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## **ENJOY A SCANDINAVIAN SHOPPING SPREE**

After a 3 year delay because of the pandemic, Lodge Linne #429 VOA will once again be sponsoring their annual Import Sale on Saturday, November 19, 2022. The 42nd annual Scandinavian Import and Gift Sale will be held at Salt Brook School, 40 Maple St, New Providence, NJ (off Springfield Ave,). The sale will be open to the public between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and is handicapped accessible. Admission is free.

The sale will feature a variety of traditional holiday and everyday Scandinavian items made from silver, amber, wood, paper, wool, straw, and other materials. These gift and handicraft items are either manufactured in one of the Nordic countries or are designed in a Scandinavian style or motif and manufactured elsewhere.

Many of the traditional Scandinavian decorating items will be offered, including a large variety of elf-like tomten, Jul Bock or straw goats in many sizes, and many Christmas ornaments. Among paper items for sale will be a wide selection of advent calendars, including those filled with chocolate candy, Carl Larsson calendars, Christmas cards, and stationary. An assortment of table linens will be available including runner fabric by the yard for both Christmas and everyday use. For the home one will find trays, baking needs, aprons, knives, Danish wrought iron candleholders, and wooden candleholders for Christmas and general use. Personal items will include lovely sweaters from Dale of Norway for men and women in both cardigan and pullover styles. The jewelry department is selling necklaces, earrings, and

We will be selling a large variety of Scandinavian baked goods, such as limpa bread, coffee braids, and pastries. Imported foods that will be sold are cheeses such as authentic Farmer's cheese, several types of herring, lingonberries, cloudberries, and various chocolates and marzipan. Scandinavian pastries will be served throughout the day. Drawings for door prizes will be held frequently during the day.

The location of the sale is easily reached by



(above) After a 3 year Covid hiatis, Lodge Linne is once again sponsoring their 42 annual Scandinavian Import & Gift sale at Salt Brook School in New Providence, NJ. The sale will be held Saturday November 19th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Karen Jenshoej, Carol Germansky, Patty Seip and Judy Campbell, all from New Providence will be selling these straw goats plus many other traditional Christmas and holiday decorations.

taking either route 24 to Summit or route 78 to New Providence. Springfield Avenue is also known as route 512. The school is also a 5-minute walk from the New Providence Railroad Station on the Summit/Gladstone line from New York City.

Lodge Linne #429 Vasa Order of America is a non-profit organization originally for individuals of Scandinavian descent. However, now membership has been opened up to people who are interested in Nordic heritage and culture. For further information about membership contact Vibeke (908-646-0425) or Judy (908-464-0139). The lodge meets on the third Friday of the month at Faith Lutheran Church, 524 South St., in New Providence.

Proceeds from the Import Sale benefit many organizations and charities such as First Aid Squads, Summit Speech School, Sage, Bling Foundation, a New Providence High School scholarship, and annually we sponsor a New Providence girls softball team.

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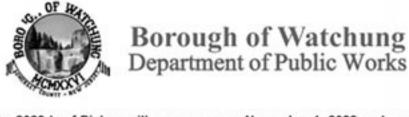
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The 2022 Leaf Pickup will commence on November 1, 2022 and continue throughout the month of November. All leaves must be in BIODEGRADABLE PAPER BAGS and placed on the grass area close to the road. NO PLASTIC BAGS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR PICKUP. Pickups will not be scheduled for any specific time or location.

Leaf pickup is limited to high density areas located within the following areas: Brookdale, Stirling and Hillcrest Roads North to Evergreen Lane; Mountain Blvd from Washington Drive to Rock Ave.; Johnston Drive to the water tower including Upper Drive and Johnston Drive Extension.

All residents are urged to utilize their leaves as compost; however, should any resident in a rural area desire pickup of leaves in BIODEGRADABLE PAPER BAGS ONLY, call the office of Public Works at 908-756-0080, ext. 214. Due to the State's Stormwater Regulations, the Borough has an ordinance prohibiting placement of leaves in the street.





