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WARREN TOWNSHIP SENIOR HOLIDAY PARTY

On Wednesday, December 1, 2021, Warren seniors celebrated the holiday season at the Forest Lodge in Warren, NJ. The event included a delicious meal. Wine was served with the meal and coffee as well as dessert were available afterwards. Also, there was music and dancing to really get everyone more into the holiday spirit! What a fun event for the seniors of Warren!



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WINTER FESTIVAL, BONFIRE & FIREWORKS JANUARY 8

Warren Township Recreation Department

Come out and enjoy the 13th Annual Winter Festival, Bonfire and Fireworks on January 8, 2022.

All age groups can enjoy this event due to various activities such as horse and carriage rides, petting zoo, carnival rides, ice carver. Carnival games provided by the Recognized Sport Groups, hot chocolate and much more! Food will be for sale by Cas's Pierogi & Kielbasa, Let's Have a Ball, Latin Bites, Big John's Gourmet Burgers & Dilly Dilly Donuts.

The event will take place at the Municipal Baseball Fields located at 46 Mountain Blvd, Warren, NJ from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. with the lighting of the bonfire at 4:20 p.m. and fireworks at 7:00 p.m.

Additional parking is available at the Municipal Complex and across the street at PNC Bank and Cooper Jewelers.

This year we cannot burn Christmas trees so please do not drop them off at the Municipal Complex.

In case of inclement weather or if you have any questions please contact the Recreation Office by phone at 908-753-8000 x 271 or by email at recreation@warrennj.org.



JEFF GOLKIN RELEASES NEW JAZZ ALBUM

Former Warren Township Committeeman, Jeff Golkin, has embarked on a new adventure as a producer and songwriter of his latest jazz album, *We Have Love...For All Time*. In addition to serving on the Township Committee, Jeff was an active volunteer firefighter for 8 years and not only served as Chief of the Mount Horeb

Volunteer Fire Company, but also as a Member of the Board of Health and Liaison to the Police and Rescue Squads. For more information about the new release, please visit smilinggoddessproductions.com and follow him on Instagram, [@smilinggoddessproductions](https://www.instagram.com/smilinggoddessproductions), and Twitter, [@smiling_goddess](https://twitter.com/smiling_goddess).



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Jeff Golkin & Forever Love




"Love of another, greater than love of oneself, is to know the joy of how to make the world a better place for all time." - Jeff Golkin

(above) Jeff Golkin & Forever Love; the jazz group as featured in their album with Jeff in the center.

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(above, l-r) Angelo L. Tomaso School Principal Christine Smith, Educational Services Professional Recipient Melissa Fedosh, Classroom Teacher Recipient, Sanjita Livingston.

Photos by Warren Public Schools

SCHOOL'S STAFF RECEIVE HIGH HONORS

Warren Township Public Schools

Five teachers and five educational services professionals from Warren Township Schools have been named the recipients of the Governor's Educator of the Year awards.

On December 7, 2021, Board of Education President, Marc Franco, joined Superintendent, Dr. Matthew Mingle, to visit each school for a surprise visit to notify each of the recipients of their award with a special congratulatory bouquet of flowers, pictures, rounds of applause, and well wishes.

The New Jersey Teacher of the Year Program and the Governor's Teacher/Educational Services Professionals Recognition Program has been integrated into the Governor's Educator of the Year Award. This updated program highlights educational innovation, student achievement, the

rewards of teaching, and important services outside the classroom environment that lead to student success.

Each award recipient was nominated for his/her commitment to providing excellent education and cultivating an environment where each student is able to achieve his/her fullest potential. The district is grateful for the participation from the Warren community, students, and the many wonderful Warren staff who nominated their peers.

Superintendent Matthew Mingle said, "Warren Township Schools benefit from the dedication of talented educators day in and day out. It is wonderful to take a moment to celebrate some of our shining stars!"

Warren Township School's Teachers are shining brighter every day!



