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LOCAL SCOUTS TAKE ON NEW MEXICO'S RUGGED PHILMONT

Submitted by Deepti Kona

This July, two crews made up of Scouts and adult advisors from Troop 67 of Summit and Troop 90 of Branchburg embarked on a memorable high-adventure trek at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico, one of the premier backcountry bases in the Boy Scouts of America program. Spanning 140,000 acres in the southern Rocky Mountains, Philmont draws Scouts from across the country and around the world each summer.

The journey was the culmination of 18 months of training hikes and gear preparation, ensuring the Scouts were ready for the challenges ahead. Over 12 days, the crews hiked together more than 80 miles through rugged terrain, carrying everything they needed in their packs. They faced grueling climbs, the strain of thin mountain air, and the added test of 'monsoon' season, with rain falling every afternoon of their trek. Wet gear, muddy trails, and sudden downpours became part of the adventure, testing their grit and teamwork.

Highlights of the trek included summiting Mt. Phillips, the second-highest peak at Philmont at



(above) Scouts from Troop 67 of Summit and Troop 90 of Branchburg about to embark on a 12-day, 80-mile trek through the rugged Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Philmont Scout Ranch.

Courtesy Photos

11,742 feet, and crossing several miles of a wildfire burn zone, a stark, sun-bleached expanse still bearing the scars of the 2018 Ute Park Fire. Along the way, the Scouts tested their aim with black powder rifles, ventured into the dark tunnels of an abandoned gold mine, and immersed themselves in other backcountry programs, from hammering hot iron in a blacksmith shop to scaling rock faces and building a new section of trail as part of a conservation service project.

One of the trek's final challenges was hiking the Tooth of Time, Philmont's iconic granite monolith that rises more than 9,000 feet above sea level. The steep climb rewarded the Scouts with sweeping views of the plains to the east and the rugged Sangre de Cristo Mountains to the west, a fitting finale to their high-adventure journey.

"Philmont is more than just a hike, it's an experience that changes you," said Troop 67 Scoutmaster Rob Rydzewski. "Our Scouts came home stronger, more confident, and ready to take on new challenges in Scouting and life."

BSA Troop 67 of Summit welcomes boys in grades 6–12 interested in outdoor adventure, leadership, and service. Meetings are Mondays at 7:30 p.m. during the school year at St. Teresa's School, 306 Morris Ave., Summit, NJ. Visit troop67summit.us for details.



(above) Scouts from Troop 67 climb 'Steamboat Rock' at the Cimarroncito camp during their Philmont Scout Ranch trek. The climb was one of many high-adventure activities completed during their 80-mile journey through New Mexico's rugged Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

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HALLOWEEN EVENTS THROUGHOUT OCTOBER

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City of Summit

Ready to be spooked? Join the City of Summit throughout the month of October for some eerie-sistible fun at these favorite annual community events. It's sure to be a frightfully good time for all ages!

The Haunted Hike

Friday, October 10, and Saturday, October 11,

At Martin's Brook Park located on Butler Parkway. Each night, a "less scary" hike for younger children will take place from 6 - 7 p.m., and a "super scary" hike will take place from 7 - 8 p.m., featuring spooky characters that will jump out along the trail. Adult supervision is required for any child in fourth grade or younger. There is a suggested \$5 donation at entry.

More information is available at summitcommunityprograms.com/hauntedhike.

Scream on the Green

Sunday, October 19

On the Village Green, located at 356 Broad Street in Summit. The featured movie will be Wicked. A family dance party will begin at 6 p.m. and the movie will be shown at dusk. Attendees can enjoy bonfires and s'mores and are encouraged to bring a blanket or chairs as no seating is provided for the movie. Admission is free; all are welcome.

More information is available at summitcommunityprograms.com/screamonthegreen.



Halloween Parade

Saturday, October 25, from 3 - 5 p.m.

The Summit Police Athletic League and Department of Community Programs are hosting the annual Halloween parade on Saturday, October 25, from 3 - 5 p.m.. Participants are asked to line up at 25 Deforest Avenue at 2:45 p.m. to march to the Village Green at 3 p.m. Attendees can enjoy music, entertainment, and snacks on the Village Green from 3 - 4:15 p.m. Individuals will be invited to walk across the main stage for the costume contest, and the winners will be announced at 4:15 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place in the following categories: Most 2025 Relevant, Scariest, Cutest, Best Group, Most Original, Mayor's Choice, and Best Overall. Music and entertainment will continue until 5 p.m.

