Featured Adult Virtual Programs for August 2025

GLP-1 Medications: What You Need to Know

Wednesday, August 13, 6:30 pm

Curious about GLP-1 medications like Ozempic, Wegovy, Monjaro and Zepbound, and whether they might be right for you? Anyone living with obesity, struggling to lose weight, or looking for modern treatment options that are safe and effective are invited to join us to better understand this powerful new class of medications. Join us in this easy-to-follow session led by Dr. Lisa Dobruskin, Medical Director of the Center for Bariatric Surgery and Metabolic Medicine at Penn Medicine Princeton. Presented as part of the Penn Medicine Princeton Health Community Wellness Program *Please visit events.mcl.org to register to receive the link to the program*.

New Jersey Homeschooling Basics

Tuesday, August 19, 7:00 pm

Join us for an overview of homeschooling in New Jersey and get answers to your questions. Are you considering homeschooling your child in NJ? Has your child asked to be homeschooled, but you don't know where you would even start? A panel of experienced homeschooling parents will cover the basics of homeschooling in NJ, including homeschooling law, the range of approaches to homeschooling, resources and communities that support homeschooling (in-person and online), paths after homeschooling (high school, college, work, trades, etc.). Q & A session will follow the presentation. *Please visit events.mcl.org to register to receive the link to the program.*

Introduction to Genealogy: Discovering Your Family History

Monday, August 25, 7:00 pm

Interested in researching your family history, but don't know where to begin? Have you searched for your family but need some direction on how to proceed? This program offers an overview of key genealogy records and resources, as well as tips and techniques for getting started on discovering your family stories. Presented by Laura Cubbage-Draper, Certified Genealogist®, LCD Genealogy Services. Sponsored by Friends of the Ewing Library. *Please visit events.mcl.org to register to receive the link to the program.*

Featured Adult In-Person Programs for August 2025

Adult Craft: Rock Painting

Monday, August 4, 2:00 pm Twin Rivers Branch 276 Abbington Drive, East Windsor, NJ 08520 609-443-1880

We're painting rocks! Make a decorative piece for your garden or yard. Registration is required.

Adult Chess Club

Mondays, August 4, 11 & 25, 6:30 – 8:00 pm Robbinsville Branch 42 Robbinsville-Allentown Road Robbinsville, NJ 08691 609-259-2150

Drop in for a friendly game of chess! All levels of experience are welcome. Ages 16 and over. Please note there will be no instructor present. *Registration is not required*.

Craft and Chat

Tuesday, August 5, 2:00 pm Twin Rivers Branch 276 Abbington Drive, East Windsor, NJ 08520 609-443-1880

Bring a craft that you are working on independently, and chat with other crafters while you work. No craft supplies will be provided during this program. Participants will bring their own crafts to work on. *Registration is required*.

ESL Conversation Group

Tuesdays, August 5, 12 & 26, 2:00 pm Hopewell Branch 245 Pennington-Titusville Road Pennington, NJ 08534 609-737-2610

Come to the Hopewell Twp Branch for relaxed conversation in English. This program is ideal for speakers with Intermediate proficiency in English, though all are welcome. Join TESOL-certified librarian Chip McAuley to practice spoken English in a supportive, friendly environment. *Registration is requested.*

Find Your Unclaimed Property

Tuesday, August 5, 2:30 pm Hickory Corner Branch 138 Hickory Corner Road East Windsor, NJ 08520 609-448-1330

Would you like to know if the New Jersey Unclaimed Property Office is holding financial assets for you? Unclaimed Property is any financial asset that has been unclaimed by its rightful owner for a specified period. Unclaimed Property's mission is to reunite owners with their unclaimed financial assets, such as stocks/bonds, insurance checks, utility deposits, savings and checking accounts, wages, and payroll checks. Presented by an Unclaimed Property staff member from the New Jersey Department of the Treasury. *Registration is requested*.

Free Coding Resources

Tuesday, August 5, 7:00 pm Hickory Corner Branch 138 Hickory Corner Road East Windsor, NJ 08520 609-448-1330

Learn about MCLS's free coding resources with your library card. Features: Fiero Code, LinkedIn Learning, and Amazon Web Services Training Center. Choose your own tutorials and

work at your own pace. Assistance is available for beginners. Please bring your own tablet or laptop, and headphones or earbuds. *Registration is requested*.

Breathe, Relax, & Focus: Guided Meditation & Relaxation

Tuesday, August 5, 7:00 pm West Windsor Branch 333 North Post Road Princeton Junction, NJ 08550 609-799-0462

Be in the present moment and experience the joy of mindfulness, facilitated by Nila Satpute, a 13-year practitioner of Rajyoga. Sponsored by Friends of the West Windsor Library.