(above, l-r) Back Row: Woodland School Principal Jeffrey Heaney, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Matthew Mingle. Front Row: Classroom Teacher Recipient Kristina Traynor, Educational Services Professional Recipient Shari DeCarli, and School Board President Marc Franco.

CLASSROOM TEACHER RECIPIENTS:

- Angelo L. Tomaso - Sanjita Livingston, Special Education Teacher;
- Central - Lyndsay Carroll, ASAP Math Teacher;
- Mt. Horeb -PJ Jones, Grade 4 Teacher;
- Woodland -Kristina Traynor, Grade 1 Teacher;
- nd Middle - Alexis Slack, ASAP English Language Arts Teacher

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROFESSIONAL RECIPIENTS:

- Angelo L. Tomaso - Melissa Fedosh, Paraprofessional;
- Central - Nancy Lauber, Paraprofessional;
- Mt. Horeb - Michelle Zgombic, Technology Teacher/Coach;
- Woodland -Shari DeCarli, Paraprofessional;
- Middle - Valerie Nelson, Paraprofessional



(above, l-r) Warren Middle School Assistant Principal Maria Mensinger, Classroom Teacher Recipient Alexis Slack, Educational Services Professional Recipient Valerie Nelson, and Warren Middle School Principal Mr. George Villar.



(above, l-r) Board of Education President Marc Franco, Classroom Teacher Recipient Lindsay Carroll, Educational Services Professional Recipient Nancy Lauber, Central School Principal Alison Tugya, and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Matthew Mingle.



(above, l-r) Mt. Horeb School Principal Scott Cook with Classroom Teacher Recipient PJ Jones and with Educational Services Professional Recipient Michelle Zgombic.



RELIEF FROM CHRONIC KNEE PAIN

FDA Approved Treatment to Avoid Surgery

DON'T BLAME THE ARROW FOR MISSING THE TARGET

Just like tens of millions of other Americans, you were looking for relief from your chronic knee pain. You thought Viscosupplementation injections might be the answer, but the results were disappointing and painful. Don't assume the treatment wasn't right. That could very well be like blaming the arrow for its path to the target when the problem might be the archer. If you didn't get the pain relief you were hoping for, chances are your injection treatment was off target. Unlike blind injections or even ultrasound targeted treatments found elsewhere, **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** uses diagnostic fluoroscopy to make sure the area that needs treated is the exact area where the injection goes. This is the most advanced method of delivering this pain relieving treatment with 95% accuracy to give you the results you're looking for. The use of Fluoroscopy guided injections sets **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** apart. The end result is you living pain free from your chronic knee pain. You can avoid the lengthy and painful road of knee replacement surgery. You can avoid the endless trial and error assortment of potentially addictive prescription medications. This treatment, using fluoroscopy guided injections has seen a success rate of above 85% in those suffering from knee pain related to osteoarthritis, and that includes people with bone on bone involvement. You've suffered from chronic knee pain long enough. Call **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** now for a RISK FREE consultation.



If Knee Surgery Sounds Scary, It Should

Have you have been told you are facing knee replacement surgery? Have you been told about all the downsides you could be facing? First and foremost, there are NO guarantees that knee replacement surgery will be the answer to your pain, but let's look further:

- Surgery is costly, regardless of the percentage of services covered by insurance.
- Surgery requires lost time from work and typically requires a regimen of rehabilitation and medications.
- With surgery, there is always a risk for unwelcomed complications. And you could be back to where you started, or worse.
- Medications will be required for relief from surgery and you have been down that road before. Addictions to these pain medications can cause potential side effects, something you do not want to experience.
- Rehabilitation can take years.

Consider This Alternative To Surgery

Northeast Spine & Wellness Center offers you a real opportunity and a painless way to say goodbye to your knee pain without any surgery. Here are just a few of the important benefits you should consider?

- Diagnostic fluoroscopy accurately targets the pain, unlike blind injections.
- Guided fluoroscopic injections are virtually pain free, unlike blind injections.
- No lost time from work or family.
- No expensive or time consuming rehabilitation.
- No potentially addictive prescription medications.
- Recovery time is almost instant, not months or years.

