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## FLORHAM PARK CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2023

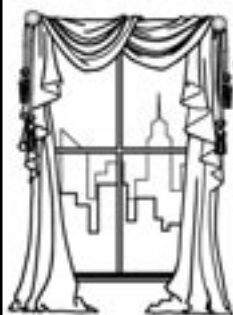
National Night Out, a national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships, was held on Tuesday, August 1st at the Recreation Department field. The free event was hosted by the Florham Park Police Department and Office of Emergency Management, and featured giveaways, food, drinks, and entertainment including a fireworks display.

National Night Out culminates annually on the first Tuesday in August. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. For more information visit [natw.org](http://natw.org).



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## READING PROGRAM BREAKS RECORD WITH OVER 300 PARTICIPANTS

The Florham Park Public Library's Summer Reading Program exceeded all expectations, setting a new record with more than 300 youth participants. Additionally, this year witnessed the exciting addition of adult participants, making it an even more engaging and inclusive community program.

The Summer Reading Program, a highly anticipated annual event, is supported each year by the Friends of the Library organization. This year, the program was also enriched by generous contributions from local businesses.

Three Birds Yoga and Trader Joe's donated wonderful prizes for the adult raffles. Huntington Learning Center generously contributed gift cards which further elevated the raffle prizes.

Support from the NY Jets, NY Giants, and Somerset Patriots added excitement to the children's raffles. Additionally, Florham Park

Roller Rink donated passes for free skate sessions, and Scoop Coop, a charming boardwalk-style ice cream shop located in East Hanover, sweetened the deal by donating coupons for free ice cream.

Beyond reading, a variety of events and activities made it an unforgettable summer at the Library. From Zoophoria, a captivating lizard and amphibian show, to Better Together, an enchanting magic show, participants were treated to a series of mesmerizing performances. Family Fort Night brought the joy of building forts inside the Library after closing hours, while a thrilling Planetarium Adventure opened the door to the wonders of the cosmos. The Terrarium Event, led by the Florham Park Garden Club, provided young patrons with an opportunity to witness nature's charms firsthand as they created their very own miniature gardens.

Florham Park Public Library is immensely grateful to all participants who made this summer truly special with their enthusiasm and love for reading. The Library also extends its heartfelt thanks to all the sponsors, local businesses, and community members who made this summer's reading program a remarkable success.

For more information about upcoming events and programs at the Florham Park Public Library, please visit their website [florhamparklib.org](http://florhamparklib.org)



(above) The Ratz family at Fort Night.



(above) Noelle DiSarno at Zoophoria



(above) Noah Anderson & Luke Healey with their terrariums and Kate Dinneny, Children's Librarian, at the FP 4th of July event.

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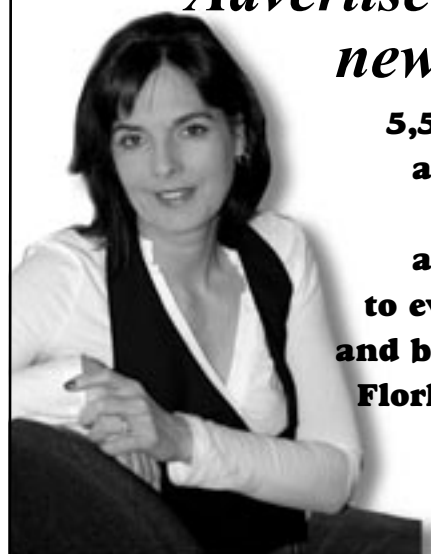
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- ☐ Inspect Outdoor Furniture
- ☐ Check for Pests
- ☐ Clean and Organize Garage

### Florham Park Community Events

- Madison Farmers Market
  - Thursdays 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- Florham Park Gazebo Summer Concert Series
  - Sunday, September 10th - 7:00 PM
  - Sunday, September 17th - 7:00 PM
- Rotary Culinary Adventure - helping serve our community - Tickets available via the QR code
  - Saturday, September 19th - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
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# ROCKTOBERFEST ADDS LOW SENSORY ZONE AND EXPANDS KIDS' ACTIVITIES