Scrabble Wednesdays

August 6, 13 & 27, 2:00 pm Hopewell Branch 245 Pennington-Titusville Road Pennington, NJ 08534 609-737-2610

Join fellow wordsmiths for a fun and challenging game of Scrabble! Scrabble Dictionary Seventh Edition will be our ultimate arbiter. *Registration is requested*.

Watercolor Paper Collage

Wednesday, August 6, 6:00 pm Twin Rivers Branch 276 Abbington Drive, East Windsor, NJ 08520 609-443-1880

Rip, tear, and cut up watercolor drawings to create colorful graphic collage art. Sample designs will be provided or create your own. *Registration is required*.

Guided Meditation

Thursdays, August 7, 14, 21 & 28, 12:00 pm Hightstown Memorial Branch 114 Franklin St. Hightstown, NJ 08520 609-448-1474

Relax, refocus, and rejuvenate. Take a moment to regain the peace lost during our busy days. Facilitated by staff member Leena, who is a longtime practitioner of Rajyoga meditation. *Registration is required*.

Adult Tie-Dye

Thursday, August 7, 2:00 pm Hollowbrook Branch 320 Hollowbrook Drive Ewing, NJ 08638 609-883-5914 Come to the Hollowbrook Branch and tie-dye a boring white shirt into a unique work of art you can wear! A shirt will not be provided for this program; please bring your own. For ages 18 and up. *Registration is required*.

Sound Bath Meditation

Thursday, August 7, 6:00 pm Lawrence Headquarters Branch 2751 Brunswick Pike Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 609-883-8292

Experience the rest and relaxation you deserve with a transformative sound bath, featuring the resonant tones of crystal singing bowls. This meditative session offers a soothing space to unwind, harmonize your mind and body, and immerse yourself in the healing vibrations of these exquisite instruments. Led by wellness consultant Stephanie Whitford, this unique experience will leave you feeling refreshed and restored. Sponsored by Friends of the Lawrence Library. *Registration is requested*.

Murder Mystery Night

Thursday, August 7, 6:00 pm Twin Rivers Branch 276 Abbington Drive, East Windsor, NJ 08520 609-443-1880

Murder Mystery Night is a night for solving a crime. Come individually, or as a group to sort through the evidence and find the killer! A dossier of evidence, clues, and maybe some red herrings will be provided for your crime solving pleasure. A smart device will be required for this program as there are digital clues to follow. Maximum six people per group. Please register only one person per group. *Registration is required*.

Poetry Reading Group

Saturday, August 9, 2:00 – 4:30 pm West Windsor Branch 333 North Post Road Princeton Junction, NJ 08550 609-799-0462

Come read, share, and discuss the best classic and contemporary poetry! We look at four pages of poetry by a celebrated poet, then read each poem aloud and discuss it as a group. Poems are provided to everyone who attends.

Hearing Screening

Wednesday, August 13, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm West Windsor Branch 333 North Post Road Princeton Junction, NJ 08550 609-799-0462 Video Otoscopy is a quick test that allows you to see your ear canal and eardrum. A hearing screening is a quick test to determine whether you may have hearing loss or not. A recommendation from a doctor of audiology will be able to be made if medical management or further hearing testing is recommended depending on results obtained.

The Short of It: Kevin Wilson

Wednesday, August 13, 2:00 pm Hopewell Branch 245 Pennington-Titusville Road Pennington, NJ 08534 609-737-2610

The short story -- short in length, but full of content! Join our discussion group, which focuses on short stories. This month we'll read Kevin Wilson's stories, "Scroll Through the Weapons," "Wildfire Johnny," and "No Joke, This Is Going to Be Painful." Copies of the stories are available at the Hopewell Branch Reference Desk.

Knit & Stitch Club

Wednesdays, August 13 & 27, 2:30 pm Robbinsville Branch 42 Robbinsville-Allentown Road Robbinsville, NJ 08691 609-259-2150

Do you like to knit and/or crochet? Join us to talk about patterns and projects and share tips and tricks! Bring your current project and materials, or if you are new to knitting/crocheting, your materials and a willingness to learn! Robbinsville resident Meeta Jairam can teach you! Everyone is welcome, from beginners to experts. *Registration is required*.

Building Wealth Through Smart Homeownership

Wednesday, August 13, 6:30 pm West Windsor Branch 333 North Post Road Princeton Junction, NJ 08550 609-799-0462

What is smart homeownership? How does smart homeownership contribute to building wealth? Is homeownership a part of holistic financial planning? Join us in an educational workshop to learn more.

