

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**INSECTROPOLIS: Bugs on the Go**  
Saturday, January 12  
2:00pm - 2:45pm

Ages 4 and up  
Investigate the diversity of the insect world with live insects and pinned specimens presented by an outreach specialist from Insectropolis, New Jersey's very own bug museum.

**STITCH CRAFT**  
Tuesdays, January 15; February 19  
4:00pm - 5:30pm

Ages 9-14 years  
Attendees will master the ABCs of sewing machine operation, including threading the machine, winding the bobbin, and a variety of sewing machine stitches. Participants will learn some hand sewing and finishing techniques as well.

January 15: Fundamentals of Hand Embroidery  
February 19: Fundamentals of Hand Sewing

**NATURE EXPLORERS SERIES: Leave it to Beaver**  
Wednesday, February 13  
6:00pm - 7:00pm

All ages  
Along with a Naturalist from the Somerset County Parks Commission, explore nature and our environment. Can you believe that beavers are the second largest rodents in the entire world? These nocturnal, semi-aquatic critters are known for their amazing ability to construct dams and lodges, and alter the environment. Unfortunately, their population has been declining since 1988 due to extensive hunting for their fur. Learn why this keystone species, who lives in your backyard, is such a vital part of our ecosystem.

## VALENTINE'S DAY

**DROP IN VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFT**  
Saturday, February 9  
All Day

All ages  
Kids, tweens and teens, let your creativity shine! Stop by any time and make a sweet Valentine's Day craft to keep for yourself, or to give to someone special. All supplies will be provided.

## STORYTIME

**TODDLER/PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME**  
Fridays, January 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22  
10:00am - 10:45am  
Ages 3 1/2 and up

This fast-paced storytime for lively toddlers will vary from week to week, with activities that incorporate some of our favorite books, songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and crafts.

**GROUNDHOG DAY STORYTIME AND CRAFT**  
Saturday, February 2  
2:00pm - 3:00pm

Families with children  
We can't get our "Phil" of this uniquely American holiday! Learn about Punxsutawney Phil while enjoying other groundhog stories. Participants will leave with a cute "pop-up" groundhog craft.

## PLANET PLAYHOUSE

**PLANET PLAYHOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL FILM SERIES AT READING CINEMAS, MANVILLE**  
Tuesday, February 19  
3:00pm - 5:00pm

Ages 8 and up  
Sustainable Manville's Green Team invites you to experience the first in a series of documentaries on the big screen at Reading Cinema in Manville. These films will provide an increased understanding of 21st Century environmental issues and demonstrate ways all of us can make small changes to protect our planet. Please register at <http://www.manvillenj.org/308/> Recreation.

## AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

**MAKE MUSIC IN MANVILLE**  
Fridays, January 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22  
3:30pm - 4:30pm  
Grades 5-8

Sponsored by Manville Recreation, this free afterschool program offers ABIS students a chance to create music together while sampling several instruments. Sessions will be led by John Fitzpatrick of The Coffeehouse Project, a music education non profit organization based in Somerville. John has more than twenty years of experience as an educator and musician and earned an MA in Community Music at the Irish World Academy in Limerick, Ireland. Register online at <https://www.manvillenj.org/308/> Recreation.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

**LOVE ON A LEASH - Visit with a Therapy Dog**  
Saturdays, January 5, February 16  
Thursday, January 17  
Monday, February 25  
11:00am - 12:00pm  
Families welcome

Snuggle with Reya, a certified therapy dog. Her handler can tell you about the benefits therapy dogs can have on the humans with whom they interact.

**BEGINNER QUILTERS CLASS**  
Mondays, January 7, February 4  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Participants will learn how to measure, cut, and assemble basic quilt blocks. Sewing machines and sewing tools will be provided. Prior sewing knowledge is not required.

**SENIORS GET CRAFTY**  
Thursdays, January 10, January 31  
11:00am - 12:00pm

Sip a cup of tea with the librarian and spend an hour getting crafty.

