

Featured Adult Virtual Programs for September 2025

The Time to Hear is Here

Thursday, September 4, 6:00 pm

Discover the surprising prevalence of hearing loss among the elderly and learn about the latest options available to help those affected. Join Ron Gottardi from the non-profit organization "The Time to Hear is Here" for an enlightening discussion on hearing health. Ron will explore why Medicare should cover hearing aids, advances in hearing technology, helpful cell phone apps, shopping tips, and more. *Please visit events.mcl.org to register to receive the link to the program.*

What Did We Learn and When Did We Learn It?:

The History of Public Education in Lawrence Township

Wednesday, September 17, 7:00 pm

Two hundred years ago the world of Lawrence Township school children was nothing like it is today. But many of the education questions their parents faced sound familiar: where should schooling happen, who should be educated, and who should pay for it? Learn how different generations of Lawrence citizens answered these questions and how our public schools coped with rapid suburbanization and a changing society. Plus, you'll take a visual tour of all of the schools, past and present. Presented by Dennis Waters, former Lawrence Township historian and current member of the Mercer County Library Commission. *Please visit events.mcl.org to register to receive the link to the program.*

Breaking Barriers: Getting Started with Hispanic Genealogy

Wednesday, September 24, 7:00 pm

Many of us hesitate to begin our family trees because we're unsure where to start. Questions naturally arise: Is it even possible to find information? Are resources available? If so, what are they—and will it cost me a lot? In this informative and culturally grounded session, we'll address those doubts head-on and guide you through the process of uncovering your roots. This session is designed to empower individuals and families from Hispanic communities to begin their research journey with clarity, confidence, and connection. *Please visit events.mcl.org to register to receive the link to the program.*

Manhattan's Little Syria

Tuesday, September 30, 6:30 pm

Did you know that the first Arabic-speaking community in the United States was in New York City? If the answer is no, you're not alone. Until Linda Jacobs' book, *Strangers in the West*, was published in 2012, the story of that community had been lost. Even the descendants of the people who lived there (among whom were Jacobs' grandparents) didn't know about it! Jacobs will talk

about reconstructing the colony, name by name, its connection to the many smaller Syrian colonies in New Jersey, and her newest research. *Please visit events.mcl.org to register to receive the link to the program.*

Featured Adult In-Person Programs for September 2025

English Language & Learning Conversation Group

Tuesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2:00 pm

Hopewell Branch

245 Pennington-Titusville Road

Pennington, NJ 08534

609-737-2610

Come to the Hopewell 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.

Discover Squash: A Fun Sport for Kids

Tuesday, September 2, 6:00 pm

West Windsor Branch

333 North Post Road

Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

609-799-0462

Our presentation aims to inspire families to introduce their children, especially those under 11, to the exciting, fast-paced sport of squash. Acknowledged as one of the healthiest sports, it can be played throughout one's lifetime. With over 20 million players worldwide, squash is booming in the U.S. and offers a pathway to higher education through college programs at over 100 universities, including all eight Ivy League schools. Presented by Paul Frank of Squash Tigers.

Paint Like: Frida Kahlo

Tuesday, September 2, 6:30 pm

Lawrence Headquarters Branch

2751 Brunswick Pike

Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

609-883-8292

Paint Like. . . is a multigenerational art program for an adult and youth duo or group to learn about a noteworthy artist and then create an art piece inspired by the artist. This program encourages adults and youth to create their own artwork together. For September, we are learning about famous Mexican painter Frida Kahlo, as we make our own parrot painting

masterpieces inspired by her work. Suggested age for youth: 10 years or older. Sponsored by Friends of the Lawrence Library. *Please register for every person attending the program to ensure that room will be reserved for your duo or group. Registration is required.*

Film Screening: *Thunderbolts (2025)**

Wednesday, September 3, 2:00 – 4:10 pm

Lawrence Headquarters Branch

2751 Brunswick Pike

Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

609-883-8292

After finding themselves ensnared in a death trap, an unconventional team of antiheroes must go on a dangerous mission that will force them to confront the darkest corners of their pasts. 126 minutes. Rated PG-13. Sponsored by Friends of the Lawrence Library. *Registration is requested.*