Poetry Reading & Open Mic Night

Thursday, August 14, 6:30 – 8:00 pm Lawrence Headquarters Branch 2751 Brunswick Pike Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 609-883-8292

Come join us for a lively summer evening filled with words, rhythm, and creativity! The talented poets of the Lawrence Poetry Writing Workshop will share their original works, followed by

readings of favorite poems from friends of the poetry circle. We'll wrap up the night with an Open Mic session—so bring your voice and join the celebration! *Registration is requested*.

The Conflict Ignites: The Battle of Lexington and Concord

Monday, August 18, 7:00 pm Ewing Branch 61 Scotch Road Ewing, NJ 08628 609-882-3148

Join us in celebrating the 250th anniversary of America's founding with a captivating presentation on the dawn of the Revolutionary War. The American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson called it "The Shot heard around the World" when a British raiding party went into the Massachusetts interior to seize stockpiled guns and met resistance before dawn on April 19, 1775, in Lexington, Massachusetts. The colonial militia responded, and the American Revolution had begun. View slides showing the areas where the battles took place, as well as replica uniforms from both sides. Presented by Michael Jesberger, an independent military historian who specializes in the American Revolution and Civil War time periods. Sponsored by Friends of the Ewing Library. *Registration is required*.

Non-Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, August 19, 10:30 am Ewing Branch 61 Scotch Road Ewing, NJ 08628 609-882-3148

Join us to discuss *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson. Bryson shares his experiences hiking the Appalachian Trail with a childhood friend. The two encounter eccentric characters, a blizzard, getting lost, and rude yuppies along the way. Following his return to America after twenty years in Britain, Bill Bryson decided to reacquaint himself with his native country by walking the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail, which stretches from Georgia to Maine. You can attend even if you haven't read the book! *Registration is requested*.

No-Pressure Book Club

Wednesday, August 20, 6:00 pm Twin Rivers Branch 276 Abbington Drive, East Windsor, NJ 08520 609-443-1880

Come talk about the books you've read and loved recently. No pressure to read a book each month. Talk about faves and learn about new titles. *Registration is required*.

Free Eye Screening

Thursday, August 21, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Hickory Corner Branch 138 Hickory Corner Road East Windsor, NJ 08520 609-448-1330

Register for a free vision screening performed by a certified eye screener and an eye doctor. Presented by the NJ Department of Human Services' Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI). *Registration is required*.

Cook Talks: Cheesemaking

Thursday, August 21, 10:00 – 11:30 am Lawrence Headquarters Branch 2751 Brunswick Pike Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 609-883-8292

We are excited to welcome Cheesemonger Rich from Cherry Grove Farm to discuss the process of cheese making. Rich will share information about how local cheeses are made and how best to serve them. Sponsored by Friends of the Lawrence Library. *Registration is requested*.

Mercer County Board of Social Services

Thursday, August 21, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Hickory Corner Branch 138 Hickory Corner Road East Windsor, NJ 08520 609-448-1330

Representatives from the Mercer County Board of Social Services (MCBOSS) will be at the branch to provide information about accessing the many varied services and support they provide to the families and residents of Mercer County. *Registration is not required.*

Five Phases of an IRA

Thursday, August 21, 7:00 pm Lawrence Headquarters Branch 2751 Brunswick Pike Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 609-883-8292

Discover powerful strategies to help shape a more secure financial future. In this engaging workshop, Thrivent Financial advisor Michael Kochersperger will walk you through the Five Phases of an IRA. With over eight years of expertise in tax-efficient financial planning, he shares insights on managing IRA distributions, reducing tax burdens, and adapting to evolving tax legislation. Gain the tools to make confident decisions that preserve your wealth in retirement and leave a lasting financial legacy for your loved ones. *Registration is requested*.

Pint for Pint Blood Drive

Monday, August 25, 1:00 - 5:30 pm Hickory Corner Branch 138 Hickory Corner Road East Windsor, NJ 08520 609-448-1330

Join us for a summer of saving lives and keeping cool with our Pint for Pint brewery collaboration! Breweries and pubs across the area are coming together to support the critical

need for blood donations in the summertime. Drop by to donate and you will receive a voucher to redeem a free beverage from a participating brewery or pub. Donate this summer, support your favorite brewery or pub, and help save lives! *Registration is required*.