How Does This New Treatment Work?

Relief begins almost as fast as it takes to pronounce the treatment. It's called Viscosupplementation Therapy. To begin with, it starts with **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** investing in the use of diagnostic fluoroscopy. This enables them to target the exact location of your knee pain with pinpoint accuracy. What follows is a simple injection that causes little to no pain, especially when compared to what you may be living with daily. That explains what you will see on the surface of this revolutionary treatment. What's taking place below the surface is how and where the natural healing process takes place. The injection of a Hyaluronic acid called Hyalgan. This gel-like substance was approved by the FDA in 1996. Hyalgan is a natural substance that mimics the synovial fluid that is already produced by your body in your joints. Osteoarthritis sufferers in particular see a reduction in this much needed synovial fluid in their knee joints. Without that cushioning layer of protection, the cartilage in your knee can begin to wear away leading to the rubbing of bone on bone. Through Viscosupplementation Therapy, this natural substance immediately goes to work reducing the swelling and inflammation in the joint and adding a coating layer of protection. Think about Dorothy taking the oil can to The Tin Man. You'll begin to feel that same kind of relief and quite possibly feel like you're ready for a dance down the yellow brick road to recovery yourself. And with a success rate of over 85% in alleviating pain associated with osteoarthritis, it's easy to see why this treatment is so readily covered by Medicare and by most major insurance providers. Diagnostic fluoroscopy to target the pain, Viscosupplementation Therapy to relieve the pain. Simple, fast and no surgery!

INICA KOTASTHANE

NATIONAL ESSAY WINNER



(above) Inica Kotasthane is a national winner of the 2021 Washington Congressional Seminar Essay Contest for high school students

Submitted by Barbara Lang

The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of New Jersey is pleased to announce that Inica Kotasthane, a junior at Watchung Hills Regional High School has been selected as a national winner of the Washington Congressional Seminar Essay Contest for high school students. This award entitles Inica to a fully funded week in our nation's capital, Washington D.C., where the goal of the essay contest is to teach and stimulate an awareness of US citizenship — its privileges, opportunities, and responsibilities. Daily meetings with US Senators and Representatives, visits to the National Mall, Mount Vernon, The Pentagon, as well as many memorials and monuments are just some of the planned events and activities.

This essay contest is a major project of The NSCDA held under the auspices of the Washington Workshops Foundation, a private nonprofit educational program in American government for high school students.

Inica serves proudly as Editor in Chief of her school newspaper and Co-Editor in Chief of the blog for Next Generation Politics, a youth-led organization dedicated to promoting civic engagement. She co-chairs the Social Media Committee of her local League of Women Voters chapter, is in the Youth Leadership Program for Somerset County, and will be a Girls State delegate this summer. Inica plans on pursuing her interests in Political Science and writing through public policy, as well as hopes to continue to raise awareness and change for social issues affecting the world today. In addition to all of those responsibilities, Inica volunteers for a local nonprofit, Knit Crochet with Love, to knit caps for cancer patients, helps coach the speech and debate team of her middle school, and is working towards her second-degree black belt in Taekwondo.

Do you Suffer from any of these Symptoms?

There are a number of reasons why you developed Osteoarthritis pain. It can develop with age or because of heredity. It could be from repetitive stress from a job or some glory days in athletics. Of course your concern is with the symptoms you face daily and how to make them end, hopefully without surgery or the use of potentially addictive medications. **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** understands the symptoms you have been living with and can help. If you have any of the symptoms below, please call us today. Relief is a phone call away.

