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For program details and a full calendar please visit [newprov.us/278/Seniors](http://newprov.us/278/Seniors).

### MARCH EVENTS

“The Beatles: From Liverpool to Abbey Road,” on Tuesday, March 12 at 12:00 p.m. This presentation by Vinnie Bruno will follow in the footsteps of The Beatles as they embark on their historic journey starting from their early days as a cover band in Liverpool and Hamburg, into the excitement of Beatlemania including concert performances and films, thru their creative ground breaking studio albums to the formation of Apple Corps and finally to their remarkable final recordings at Abbey Road Studios. The program will include a PowerPoint presentation embedded with audio and will end with an opportunity for Q & A.

Vinnie Bruno embraces the Beatles' legacy while presenting entertaining, interactive, and informative programs for both the casual listener and hard-core Beatles

fans. Mr. Bruno retired as Director of First Year Programs at LaGuardia Community College (City University of New York). He holds an MPA from Baruch College and, as an adjunct professor for 25 years, taught courses in numerous disciplines including Humanities, Business and Mathematics.

### AARP TAX RETURN ASSISTANCE

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Join the New Providence High School PTSA as we step into the “Roaring 24’s”, at its annual Tricky Tray & Fashion Show on Saturday, March 23, 2024.

This student-centered fundraiser finances various PTSA-sponsored events and activities throughout the year and supports the entire NPHS community - students, teachers, staff, and parents - through scholarships, grants, teacher and student appreciation events, and even improving facilities such as the courtyard and so much more. The night begins with Baskets & Bites from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the NPHS Cafeteria.

The event committee is actively building baskets full of Spiffy and Swell gifts with the help of generous local businesses and families. Imagine going home with one (or more!) of these fabulous gift baskets: a Solo Stove, Apple Watch, Nespresso machine, lottery tickets, Air Pods, spa packages, gift certificates to Broadway.com and local restaurants, and much, much more! Be sure to come to pick a box on our Raffle Boards! The Senior Parking Spot Board is open to current Juniors, \$20 for a chance to win a Full Year Parking Spot for the next school year. Parents of graduating seniors should see our Graduation Board – Enter for a chance to win a reserved parking spot and extra graduation tickets for 2024 Graduation (really comes in handy if it rains!!). Don't miss our Grand Prize Golden Ticket board where you can win \$1,000 in gift cards to local NP businesses, generously donated by Joe Eberle of Weichert Realtors. No evening is complete

without the traditional 50/50 for one lucky winner. Make a wish and take a chance on any of these wonderful baskets and prizes.

Our main event, the Fashion Show, will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Nearly 100 students from the Class of 2024 will model stunning dresses and tuxedos (tuxedos provided by NP’s own Adam’s Fine Clothing). Our Seniors are sure to transport you to a sockdollager affair - cutting up the rug with ruckus reminiscent of Speakeasies and Flappers! You will be treated as well, to berry performances from members of our talented student body. Numerous students are also involved behind the scenes - our students will direct the tech, lighting, and sound in the auditorium, manage the backstage, serve as runners in the cafeteria and auditorium, and greet you at the stage door as ushers. The evening culminates with the lucky winners picking up their beautiful baskets.

All ages are welcome and encouraged. Grab some friends, bring the whole family, and make this a new yearly tradition. It will be the “Bee’s Knees” for one and all!

Admission to both the Tricky Tray and Fashion Show is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children, students, and seniors. Basket tickets are \$20 for a sheet of 25 tickets, and for a limited time, buy five sheets, get one free. Admission and Raffle tickets are always available at the door. Credit Cards accepted the night of, but don’t forget to bring your Cabbage (cash or check) for the Raffle Boards.

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# BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM OPINION

Submitted by Simone Palermo

The Blue Envelope Program’s purpose is to raise Union County’s police departments’ awareness of special needs (such as Autism Spectrum Disorder, dementia, and anxiety) and how to best communicate with a special needs driver. One point of interest for me in this news article is how all police officers in Union County's twenty-one municipalities will go through a specialized training course on special needs, as well as learning the best methods in engaging with special needs drivers during a traffic stop. These specialized training courses will be vital in not only developing a deeper understanding of special needs, but also on how to best approach special needs drivers to minimize potential misunderstandings and escalations in conflict when pulled over. They will also better communication to special needs drivers that are non-verbal to provide a safer, unprejudiced community that can ensure trust in its police force.