Adult Craft- Egg Carton Flower

Monday, August 25, 7:00 pm Hollowbrook Branch 320 Hollowbrook Drive Ewing, NJ 08638 609-883-5914

Crafting can be relaxing, and when you craft together with someone, it can help build friendships and a sense of community. Join us at the Hollowbrook Branch and you can create a flower bouquet out of an egg carton. Snacks and water will be provided. For ages 18 and up. *Registration is required*.

Midday Masterpieces

Tuesday, August 26, 2:30 pm Hollowbrook Branch 320 Hollowbrook Drive Ewing, NJ 08638 609-883-5914

Join us at the Hollowbrook Branch and have the chance to create the craft you might have missed out on the previous night. The craft for this program is creating flowers out of egg cartons. For ages 18 and up. *Registration is required*.

Figure Drawing

Wednesday, August 27, 6:30 - 7:45 pm Lawrence Headquarters Branch 2751 Brunswick Pike Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 609-883-8292

Refine your figure drawing skills in a relaxed environment with guidance from experienced artist and associate librarian Kelsey. Participants will further develop their understanding of anatomy, proportion, and fabric by drawing the clothed human figure through photos. We'll draw the figure within varied time limits using materials such as charcoal and graphite on newsprint paper, though attendees are welcome to bring their preferred materials. Artists of all levels of experience are invited to attend. Sponsored by Friends of the Lawrence Library. *Registration is required*.

Game Night

Thursday, August 28, 6:30 – 8:00 pm West Windsor Branch 333 North Post Road Princeton Junction, NJ 08550 609-799-0462 Join us for a fun and laid-back game night! We play everything from strategy games to party games, new games to classics. We always have a few options, and you are welcome to bring a game of your own. For ages 18 and older.

Featured Youth Services In-Person Programs for August 2025

Hogwarts Summer Course

Friday, August 1 & 8, 3:00 pm Hollowbrook Branch 320 Hollowbrook Drive Ewing, NJ 08638 609-883-5914

It's time to get a jump start on your magical path as a wizard or witch. During these summer courses, you will be placed in your Hogwarts house, learn how to charm objects, turn one object into another, defend yourself from dark magic, and create potions.

For ages 11 and up. Registration is required.

Mini Canvas: Paint 'Ocean Breeze' with Bob Ross

Friday, August 1, 3:15 pm West Windsor Branch 333 North Post Road Princeton Junction, NJ 08550 609-799-0462

Miniaturization challenge! Receive a 4- by 3-inch canvas and follow along with PBS *Joy of Painting* Teacher, Bob Ross to recreate a tiny replica of "Ocean Breeze" from Season 10, Episode 5. For ages 12-18. Sponsored by Friends of the West Windsor Library. *Registration is required*.

Tween & Teen Time (ages 11-18)

Mondays, August 4, 11, 18 & 25, 6:30 pm Hightstown Memorial Branch 114 Franklin St. Hightstown, NJ 08520 609-448-1474

Join us each Monday in August for a different craft or activity like playing board games or painting with acrylics. *Registration is required*.

Summer Play Patrol Music Show

Tuesday, August 5, 10:00 am Lawrence Headquarters Branch 2751 Brunswick Pike Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 609-883-8295

Join us for *Color Our World with Music*, an exciting, hands-on musical adventure introducing children to the sounds and rhythms of instruments from around the globe! Sponsored by Friends of the Lawrence Library. *Registration is required*.

Act Out Loud (ages 6-11)

Tuesdays, August 5, 12, 19 & 26, 10:30 am (ages 6-8) Fridays, August 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2:00 pm (ages 9-11) Hightstown Memorial Branch 114 Franklin St. Hightstown, NJ 08520 609-448-1474

Build confidence, creativity, and communication skills through the art of performance with games, scene work, and speech exercises. Learn how to express yourself clearly, speak with confidence in front of others, and work as a team. Whether you're new to the stage or already love the spotlight, you will grow your voice and presence in a supportive, playful environment. Led by a Girl Scout Gold Award Candidate. *Registration is required*.

Children Tie-Dye

Tuesday, August 5, 2:30 pm 320 Hollowbrook Drive Ewing, NJ 08638 609-883-5914

Come to the Hollowbrook Branch and tie-dye a boring white shirt into a unique work of art you can wear! A shirt will not be provided for this program; please bring your own. For ages 5-9. *Registration is required.*

Checkmate Chess Club

Tuesday, August 5, 3:30 pm Tuesday, August 26, 6:30 pm Lawrence Headquarters Branch 2751 Brunswick Pike Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 609-883-8295

Are you ready for a game of chess? Checkmate Chess Club is open to children interested in learning how to play chess or just looking for someone to play against. Please bring your chess sets if you have them! For ages 5-14 years old. Sponsored by Friends of the Lawrence Library. Space is limited. *Registration is required*.