- **Pain** - Whether it's a sharp aching or maybe a burning sensation, the pain can range from irritating to debilitating.
- **Swelling** - This can cause tenderness and soreness to the entire knee area, making walking or going up and down stairs painful, getting in and out of bed or bathtubs difficult and dangerous just name a few activities affected by swelling.
- **Stiffness** - Getting up out of bed or after sitting for a period of time gets more and more difficult. This loss of mobility can be more than a hindrance. It can be dangerous if you need to move quickly.
- **Loss of muscle strength** - This can lead to balance issues and the strong possibility of falling.
- **Joint deformity** - Not just unsightly, but painful as well.
- **Creaking Joints** - Can be painful and a sign of more discomfort to come.
- **Sleepless nights** - Losing sleep over your suffering is not just irritating, but potentially dangerous because of so many other health concerns that can be affected by loss of sound sleep.

Let Me Show You Targeted Relief From Your Knee Pain

Every day, I see patients suffering from knee pain due to arthritis, osteoarthritis, sports injuries or other conditions. Many have been told that they are in need of knee replacement surgery. Other patients say they have been prescribed various prescription medications to deal with the pain.

Something else I see almost every day, are patients that have tried viscosupplementation knee injections elsewhere and found it to be a painful and ineffective experience because the injections were not administered using fluoroscopic guidance. Instead of using the incredibly accurate diagnostic fluoroscopy we use at **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** these patients experienced a blind injection technique, which can be as inaccurate as playing pin the tail on the donkey.

Once I am able to explain to my patients about the pin point accuracy of using diagnostic fluoroscopy and the amazing results viscosupplementation can provide, they are thrilled to get started. They are even more thrilled when they feel the relief. Please contact **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** today to schedule your RISK FREE consultation.

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Scot Paris MD, FACS

Here's what our patients have to say

"I'm dancing without pain. I can move with no problem whatsoever. I can go up and down steps with no pain."

- Patricia G.

"Over 85% relief for the first time in 15 years, suffering with knee pain. My life is getting back to normal."

- Perry O.

"After only four visits, I have absolutely no pain! The staff is "top-notch."

- Quentin L.



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TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE BIG SUCCESS

The Warren Township Committee and the Warren Recreation Department would like to thank all residents and those who donated to the Toys for Tots collection drive to help make the drive successful. The generosity of all those who donated was greatly appreciated by the United States Marine Toys for Tots organization. This year we received 755 toys that stuffed a work van and mason dump truck, which was delivered to the Marines in South Plainfield.

HELP! I FOUND A WILD BIRD

The Raptor Trust is a 501(c)3 organization that provides free medical care to thousands of injured and orphaned wild birds each year.

Located at 1390 White Bridge Road, Millington, NJ The Raptor Trust's outdoor aviary trail is open to the public daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no charge and no reservation necessary for general admission. Donations are always appreciated.

The Raptor Trust is also offering private guided tours, virtual school programs, and outdoor field trips and scout programs through the winter months.

You can email education@theraptortrust.org with any booking questions or find more information on our website at TheRaptorTrust.org.

WARREN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Submitted by Heather Silver

The Warren Township Education Foundation is a non-profit organization serving as an independent source to raise funds from private and corporate donors to support enhancements to kindergarten all the way to eighth grade classrooms as well as curricular initiatives. These may include, but are not limited to, STEAM, educational programs, technological innovations, staff development, and physical asset investments. It operates independent of, but in partnership with, the Warren Township Committee, Board of Education, schools, and PTOs. The WTEF hopes to enhance educational excellence once again for Warren Township schools and students, as well as maintain (and hopefully increase) home values, educational quality, and intellectual rigor across our community. It was initially created in the 1990's and flourished through the early aughts, but sadly lost steam and eventually folded. However, it has been fully reinstated with the IRS and the state, which is thrilled to tie our community and schools together again.

The WTEF looks to cultivate relationships with parents, residents, alumni, and local businesses. Their focus is a "Dream Big" concept to prepare students for a competitive, global, and interconnected world. Their ultimate goal is to fund and support result-driven projects, such as tutoring programs and career forums, as well as, provide cultural and theatrical arts, science series, and creative and interactive opportunities, just to highlight a few. The WTEF's success will be

predicated on the commitment and dedication from community volunteers, as well as, generous financial donations necessary to underwrite these projects.