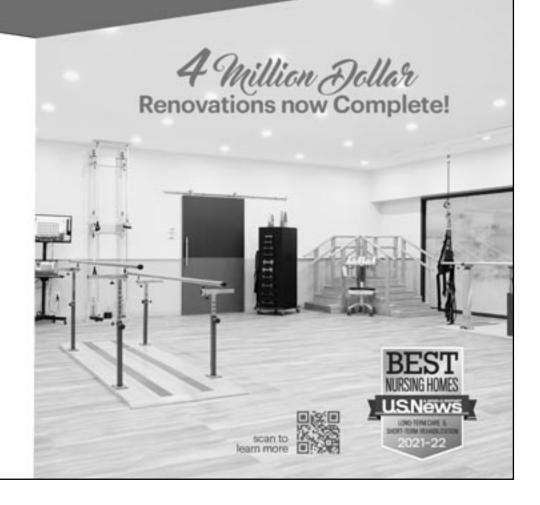
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(above) Throughout November 2022, the Art Space at Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Warren branch will be exhibiting the work of Warren Township fiber artist, Carolyn Hanson.

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## **LOCAL FIBER ARTIST EXHIBITS WEARABLE ART**

Throughout November 2022, the Art Space at busy. She has given me quite a gift." Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Warren branch will be exhibiting the work of Warren Township fiber artist, Carolyn Hanson.

Hanson designs and creates one-of-a-kind wearable art accessories including scarves, shawls, wraps, and handbags.

"Creativity has been an integral part of my life," said Hanson. "I was a nail biter, so my mom may have taught me to knit to keep my hands

Her knitted and/or crocheted pieces are expressions of subtle simplicity, color, and texture that often incorporate multiple fibers and techniques to form unique statements.

The art display will be available to view during regular hours of operation. The Warren branch is located at 42 Mountain Boulevard in Warren.

For more information, email Kathy DeCristofaro at kdecristofaro@sclibnj.org.

## **LIBRARY STAFF DONATE OVER 400 POUNDS OF NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS TO THOSE IN NEED**

For the twelfth consecutive year, the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) has collected and donated school supplies and non-perishable items for Somerset County community members in need.

The 11-branch system – through a program organized by Charlene Perkins and Jennifer McClear, co-chairs of SCLSNJ's feeding minds and bodies donation drive committee - collected over 434 pounds of donation items for The Food Bank Network of Somerset County, located on Easy Street.

"Food bank volunteers were thrilled when the SCLSNJ van pulled into the Food Bank garage to unload the 26 boxes of collected school supplies and non-perishable food," said Perkins. "It's a wonderful feeling to know that SCLSNJ employees are so generous in donating to this annual drive."

The mission of The Food Bank Network of Somerset County is "to distribute food and to provide other basic human needs to those less fortunate in our community in a manner which recognizes and advances self worth and human dignity." To learn more about The Food Bank of Somerset County, Network visit somersetfoodbank.org or call 732-560-1813.

To discover all SCLSNJ has to offer, visit SCLSNJ.org or connect with SCLSNJ on Facebook, Twitter, or YouTube.



(above) The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey collected over 434 pounds of donation items for The Food Bank Network of Somerset County.





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## BROOK ARTS CENTER HOLIDAY SEASON

Discover the magic of the theater this holiday season at the Brook Arts Center in Bound Brook, NJ, as special holiday events, musicals, and concerts light up the spirit of the season. From Seussical to A Christmas Carol and everything in between, there's a lot going on this holiday season at the Historic Brook Theater!

**November 11-20:** Seussical is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza! Immerse yourself in the world of all our favorite Dr. Seuss characters - Horton the, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, Mayzie, and Jojo, a little boy with a big imagination

**December 2-11:** A Christmas Carol - Experience the timeless tale of Ebenezer Scrooge on his redemptive journey with Christmas Past, Present, and Future, and rediscover the true meaning of the holidays.

**December 10-12 pm:** All aboard The Polar Express! Come watch The Polar Express on the big screen in your comfiest pajamas with friends and family. Get your Golden Ticket and enjoy the movie, cookies, and a sleigh bell for every child, given out by Santa himself.

**December 16, 8 pm:** Christmas with Chris Ruggiero features fan favorites from his muchanticipated Christmas album such as "Sleigh Ride," "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)," and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" as well as songs from his four albums, all delivered in Chris's own classic style. Joined by Emil Stucchio & the Classics.