**January 10: Rustic Rolled Paper Ornament**  
We will use a paper rolling technique to turn vintage book pages into beautiful works of art.

**January 31: Book Lover Picture Frame**  
Bring your favorite photo (4"x6" or smaller is preferred) and create a custom picture frame to gift to your sweetheart.

**NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: Wellness and Mindfulness**  
Saturday, January 19; February 9  
12:30pm - 2:00pm

Yoga, meditation, mental health, and stress relief event organized by Augusta Santos, founder of the John Santos Charitable Organization. Begin your journey to wellness with a soothing piano performance by jazz pianist Nick Arrechea. Participate in a discussion of stress and depression, then practice gentle yoga led by Lori Arrechea of eZential Wellness.

**IMMIGRATION INFORMATION SESSION; Sesión Informativa De Inmigración**  
Thursday, January 24  
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Kelly Ayala, of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, will conduct a naturalization and immigration information session. Attendees will receive a free Civics and Citizenship Toolkit.

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

**THURSDAY THRILLERS**  
Thursdays, 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
January 3: "Where They Found Her" by Kimberly McCreight  
February 7: "Believe Me" by JP Delaney

**EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
Mondays, 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
January 14: "Winter Garden" by Kristin Hannah  
February 11: "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann

**FANTASY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
6:30pm - 7:30pm  
Monday, January 14: "Children of Blood and Bone" by Tomi Adyemi  
Tuesday, February 19: "Good Omens" by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett

**DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
Wednesdays, 12:00pm - 1:00pm  
January 16: "Saving CeeCee Honeycutt" by Beth Hoffman  
February 20: "The Rosie Project" by Graeme C. Simsion

## JOB SEEKING

**DEFEATING UNCONSCIOUS BIAS: Five Strategies**  
Wednesday, January 16  
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Explore what you can do to counter the unconscious bias affecting you, your colleagues and the workplace. Become more aware of the impact of unconscious biases all around us, and with actionable and memorable resources to interrupt bias as well as memorable strategies to enhance workplace productivity and innovation.

**OUCH, STEREOTYPES HURT!: Communication in a Diverse World**  
Wednesday, February 6  
1:00pm - 3:00pm

At this workshop, attendees will experience the impact of stereotypical comments, jokes and emails. Goodman will discuss why people do not speak up against stereotypes and other biased behaviors and offers six techniques for speaking up without blame or guilt, in both your personal life and the workplace.

With Jan Goodman, Community Outreach Specialist, Greater Raritan One Stop Career Center.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### DOMINOES LADIES

Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29;  
February 5, 12, 19, 26  
1:00pm - 3:30pm

Spend the afternoon playing a relaxing game of dominoes or cards.

### FIND YOUR FAMILY TREE

Wednesdays, January 16, February 20  
10:30am - 12:30pm

Manville resident and genealogy enthusiast, Bob Vornlocker, will share his techniques to maximize your search results and help uncover your family tree.

### CROCHET AND KNITTING CLUB, TOO!

Wednesdays, January 30, February 27  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Looking for someone to craft with, to teach or to learn from? Meet new people while honing new skills.

## AFTERNOON MOVIES

### MONDAY MATINEE IN MANVILLE

Mondays, January 7, January 28  
1:00pm - 3:30pm

#### January 7: Damsel

In the Old West, a businessman sets out to rescue his kidnapped fiancée, Penelope. The situation turns out to be more complicated than it first appears. Rating: R, running time: 113 minutes.

#### January 28: Little Italy

A chef falls in love with the son of her father's business rival in Little Italy. The families agree to a pizza cook-off to decide which family will relocate. Rating: R, running time: 102 minutes.

February 11: A new release!

February 25: A new release!

