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3RD ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY

On Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Councilwoman Keiona R. Miller will host the 3rd annual North Plainfield Community Black History Month Celebration- "Overcoming Adversity, Celebrating Diversity." at North Plainfield High School, 34 Wilson Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ.

"Previous Black History Month events have attracted high turnout from residents of North Plainfield and neighboring communities, high participation from local civic and religious groups, youth organizations and student groups including the North Plainfield High School Chorus, North Plainfield High School Step Team, and the North Plainfield Girl Scouts. This year we anticipate even higher participation as the program gains traction.

There will be door prizes and a brief reception following the program.

Black History is American History. It is deeply inspiring to remember African American women and men who have made remarkable contributions to American society. Many of their accomplishments were born out of significant struggle. From struggle, they created beautiful music, art, and dance forms. They led the charge for significant political change and social reconstruction. They produced some of the greatest innovators and thinkers in our nation's history.

The North Plainfield Community Celebration seeks to commemorate some of these accomplishments and the power that we hold as Americans when diverse cultural and racial groups join together. It is true, we can achieve any goal! Join us on February 17. We have much to celebrate" - Councilwoman Keiona R. Miller, First African American elected to the North Plainfield Borough Council.

Get tickets at:

NPCCommunityCelebration.Eventbrite.com

For information call: 609-848-8801

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(above) Program host Councilwoman Keiona-Miller is pictured center surrounded by the Zeta-Phi-Beta Sorority, past event participants.

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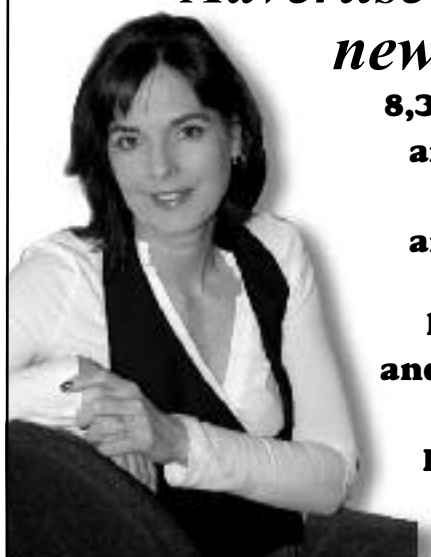
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NORTH PLAINFIELD GIRL SCOUT TROOP 65141 EARN GOODTURN PATCHES

Submitted by Jose Medellin, Goodwill

Twenty-five girls from North Plainfield Girl Scout Troop 65141 stopped by the local Goodwill store to drop off bags of clothing on the morning of Saturday, January 12, 2019. The donation drive is one of the learning activities that scouts engage and are compensated with patches for their community service.

Newly elected U.S. Congressman Tom Malinowski (NJ District 7) helped present the scouts with GoodTurn patches, which were designed by the marketing department of Goodwill NYNJ, to the girl scouts for their donations.

After a Q/A with Congressman Malinowski, the scouts toured the store to learn about the production process and how donations are sorted and tagged before going to the sales floor.

Troop Leader Danielle Roberto said, "We are a multi-level troop, all living in north Plainfield. We have first, third, fourth, and sixth graders in our troop. We are the biggest troop right now in town."

The scouts, their siblings and parents learned of the importance of donating the usable clothing and household goods their families no longer need instead of dumping them in the garbage.

Donations support the mission of Goodwill NYNJ of empowering individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment to gain independence through the power of work.

Goodwill NYNJ helped residents divert more than 135 million lbs of usable goods out of the landfills in 2017.

Goodwill creates jobs and in 2017, the nonprofit hired or developed job opportunities for more than 4,000 job-seekers, including over 1,300 individuals with disabilities. In addition, one in seven people working in Goodwill NYNJ is a person with disabilities.

Goodwill NYNJ holds donation drives for kids to educate children the importance of re-using, re-purposing and recycling usable goods to achieve a more sustainable society. Learn more at GoodwillNYNJ.org.



(above) U.S. Congressman Tom Malinowski met with North Plainfield Girl Scout Troop 65141 on their visit to the local Goodwill store.



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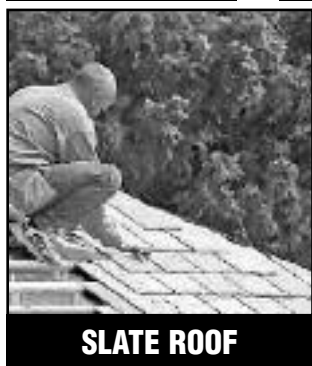
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ADELE DELEEUEW SCHOLARSHIP 2019-2020

Submitted by Johanna Salvemini

High school seniors wishing to apply for the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship should obtain applications now from their school guidance office. The scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Deadline for submission of applications is Thursday, March 7, 2019.