**December 18, 3 pm:** Brook Orchestra Holiday Pops. Deck the concert hall with holly jolly fun as Conductor Thomas Vacca and the Brook Orchestra fills the theater with timeless holiday music favorites.

Visit our website www.brookarts.org for information and discounted advance purchase tickets or call 732-469-7700. Box Office Opens at 6 pm for walk-up sales. Concessions, Bar, and Free Parking are available. The Brook Arts Center is located in Bound Brook, NJ, one block from the Bound Brook Train station and a few short miles from Rt 22, 287, and 78.

## BROOK ARTS CENTER COMMUNITY PLAYERS PRESENT SEUSSICAL: THE MUSICAL

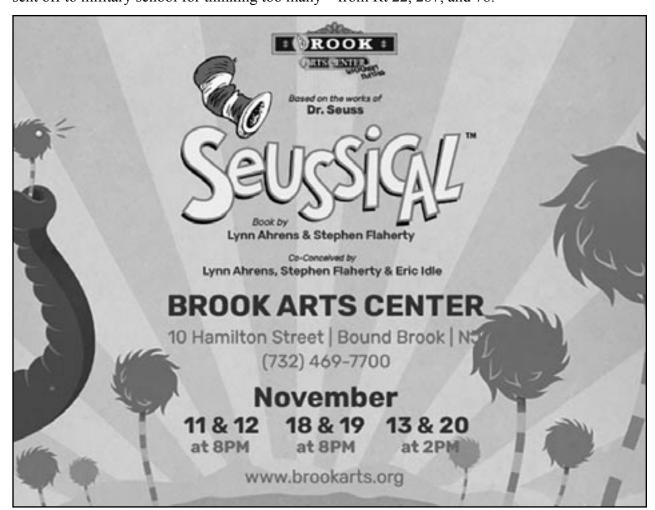
Perry Award-winning Brook Arts Center Community Players will present Seussical: The Musical at the Brook Arts Center in Bound Brook, from Friday, November 11 through Sunday, November 20. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 pm. Sunday performances are at 2 pm.

Based on works by Dr. Seuss with music by Stephen Flaherty, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, and a book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty. The show was Co-Created by Stephen Flaherty, Lynn Ahrens and Eric Idle. Many of Dr. Seuss's most beloved characters are brought to life by some of New Jersey's most talented artists.

The Cat in the Hat tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust that contains the Whos, including Jojo, a Who child sent off to military school for thinking too many

"thinks." Horton faces a double challenge: not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping, and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family, and community are challenged and emerge triumphant.

Tickets are available online at brookarts.org or 732-469-7700. Box Office Opens at 7 p.m. for walk-up sales. All seats are reserved seating. Concessions, bar, and free parking are available. The Brook Arts Center is located in historic downtown Bound Brook, NJ, one block from the Bound Brook Train station and a few short miles from Rt 22, 287, and 78.







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## **SENIORS CELEBRATE DIWALI**

somerset county-operated Senior Wellness Centers that celebrated Diwali on Friday, October 21st, 2022. Diwali is the festival of lights that symbolizes victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance.

The senior community came together and watched the live Indian classical dance performed by Nirupamaa Chandrasekaran, Founder & Artistic Director of the Institute of Indian dance music & culture. The Montgomery Volunteers Harinee and Nandini gave a

Warrenbrook Senior Center is one of the six presentation on importance and history of Diwali celebrated by South Asians. The seniors also participated in Indian Dance (Dandiya) and made sand art (rangoli). As we have clients from across the globe in all the six county-operated senior centers they celebrate and respect all the cultures with great zeal and enthusiasm.

> The senior centers are open during the weekdays from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. for activities and congregate meals.

> We provide transportation to the clients who are unable to drive. Please call (908) 753-9440 if you need any further information.







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## **DIWALI CELEBRATION PHOTO ALBUM**



























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## **ELKS CLUB SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE**

Submitted by Esteemed Leading Knight Kathleen Olesen

Our afternoon and evening folks came in with enthusiasm to support the Watchung Hills Elks Lodge 885 blood drive. We surpassed our goal and collected 36 units which will go to help over 100 lives.