According to one source within the Clark Township’s Police Department, the process of getting a blue envelope is very easy, as the special needs driver can simply call their local police department, press the number for their helpdesk, and ask to receive a blue envelope either directly from the local police station or having it delivered to them in their mailbox. A copy of their driver’s license and vehicle registration, insurance details, and (if necessary) emergency contact card are placed inside the envelope, which is then placed onto the dashboard of their vehicle so that officers do not make the driver even more

nervous than normal under a traffic stop. However, it does concern me deeply how easily accessible these blue envelopes can be as there is a possibility of individuals not in the spectrum to abuse them for their own benefit.

According to the same source, there are other towns in Union County that have implemented the Blue Envelope Program in their police departments; said source however does not know if it has currently spread throughout the entire state of New Jersey. Regardless, my source said that the Clark Police Department has managed to hand out several of these blue envelopes to special needs drivers, which is a promising start for the program’s progress. Upon further research, I have discovered on various websites – such as Crimewatch and the Montgomery County website – that it is being employed in police departments in California, Pennsylvania, Connecticut.

Overall, my opinion on the Blue Envelope Program is incredibly positive. I am advocating for the Blue Envelope Program for Union

County’s police departments and hope that it spreads beyond just Union County and the state of New Jersey.

Having lived most of my life with Autism Spectrum Disorder – specifically Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS) – I was personally intrigued when I came across the Clark Monthly’s “Blue Envelopes for Drivers with Autism” newspaper article. As someone who has lived with autism for years, I feel as though I have a voice in this matter, and I would like to let it be heard.

If you or a loved one are a special needs driver looking for more information regarding the Blue Envelope Program, contact your local police department and ask them how you can get started with your blue envelope today.



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### New Providence Lions Club

Save The Date! The New Providence Lions will be hosting their 55th annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at Oakwood Park in New Providence. The hunt is open to all New Providence Pre-School, Kindergarten, First and Second Graders. This annual celebration, hosted by the Lions since 1969, will start at 9:00 a.m. near Oakwood

Park's Picnic area. Lions volunteers will be handing out gifts and accepting food donations for the Our Lady of Peace R. C. Church Food Pantry in New Providence, and New Providence EMS, Fire and Police Departments will be on hand with their vehicles for family pictures. The actual Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 9:30 a.m. sharp, with thousands of colored eggs, and special Gold and Silver eggs leading

to special prizes. The event is free. See you there!

The New Providence Lions Club donates back to the community every dollar it collects. Being a Lion empowers you to help others in a way that no one person could do alone. The Lions are dedicated to helping others. For more information, please email [info@nplions.org](mailto:info@nplions.org)