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DETECTIVE SLIKER HONORED

City of Summit

The City of Summit and the Summit Police Department proudly recognized Detective Darin Sliker with the Life Saving Award and the Exceptional Duty Award during the Common Council meeting on July 29, 2025. The awards were presented by Police Chief Ryan Peters, honoring Detective Sliker's courageous and life-saving actions while off duty.

Earlier this summer, Detective Sliker had spent the day at Lake Hopatcong with friends and returned to a nearby home when two members of the group stepped outside to retrieve their car. Moments later, a loud crash and screams were heard from the front of the house. Detective Sliker and another off-duty police officer ran outside and discovered a hit-and-run scene, where both victims had been severely injured and were lying on the side of the road.

One of the individuals was in cardiac arrest. Detective Sliker immediately began CPR and continued without pause until the victim's pulse was restored. Both victims were transported to the hospital and are expected to make a full recovery.

"Detective Sliker's commitment to preserving life, even while off duty, serves as a powerful reminder that the oath we take as law enforcement officers is not confined to a shift, a uniform, or a badge," said Chief Ryan Peters. "It is a constant calling."

Detective Sliker's actions reflect the highest standards of public service and exemplify the integrity and commitment of Summit's law enforcement officers.

For more information about the Summit Police Department, visit cityofsummit.org/police.



(above) Summit Police Detective Darin Sliker Receives Life Saving Award and Exceptional Duty Award Photo by City of Summit

VOLUNTEER FIRST AID SQUAD RECOGNIZED

At the Common Council Meeting held on Sept. 3rd, Mayor Dr. Elizabeth Fagan issued a proclamation designating September 2025 as Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad Month in recognition of the organization's 63 years of dedicated service to the Summit Community.

Since its founding on July 28, 1962, the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad has operated as an independent nonprofit organization providing emergency medical response and support. The squad responds to emergencies 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

In her proclamation, Mayor Fagan stated "The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad embodies the very best of who we are as a city, neighbors helping neighbors, compassion in action, and dedication without expectation of return. For 63 years, their quiet heroism has kept our community safe, and we owe them recognition and support."

The volunteer squad's work provides quality care at no cost to patients or taxpayers, saving the city of Summit and estimated \$2million annually.

Its mission relies fully on the generosity of community donations and the commitment of trained volunteers.

The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad's Annual Fund Drive kicks off this month, to donate, volunteer or learn more go to summitems.org.



(above, l-r) Mayor DR. Elizabeth Fagan, SVFAS Chief Laura Benevento, Deputy Chief Jimmy Rath, and President Leah Griffith.

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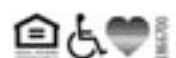
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CADET CAPT. DONOVAN TUNG RECEIVES THE AMELIA EARHART AWARD

Lone Eagle Composite Squadron
Recently, Cadet Capt. Donovan Tung, Cadet Commander of the Lone Eagle Composite Squadron, was presented with his Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Amelia Earhart Award by Capt. Adam Fitting, Squadron Commander, at the Morristown National Guard Armory.

Cadet Capt. Donovan Tung, the Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tung of Summit, NJ, participated on the Junior Varsity Football and Track teams at Summit High School.

As Cadet Commander, he has provided outstanding leadership and has become a valuable source of inspiration and information, especially for the Squadron's many new cadets. He was instrumental in organizing the Squadron's 2025 Open House and has participated in Cadet Orientation Flights, Wreaths Across America ceremonies, and in the annual Cadet Basic

Encampments. Further, he was appointed Squadron representative for the NJWG Cadet Advisory Council and named "Honor Staff officer" at the 2025 NJWG Cadet NCO Academy.

The Amelia Earhart Award is the third cadet milestone achievement award and is earned after successful completion of the first eleven achievements of the cadet program. In addition to the achievements, the cadet must pass a comprehensive examination on aerospace and leadership on top of a demanding physical fitness test. Less than 3% of the Civil Air Patrol cadets earn this award.

The Lone Eagle Composite Squadron meets on Wednesday nights, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Morristown National Guard Armory, NJ. Youth can start the cadet program at age twelve, and adults can join as senior members starting at age

18. For more information about the Lone Eagle Composite Squadron, contact Adam Fitting, Commander, at: adam.fitting@njwg.cap.gov. Also, see: www.loneeagle.org.