The mission of the foundation is to partner with community members and businesses to provide cutting edge enrichment that offers students unique opportunities. The focus will be on "big, bold ideas" aligned with the mission and vision of the Warren Township School District. Members will eventually have opportunities to plan and organize high level fundraising structures and events, as well as, links to mentorship and partnership programs that support the District's brand of "Shining Brighter Every Day." Volunteers who enjoy creative brainstorming, organization, and contributions to a long-term vision are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Currently, the Executive Board consists of volunteers, President Heather Silver; Vice Presidents Danielle Lader, Lisa Brady, and Felice Goldman; Treasurer Adam Gioia; and first Trustee, Daniel Croson. The foundation is still in search of a Secretary and additional Trustees. Also, Patricia Zohn is the BOE liaison to the foundation.

While the website is being built, information can be found at warrentboe.org/schools/district/features/education-foundation, or you can email info@warreneducation.com. WTEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in good standing. Make checks payable to the Warren Township Education Foundation.

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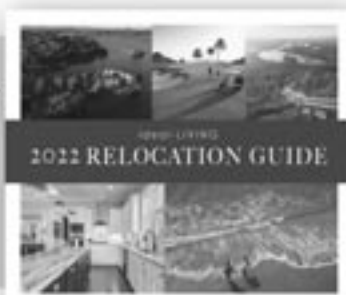
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PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Mammal Mania

January 8th at 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN, TWEENS, AND TEENS

Let's Cook — Polar Bear Cupcakes (grades 3-5)

January 3rd at 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Baby Storytime

(ages birth – 18 months and caregivers)

January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
at 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Toddler Storytime

(ages 18 months – 3 years and caregivers)

January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
at 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Family Storytime (families with children)

January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
at 6:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5 and caregivers)

January 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
at 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Tween Library Club (grades 4-6)

January 6th at 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Early Reader Book Club (grades K-2)

January 10th at 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Teen Leadership Committee (grades 7-12)

January 13th at 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Applying to College — Essay Writing (grades 9-12)

January 15th at 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Read to a Therapy Dog (grades K-4)

January 18th at 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Tween Book Club — Fantasy (grades 4-6)

January 20th at 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

SOARING Into Kindergarten (ages 4-5):

Talking:

January 21th at 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Singing:

January 28th at 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

STEAM - Tangrams and the Year of the Tiger (grades K-5)

January 24th at 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

LEGO® Club (grades K-5)

January 29th at 11 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

The Story of Opera

January 11th at 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Presented by Dr. Robert W. Butts.

Drop-In Tech Help

January 19th at 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Adult Painting Class —

Winter Sunset With Snowmen

January 29th at 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Virtual Book Discussion Salon

Traditionally hosted at the Warren Township branch (adults)

Anxious People by Fredrik Backman

January 5th at 2 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

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January 26th at 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5710079

Recipe Club — Your Favorite Recipe (adults)

January 12th at 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5720232

Special Storytime With Author Aleksandra — Starling Healthy Habits (families)

January 13th at 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5661699

Meet Martin Luther King Jr. — Reenacted by The American Historical Theater (adults)

January 13th at 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Register now:

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5075204>

Unpacking Hemingway — What Was the Hemingway Myth? (adults)

January 20th at 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5054244

Meet the Author: The Lunar New Year With Author Grace Lin (grades K-3)

January 25th at 4:30 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5663371

Stories of Slavery in New Jersey

February 1st at 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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(above) Grace Lin, Author of *Bringing In the New Year*, will speak about the Lunar New Year during a virtual program on January 25th from 4:30 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.

CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW YEAR WITH SCLSNJ

On February 1st, the Lunar New Year will be celebrated around the world. Welcome the Year of the Tiger with award-winning and New York Times bestselling author and illustrator, Grace Lin, and the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) during a virtual program on January 25th at 4:30 p.m.