*Submitted by Micole Cohen Richter*

The Millburn Education Foundation, in collaboration with Caring Kids, is proud to announce the latest addition to Rocktoberfest: the Rose Garden Low Sensory Zone. Serving as the event's fourth stage and activity center, this oasis within Millburn's Taylor Park offers a sanctuary for those seeking respite from the bustling crowds and high-energy stages. It promises a soothing and intimate experience in a stunning natural setting.

The Rose Garden Low Sensory Zone provides a haven for visitors with its low-sensory, acoustic music, engaging crafts, and calming fidget toys. Open to the public from 11 am to 3 pm, this area aims to create an inclusive environment where individuals of all ages and backgrounds can enjoy Rocktoberfest without the sensory overload typically associated with large events.

"We envision the Low Sensory Zone as a way to participate in Rocktoberfest's festivities without experiencing loud noise and the large crowd that can be overwhelming for various groups of people," says Rocktoberfest co-chair Joanna Parker-Lentz, "which is why we consulted on the development of the zone with Millburn community organization Caring Kids. "We know that there are plenty of people who will benefit from this addition to the event," adds co-chair Micole Cohen Richter, "everyone from kids with special needs to seniors to anyone who prefers a quieter performance."

At the heart of Rocktoberfest, right by the front entrance of the Bauer Center, you'll discover the One River School of Art & Design's annual art contest as well as numerous art activities. Open to aspiring artists aged 3 through high school seniors, this contest invites participants to upload their original artwork for a chance to win a FREE month of class! Sign up via this link.

Within the ever-popular Kids Zone, attendees

can enjoy perennial favorites like the trackless train, Mega Obstacle Course, Sesame Street Play Park, balloon animals, water gun trailer, and much more. New for 2023, the thrilling Tilt-a-Whirl promises to add an extra dimension of excitement.



In addition to these exciting offerings, Rocktoberfest boasts live music on four stages, a bustling fitness zone with classes running from 9 am to 2 pm, a diverse selection of food vendors, an artisan village, and a vibrant beer garden offering a wide array of beverages, including beer, wine, and the famous Stella Artois frites truck. Families can also partake in entertaining games for all ages.

Rocktoberfest 2023 is made possible through the support of generous sponsors, dedicated volunteers, and the enthusiastic participation of the Millburn community. We are grateful to this year's presenting sponsor, Stella Artois, Nirvana sponsors Coldwell Banker Realty and the Millburn Deli, Lady Gaga Sponsor Luxe Life Group, and our many other sponsors. The event serves as a testament to the power of music to bring people together and create lasting memories.

For more information about Rocktoberfest 2023 and to stay updated on event details, please visit Rocktoberfest's official website.

