd, Valley National Bank; Danny Dominguez, owner International Sports Bar; Mayor Michael Giordano, Jr.; Bruce Heyman, owner Fabricland; and Carlos Baloco, owner In The Cut Barber Shop at NPBA April 2018 meeting.

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# WARRENBROOK SENIOR CENTER JUNE 2018 EVENTS

Warrenbrook Senior Center is hosting the following June 2018 events. The Center is located at 500 Warrenville Road, Warren, New Jersey.

For more information call 908-753-9440 or visit the center on the web at: [seniorcenter.us/sc/warrenbrook\\_senior\\_center\\_warren\\_nj](http://seniorcenter.us/sc/warrenbrook_senior_center_warren_nj)

## “Immigration: Coming to New Jersey” by Debra Esposito (from the Morris Museum,) June 11 10:30 a.m.

This program highlights Immigration to New Jersey from the 1700s until the Great Depression. In addition to an educational program, this is also a reminiscent program as attendees hear about what their families may have experienced if, and when, they immigrated to the United States. This program is made possible, in part, by the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State through the State/County History Partnership Program Grant, and administered in Somerset County by the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission.

## “Over Here, Molly Pitcher” by Stacy Roth (from History of the Hoof) June 25, 10:30 a.m.

This interpretive storytelling program relates the legend of “Molly Pitcher” (Mary Hays McCauley), the heroine of the 1778 Battle of Monmouth Courthouse – and explores the daily lives of the “women of the army” who followed their husbands to war during the American Revolution. Molly reminisces about the days when she accompanied her husband through battles and winter encampments from Valley Forge to Monmouth to Morristown. Relating her tales of firing a cannon in the heat of battle to trudging “behind the baggage,” she provides a glimpse into what it was like to be a “camp follower” in the days when American independence was a dream rather than a certainty. This program is presented in period costume. This program is made possible, in part, by the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State through the State/County History Partnership Program Grant, and administered in Somerset County by the Cultural & Heritage Commission\*\*

## Three Part iPhone/iPad Workshop. Get the Most from this Powerful Tool in your Pocket with Maureen Greenbaum June 26 & July 10 & 17, 10 a.m.

At this workshop you will get answers for your questions and explore the benefits of individual iPhone apps such as “Find My Friend,” Google/Apple maps, podcasts, mail, health, camera, calendar, stocks and more! Participants will decide the class direction. Good for beginners and those with some proficiency who are interested in learning skills to make using the iPhone more effective and fun! Be sure to bring your iPhone or iPad. Advanced registration required. Space is limited\*\*

## “AmeriCare Physical Therapy” by Barbara Golej-Figura, OT, CHT June 26, 10:30 a.m.

AmeriCare will be hosting an educational and informative workshop on the importance of Occupational Therapy (OT). Barbara will be discussing why/what/how an Occupational Therapist can be beneficial. She will be showcasing and demonstrating some of the equipment an OT would use during a typical treatment session. Additionally, we will be examining the causes, symptoms, and treatments for arthritis in the hand. Being a Certified Hand Therapist (CHT), Barbara is able to effectively identify and relieve symptoms due to inflammation and joint pain.

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# GRANT ALLOWS LIBRARY TO SHARE COMMUNITY MEMORIES

In partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) will be collecting, cataloging, and preserving the collective memories of Somerset County residents.

Utilizing a suite of digitization equipment including seven high resolution scanners, a lightbox, a digital single-lens reflex camera, and more; as well as the expertise of SCLSNJ's archival and historical librarians, the Library will be providing residents the opportunity to both preserve and learn about their own history and that of their neighbors.

## 2018 Digitization Dates

- July 21 at North Plainfield Memorial Library branch

## 2019 Digitization Dates

- April 13 at Warren Township Library branch
- June 15 at Watchung Library branch

"Our digitization days will allow our patrons to preserve their memories for future generations of family, friends, and community neighbors," said grant coordinator and technical services manager Rebecca Sandoval Sloat.

Somerset County residents should bring no more than five items to each digitization session, including:

- Historic photographs, letters, or documents;
- Sketches, paintings, or other artwork;
- Family heirlooms including recipes;
- Jewelry or decorative arts;
- Textiles such as quilts, samplers, flags, or uniforms;
- Antique toys;
- And, other artifacts.

If a resident has a more robust collection of historical items that they wish to digitize, that patron should make a one-on-one appointment with the library by emailing [CommonHeritage@sclibnj.org](mailto:CommonHeritage@sclibnj.org). If a patron wishes to share an oral history of a historic and/or life event, short recorded interviews can be arranged.