Guided Meditation

Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18 & 25, 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.*

Crochet & Knit Corner

Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2:30 pm

Hickory Corner Branch

138 Hickory Corner Road

East Windsor, NJ 08520

609-448-1330

Join us to work on your project and enjoy some good conversation. *Registration is requested.*

Tabletop RPG One-Shots

Thursday, September 4, 5:45 – 8:15 pm

West Windsor Branch

333 North Post Road

Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

609-799-0462

Do you like Tabletop Roleplaying Games? Want to play D&D, but don't have the time to dedicate to a years-long campaign? Or maybe you just want to try it out but can't find a group to

play with. Each month we will have a completely brand-new adventure. Feel free to create a character before arriving or use one of our pre-generated characters. This month, Dungeons & Dragons 5th edition, 3rd level characters.

Hooked on Yarn

Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18 & 25, 10:00 am

Hollowbrook Branch

320 Hollowbrook Drive

Ewing, NJ 08638

609-883-5914

Are you passionate about crafting with yarn and creating cozy, handmade masterpieces? Look no further! Our *Hooked on Yarn* program is the perfect place for beginners and experienced crafters alike to come together and share their love for yarn art. For ages 16 and up.

Organic Farming Movement

Friday, September 5, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Lawrence Headquarters Branch

2751 Brunswick Pike

Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

609-883-8292

Join Al Johnson, director and Vice-President of the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA), for a documentary screening and discussion on the organic farming movement. In the 1970s, activists opposing the Vietnam War, nuclear power, and voter suppression turned their energy toward healthy food and the environment. This shift birthed the northeast organic farming movement, now chronicled in Al's documentary "Organic Roots – 50 Years of Northeast Organic Farming Association." Al, an organic farmer and certification inspector for five decades, captures this journey beautifully in his film. This program is co-sponsored by the 60's group.

Registration is requested.

Morning Book Club: *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro

Monday, September 8, 10:00 am

Lawrence Headquarters Branch

2751 Brunswick Pike

Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

609-883-8292

As children, Kathy, Ruth and Tommy attended an exclusive boarding-school in the English countryside. Idyllic in some ways yet vaguely sinister, 'Hailsham' was a place of intense friendships, mysterious rules, and 'guardians' who constantly reminded the students how special they were. Now thirty-one, Kathy looks back on their shared past and tells how she and her friends gradually came to understand the shocking reason for the careful nurturing they had

received. An affecting meditation on friendship, love and mortality. Librarian Neil will lead the discussion. *Registration is requested.*

ESL Conversation

Mondays, September 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2:30 pm

Hickory Corner Branch

138 Hickory Corner Road

East Windsor, NJ 08520

609-448-1330

Improve your English speaking skills by chatting in casual conversation. The sessions are intended for intermediate-level speakers (those comfortable speaking English in most situations and looking for practice to increase confidence). *Registration is requested.*

Clear the Clutter

Tuesday, September 9, 11:00 am

Hopewell Branch

245 Pennington-Titusville Rd.

Pennington, NJ 08520

609-737-2610

A challenge for many homeowners is going through their “stuff” at home, deciding what to do with everything, and finding the motivation to get through this dreaded process. Join Olga St. Pierre to talk about common clutter misconceptions, make an action plan to get and stay motivated, and even get the family and kids involved! *Registration is requested.*

Free Coding Resources

Tuesday, September 9, 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: LinkedIn Learning, Amazon Web Services Training Center, and Fiero Code. 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.*

Beginners Crochet

Wednesday, September 10, 3:30 pm

Twin Rivers Branch

276 Abbingdon Drive

East Windsor, NJ 08520

609-443-1880

Join us at the library and learn how to crochet! This beginner-friendly program will show you the basics. More experienced fiber artists are welcome to bring in their own works in progress and join in. *Registration is required.*