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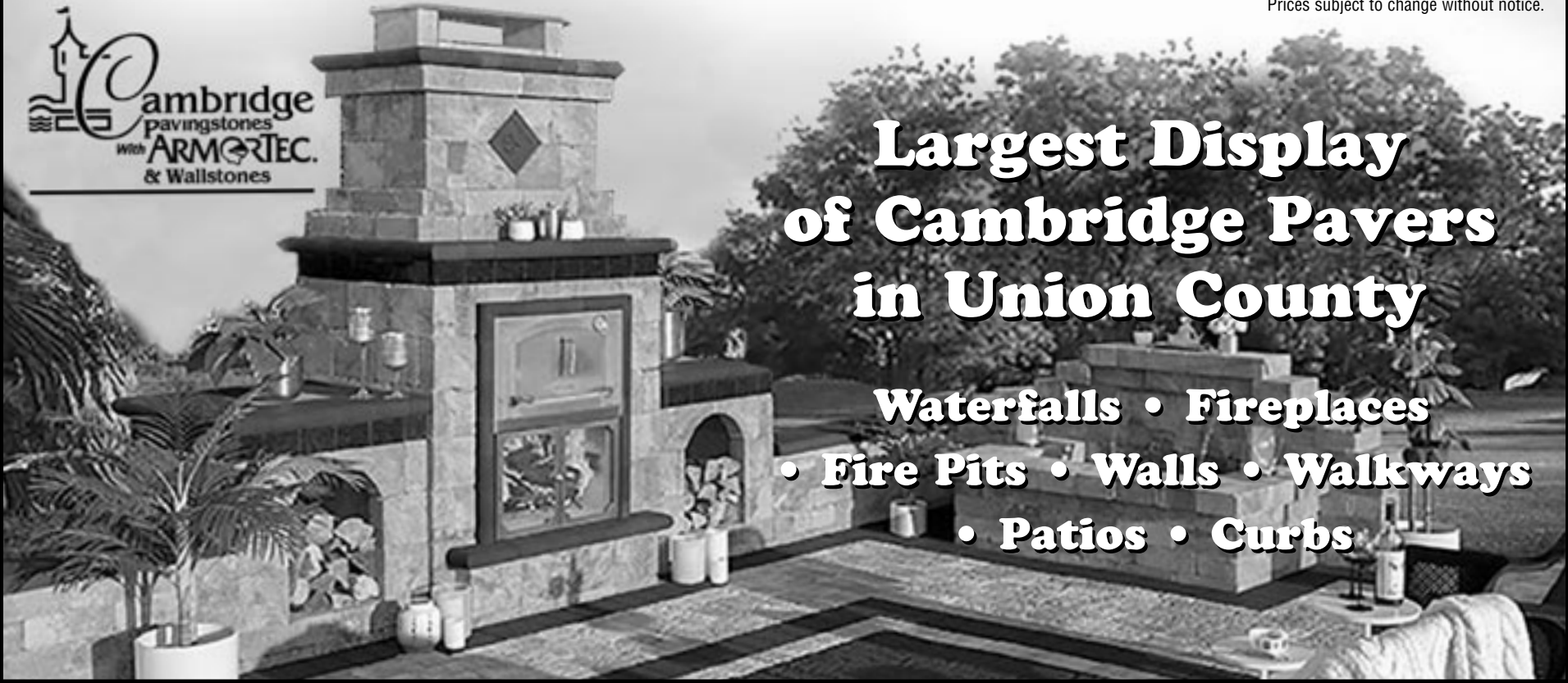
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"This training and volunteer opportunity is ideal for people of varying backgrounds - retirees, empty-nesters, stay-at-home parents, and full-time professionals" said Mary Claire Givelber, Caring Contact's executive director. "Many of our listeners are looking for something meaningful to do after they retire, or their children leave home. Full-time professionals also participate finding the flexible volunteer hours work well with their work obligations."

Following the training, new volunteer crisis counselors are supported by seasoned listeners during 24 hours of internship before they take calls on their own. Even once a volunteer is a certified listener, Caring Contact provides a range of support and training opportunities to allow them to keep honing their skills.

The next volunteer crisis counselor training begins September 20th through December 13th. The training will run once a week on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and will be a combination of in-person training and via Zoom. Anyone interested in registering for the training should

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Caring Contact is a volunteer-staffed crisis hotline and listening community, providing active listening support and best-in-class training to the Central and Northern New Jersey community. More than 80 trained volunteers answered over

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(above) Caring Contact Crisis Line Graduates Volunteer Class 102. Next training begins in September. Visit [caringcontact.org/listener-training/](https://caringcontact.org/listener-training/) or call the Caring Contact administrative offices for more information at 908-301-1899.

## BELANTRAE GREENS PICKLEBALL GROUP

Residents of Belantrae Greens, located at 250 Ridgedale Avenue in Florham Park, play pickleball almost every morning at their community courts and have lots of fun in the sun!