SCLSNJ will make these collective memories available for research and use for future generations by contributing digitized items to Rutgers University's New Jersey Digital Highway, by making them available in our library's online catalog, and by submitting them to the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA).

The following community organizations will be partnering with SCLSNJ through the course of this 18-month project: The Board of Chosen Freeholders, Somerset County; The Courier

News/MyCentralJersey.com; the Franklin Township Public Library; the New Jersey Council for the Humanities; and Somerset County Historical Society

The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey Common Heritage initiative has been made possible in part by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities: Exploring the human endeavor. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in these Library programs do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

## 'A DAY FOR THE BIRDS' PRESENTATION AT WARRENBROOK CENTER

*Submitted by Gwen Chalker*

"A Day for the Birds" was recently presented at the Warrenbrook Senior Center by Debra Esposito of Morris Museum. She spoke about New Jersey's native birds. Attendees learned about their migration patterns, habits, diets, life span, and the environmental impact, such as pollution and urban sprawl, have on their survival.

Attendees also participated in "Feathered Friends Scavenger Hunt" where they went around the room looking for 20 different birds. At each place setting, there were "bird search" placemats where attendees could search the forest for 15 different birds. For attendees that wanted the more traditional word search puzzle, there were "Bird Watcher" word search puzzles that when completed, a special message could be formed from the remaining, un-circled letters.

Table centerpieces were created by the Center's members. Tree branches were inserted into pots and birds were clipped onto the branches.

This program was made possible, in part, by the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State through the State/County History Partnership Program Grant and administered in Somerset County by the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission.

Visit Warrenbrook Senior Center at: [seniorcenter.us/sc/warrenbrook\\_senior\\_center\\_warren\\_nj](http://seniorcenter.us/sc/warrenbrook_senior_center_warren_nj)



(above) "A Day for the Birds" centerpiece created by Warrenbrook Senior members.

## SCLSNJ'S NORTH PLAINFIELD MEMORIAL LIBRARY BRANCH EVENTS JUNE 2018

*North Plainfield Memorial Library branch is located at  
6 Rockview Avenue, North Plainfield, New Jersey.*

*New Jersey. For more information call 908-458-8435 or visit [SCLSNJ.org](http://SCLSNJ.org).*

Somerset County Library System New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) North Plainfield Branch is located at 6 Rockview Avenue, North Plainfield, New Jersey. All programs listed are free. Registration is required unless otherwise indicated and programs are subject to change; visit [SCLSNJ.org](http://SCLSNJ.org) or call the library at 908-458-8435 for more information and to register.

### ALL AGE PROGRAMS

#### Super Summer Movies

June 18; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

#### Jane Stuart Jazz Band

June 12, 7 to 8 p.m.

#### Family Game Day

June 18, 3 to 5 p.m.

#### Spin-the-Wheel Wednesday (families)

June 20, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Month of the Horse

June 21, 2 to 3 p.m.

### CHILDREN, TWEEN, AND TEEN PROGRAMS

#### Ace of Cupcakes

June 5, 3 to 5 p.m.  
(grades 5 to 12)

#### Choose Your Own Adventure

June 6, 13; 3:30 to 5 p.m.  
(grades 6 to 12)

#### Holiday Celebrations Around the World

June 8, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
(entering grades Pre-K to 2)

#### Reading Buddies

June 9, 16, 23, 30; 10 a.m. to noon  
(grades 1 to 5)

#### Minecraft Club

June 14, 3:30 to 5 p.m.  
(grades 4 to 7)

#### Wonder Viewing Party

June 19, 1:30 to 4 p.m.  
(entering grades 4 to 6)

#### Toddler/Preschool Storytime "Rhyme and Play"

June 20, 27; 10 to 11 a.m.  
(18 months to 4 years)

#### Baby/Toddler Storytime "Discover Storytime"

June 21, 28; 10 to 11 a.m.  
(birth to 3 years)

#### Bang a Drum

June 25, 4 to 5:30 p.m.  
(entering grades 6 to 12)

#### Miss Jen's Lab "Color Me Fun"

June 28, 1 to 2 p.m.  
(grades K to 5)

#### Touch the Music Hands "On Workshop"

June 29, 2 to 2:45 p.m.  
(ages 3 to 5)

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### English Conversation Group

June 11, 18; 7 to 8:30 p.m.

#### Morning Knit and Crochet

June 5, 19; 10 a.m. to noon

#### Medicare Workshop

June 5, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

#### Book Discussion:

#### A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline

will be held on June 14, 1 to 2 p.m.  
and June 21, 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.

#### US Citizenship Course

June 14, 21, 28; 6 to 8 p.m.

#### Adult Crafting "DIY Herb Wreath"

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