During the program, students in grades K-3 will digitally connect with Lin as she shares samples of her works, explains customs and stories around the Lunar New Year commemoration, as well as leads participants in an interactive drawing demonstration and Q&A session.

From illustrating to writing, the author of over a dozen children's books, has loved creating books since she was a child. Lin realized she “wanted to be an author and illustrator forever,” after winning fourth place in a national book making competition when she was in the seventh grade.

“There is something about stories and storytelling, and the need to communicate and share that is inherent in all humans,” said Lin. “Reading a book takes a concept that might seem foreign, and makes it familiar. When you use a book as a shared experience, it takes what is unfamiliar and makes it familiar.”

The author, an advocate for diversity, aspires

to encourage children to embrace their own unique identities and cultures, as well as explore others.

“I hope kids who read my books realize that heritage is something really wonderful and something to treasure,” she said. “I hope it gives kids a glimpse into how wonderful and how magical it can be to see and experience things from other points of view and other identities. Reading books are magical and wonderful windows into other cultures.”

In 2021, Lin won the Children's Literature Association Phoenix Picture Book Award for her 2001 release, *Dim Sum for Everyone!*. The award recognizes a work first published 20 years earlier “that did not win a major award at the time of its publication, but from the perspective of time, is deemed worthy of special attention.”

The book tells the story of a young girl visiting a bustling restaurant in Chinatown with her family, where they share and enjoy variations of traditional Chinese dumplings, buns, and small snacks known as dim sum.

Attendees are encouraged to read Lin's books, *The Year of the Dog* and/or *Bringing in the New Year*, prior to the program.

For more information or to register for the virtual program, visit: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5663371.

CULTURAL ADVENTURE PASS PROGRAM

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From fantastical journeys to Westeros in “Game of Thrones” and the Upside Down in “Stranger Things,” to relatable experiences in Stars Hollow with the “Gilmore Girls” and Pawnee, Indiana with the crew from “Parks and Recreation,” many of us took the opportunity to “quaran-stream” a variety of binge-worthy adventures during the pandemic.

Now it's time to turn off the tube, and explore new sights and destinations with the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) recently relaunched Cultural Adventure Pass program.

"The relaunching of the Cultural Adventure Pass program shows SCLSNJ inching ever-closer to a return to our full complement of public services," said Christopher Korenowsky, director of public services. "Twenty-twenty was a tough year for everyone and we are pleased to reintroduce this very popular service."

"The careful reopening of many of our partner locations has led us to relaunch our Cultural Adventure Pass program, and seeing the pieces come into place has been a rewarding process," said Darryl Voorhees, manager of adult services programming and collaborations, public services. We are working up to an eventual 10 locations, but currently, there are four destinations available to discover: The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), IMAGINE THAT!!!®, Eastern State Penitentiary, and Morris Museum. SCLSNJ wishes everyone enjoyable adventures in our re-emerging world."

By reserving a Cultural Adventure Pass, Library customers will have the opportunity to explore history at the African American Museum and Eastern State Penitentiary; to connect with nature at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and Morven Museum and Garden; to discover contemporary and classic art at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum and the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA); and share educational, playful family experiences at IMAGINE THAT!!!®.

"Play is an important practice of early literacy and early childhood development," said Christine Jansen, manager of youth services programming and collaborations, public services. "SCLSNJ is very excited to add IMAGINE THAT!!!® as a destination to our Cultural Adventure Pass offerings. By participating in dramatic play, children can explore language, engage in opportunities for social and emotional development, build their motor skills, and learn about the world they live in."

When considering your next adventure, SCLSNJ's collection features a selection of books that complement the 10 locations available through the Cultural Adventure Pass program. Youth and adults alike can enrich their knowledge of the exhibits, collections, and/or tours as they venture off to their next excursion by checking out a book from SCLSNJ's librarian-curated booklist.