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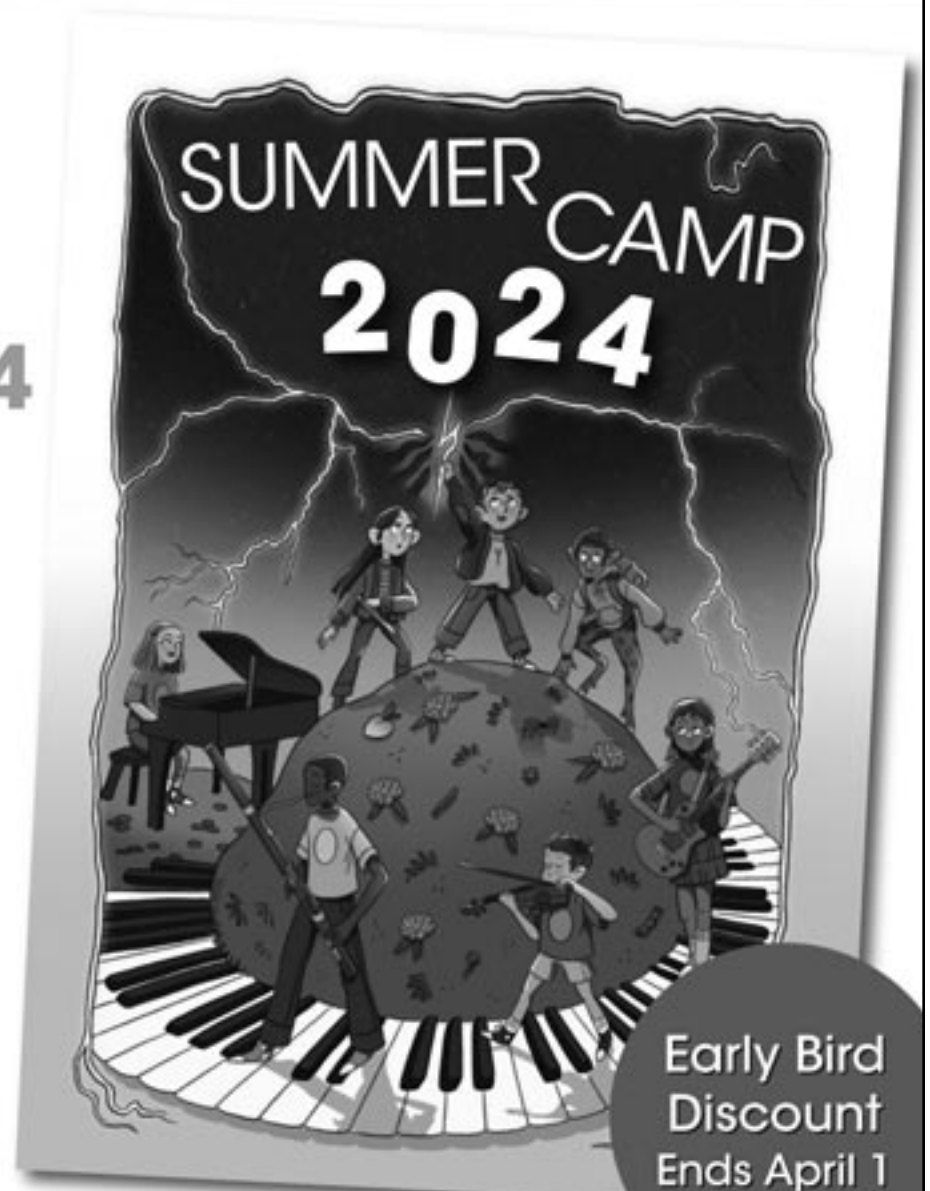
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The event recognizes outstanding citizens for their community service, as evidenced by their leadership and interests within the New Providence community, and for their embodiment of the values of the century old Scout Oath and Law in their personal and professional lives. The event co-chairs and past Good Scout Award honorees are Gary Kapner of Creative Wall Coverings & Interiors and Joe Eberle of Weichert Realtors.

For more information on Scouting, attending the event, and sponsoring the program journal, contact Jennifer Volz, senior development

director, at 973-765-9322, ext. 249, and/or [jennifer.volz@scouting.org](mailto:jennifer.volz@scouting.org). Information also available at [ppcbasa.org/special-events](http://ppcbasa.org/special-events).



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March speakers include Gregory J. Kaczorowski, PhD., Jessica Arkel, Dr. Dennis Liotta, and Dr. Lenny McDonald. Please join us. Our programs are free to the public, and we welcome you!

Our speaker on Tuesday, March 5th will be Dr. Greg Kaczorowski (ex-Merck) discussing the importance of ion channels vis-a-vis our health. Ion channels are a large family of membrane proteins that are present in all cells of the body. These proteins span the plasma lipid bilayer membrane and contain an internal pore structure which can be opened/closed by various stimuli to allow the gated passage of ions (e.g., sodium, potassium, calcium, or chloride ions) into or out of a cell. Nature has used this rather simple mechanism to modulate all major biological activities, both somatic responses like voluntary muscle movement and autonomic actions like cardiac and respiratory activities. Because of their fundamental importance in systems biology, Greg will discuss how ion channels can be modulated for therapeutic benefit or be targeted to kill an organism.