(above, l-r) Cindy Blustein, Carmela Licastro, Holli Ehrlich, Robert Allen, John Graham, Diane Bontempo, and Bruce Cohen.

## TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

The Third Annual Florham Park Town Wide Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Registration is required for all sellers and will be available in early August. Please visit [florhamparknj.org](https://florhamparknj.org) and the events calendar [fpboro.net/recreation/](https://fpboro.net/recreation/) program in August for registration and additional information.



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Last year 60 dogs dressed in costume, teamed with many owners, 200 onlookers enjoying the event.

The occasion’s purpose is for the Florham Park Rotary Scholarship Fund. Seniors in local high schools who are resident in Florham Park can be considered when they submit applications which demonstrate their commitment to volunteerism in and around Florham Park. Students should contact their school counselors this January.

Costume categories are: Funniest, Most Creative, Scariest, Cutest Dog Costume, Best Dressed Dog/Human Duo, Best in Show

Examples of past winners in the Scariest category were The Wizard of Oz cast members in 2022 and Michael Myers in 2021. Most Creative in 2022 was the Scooby Doo gang and Best in Show was a Jurassic Park team.

Judges have included Mayor Mark Taylor, Pets Supplies owner Barbara Grobert, and many Rotary Club members, including retired AAA Manager, Karol Williams. Rotarian Peter Nicolas reminds everyone of Brendan Sardo, who in 2021 helped judge the first Rotary Dog Parade and Costume Party. Brendan returned from his 2017 Florham Park Rotary Scholarship win which

followed his four successful “Bark for Life” fundraising dog events for charity.

Dogs and their families should start planning their costumes soon as last year’s contest saw creative home-made costumes, while several were also purchased. Indeed, Pet Supplies Plus on Columbia Turnpike already has a Barbie costume at their store and will soon be ordering more costumes in September.

There will be prizes, surprises and a 50/50 raffle to benefit the Rotary Scholarship Fund. Last year’s successful event led to four Florham Park resident Seniors (three at Hanover Park High and one who attended Seton Hall Prep) receiving well-earned scholarships. While the monetary funds are important, students are also able to add their scholarships to their resumes and their LinkedIn profiles.

Dog Registration fee is \$25 (in advance) or \$30 at the Event. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Florham Park Diner. It is free for the general public who come to enjoy the parade and see the costumes. Questions? email [info@florhamparkrotary.org](mailto:info@florhamparkrotary.org).

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One such club is in Florham Park. To learn more and consider joining, guests are welcome to attend a weekly Rotary breakfast meeting at the Florham Park Diner at 182 Ridgedale Ave. Meetings are 7:47 to 8:50 a.m. every Friday.

For additional information about the Florham Park Rotary visit the new website at [FlorhamParkRotary.org](http://FlorhamParkRotary.org), check Florham Park Community TV (Channels 21 for Cablevision and 35 for Verizon), or write or call Membership Chair George Gregor at [ggregor@florhamparkrotary.org](mailto:ggregor@florhamparkrotary.org) or (917) 848-0982 or Peter Nicolas at 973-520-8654.

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(above) McGruff with Peter Nicolas and Investigator Ashley Craig



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# 2023 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PHOTO ALBUM

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# LIBRARY SECOND SUNDAY PROGRAM SERIES LINEUP ANNOUNCED

The Florham Park Public Library is thrilled to announce the lineup for the 2023-2024 season of its much-celebrated "Second Sundays" program series. From the sweet melodies of the Brill Building Songwriters to rankings and reflections on all 30 MLB stadiums, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

## HERE'S THE LINEUP:

### September 10 - Gordon James Duo: Music from the Brill Building Songwriters

Nestled in the heart of New York City, the Brill Building served as a creative hub, bustling with the brilliance of songwriting geniuses. It was a place where timeless classics were born; songwriters from Carole King and Gerry Goffin, to Burt Bacharach and Hal David, crafted melodies there that still resonate with our hearts today.