Discover your next read based on your destination:

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- Adults: "The Story of the Dinosaurs in 25 Discoveries: Amazing Fossils and the People Who Found Them" by Donald R. Prothero
- Youth: "The Age of Dinosaurs: The Rise and Fall of the World's Most Remarkable Animals" by Stephen Brusatte

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM

- Adults: "William Still: The Underground Railroad and the Angel at Philadelphia" by William C. Kashatus
- Youth: "The ABCs of Black History" by Rio Cortez

BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN

- Adults: "Crystal Palaces: Garden Conservatories of the United States" by Anne S. Cunningham
- Youth: "The Kid's Guide to Exploring Nature" by Marilyn Smith

EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY

- Adults: "Eastern State Penitentiary: A History" by Paul Kahan
- Youth: "World's Scariest Prisons" by Emma Carlson Berne

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- Adults: "Play to Progress: Lead Your Child to Success Using the Power of Sensory Play" by Allie Ticktin
- Youth: "Anywhere Artist" by Nikki Slade Robinson

INTREPID SEA, AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

- Adults: "Carrier: A Century of First-Hand Accounts of Naval Operations in War and Peace" edited by Jean Hood
- Youth: "What's Inside? Battleships" by Peter Mavrikis

MORRIS MUSEUM

- Adults: "Musical Machines and Living Dolls: The Murtoch D. Guinness Collection of Mechanical Musical Instruments and Automata" by Ellen M. Snyder-Grenier
- Youth: "Robotics: From Automata to the Roomba" by Racquel Foran

MORVEN MUSEUM AND GARDEN

- Adults: "A House Called Morven: Its Role in American History" by Alfred Hoyt Bill
- Youth: "The Signers: The 56 Stories Behind the Declaration of Independence" by Dennis Brindell Fradin

THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART (MOMA)

- Adults: "The Museum of Modern Love" by Heather Rose
- Youth: "Modern Art Adventures: 36 Creative, Hands-On Projects Inspired by Artists From Monet to Banksy" by Maja Pitamic

SOLOMON R. GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM

- Adults: "Peggy Guggenheim: The Shock of the Modern" by Francine Prose
 - Youth: "The Guggenheim Mystery" by Robin Stevens
- Due to the pandemic, some locations may require proof of vaccination and/or negative COVID-19 test results; have time restrictions and/or limited guest capacity; and/or other potential barriers. For the most up-to-date information regarding the location's guidelines, visit their websites (as noted above).

SCLSNJ's Cultural Adventure Pass program allows Library customers to check out passes for free admission and special discounts at select locations in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. Reservations must be made in advance and passes are valid for three days. For more information or to reserve your Cultural Adventure Pass: [SCLSNJ.org/culturaladventure](https://sclsnj.org/culturaladventure).

For general questions about the program, contact Darryl Voorhees: dvoorhees@sclibnj.org.