Kids' Concert with Miss Kim (ages birth-5 years)

Wednesday, August 6, 10:00 am Hightstown Memorial Branch 114 Franklin St. Hightstown, NJ 08520 609-448-1474

Enjoy classic children's songs and original tunes by local musician Miss Kim of Miss Kim's Children's Music. Sponsored by Hightstown Library Association. *Registration is requested*.

Tween/Teen Tie-Dve

Wednesday, August 6, 10:30 am

Hollowbrook Branch 320 Hollowbrook Drive Ewing, NJ 08638 609-883-5914

Come to the Hollowbrook Branch and tie-dye a boring white shirt into a unique work of art you can wear! A shirt will not be provided for this program; please bring your own. For ages 10-17. *Registration is required*.

Collaborative Summer Mural

Thursday, August 7, 3:00 – 5:00 pm West Windsor Branch 333 North Post Road Princeton Junction, NJ 08550 609-799-0462

Drop by and help us celebrate the end of Summer Reading by adding your own decorative touches to a large canvas mural! Once completed, we will hang it up and show everyone how West Windsor "Colored Our World" this summer at the library! This event will be outside, weather permitting. For all ages, youngest with a caregiver. Sponsored by Friends of the West Windsor Library. *Registration is not required*.

Touch a Truck

Friday, August 8, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Robbinsville Branch 42 Robbinsville Allentown-Road Robbinsville, NJ 08691 609-259-2150

Children of all ages, accompanied by an adult, may come to see vehicles from the Robbinsville Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments.

Registration is not required.

Happy Trails Pony Rides

Friday, August 8, 11:00 am Ewing Branch 61 Scotch Road Ewing, NJ 08628 609-882-3148

Celebrate the end of the summer reading program with a pony ride and a party celebration! All registered participants are invited. For all ages. Sponsored by Friends of the Ewing Library. *Registration is required.*

Mini Golf

Saturday, August 16, 10:00 am – 3:40 pm Monday, August 18, 10:00 am – 7:00 pm Tuesday, August 19, 10:00 am – 7:00 pm Wednesday, August 20, 10:00 am – 7:00 pm Thursday, August 21, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Robbinsville Branch 42 Robbinsville Allentown-Road Robbinsville, NJ 08691 609-259-2150

Children of all ages, accompanied by an adult, are invited to join us for mini golf at the library. *Registration is required.*

Rock Out with Raffi

Saturday, August 16, 2:00 pm Lawrence Headquarters Branch 2751 Brunswick Pike Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 609-883-8295

Grab your family and your dancing shoes—it's time to sing with Raffi! Whether you're shaking your sillies out on the dance floor; making Raffi-themed crafts *de muchos colores*; or hamming it up at our "Grandpa's Farm" photo booth, you're sure to find all you really need for a rollicking good time at this fun event. For children of all ages, with a caregiver to supervise. Sponsored by Friends of the Lawrence Library. *Registration is required*.

Anatomy Adventures

Thursdays, August 21 & 28, 5:45 pm West Windsor Branch 333 North Post Road Princeton Junction, NJ 08550 609-799-0462

Get ready to dive into the fascinating world of the human body at Anatomy Adventures! This hands-on library program brings science to life through fun and engaging crafts. From building your own model skeleton to creating brainy slime, kids will explore how the body works while getting creative. Perfect for curious minds and budding scientists, this program blends learning and imagination in a way that's both educational and exciting. Come join the adventure! Led by local high school student and anatomy enthusiast, Sadhana. For ages 6-11, youngest with a caregiver. *Registration is required*.

Featured Technology In-Person Programs for August 2025

Summer Lab Classes

Monday, August 11, 2:00 – 3:30 pm Friday, August 15, 2:00 – 3:30 pm Thursday, August 21, 2:30 – 4:00 pm Lawrence Headquarters Branch 2751 Brunswick Pike Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 609-882-4050

Use the computer classroom desktop PCs to work on your own projects or practice your skills using the Northstar Digital Literacy platform while our technology trainers are available to assist

you. You can also sit for an assessment to earn a Northstar Digital Literacy Certificate. *Registration is required.*

Windows 11 Computer Classes:

PC Basics

Monday, August 4, 11:00 am

Files & Folders

Tuesday, August 5, 2:00 pm

Windows Accessibility Tools

Saturday, August 23, 3:00pm

Lawrence Headquarters Branch

2751 Brunswick Pike

Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

609-882-4050

Learn the basics of using a Windows 11 PC as well as how to customize your experience.

Registration is required.