Our speaker on March 12th will be Jessica Arkel, the development officer at Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation. She will discuss the history of Children’s Specialized Hospital in New Jersey from its early days in 1891 in Westfield to becoming a preeminent provider of pediatric rehabilitation with 15 facilities across New Jersey serving more than 35,000 children annually who are living with a variety of complex pediatric medical conditions—from chronic illnesses and complex physical disabilities like brain and spinal cord injuries—to a full scope of developmental,

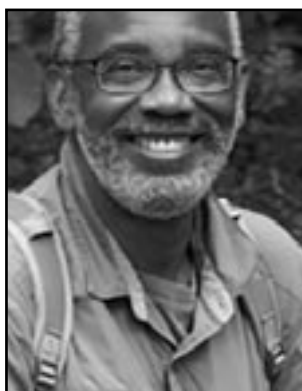
behavioral, and mental health concerns.

Our speaker on March 19th will be Prof. Dennis Liotta. Prof. Liotta has led a group of synthetic/medicinal chemists at Emory University for over four decades. He will provide an overview of his research in the antiviral arena, featuring stories of three highly successful antivirals he developed in collaboration with his academic colleagues and biotech partners. Dr. Liotta has contributed to 18 FDA-approved therapies, with perhaps his biggest impact coming in the HIV/AIDS field. He will also highlight recent drug discovery endeavors in various therapeutic areas, including oncology and neurological diseases.

Finally, on March 26th, our speaker will be Dr. Lenny McDonald discussing the importance of experimentation and creativity in photography and sharing his journey from science (ex-

Wyeth/Pfizer) to his present avocation. Macro and close-up photography are his favorite styles, and he will discuss the impact of exploiting minute details. He will also show some of his non-macro abstract work. Lastly, he will briefly share his perspective on AI in photography and how it fits into his workflow. Lenny has exhibited his work in various venues across New Jersey, including Reeves-Reed Arboretum, Mayo Performing Arts Center, and the Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion. You can review some of his work on his Instagram page at [instagram.com/lennysfineartphotos/](https://www.instagram.com/lennysfineartphotos/).

Past speakers and much, much more can be viewed at [SummitOldGuard.org](https://SummitOldGuard.org), but we encourage people to drop in on our meetings which take place at the church at 10:00 AM most Tuesdays. “Come for the Speakers. Stay for the Friends.” We look forward to meeting you.



(above, l-r) Prof. Liotta, Dr. McDonald, Ms. Arkel, Dr. Kaczorowski



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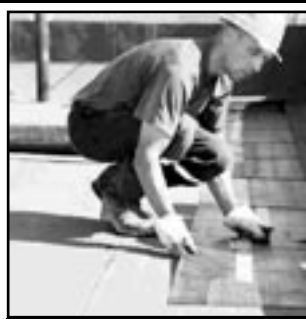
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In March, we'll be honoring Women's Month. Kirsten Thien and Erik Boyd will be entertaining us with a fun and informative live music program. They will be highlighting 15 prolific women who left their indelible mark on the music world, forging new paths for future stars and securing their place in music history. Part concert, part history, with a dose of behind-the-scenes stories and little-known facts, this engaging event is a must for any music fan. Join us on Sunday, March 24th from 3-4 p.m. at the New Providence Memorial Library



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Lantern Hill, the Erickson Senior Living-managed community in New Providence, NJ, provides a robust package of benefits that reflect its commitment to financial stability, health and well-being, and work-life balance. In addition to multiple health care plans and choices, Lantern Hill offers 40 paid community volunteer hours. Other benefits include tuition reimbursement, 401K with company match, generous paid time off, online training classes, advancement opportunities, and more.



(above, l-r) Lantern Hill Business Office Manager Debra Vlahakis, Director of General Services Ed Zappile, and Housekeeping Manager, recently volunteered at the Community FoodBank of New Jersey in Hillside.

## BOOK AND MEDIA DONATIONS SOUGHT

The Summit College Club will be accepting donations of gently used books and media. Donations should be brought to the American Legion Post 433, 357 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence (right next to the public library) during the following dates and times: 4/12, 1 – 7 p.m.; 4/13, 4/14 & 4/15, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

"We accept books on almost every subject, including foreign language books, as well as sheet music, vinyl records, DVDs, and CDs," said Lynne Rogerson, SCC president: "The only things we do not want are magazines, manuals, textbooks, multi-volume encyclopedias and VHS tapes. Naturally, all items should be in good condition."