Vocalist/Trumpeter Gordon James and Pianist Mark Minchello will transport spectators back to an era when lyrics painted stories of love, heartbreak, and dreams. From "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow" and "My Girl" to "I'm a Believer" and "Sweet Caroline", the Gordon James Duo will have everyone tapping their feet and singing along!

### October 8 - Theatre Ghosts!

Behind the grandeur of historic theaters lie tales of the supernatural. For centuries, actors, stagehands, and audiences alike have shared eerie encounters with enigmatic apparitions. Discover the phantom figures that haunt the dressing rooms, prowl the backstage, and weave their spectral presence into the fabric of theatrical lore.

Join renowned theatre historian, John Kenrick, for an afternoon of ghostly tales, history, and mystery sure to thrill and captivate all who attend!

### November 12 – Norman Rockwell: An American Phenomenon

Esteemed art historian Janet Mandell will discuss the heartwarming illustrations of Norman Rockwell, an iconic American artist whose work has become a symbol of American Culture. From his Saturday Evening Post covers to his "Four Freedoms" series, Rockwell's art continues to resonate with audiences of all ages.

### December 10 – Winter Holiday Music

Embrace the spirit of the season with a cozy afternoon filled with classic holiday tunes. Join us for this festive musical celebration that will surely warm your heart.

### January 14 – 'Impossible is an Illusion': Inspirational Lecture

Join Dr. Paul Semendinger, a writer, speaker, educator, and marathoner, as he shares motivational ideas from his book "Impossible is an Illusion". Discover how to achieve excellence, set and reach goals, and embrace a positive outlook on life in 2024.

### February 11 – Exciting Discoveries in Art History

Who doesn't love the story of a priceless painting being found in an attic? Or of a sculpture, sitting for decades in a public garden, being authenticated as an Italian treasure?

After finding herself in the middle of an art history discovery when she uncovered the provenance of a Rodin sculpture in Madison's town hall, Mallory Mortillaro set out to learn about other unexpected art finds. Mallory will share the stories of several important and valuable works of art that have been rediscovered in unexpected places. She will present a background of each piece and its artist, as well as how the piece was 'lost', and then found.

### March 10 – The Garden State in Bloom

Acclaimed photographer Walter Choroszewski will transport us through the enchanting public gardens of New Jersey. Witness vibrant colors, blossoming flowers, and breathtaking landscapes through Walter's lens; green thumbs will be wildly inspired to begin spring gardening.

### April 14 – Take Me Out to the Ballpark

Calling all baseball fans! Join us for a riveting session with Yogi Berra Museum docent, John Cerilli, as he presents his personal rankings and reflections on all 30 current MLB stadiums. From the best fields to the most delicious ballpark food, John's insights and experiences as a longtime baseball aficionado will delight and entertain all in attendance.

All Second Sunday programs will be held in the Library's Akhoury Room, beginning at 2 pm. Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Florham Park Library, admission is free for all programs.

For more information and event schedules, please visit the Library's events calendar at [florhamparklib.org/events/](http://florhamparklib.org/events/) or contact the Library at 973-377-2694.

## FLORHAM PARK GAZEBO CONCERT SERIES

Two end of summer celebration shows have been added to The Florham Park Gazebo Concert Series. Concerts are held on The Great Lawn of the Borough Complex, located at 111 Ridgedale Avenue, Florham Park, NJ.

On Sunday, September 10th, at 7 p.m. American Idol Star Tristan McIntosh creates a stunning portrayal of Linda Ronstadt in the prime of her career. Supported by a superb backing band, Tristan's formidable vocal talent and stage presence will transport you to a time when Linda Ronstadt ruled the airwaves as one of the most popular female vocalists in music history. The Linda Ronstadt Experience is touring widely, and becoming ever more popular, earning increasingly sold-out houses. Catch them when - not if - you can, and enjoy this shining experience.