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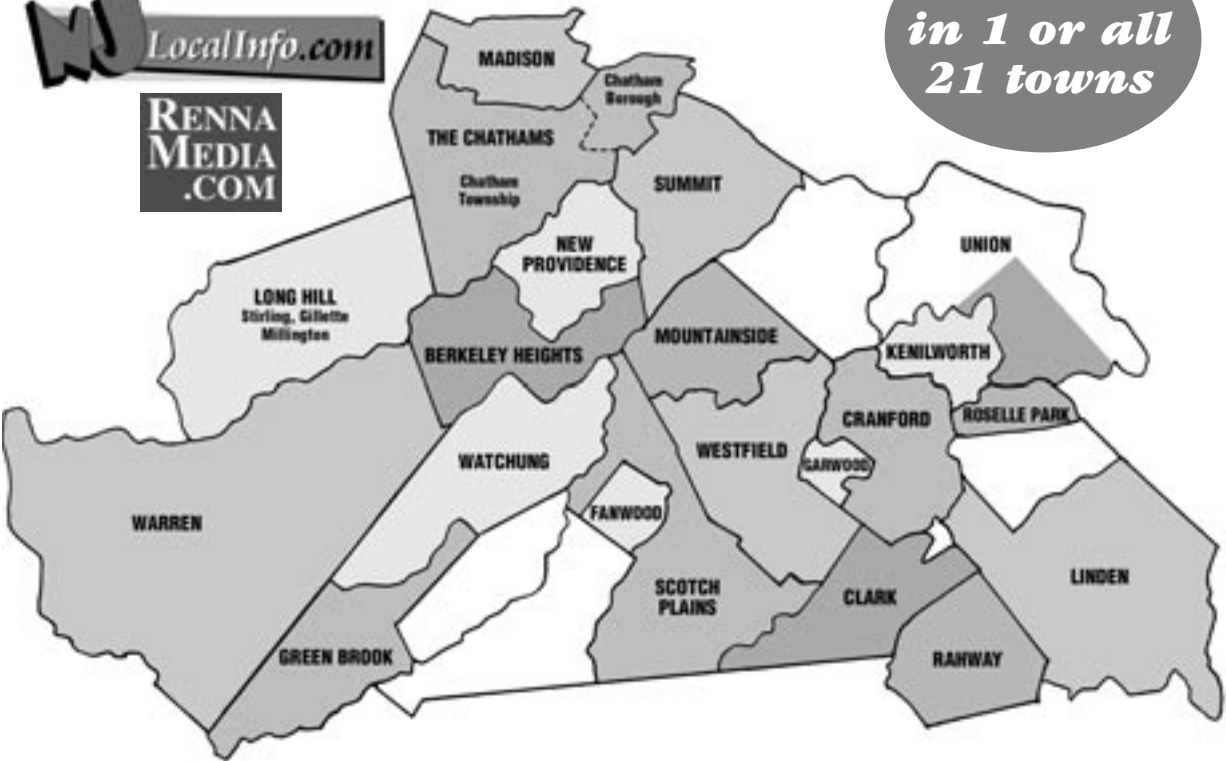
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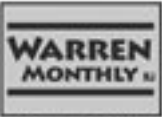
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SEA SCOUT FROM SUMMIT EARNS COUNCIL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Sebastián Heredia has been awarded the 2021 Patriots' Path Sea Scout Leadership Award. Sebastián is a Sea Scout from Ship 228 in Linden and he is an Eagle Scout from Troop 67 of St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church in Summit.

Sebastián discovered Sea Scouting in 2017 and has been dual enrolled in Ship 228 and Troop 67 ever since. In 2019, Sebastián was nominated Sea Scout of the Year and he was the only Sea Scout from Patriots' Path Council to attend the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia as a member of the National Sea Scout Ship. At the World Scout Jamboree, 40,00 Scouts and leaders participated from all over the world.

Sebastián earned his Eagle rank in 2019 and later earned the Silver Palm award. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Sebastián graduated from Summit High School in 2020 and went on to become an EMT. He is a member of the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad.

Currently, Sebastián serves as the Patriots' Path Council Boatswain. In 2021, he carried out a successful regional, virtual training program and was selected for this Area Leadership Award. He was also selected to attend SEAL this summer: the Sea Scout Advanced Leadership Training in San Francisco, California. SEAL Training is the highest leadership training for Sea Scouts. He is working to earn the rank of Quartermaster which is Sea Scouting's highest honor.

Sebastián is accepted to SUNY Maritime College and will enter the Regiment of Cadets in August. His goal is to obtain a United States Coast Guard deck license and a degree in Maritime Transportation. His future plans hope to include military service. He is grateful for all of the opportunities that have been granted to him through Scouting.

Sea Scouting is open to both male and female

youth ages 14-21 who have graduated the 8th grade. There is a Maritime Explorer Club for younger youth in 6th to 8th grade. Adult volunteers with maritime experience or captain's licenses are needed too. If you are interested in learning more about Sea Scouting and Ship 228 in Linden please visit ship228.com.



(above) Sebastián Heredia has been awarded the 2021 Patriots' Path Sea Scout Leadership Award.

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