SCC members and volunteers will categorize and sort the donations and sell them at the annual Summit College Club Book Sale to be held April 17th through the 21st. The money from the sale will be used to fund Summit College Club Foundation scholarships, which go to young women graduating from local high schools. Summit College Club, a branch of the American Association of University Women, has been granting local scholarships for more than one hundred years.

Anyone interested in volunteering for a few hours between April 12 and 21st please visit [summitcollegeclub.org](http://summitcollegeclub.org), click on "Events/Book Sale," and scroll down to "Volunteer with Us."

## JUNIOR LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR WOMEN VOLUNTEERS

The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield (JLEP) is pleased to announce that in 2024 we will be awarding three \$4,000 scholarships to college bound women who reside in Union County and demonstrate a passion for volunteerism.

The JLEP believes that volunteerism is a vital force in our community, and we support young women who share our passion by awarding scholarships to college-bound high school seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to volunteer activities. The scholarships will be awarded in May 2024.

To be considered for a scholarship, applicants are asked to complete the application form, write a 300-to-400-word essay about their volunteer experiences, and provide two letters of recommendation. The application form is available on our website, [jlepnj.org](http://jlepnj.org), or can also be obtained by sending a request via email to [scholarship@jlepnj.org](mailto:scholarship@jlepnj.org) or by leaving a message with your address and/or email address at

908-709-1177.

The deadline for submitting applications is April 5, 2024. There will be a formal presentation of the scholarships to the recipients at the JLEP's Annual Dinner on May 22, 2024.

To find out more about the League's scholarship program or about how to join as a member, please contact the League at 908-709-1177, via email at [scholarship@jlepnj.org](mailto:scholarship@jlepnj.org), or visit our website at [jlepnj.org](http://jlepnj.org).

### ABOUT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ELIZABETH PLAINFIELD

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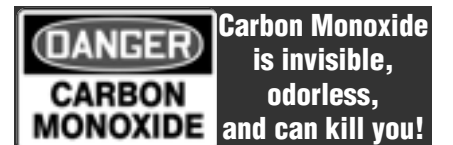
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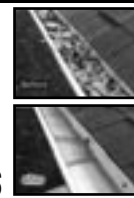
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## Math Club (Kids & Teens)

March 1, 8, 15, 29 at 3:50 - 4:45 pm

Join the NP Math Club and hone your problem-solving skills! Run by NP Teens, open to students in 2-12th grades.

## Irish Dancing (Kids & Families)

March 2 at 12:00 pm

In celebration of the upcoming St. Patrick's Day, The Ridgewood Irish Dance group will perform jigs and reels. The performers will teach basic steps after their performance.

## SAT Math Help (Teens)

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Tutoring sessions for students who are looking for help with the math portion of the SAT.

## Family Movie: "Song of the Sea"

(Kids & Families) PG

March 3 at 2:00 pm

An Irish boy discovers that his sister is a selkie in this animated award-winning film based on Irish folklore.

## NP Chess Club (Kids, Teens & Adults)

March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Learn to play chess from the NP Chess Club! Instruction Lectures & Strategy from 4:30-5:30 followed by play from 5:30-6:30.

## Knit Night (Adults)

March 4, 21 at 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Drop by the Conti Room with a knitting or crochet project and chat with this friendly group while you work.

## Movie Matinee: "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3" (Adults)

March 5 at 1:00 - 2:30 pm

## Preparing For Your College Search (Teens)

March 5 at 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Helpful information about preparing for your college search, the college application process, and digital testing - including the digital SAT.

## Virtual Author Talk: Nina Totenberg (Adults)

March 6 at 4:00 - 5:00 pm

NPR Legal Affairs correspondent Nina Totenberg talks about her nearly fifty-year friendship with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and her book, "Dinners With Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships."

## Creative Writing Group (Adults)

March 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:30 - 11:30 am

Connect with your creative peers in the community with Creative Writing.

## Board Games at the Brewery (Adults)

March 7 at 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Buy yourself a beer or soda and play a board game in the back room at Untied Brewing! Ages 21+.

## Let's Craft: Paper Flowers (Adults)

March 8 at 11:00 - noon

Come make flowers out of tissue paper and coffee filters with help from our craft expert, Leslie. Space is limited; registration required.