Previous DeLeeuw scholarship recipients already in college are eligible to re-apply. They must submit complete official transcripts of college grades with a new application.

This is the twenty-fourth year the scholarships have been offered. To date, the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship Fund, which is a fund of the Plainfield Foundation, has awarded over 1.3 million dollars. The awards are made in accordance with the terms of a bequest from Ms. DeLeeuw, author of 75 books, journalist and arts activist.

The Plainfield Rotary Scholarship Foundation, headed by Michael R. Townley, acts as selector for the scholarships. Area Rotary Clubs assist in

the selection process. Only students attending high schools in Plainfield, North Plainfield, South Plainfield, Warren, Watchung, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Edison are eligible. Location of high school, not student's residence, is the qualifying factor. The student must also be accepted to an accredited college or university.

Applicants must plan to major in one of the following areas of study: art, poetry, writing, journalism or engineering. They must demonstrate the scholastic aptitude and interest to pursue study in one of these specified areas. They must also prove financial need.

Interested students should consult their guidance counselors to obtain the necessary application information or go to the Plainfield/North Plainfield Rotary Club website at rotarypnp.org/cs-adele-deleeuw-scholarship.php. Questions may be directed to Johanna Salvemini, Scholarship Administrator, at 908-755-8098.

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DON'T FALL FOR SCAM CALLS AND EMAILS IMPERSONATING IRS

The IRS is urging the public to be aware of suspicious individuals claiming to be from the IRS.

Thousands of people have lost millions of dollars and their personal information to tax scams. Scammers use the regular mail, telephone, or email to set up individuals, businesses, payroll, and tax professionals.

Scammers and cyberthieves continue to use the IRS as bait. The most common tax scams are phone calls and emails from thieves who pretend to be from the IRS. Scammers use the IRS name, logo, fake employee names and badge numbers to try to steal money and identities from taxpayers.

Taxpayers need to be wary of phone calls or automated messages from someone who claims to be from the IRS. Often, these criminals will say taxpayers owe money and demand payment right away. Other times, scammers will lie to taxpayers and say they're due a refund. The thieves ask for bank account information over the phone. The IRS warns taxpayers not to fall for these scams.

Below are several tips that will help filers avoid becoming a scam victim.

IRS employees will not:

- Call demanding an immediate payment. The IRS won't call taxpayers if they owe taxes without first sending a bill in the mail.
- Demand payment without allowing taxpayers

to question or appeal the amount owed.

- Demand that taxpayers pay their taxes in a specific way, such as with a prepaid debit card.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Threaten to contact local police or similar agencies to arrest taxpayers for non-payment of taxes.
- Threaten legal action, such as a lawsuit.

If taxpayers don't owe or don't think they owe any tax, and they receive an inquiry like this, they should:

- Contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration. Use TIGTA's "IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting" web page to report the incident.
- Report the incident to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the "FTC Complaint Assistant" on FTC.gov. Add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments of your report.

In most cases, an IRS phishing scam is an unsolicited, fake email that claims to come from the IRS. Some emails link to sham websites that look real. The scammers' goal is to lure victims to give up their personal and financial information. If the thieves get what they're after, they use it to steal a victim's money and identity.

For those taxpayers who get a phishing email, the IRS offers this advice:

- Don't reply to the message.
- Don't give out your personal or financial information.
- Forward the email to phishing@irs.gov. Then delete it.
- Don't open any attachments or click on any links. They may have malicious code that will infect your computer.

For more information visit www.irs.gov or call your local police department non-emergency number.

UPCOMING NPCCR MEETING, FEB. 7

The next meeting of the North Plainfield Citizens for Community Rights (NPCCR) will be Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Plainfield Community Center, 614 Greenbrook Rd.

Our guest speaker will be Robert Graham, he will present his "Tax Assessment Seminar." A number of those attending this seminar in the past have had their tax assessments reduced.

NPCCR posts the current police reports and council meetings on our site. You can view them by going to npccr.org.

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The New Jersey Veterans Network along with the Operation Rebound Racing Team host free monthly PTSD and benefits meetings which will aim to be fun, while being informative.

The next meeting, featuring a comic performance, will be held on February 25, 2019 at the Scotch Plains American Legion, located at 237 Park Ave, Scotch Plains, NJ at 6:30 p.m.

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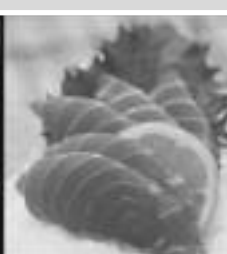
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONTINUES AT SCLSNJ LIBRARY

This winter, the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) will commemorate Black History Month through a program series that explores history, music, and more.