On Sunday, September 17th, at 7 p.m. A unique combination of classic, modern, elegance and edge, The Benjamins are constantly evolving their live show while maintaining their roots and style that has made them a popular main stay in multiple venues.



## SENIOR SEPTEMBER EVENTS

### Florham Park Senior Citizen Club Fall Senior Picnic

Wednesday, September 13, at 11:30 a.m.

The Florham Park Senior Citizen Club starts off another great club year with interesting and informative programs. To kick off the new club year we have our Fall Senior Picnic on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 11:30 a.m., rain or shine, at the Florham Park Community Center (also called Recreation Building, large Brown Building). The picnic will be a hot catered buffet from Angelina's Trattoria, of Florham Park and includes dessert. Music Entertainment provided by club member Steve Brozyna. Cost is \$3.00 per person checks only (no cash).

Registration is required, the registration form can be picked up and completed forms can be dropped off with your check at the Senior Citizens building (Yellow Building) please make out your check to "Florham Park Senior Citizens Club", again \$3.00 per person.

Response is required by September 8, 2023. The Senior Fall Picnic is open to all Florham Park residents that are 62 years old and older, again check and completed registration form is required.

### Animals Go to War

Wednesday, September 27, at 11:00a.m.

At the Florham Park Community Center, (large Brown building) our guest Speaker will be Joan Schaible, presenting a program on "Animals Go to War". Meet pets, farm and circus animals, birds and even insects that accomplished amazing heroic things during World War 1. Joan Schaible is a Jersey Girl born and raised in Cumberland County, NJ. She attended Taylor University in Upland, IN and taught social studies, history and language arts in the Boonton, N.J. school Systems. She was employed by the Morris County Park Commission as a Senior Program Specialist at Fosterfields Living Historical Farm in Morris Twp., N. J. and is currently a docent volunteer at the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms in Parsippany, N. J. Joan Schaible spends time giving a variety of presentations for school children, adult groups, and libraries.

The address for the Florham Park Community Center is 111 Ridgedale Avenue, 200 yards behind the Florham Park Town Hall. Note the Florham Park Community Center is also called the Recreation Center (large brown building). Social time is at 10:45 with coffee and provided.

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# FIBER ENTHUSIASTS GATHER TO SPIN A YARN

Kathleen Czarnecki, Kenilworth Public Library

When was the last time you walked into a library and saw a room filled with fiber artists spinning roving into yarn? Well... if you visit the Kenilworth Public Library the last Tuesday of each month that's exactly what you will see.

Fiber enthusiasts gathered from around New Jersey to take part in the library's newest program "Spin A Yarn". Participants brought spinning wheels, roving, spindles and enjoyed time crafting wool into yarn.

There aren't many places to go to gather as a group to enjoy this hobby, so staff at the Kenilworth Public Library decided to try to bring people together. The inaugural session was held in June and was a big success.

The most important part of this group is the gathering of a community of crafters who enjoy the same unique hobby, to share their knowledge

about the craft's techniques, and even the business end of it, with one another.

There are larger plans in store for this group. The future will hold a "fiber-tasting" session, where participants can learn about different types spinning fibers. We hope to offer hands-on technique workshops as well.

This program is free for adults. All are welcome. No registration is required. You don't need any experience to join us, we are happy to help show you how to spin fiber into yarn.

We meet the last Tuesday of each month, from 5 - 7:45 p.m.

Visit our website at [kenilworthlibrary.org](http://kenilworthlibrary.org) to view additional programs and services.

The Kenilworth Public Library is located at 548 Boulevard, Kenilworth, NJ. Our phone number is (908) 276-2451.



(above) Kenilworth residents Suzanne and Kathleen Czarnecki, Kenilworth Library Senior Programming Library Assistant.



(above) Dee from Union



(above) Karen from Rahway



(above) Anne Choi of Bedminster, is the owner of Middle Brook Fiberworks.



(above) Sister and brother from Kenilworth, Leah & Sean tried spinning for the first time.

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