## Crafterday (Kids & Families)

March 9, 23 from 10:00 - 3:30 pm

Drop by the Coddington Room to use the materials and instructions that have been left on the tables. Take home what you create.

## Heartfulness Meditation (Adults)

March 9, 16, 23 from 10:30 - 11:30 am

A short guided relaxation in the Conti Room, followed by a 30-minute meditation, followed by a short reading.

## Batter Up - Let's Talk Baseball (All Ages)

March 11 at 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Join in person in the Conti Room or over zoom - your choice.

## Books & Bagels (Adults)

March 12 at 10:30 - 11:30 am

Join us for a free bagel from NP Bagel Cafe & tell us about what you've been reading and which books you've enjoyed recently.

## Teens Teaching : A Introduction to Infinity and Supertasks (Kids & Teens)

March 12 at 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Learn about infinity and supertasks from a high school student. For students in grades 3-8.

## Library STEAM Club (Kids grades 1-5)

March 13 at 3:15 - 4:30 pm

Explore science and art in this hands-on after-school club. Each month, we'll work on a special project or run experiments on our snap circuit boards.

## Virtual Author Talk: Christopher Paolini (Adults, Kids & Teens)

March 14 at 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Join us online for a conversation with international bestselling author Christopher Paolini about his return to the World of Eragon with "Murtagh," a stunning continuation of the epic fantasy. Register online.

## Book Group: "Anxious People" by Fredrik Backman (Adults)

March 14 at 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Ask for a copy at the front desk.

## Read to a Dog (Kids)

March 16 at 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Practice your new or developing skills by reading to a therapy dog.

## "The Art of Ann Chernow": Documentary & Meet the Filmmaker (Adults)

March 17 at 3 pm - 3:45 pm

This 30-minute documentary tells the fascinating story of Ann Chernow. The filmmaker, Bernard Langs, will take questions from the audience after the screening.

## Costa Rican Coffee Tour (Adults)

March 18 at 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Learn all about coffee with a virtual tour of a coffee farm in Costa Rica: the plant, the history, the production, even the chemistry of caffeine.

## Book Group: "Foster" and "Small Things Like These" by Claire Keegan

March 19 at 10:30 am - 11:30 am

The book group will discuss Claire Keegan's "Foster" as well as her novel "Small Things Like These," which was shortlisted for the Booker Prize in 2022.

## Movie Matinee: "Hunger Games: A Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes" (Adults)

March 19 at 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

This PG-13 movie from 2023 is the prequel to the blockbuster Hunger Games series.

## Good Tyme String Band (Kids & Families)

March 21 at 10:30 am - 11:00 pm

Join this string band for some toe tapping fun. All music lovers welcomed!

## Virtual Author Talk: Madeline Miller (Adults)

March 21 at 7 pm - 8 pm

You're invited to a conversation online with Madeline Miller, bestselling author of The Song of Achilles and Circe.

## Kirsten Thien and Erik Boyd in Concert (All Ages)

March 24 at 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Highlighting fifteen women who left their mark on the music world, forging new paths for future stars and securing their place in music history. Everyone is welcome.

## Read to a Dog (Kids)

March 26 at 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Practice your new or developing skills by reading to a therapy dog. To register your 15 minute slot.

## Lego Club (Kids)

March 27 at 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm

Construct a scene to fit the monthly theme. Creations will be on display in the children's room until the following month.

## Sign up for April Teen Take Out Boxes (Teen)

March 28 at 3:00 pm

Teen Take Out is a monthly box of fun for NP Teens in grades 6-12, which will be ready for pick up on April 25.

## Knitting Workshop (Kids, grades 3 - 8)

March 28 at 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm

Learn to knit from seasoned knitters. Space is limited and registration is required.

## WEEKLY STORYTIME AND PLAY

at the Library in the Coddington Room:

Tuesday Signs, Songs & Stories  
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@ 10:30 AM (preschool - K)

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## Tuesday Open Play

@ 1 PM - 8:15 PM (closed from 4-5 pm)

Anytime Stories with Miss Debbie

@ 7:00 PM (all ages)

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<https://www.youtube.com/c/newprovlibrary>.