## PASSPORTS

### PASSPORT SERVICES

Wednesday, January 23  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

SCLSNJ offers passport services with hours set for your convenience. No appointment necessary. For more information visit [www.SCLSNJ.org/passports](http://www.SCLSNJ.org/passports) or call (908) 458-8400 ext. 1161.

## ART EXHIBITS

### JANUARY EXHIBIT IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM: FACES AND PLACES - The Works Of William Metz

William created his first oil painting at age 5 under the watchful eye of his father, a commercial artist. At 9 years old, he won a regional scholarship to study with Joseph C. Fitzpatrick at Carnegie Institute. He was one of Fitzpatrick's favorite "tam-o'-shanters" often called upon to give a demo to the class. Andy Warhol, Philip Pearlstein, Mel Bochner and Raymond Saunders were all Fitzpatrick tam-o'-shanters. He entered his first juried exhibit, with his father, when he was an adolescent as a member of the Art League of Ligonier Valley in Rector, Pa. Andrew Wyeth, as well as other prominent Pennsylvania artists, were members and frequent exhibitors. William pursued a career in science with multiple degrees in mathematics and chemistry. After leaving the pharmaceutical industry in 2012 he returned to his childhood passion of painting. He has won multiple awards for his oils and has been a regular exhibitor at the Marie L. Matthews Gallery in Princeton.

Manville Library art exhibits are in partnership with the Manville Arts Council.

## ESL OFFERINGS

### ESL CONVERSATION GROUPS

Thursdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28

1:00pm - 2:30pm

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Practice speaking English in a friendly setting. Basic English skills are required. Hosted by the Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County. For more options regarding SCLSNJ's Citizenship classes, basic English Language instruction and more, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yc4zujhn>.

## SENIOR EXERCISE CLASSES

Manville Recreation is now accepting registrations for the Winter Senior Fitness Classes at the Manville Public Library. Classes include Senior Chair Aerobics, Low Impact Chair Aerobics and Senior Chair Yoga. Stop by the library or register online at <http://www.manvillenj.org/309/Senior-Program>.

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## FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**CONCERT: From Jazz to Soul, From Ella to Aretha: Featuring Rhonda Denet and the Silver Fox Songs Trio**  
Saturday, January 26  
2:00pm - 3:00pm

A musical journey from the 1930s when the "First Lady Of Song," Ella Fitzgerald, graced the stage, all the way through to the 1970s when the "Queen of Soul," Aretha Franklin, ruled the airwaves. The Silver Fox Songs Series is a performance series specifically developed with older adult populations in mind. Founder and performer Rhonda Denet presents her unique interpretations of classic songs accompanied by the Silver Fox Songs Duo/Trio.

**THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN PATERSON, NEW JERSEY - A Lecture With Evelyn Hershey of the American Labor Museum**  
Saturday, February 2  
11:00am - 12:30pm

Step back in time for a presentation on two heroic men who used their business to assist those escaping from slavery in the 1850s. Paterson business partners Josiah Huntoon and William Van Rensalier sheltered escaping slaves in their Excelsior Coffee and Spice Factory in Paterson. This presentation will explore the courageous acts of these two men and the history of the Underground Railroad in Paterson, NJ.

## "A PLACE FOR ALL PEOPLE" COMMEMORATIVE EXHIBIT AVAILABLE TO VIEW THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition service in collaboration with the Smithsonian Museum, "A Place for All People" is based on the inaugural exhibitions of the museum. The posters highlight key artifacts that tell the rich and diverse story of the African-American experience.

The exhibition presents a living history that reflects challenge, triumph, faith, and hope. The posters display the child-size shackles of a slave, the clothing worn by Carlotta Walls on her first day at Little Rock Central High School, the track shoes worn by Olympian Carl Lewis, and more.

PLEASE CALL 908-458-8425 TO REGISTER FOR ALL PROGRAMS OR REGISTER ONLINE AT [SCLSNJ.ORG](http://SCLSNJ.ORG)