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(above) Cadet Captain Donovan Tung and Capt. Adam Fitting, Squadron Commander, Lone Eagle Composite Squadron.

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**The Natural Spirit November 2, 2025 at 3pm
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Beethoven’s “Pastoral” Symphony paints a picture of meadows, flowing streams, and a sudden storm. The concert also features the NJIO 2025 Young Artist Concerto Competition winner (sponsored by NJIO’s community partner, Elefante Music), Marcus Chong-Wah Wong, a 9th grade violinist from Edgewater, NJ.



• FAMILY HOLIDAY CONCERT:

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The Sea Dogs, a group of privateer reenactors, will bare their cutlasses at historic Twin Maples in Summit on Saturday, October 4 in two shows at 2 and 3 p.m. History buffs and the whole family will enjoy a brief lecture, exhibits of privateer artifacts and musical renditions of old sea shanties. Will the British arrive to chase the brave privateers? Come and see!

Tickets are available online at www.fortnightlyclub.org/events-1/nj-privateers-the-american-revolution. Ticket prices are \$15 per adult and \$5 per child (3-12). Seating is

limited. Free parking. No strollers, please.

The program takes place at Twin Maples, 214 Springfield Avenue, Summit, a site on both the New Jersey and National Historic Registers. The Twin Maples estate was built in 1908 in the Colonial Revival style. Its facade is reminiscent of the White House. The estate is owned by the Fortnightly Club of New Jersey, a non-profit women's club founded in 1893.

Proceeds benefit Twin Maples' historic preservation.

Later, on October 4 at 5 p.m. the Fortnightly Club of Summit will host a Colonial Tavern Night fundraiser featuring authentic colonial drinks and music with a colonial inspired appetizer and dessert buffet, featuring the

Regimental Brewmeister and the Ministers of Apollo. Tickets for this event are available at fortnightlyclub.org for \$65 per person. Proceeds benefit masonry repairs of the Twin Maples terrace.

The Fortnightly Club has a full calendar planned for the coming year including a Designer Fashion ReSale event, a Twin Maples Ghost Hunt with New Jersey Paranormal, a Holiday Ceramics Workshop, breakfast or brunch with Santa at Twin Maples on December 6 and 7, the Battle of the Bubbles, Baking at Twin Maples and a Tranquility Workshop. For more information about upcoming events and to join the club go to fortnightlyclub.com.



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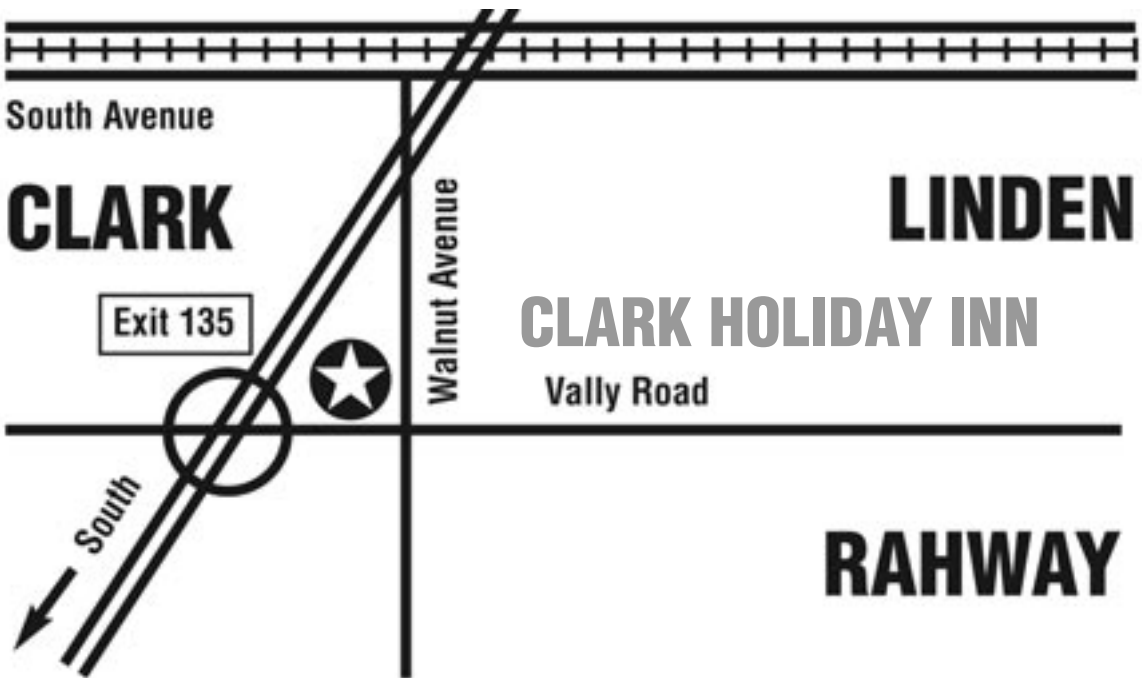
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supplies for success. This year’s drive was made possible by a very generous donation from the Summit Elks Club and a grant from the Summit Luminary fund. In addition to receiving essential school supplies, students had the opportunity to choose from an extensive collection of books (gifts from the SHS Area Baby Center Club’s