Celebrating Black History Month (grades 2-8)

Test your knowledge of famous African-Americans and their contribution to both the US and the world.

Enter a matching contest to win a book from the prize bookshelf.

February 1-28

at SCLSNJ's Somerville Library branch, located at 35 West End Avenue in Somerville. For more: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1155455.

A Place For All People: Commemorative Exhibit in Honor of Black History Month (all ages)

Discover a selection of highlights of the artifacts on display at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African American History and Culture.

February 4-28

at SCLSNJ's Manville Library Branch, located at 100 South 10th Avenue in Manville. For more: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1159002.

African Folktales (grades Pre-K to 5)

African music, presented by Bright Star Children's Theatre, helps set the stage for exploring folktale traditions and stories.

February 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

at SCLSNJ's Bridgewater Library branch, located at 1 Vogt Drive in Bridgewater. For more: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1119269.

February 7, 4-5 p.m.

at SCLSNJ's Warren Twp. Library branch, located at 42 Mountain Boulevard in Warren Twp. For more: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1121869.

Thelonious Monk Straight, No Chaser: Jazz Documentary

This documentary will explore the life and artistry of modern jazz pianist and composer Thelonious Monk.

February 9, 1-3 p.m.

at SCLSNJ's Somerville Library branch, located at 35 West End Avenue in Somerville. Register: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1157227.

Folklore Around the World: African Folktales (grades 1 and up)

Explore different cultures through traditional stories passed down from generation to generation with SCLSNJ librarian Margaret Draghi.

February 20, 3:30-4 p.m.

at SCLSNJ's Bound Brook Memorial Library branch, located at 402 East High Street in Bound Brook. For more: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1150695.

Slavery and the Quaker Abolition Movement in New Jersey (adults)

Historian Rick Geffken will present an overview of the history and legacy of New Jersey's 200 year history of slavery.

February 20, 7-8 p.m.

at SCLSNJ's Bridgewater Library branch, located at 1 Vogt Drive in Bridgewater. Register: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/964805.

A Modern Approach to Southern Cuisine by Chef Jesse Jones: Building Flavors of Love (adults)

Learn and taste a new approach to southern cuisine with New Jersey Chef Jesse Jones.

February 23, 11 a.m. - noon

at SCLSNJ's North Plainfield Memorial Library branch, located at 6 Rockview Avenue in North Plainfield. Register: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1014809.

Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble (all ages)

Celebrate African culture with a spirited performance featuring dance, drumming, traditional songs, stilt walking and dancing, and more.

February 23, 2-3:30 p.m.

hosted offsite Somerset County Vo-Tech Auditorium, located at 14 Vogt Drive in Bridgewater. Register:

sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1130713.

West Africa on the East Coast (adults)

Explore the cultural tapestry of West Africa through centuries of art from within the borders of its 18 present-day countries with Mike Norris, Ph.D.

February 23, 3-4 p.m.

at SCLSNJ's Bridgewater Library branch, located at 1 Vogt Drive in Bridgewater. Register: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1027218.

For more about Black History Month at SCLSNJ: sclsnj.org/black-history-month.



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MUSIC AT THE MANSION CONCERT SERIES PIANIST SEAN GOUGH - FEB. 10TH

The Friends of Vermeule Mansion, Inc. (FOVM) will present their popular Music at the Mansion concert series on Sunday, February 10th, 2019 at 3 p.m. in the Vermeule Mansion located at the corner of 614 Greenbrook Road and Clinton Avenue, in North Plainfield. Come hear a wonderful program just featuring improvisation over tunes from the Great American Songbook performed by pianist Sean Gough.

Born in the northeastern United States, Sean has deep musical roots as he began listening to music and playing piano at a very young age. Gough graduated with a MA degree in Jazz History and Research from Rutgers University. He is currently teaching at Lafayette College

and is a professional musician and has performed professionally since the age of 18. Recent performances include a 2018 tour in the US and abroad with the Gene Perla Trio featuring jazz vocalist Viktorija Gecyte. Gough is the grandson of opera tenor Ronald Naldi of North Plainfield.

Light refreshments representing the countries in the program will be offered and admission is free. Donations are gratefully accepted. The Friends of Vermeule Mansion Inc. (FOVM) is a non-profit organization promoting the history of North Plainfield and arts and culture in the community. For more information, contact Johanna Salvemini at 908-755-8098 or visit facebook.com/VermeuleMansion/.