We wanted to recognize the efforts of these volunteers: Linda Helmsetter for organizing the drive and baking; Kim DeVizio for baking; and Mel Doremus for providing the beautiful heartshaped cookies which we gave out to all of the donors.

Beyond our volunteers, we send a special "Thank You" to all who came in to participate in our blood drive! Each one of you made it a successful and fun day!



(above) The Watchung Hills Elks Lodge 885 held a successful blood drive, surpassing their goal and getting 36 donors.





## **APHASIA COMMUNICATION GROUP OFFERED**

The Adler Aphasia Center is currently offering an Aphasia Communication Group for stroke and brain injury survivors with aphasia in Scotch Plains, NJ. This group provides those diagnosed with aphasia an opportunity to socialize with others who share similar experiences, provide tips to communicate more effectively, and time to practice communication skills in a natural environment. Aphasia is a language disorder caused by stroke or other brain injury. It affects spoken language, reading, and writing, but does not affect one's intellect.

This group is facilitated by a licensed speech language pathologist and is offered two Fridays of each month for two hours. A person with aphasia may join the group at any time but must pre-register. There is a nominal charge, but we never turn people away for lack of funds, we offer scholarships to those who are not able to pay \$80 for eight sessions.

To learn more about this communication group and to pre-register, please contact Gretchen Szabo, M.A., CCC-SLP at 551-287-2238 or email gszabo@adleraphasiacenter.org.

Adler Aphasia Center, a non-profit organization with three full-service facilities based in Maywood, West Orange, and Toms River, NJ and Aphasia Communication Groups located throughout the state, is an innovative, post-rehabilitative program that addresses the long-term needs of people with aphasia and their families. Aphasia is a communication disorder that impairs the expression and understanding of spoken language, reading, and writing. It occurs most often from a stroke or other brain injury. It affects a person's ability to communicate, but not his or her intellect. This communication disorder affects 40% of all stroke and brain trauma survivors. The Center is considered a world leader in long-term, post-rehab community-based care for people with aphasia. With 2.5 million people diagnosed with aphasia in the U.S., the Center is the only one of its kind in NJ, an area with an estimated 70,000 people living with aphasia. For more information about the Center's programs and services in Maywood, West Orange, or Toms River, NJ, or for information about the Center's Aphasia Communication Groups in Bridgewater, Haddonfield, Hammonton, Maywood, Monroe, Scotch Plains, Toms River, Virtual Spanish Speaking Group and Virtual NJ Group, visit their website at adleraphasiacenter.org or call 201-368-8585

## **SENIORS CAN APPLY FOR PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION**

The Senior Freeze Program, which reimburses eligible seniors and disabled residents for increases in their property taxes or mobile home fees, is still available, but the deadline to apply for the latest year of benefits, which is for 2021, is October 31, 2022.

Applications for the current Senior Freeze were mailed in February, but if you didn't get the application booklet, you can call the state at 800-882-6597.

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Library will be closed on Wednesday, November 9; and Thursday, November 24. All branches except the Bridgewater, Hillsborough, Montgomery, and Warren Twp. branches will be closed on Friday, November 25.

To join a virtual program by phone, dial 646-876-9923. After dialing, you will be prompted to enter a meeting ID, which is unique for every event. The meeting ID is the series of numbers at the end of the Zoom link posted for each event.

#### The Polling History of Roe vs Wade -The Correlation of Public Opinion and the Supreme Court

November 2, 7-8 p.m. sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6718578

#### **Searching for Atticus Finch**

November 7, 7-8 p.m. sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6570943

#### The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

November 8, 7-8 p.m. sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6310382

## The Pilgrims and The Mayflower - From Sea to Shining Sea

November 10, 7-8 p.m. sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6268509

#### Rich Resources - Presented by the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board

November 11, 11 a.m. - noon sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6679542

#### What's So Great About New Jersey's Great Seal? - The History and Symbolism of the Garden State's Coat of Arms

November 14, 7-8 p.m. sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6621146

#### The Pacific Northwest and Alaska

November 15, 7-8 p.m. sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6632867

#### Business Etiquette for Jobseekers - First Impressions Count - Presented by Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center

November 16, 10 a.m. - noon sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6563799

#### Black Earth, Red Earth, and Lumpy Beer -The Cuisine of Ancient Egypt

November 16, 7-8 p.m. sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6565452

#### Waves of Hope - The Inspiring Story of Agnes Joan Negra With Author Ronald Edward Negra and Valerie Negra

November 17, 7-8 p.m. sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6625851

#### 13 Moons - The Story of the Wampanoag

November 21, 7-8 p.m. sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6452289

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November 22, 7-8 p.m. sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6430179

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## ABOUT SOMERSET COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM OF NEW JERSEY

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## WARRENBROOK SENIOR CENTER NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

#### Performance by the Raritan Valley Community College Dance Ensemble

November 4, 11 a.m.