Advanced Directives and POLST

Thursday, September 11, 10:00 am

Robbinsville Branch

42 Robbinsville-Allentown Road

Robbinsville, NJ 08691

609-259-2150

The Practitioner Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) Paradigm Program is designed to improve quality of care for those who are seriously ill by ensuring that their treatment wishes are respected and clearly communicated to their healthcare team at the end of life. Barbara Vaning, MHA, EMT Training Center Coordinator, Penn Medicine Princeton Health Community Wellness, will explain both the POLST form and Advance Directives, highlighting the important differences between the two. *Registration is required.*

9/11 Anniversary Digital Learning Experience

Thursday, September 11, 11:00 am

Ewing Branch

61 Scotch Road

Ewing, NJ 08628

609-882-3148

Join us to view a 30-minute film provided by the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, highlighting first-person accounts of the attacks and their aftermath. Please feel free to share your own experiences. *Registration is required.*

Bingo

Thursday, September 11, 6:30 pm

Twin Rivers Branch

276 Abbington Drive

East Windsor, NJ 08520

609-443-1880

Do you love games? The Twin Rivers Library has bingo! Come and take a chance at winning a small prize. *Registration is required.*

Poetry Circle: Louis Aragon (1897-1982)

Thursday, September 11, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Lawrence Headquarters Branch

2751 Brunswick Pike
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648
609-883-8292

Join us this month as we explore the life and work of Louis Aragon, one of the most influential voices in 20th-century French literature. A founding figure of Surrealism, Aragon made lasting contributions as both a poet and a novelist, while also remaining deeply engaged in the political and cultural conversations of his time. Passionately committed to justice, he played an active role in the French Resistance during World War II. His poetry resonates widely, with many pieces adapted into popular songs, continuing to inspire new generations of readers. Poetry Circle friends Ariane and Mark will lead the discussion. *Registration is requested.*

Senior Series: New Beginnings - Preparing for a Move as a Senior

Friday, September 12, 1:30 pm
Robbinsville Branch
42 Robbinsville-Allentown Road
Robbinsville, NJ 08691
609-259-2150

Your children have left the nest, your home starts to feel oversized and daily maintenance of your home becomes daunting. You have a whole new set of priorities, choices and challenges to consider. The idea of downsizing and moving can feel extremely overwhelming. Where to start? What to do with my stuff? Who can help me? Where would I go? This workshop will highlight various aspects of the process and preparation of making a move as a baby boomer. *Registration is required.*

Silent Book Club

Saturday, September 13, 2:30 pm
Robbinsville Branch
42 Robbinsville-Allentown Road
Robbinsville, NJ 08691
609-259-2150

Join us for an hour of quiet reading. There is no required reading, just bring your own book, or check one out from our shelves! We will spend the first half hour getting settled and socializing, followed by an hour of reading. Refreshments will be provided. All readers and formats welcome! Ages 18 & up. *Registration is required.*

Adult Craft: Fall Leaf Gnome Wreath

Monday, September 15, 2:00 pm
Twin Rivers Branch
276 Abbingdon Drive
East Windsor, NJ 08520

609-443-1880

Use fall leaves and burlap to make this cute gnome wreath to hang on your wall or door.

Registration is required.

Adult Craft - Mason Jar Scarecrow

Monday, September 15, 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 a friendship and a sense of community. Join us at the Hollowbrook Branch to create a mason jar scarecrow. Snacks and water will be provided. For ages 18 and up. *Registration is required.*

Gen AI for Everyday Professionals: What You Need to Know

Monday, September 15, 7:00 pm

West Windsor Branch

333 North Post Road

Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

609-799-0462

Curious about how Generative AI (like ChatGPT) is changing the workplace? This session is designed for working professionals and managers who want to understand what Gen AI is, how it's being used across industries, and how to start using it safely and effectively to boost productivity. No technical background is required – just curiosity!

Midday Masterpieces

Tuesday, September 16, 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: mason jar scarecrow. For ages 18 and up. *Registration is required*

Breathe, Relax, & Focus: Guided Meditation & Relaxation

Tuesday, September 16, 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.