(above) Pianist Sean Gough will perform a free concert at the Vermeule Mansion on Feb. 10, 2019 at 3 p.m.

EXPRESS BUS TO ATLANTIC CITY - FEB. 13

The North Plainfield Seniors Club will sponsor an express bus trip to the Golden Nugget Casino in Atlantic City on Wednesday, February 13, 2019. All are welcome. The bus leaves the parking lot of Saint Luke's Church 300 Clinton Ave. at 10:00 a.m., the cost is \$35.


On arrival, the casino will give you a \$25 voucher to use in the casino and a \$5 voucher for food. For more information call Shirley at 908-561-3240.


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(above) The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) now offers Creativebug, an online learning platform for arts and crafts workshop and technique videos. "Once you set up an account, you can learn from anywhere using any device," said Linda Tripp (pictured), SCLSNJ collection development librarian. "You can stop and start videos or even repeat them - it's all at your own pace. We anticipate the classes, especially those on art, sewing, quilting, and cake decorating, to be as popular with our patrons as our print items." Explore Creativebug today in branch or at home using your Library card: creativebug.com/lib/sclsnj.

If you made a New Year's resolution to learn a new creative skill or to explore your artistic side, then look no further than your library. The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) now offers Creativebug, an online learning platform for arts and crafts workshop and technique videos.

The crafty resource has over 1,000 tutorials instructed by industry experts who have been featured in publications such as "Vogue," "Martha Stewart Living," and "O Magazine." Library customers can discover their creative side through painting, knitting, screen printing, and much more.

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For those looking to find success with your New Year's resolutions, try exploring on the creativebug website some of these titles: Planners

101: Creative Ideas for Choosing and Using a Planner, DIY Cleaning Products and Craft Organization, Revamp Your Creative Space, Meditative Art Journaling, DIY Year Planner, and more!

In addition to the variety of instructional videos, there are downloadable patterns, templates, and recipes designed for both beginners and experts.

New classes are released daily. Explore Creativebug today in branch or at home using your Library card: creativebug.com/lib/sclsnj.

About SCLSNJ

Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) partners with you to connect, to explore, to share and to discover. Together we enrich lives, expand knowledge and strengthen communities. SCLSNJ branches can be found in Bridgewater, Bound Brook, Hillsborough, Manville, North Plainfield, Peapack & Gladstone, Rocky Hill at Mary Jacobs Memorial Library, Somerville, Warren Township, and Watchung. Additionally, there are two SCLSNJ reading stations in Branchburg and Washington Valley. Visit SCLSNJ.org.



NORTH PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Seminar Announcement Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events Avoid Deny Defend Training

This Seminar is being offered free of charge to North Plainfield Residents by the North Plainfield Police Department.

What You Do Matters.™ These simple steps can help in survival in your workplace, your church, your school and other areas in your community. Please feel free to share these vital options and remind your family and friends to:

- Know Your Surroundings.
- Have A Plan.
- Use Will Power.
- Choose To Survive.

Date: February 5, 2019
Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Location: North Plainfield Community Center
614 Greenbrook Road
North Plainfield, New Jersey 07060

This course will provide the attendees with common sense strategies for surviving Active Shooter Events using the Avoid Deny and Defend concepts developed by Texas State University and the ALERRT Center. ALERRT instructors have trained more than 200,000 civilians in Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) and the Avoid-Deny-Defend Awareness Program. There will be a Question and Answer Session at the conclusion of the training.

To register please e-mail us at events@npmail.org

Include your name and number of attendees.

Please register by February 4, 2019

Instructed by: Lt. Edward C. Ciempola, North Plainfield Police Department

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North Plainfield Events February/March



- 2/2 Groundhog Day!
2/5 7pm C.R.A.S.E Seminar
Community Center
Register at
events@npmail.org
2/10 3pm Music at Vermeule Mansion
2/14 Happy Valentine's Day!
2/17 4:00 Black Heritage Celebration
North Plainfield High School
2/18 Presidents Day
Borough Hall Closed
3/1 Read Across America
3/10 2am Daylight Savings Time Begins
3/17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!
3/23 1pm St. Baldrick's Day
NP Fire House - 8 Lincoln Place
3/20 First Day of Spring....Yay!

See northplainfield.org For More Info
Questions? - 908 769-2902 -
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FEBRUARY PROGRAMS AT SCLSNJ'S NORTH PLAINFIELD MEMORIAL LIBRARY BRANCH

SCLSNJ's North Plainfield Memorial Library branch is located at 6 Rockview Ave, North Plainfield, NJ, call 908-458-8435 or visit online at SCLSNJ.org.

All programs listed are free. Registration is required unless otherwise indicated and programs are subject to change; visit SCLSNJ.org or call the library for more information and to register.