The performance includes dances created by the Raritan Valley Community College faculty, students and guest artists, and exposes the communicative aspects of the art form. It features dancers performing a variety of dances set to a wide range of music and sound accompaniment and runs approximately forty-five minutes. In addition to dance performances, the program will include improvisations and Q&A session. The audience will also have a chance to inspire movements that will be incorporated into dance phrases.

## The Campbell's Soup Company: More Than Just Soup

November 16, 11 a.m.

The Campbell's Soup Company: More Than Just Soup by Marisa Bozarth, Historian. Marisa will discuss the history of the Cambell's soup company's humble beginnings to become a million-dollar company and the role local New Jersey residents played in the process. Made possible by funds from the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission, a partner of the New Jersey Historical Commission.

#### **Beating the Holiday Blues**

November 21, 11 a.m.

Beating the Holiday Blues by Chris Kellogg, NightingaleNJ. For some, the holidays are not filled with joy and excitement. The Holiday Blues can be a particularly difficult time for the elderly and their adult children. Join Chris for an informative session on how loss of family, friends, and function impacts the elderly and can lead to the Holiday Blues. Learn proven tools and techniques to help manage the Holiday Blues for you and your loved ones.

#### Campaigns in the Delaware Valley

November 28, 11 a.m.

Casimir Pulaski's Campaigns in the Delaware Valley by Joseph Wroblewski, Historian. Joseph will discuss the history of Brigadier General Casimir Pulaski and how he fled Poland to become the first Commander of the Continental Cavalry and the eighteen months he spent fighting in the Deleware Valley before heading south and meeting his eventual death.

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Your donations will be used not only to buy Christmas presents and "special food and sweets" for the other yearly holidays, but also to help stock the kitchen they use on their unit.

Many of the vets love to make their own meals (that's no surprise!), and have to contribute their own money for many of the items they need to buy.

Your donations are also used for trips to Costco, "Veteran" hats, beautiful enamel dogtags, and other military items we buy for them.

Most of these brave heroes are from the Afghan and Iraq wars. It's been especially hard for them this year, due to all that has transpired lately.

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### ORGANS TRANSPLANTED IN NJ REACHED A RECORD HIGH

nonprofit organization responsible for the recovery of donated organs and tissue in the state, announced that 92 organs were transplanted in September 2022 – the most ever in a single month in New Jersey. The 92 organs transplanted included 46 kidneys, 20 livers, 13 hearts, 10 lungs and 3 pancreases. New Jersey's previous record for organs transplanted in a month was 82 - the new record is a 12% increase.

This life-saving transplant milestone underscores a clear trend of growing support for organ and tissue donation in the Garden State. Last year, the number of organ donors in New Jersey reached an all-time high for the third consecutive year. More than 2.7 million New Jerseyans are registered as organ and tissue donors, ranking New Jersey #4 in percentage of state population on the National Donate Life Registry.

"We are saving more lives than ever before through organ and tissue donation and transplantation thanks to the generosity of those in New Jersey. First and foremost, we thank and honor our donor heroes who generously gave the gift of life, as well as their supportive families. The miracle of donation and transplantation would not be possible without the dedicated support and expertise of our clinical staff and hospital partners," said Joseph S. Roth, President and Chief Executive Officer, NJ Sharing Network.

During the past five years, NJ Sharing

within local hospitals as team members approached 60% more families to offer the opportunity for their loved ones to become organ donors. NJ Sharing Network team members and volunteers have also boosted education and outreach efforts in diverse communities throughout the state.