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City of Summit

During National Preparedness Month in September, the City of Summit is encouraging residents and businesses to make disaster preparation a priority. Making a plan to prepare for disasters is the best way to protect your family. Residents can download the City of Summit’s new safety guide, a printable flyer with public safety tips and emergency preparedness information.

The theme for 2025 is “Preparedness Starts at Home,” which focuses on getting back to the basics of emergency planning. Individuals can take these four key actions to prepare for any disaster:

KNOW YOUR RISK

- Know what kinds of disasters could happen where you live. This helps you figure out how to create a plan to stay safe. Explore various disasters and emergencies on ready.gov.

MAKE A FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

- Make a plan now to reduce stress and save time and money when a disaster or emergency occurs. Be sure to consider the needs of every member of the family (including seniors, individuals with disabilities, and pets) when creating your plan. Follow these four easy steps and create a free Family Emergency Plan on ready.gov.

BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT

- In an emergency, having enough food, water, and emergency supplies can help you stay safe and comfortable until help arrives. Build a go-bag now with all the essentials you may need, so you don’t need to scramble in an emergency.
- Your kit should include enough food, water, medicine, and other supplies to last for several days. Find a full list of supplies at Build a Kit on ready.gov.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY BY TAKING ACTION TO PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES

- Emergencies can happen fast, and emergency responders won’t always be nearby. You may be able to save a life by taking simple actions immediately. Consider taking a first aid class with an organization in your community or a free online course through FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute to get trained on basic disaster response skills.
- “I encourage all residents to sign up for Nixle and Smart911 to receive emergency alerts from the City of Summit,” says Mayor Fagan.
- Additional emergency preparedness information is available on the City of Summit website at cityofsummit.org/emergencymanagement and on FEMA’s website at ready.gov.



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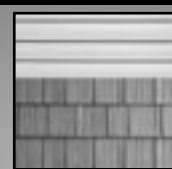
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Sharing the spotlight will be 80 gifted artists and designers including several nationally recognized for their award winning accomplishments; many traveling from across the U.S., from as far as California and Florida. Guests will enjoy work never before seen on the East Coast. The fair could be called a weekend "Off-Broadway production" - with a great cast, many stars, with several booths designed like stage sets.

**HALLOWEEN EVE KICKOFF: ALL WEEKEND
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The show opens Friday, October 31, with a family-friendly Trick-or-Treat Party. Kids can:

- Collect their treats while meeting the artists
- Create their own art on the famous Art Wall

Join a weekend-long Treasure Hunt. Great prizes made by the artists. And throughout the weekend, visitors can win original art prizes donated by An American Craftsman Gallery.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Westfield Armory is Just 5 minutes from Exit 135 on the Garden State Parkway
- Free parking at the Armory or across the street at the High School.
- \$12 weekend pass covers all three days. SENIORS \$10. Under 10 Free

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An incredible selection of ceramics, independent fashion artists, fine woodworking, jewelry, paintings, mixed media, Illustration, photography, and art glass - from \$25 keepsakes to Michael Alexander's \$10,000 masterpieces.