*Please note the Library will be closed on February 18 for President's Day.

CHILDREN, TWEEN, AND TEEN PROGRAMS

Origami Pigs

February 1, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(grades 5-12)

Storycrafters

February 5, 3:30-5 p.m.
(grades 5-12)

Toddler/Preschool Storytime - Rhyme and Play

February 6, 13; 10-11 a.m.
(ages 18-60 months)

Baby/Toddler Storytime Discover Stories

February 7, 14; 10-11 a.m.
(ages birth - 36 months)

LEGO® Club

February 11, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
(grades 2-4)

Anti-Valentine's Day Party

February 13, 3:30-5 p.m.
(grades 5-12)

Culinary Creators

February 19, 3:30-5 p.m.
(grades 5-12)

Young Adult Advisory Council

February 20, 3:30-5 p.m.
(grades 5-12)

Game Time

February 27, 3:30-5 p.m.
(grades 5-12)

ADULT PROGRAMS

Winter Crafts - Rosebud Wreath

February 2, 11 a.m. - noon

English Conversation Group

February 4, 11, 25; 7-8:30 p.m.

Computer Help

February 5, 11 a.m. - noon

Beginner Spanish Course

February 5, 19; 7-8 p.m.

Minecraft Club

February 6, 3:30-5 p.m.
(grades 4-7)

US Citizenship Course

February 7, 14, 21, 28; 6-8 p.m.

Morning Knit and Crochet

February 12, 26; 10 a.m. - noon

Bollywood Dance

February 12, 7-8 p.m.

Book Discussion:

"The Good Lord Bird" by James McBride

on February 14, 1-2 p.m. and
February 21, 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Healthy Avenues Van

February 19, 1-3 p.m.

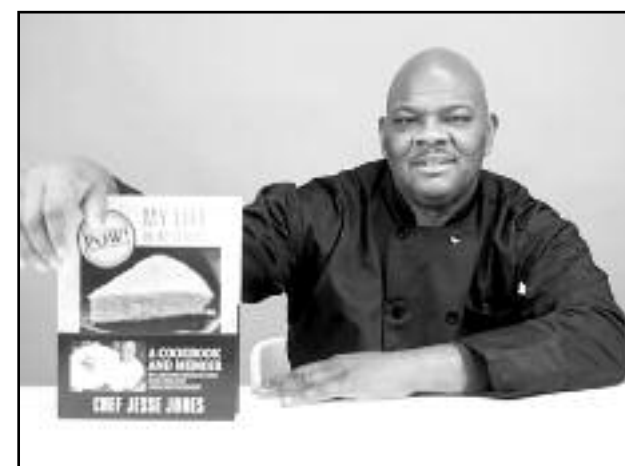
A Modern Approach to Southern Cuisine

by Chef Jesse Jones

February 23, 11 a.m. - noon

Knitflix

February 26, 3:30-5:30 p.m.



A Modern Approach to Southern Cuisine by Chef Jesse Jones: Building Flavors of Love (adults)

Learn and taste a new approach to southern cuisine with New Jersey Chef Jesse Jones.

February 23, 11 a.m. - noon

at SCLSNJ's North Plainfield Memorial Library branch, located at 6 Rockview Avenue in North Plainfield. Register: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1014809.

PLAY MINI GOLF AT THE NORTH PLAINFIELD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

On February 16th, 2019, come play mini golf in the stacks at the North Plainfield Memorial Library! The Friends of the North Plainfield Memorial Library will be taking over the library after hours to convert it into a 9-hole mini golf course, complete with loops, bridges, and other obstacles. The library will reopen exclusively for this event from 6 to 10 p.m. Refreshments will be available. All money raised at this event will go towards supporting the library and its programs.

The cost to play is \$10/adult, \$5/child, and \$25/group of four. To reserve a specific time slot in advance, please see the sign-up link available on our Facebook page, @FriendsOfNorthPlainfieldLibrary. Drop-ins are welcome on the day of the event, based on availability.

About the Friends of the North Plainfield Memorial Library

The Friends of the North Plainfield Memorial Library is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to supporting the library and its programs. In the past, they have sponsored a writing and performing workshop for middle school children, assisted with the FIRST Lego League Jr. Expo, and held an annual block party to help kick off the summer reading program.



ALL AGE PROGRAMS

Take Your Child to the Library Day - Scavenger Hunt

February 2, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (all ages)



(above) Celebrate African culture with a spirited performance featuring dance, drumming, traditional songs, stilt walking and dancing, and more. February 23, 2-3:30 p.m. hosted offsite Somerset County Vo-Tech Auditorium.



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