"Our dedicated staff is fortunate to be supported by a wide range of community volunteers and partners who are committed to help save lives and improve the health and wellbeing of our neighbors. Together, we offer compassionate care and support to donor families during their most difficult times of grief," said Carolyn M. Welsh, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of NJ Sharing

According to United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), 68% of the New Jersey residents waiting for a life-saving transplant are people of color. NJ Sharing Network earned the prestigious NJBIZ 2021 Healthcare Heroes Award recognition in of #DonationNeedsDiversity awareness initiative, which is credited with helping to build community trust and dispelling misinformation about donation and transplantation in urban, multicultural communities with the most residents waiting for transplant. The New Jersey Chamber of Commerce and the African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey also recently honored NJ Sharing Network's

NJ Sharing Network, the federally-designated Network has increased its family support efforts President and CEO Joseph S. Roth as a "Champion of Diversity" for his accomplishments and for leading NJ Sharing Network's #DonationNeedsDiversity awareness initiative.

> According to UNOS, there are over 100,000 Americans – nearly 4,000 of whom live in New Jersey – waiting for a life-saving transplant. One organ and tissue donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of over 75 others. To learn more, get involved and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit NJSharingNetwork.org.





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Last year, Adopt-A-Family raised more than \$26,000, which helped provide hundreds of Thanksgiving meals to in-need families. This Thanksgiving, participating organizations hope to feed even more families with the help of generous donations through the Adopt-A-Family program.

#### **HOW TO DONATE**

Residents interested in donating can send a check or money order to any participating organization. Donors who pay by check should write "Adopt-A-Family" on the memo line and enclose a completed donation form in an envelope with their check. Donations postmarked by Saturday, November 19, will help the most amount of people. To print an Adopt-A-Family form and view the mailing addresses, go to co.somerset.nj.us.

Online donations will also be accepted. To learn how to donate online and for more information about the Adopt-A-Family program, go to co.somerset.ni.us/residents/adopt-a-family.

#### **SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

Since 2010, the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners has been supporting the Adopt-A-Family program by helping to raise almost \$300,000. In 2021, participating nonprofit organizations received \$26,245 through the Adopt-A-Family program.

#### PARTICIPATING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

The Food Bank Network and Feeding Hands Inc. serve residents throughout Somerset County. The Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (SHIP) and Franklin and Hillsborough programs primarily serve residents within those towns.

## **LIBRARIES ASKING FOR COMMUNITY FEEDBACK, HOPES, ASPIRATIONS**

The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) is asking Somerset County residents to share their experiences with the Library, as well as their hopes and aspirations for their communities.

"People like me who work in public libraries are lucky, because we get to see the impact the Library has on people's lives every day," said Lynn Hoffman, director of operations. "We can make sure our impact goes even further when we align the things we do with the needs of the community. Gathering information about those needs is a critical step in planning effective programs and services."

Participate in the survey (English version): sclsnj.org/community-survey.

Participate in the survey (Spanish version): sclsnj.org/encuesta-comunitaria.

SCLSNJ uses the Dynamic Planning Model from the Public Library Association which is comprised of four phases: assess, strategize, engage, and impact. The Dynamic Planning Model allows the Library to be flexible, try different approaches, and rapidly respond to changing conditions.

In addition to the survey, SCLSNJ will also be collecting data from member communities, analyzing statistics regarding library usage, and community holding conversations customers and stakeholders.

"As part of the strategic planning process, Library staff will be holding community conversations throughout the county to talk to as many library users and non-library users as possible," said Cathy DeBerry, branch manager and community conversations coordinator. "These conversations are an impactful way to get to know different parts of the community and learn from voices not usually heard."

Continued DeBerry, "We want to engage as many different kinds of people as possible to ensure that our libraries are meeting the needs of our very diverse communities and its residents. With the information gathered from these conversations, SCLSNJ will be able to shape the future of library services."

By focusing on community needs, rather than solely on the Library, SCLSNJ will be able to identify core services — the materials, services, and programs that will be provided to customers, no matter what — as well as the areas of strategic priority where the Library can help create the kind of community people want to be a part of.

Print copies of the survey will be available in both English and Spanish at all branch locations.

Learn more about the strategic planning sclsnj.org/about/strategic-plan. To discover all SCLSNJ has to offer, visit SCLSNJ.org or connect with SCLSNJ on Facebook, Twitter, or YouTube.

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