Questions? Email [NPMLChildrens@gmail.com](mailto:NPMLChildrens@gmail.com)

## Wednesday Mother Goose Group with Miss Debbie

@ 10:30 AM (18 months - preschool)

An active storytime with songs, fingerplays, dancing and fun for babies to preschool- But older kids are always welcome!

## Thursday Storytime with Miss Anita

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## Friday Open Play

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The prestigious Wharton Arts Lifetime Achievement Award distinguishes individuals who, during their lifetime, have made creative contributions of outstanding artistic significance to the performing arts and represent a beacon of inspiration to Wharton Arts’ students. Previous Wharton Arts Lifetime Achievement honorees were Jamie Bernstein, John Debney, Paul Shaffer, and Angel Blue.

Wharton Arts’ Annual Gala will feature student performances and a live auction at the Westmount Country Club, 728 Rifle Camp Road in Woodland Park, NJ. To attend the gala and support Wharton Arts, including its silent

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**Holy Thursday - March 28**  
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**Good Friday - March 29**  
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On Saturday, March 16 we invite you to Barnwell Hall at Christ Church from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., located at 561 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ. Please note that the final items for repair will be accepted at 2:30 p.m.

Our repair services for this event encompass a wide range, including new repair services of sewing machines and watch battery and band replacement as well as sewing/textiles, clocks, woodworking, PC computers, knife sharpening, lamps, electronics, and bicycles. To ensure equal opportunities for everyone, each person may bring a maximum of 2 items for repair.

For lamps, clocks and watch batteries, replacement parts will be available at a nominal, at-cost fee. Please ensure you can carry your items unassisted when bringing them to the event. No appointments are necessary, although wait times may vary as this event is not a drop-off service.

This impacting event is co-sponsored by the Summit Area Green Faith Circle and Repair Cafe

Garden State. For a comprehensive schedule of upcoming Repair Cafe events across New Jersey during the ongoing 2024 repair season, visit [www.repaircafe.org](http://www.repaircafe.org).

Repair and event volunteers are always welcome at this event, as well as all future repair events. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to us via email at [summit@repaircafes.org](mailto:summit@repaircafes.org).

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Units	Size	1 TOWN	3 TOWNS	6 TOWNS	9 TOWNS	12 TOWNS	15 TOWNS	18 TOWNS	21 TOWNS	24 TOWNS
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4 Units	3.25" x 8" or 6.5" x 4"	\$180	\$450	\$700	\$900	\$1100	\$1300	\$1500	\$1700	\$1900
6 Units	6.5" x 6.25" or 10" x 4"	\$240	\$600	\$900	\$1200	\$1400	\$1600	\$1800	\$2000	\$2200
9 HALF PAGE	6.5" x 9" or 10" x 7"	\$320	\$800	\$1000	\$1300	\$1600	\$1900	\$2200	\$2400	\$2700
12 Units	10" x 8"	\$360	\$900	\$1200	\$1500	\$1800	\$2100	\$2400	\$2700	\$3000
18 FULL PAGE	10" x 14"	\$400	\$1000	\$1400	\$1800	\$2200	\$2500	\$2800	\$3000	\$3400
2-PAGE SPREAD	21" x 14"	\$700								
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Joe Renna

Renna Media has posted its first episode of "Mind Your Own Local Business," a podcast that gives advice on how to run a successful local business.

This is my 40th year in business and I draw from my experience and expertise to give advice. I have received so much help in my career from mentors and seasoned business owners, and this is a way to pay it forward.

I already offer free one-on-one consultation on putting together business plans and marketing plans. The show would be a way to reach many more people.

I started in business in 1984 as a graphic designer and grew into a full-service marketing and advertising company. Now, along with my wife Tina, we publish twenty-four community newspapers mailing out 160,000 to homes and businesses monthly.

Like the newspapers, the show will serve as a venue to support local community service organizations and events and production costs will be covered by advertisers. There are several marketing and advertising opportunities for businesses to be included with the freedom to be unique and creative.

I am looking forward to having a lot of fun doing the show. It is another application of my Do-What-You-Love mentality. The show is a free-form magazine format production that is flexible. I welcome business owners to join in the fun.

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