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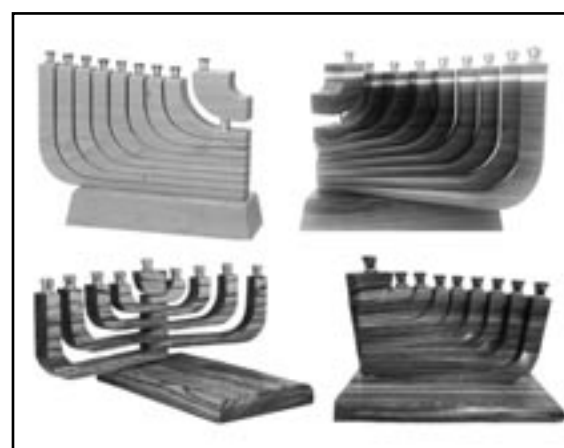
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What began as a stolen vehicle investigation quickly turned into a life-saving mission when two Summit Police Detectives encountered a burning home in Newark's South Ward.

At approximately 2:58 p.m. on Friday, August 29, 2025, Detective Sergeant Ruddy Garita and Detective Darin Sliker were canvassing South 19th Street for a BMW reported stolen out of Summit the day before. Instead, they saw thick, black smoke pouring from the second story of a residence. They spoke with a man running out of the building saying he believed other people were inside.

From the rear window, a woman and child were screaming for help. Acting without hesitation, Det. Sgt. Garita grabbed a contractor's ladder from across the street, scaled it, and pulled the toddler to safety through the smoke-filled window.

At the same time, Det. Sliker and Newark Police officers forced entry through the front door, pushing through dense smoke as they searched the second floor. They breached a locked door and shouted through the darkness to ensure no one was trapped, ultimately confirming that all occupants had escaped before retreating.

Summit Police Chief Ryan Peters commended their actions:

"The actions of Det. Sgt. Garita and Det. Sliker were nothing short of heroic. Their courage, swift decision-making, and unwavering dedication to preserving life under extreme pressure reflect the highest standards of law enforcement. Without regard for their personal safety, they relied on their training, instincts, and commitment to duty to perform life-saving measures in a rapidly deteriorating and dangerous environment."

This incident underscores the commitment of Summit's officers not only to their assigned duties, but to the preservation of life whenever

called upon.

Additional information: In July, Det. Sliker was awarded a lifesaving award from the Summit Police Department for saving a man's life while off-duty and in another city. After he found an individual struck by a vehicle and without a pulse, he quickly performed CPR, resuscitating the man who was then transferred to the hospital. He is out of the hospital now and expected to make a full recovery.

More info on the Summit Police Department is available at cityofsummit.org/police.

RUMMAGE SALE - OCTOBER 18TH

The United Methodist Church of Summit, located at 17 Kent Place Boulevard, will be holding their bi-annual clothing and accessories sale. The sale will be held on Saturday, October 18th from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Unbeatable prices - one day only - everything must go!

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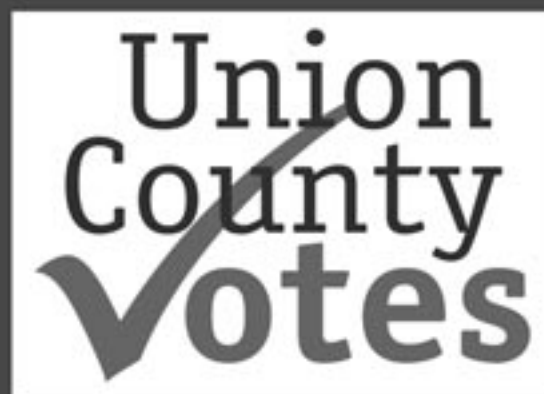
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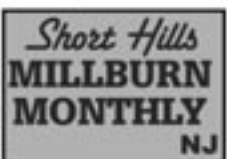
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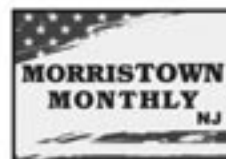
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Online. Smithsonian speakers Emily Key and Adrian Aldaba discuss inspiring Latino figures from U.S. history.

Concert: Carlos Pavan Guitar Recital
Sunday, 10/5, 2:00-3:00PM

Argentinian-born composer blends tango, classical, and jazz guitar.
No registration required.

Virtual Author Talk: Leigh Bardugo
Thursday, 10/9, 7:00-8:00PM

Online. Bardugo discusses her fantasy works, including the 10th anniversary edition of Six of Crows.

Concert: Rhonda Denet
A Tribute to Nat & Natalie Cole
Sunday, 10/12, 2:00-3:00PM

A musical celebration of Nat King Cole and his daughter Natalie Cole. No registration required.

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Join a discussion on NATO, Ukraine, and European security.

Virtual Talk: AI in Healthcare
Thursday, 10/16, 7:00-8:00PM

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Virtual Trivia Night

Friday, 10/24, 7:00-8:30PM

Online. Play solo or in teams, led by Quizmaster Mary Piekarski. Geared for ages 18+; all are welcome.

Adult Craft: Design Your Own Jigsaw Puzzle
Sunday, 10/26, 2:00-4:00PM

Create your own puzzle using blank pieces and markers. Instructor: Mary Piekarski.

Marigolds: Fresh Flavors, Familiar Faces
Tuesday, 10/28, 7:00-8:00PM

Mary Cummins shares the story behind Summit's Marigolds café with a soup and salad demo.

Virtual Author Talk: Phillipa Gregory
Wednesday, 10/29, 2:00-3:00PM

Online. Historical novelist Phillipa Gregory discusses her latest book Boleyn Traitor.

What is the Meaning of Free Speech?
Thursday, 10/30, 7:00-8:00PM

In-person & online. Prof. Ian Drake explores the history and current significance of free speech.

YOUTH & FAMILIES PROGRAMS

Freedom to Read Storytime

Saturday, 10/4, 11:00-11:45AM

Celebrate the right to read with stories, songs, and crafts featuring challenged picture books.
For ages 2-6 and their families.

Banned Books Readout

Tuesday, 10/7, 7:00-8:30PM

Teens read excerpts from banned books, moderated by Dr. Jocelyn A. Chadwick. For Grades 8-12 and adults.

Bright Star Theatre: Hispanic Folktales
Saturday, 10/11, 2:00-3:00PM

Live performance of folktales from Spanish-speaking cultures. For Grades K-5.

Candyland: The Live Board Game
Saturday, 10/18, 1:00-4:00PM

Walk through a life-size version of the Candyland board game and collect small prizes.
For families.

Chinese Corner: Sugar Art from China
Sunday, 10/19, 2:00-3:00PM

Learn about Tanghua sugar art and watch animals and symbols made from melted sugar.
For Grades K-5.

Adulting Essentials: Halloween Gnomes
Wednesday, 10/22, 6:00-8:00PM

Learn to sew and create festive handsewn gnomes. For Grades 9-12.

Rangoli Workshop

Thursday, 10/23, 7:00-8:00PM

Celebrate Diwali by making colorful Rangoli designs to take home. For Grades K-5 and their families.

The Library also offers a wide range of other free digital resources, including Kanopy for streaming films and documentaries, LinkedIn Learning for professional skill-building, Ancestry Library Edition for genealogy research, Consumer Reports for trusted product reviews, and the Libby app for borrowing eBooks and audiobooks.

These digital resources are accessible from any computer, tablet, or mobile device. For more information on any resource, please visit www.summitlibrary.org or call 908-273-0350.

FREE ACCESS TO LANGUAGE AND CODING TOOLS FOR YOUTH

The Summit Free Public Library is proud to announce the addition of two powerful learning tools geared towards youth, LOTE4Kids and Fiero Code, to its collection of online resources. Both are available for free to anyone with a Summit Free Public Library card.

LOTE4Kids (Languages Other Than English for Kids) offers a wide collection of digital picture books in over 100 languages. Each book is narrated by a native speaker, paired with English translations, and supported by worksheets and interactive activities. Made for children, multilingual families, and language learners, the platform makes language exploration both accessible and engaging.

Fiero Code is a project-based platform that teaches learners of all ages to develop coding skills. Users build video games, apps, and websites while progressing from block-based coding to scripting languages like HTML, CSS, and SQL. The platform uses story-driven lessons, challenges, and global competitions to make learning fun. Fiero Code also offers a Web Development certificate to assist adults in career development.

"We are excited to offer these two databases," said Ann-Marie Aymer, Head of Youth Services. "We are also launching a series of Coding Clubs for families this autumn to introduce our users to the Fiero Code program. We hope that our patrons will explore Fiero Code and LOTE4Kids on the computers at the library or from home."



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