Adult Craft: Acrylic Bird Painting

Wednesday, September 17, 6:00 pm

Twin Rivers Branch

276 Abbington Drive

East Windsor, NJ 08520

609-443-1880

Step by step instruction will be provided. No experience required! We will be using templates and masking techniques. *Registration is required.*

Land Use and the Constitution: A Conversation

Wednesday, September 17, 7:00 pm

West Windsor Branch

333 North Post Road

Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

609-799-0462

Concerned about growth in New Jersey? Want to know how local decisions tie into the framework of the Constitution? Dennis Galvin, author, attorney, and recognized leader in zoning and local government, will discuss his experience and expertise. Please come with your questions. To celebrate Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, the first 30 people will receive a free pocket Constitution and a take-home craft. *Registration is requested.*

Free Eye Screening

Thursday, September 18, 4:00 – 7:00 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.*

Getting Started with Consumer Reports

Tuesday, September 23, 4:00 pm

Hickory Corner Branch

138 Hickory Corner Road

East Windsor, NJ 08520

609-448-1330

Learn how to access *Consumer Reports*. Please bring your Mercer County library card and a personal device (smartphone, tablet, or laptop). *Registration is requested.*

Adult Craft: Fall Washi Tape Coasters

Thursday, September 25, 11:00 am

Ewing Branch

61 Scotch Road

Ewing, NJ 08628

609-882-3148

Join us to create coasters using a variety of washi tape. Sponsored by Friends of the Ewing Branch Library. *Registration is required.*

Non-Fiction Book Club

Thursday, September 25, 7:00 pm

Ewing Branch

61 Scotch Road

Ewing, NJ 08628

609-882-3148

Join us to discuss *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor. The first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor has become an instant American icon. Now, with a candor and intimacy never undertaken by a sitting Justice, she recounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench, a journey that offers an inspiring testament to her own extraordinary determination and the power of believing in oneself. You can attend even if you haven't read the book! *Registration is requested.*

MCLS Book Festival: Keynote Speaker Alicia Ostriker

Saturday, September 27, 12:00 pm

Lawrence Headquarters Branch

2751 Brunswick Pike

Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

609-883-8292

Join us for a rare opportunity to hear acclaimed poet and scholar Alicia Ostriker at the inaugural MCLS Book Festival. With 19 poetry collections to her name—including her latest, *The Holy and Broken Bliss: Poems in Plague Time*—Ostriker brings a voice both urgent and timeless. Twice nominated for the National Book Award and a former New York State Poet Laureate, she will read from her new work and sign books following the presentation. Don't miss this profound literary moment with one of America's most resonant poetic voices. *Registration is requested.*

Pinochle

Tuesday, September 30, 2:00 pm

Twin Rivers Branch

276 Abbington Drive

East Windsor, NJ 08520

609-443-1880

Do you love card games? Come and play a hand of Pinochle at the library! All skill levels are welcome. *Registration is required.*

Featured Youth Services In-Person Programs for September 2025

Story Time with Lightbridge Academy

Saturday, September 1, 10:00 am

Hightstown Memorial Branch

114 Franklin St.

Hightstown, NJ 08520

609-448-1474

Join a teacher from Lightbridge Academy for a story and fun craft! Siblings welcome, too. For ages 2 – 5. *Registration is not required.*

Harry Potter Trivia

Tuesday, September 2, 6:00 pm

West Windsor Branch

333 North Post Road

Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

609-799-0462

Can you answer questions about Hogwarts lore and all things Harry Potter? Did you already know that September 1st is the day students return to Hogwarts? Join us for treats from Diagon Alley (butterbeer, cauldron cakes, and Bertie Bott's Beans), wand-making, and Harry Potter trivia fun! For ages 10-16. Sponsored by Friends of the West Windsor Library.

Registration is required.

Kids' Concert with Miss Kim

Wednesday, September 3, 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. For ages birth – 5 years. Sponsored by Hightstown Library Association.
Registration is requested.

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays, September 3, 17 & 24, 10:00 am
320 Hollowbrook Drive
Ewing, NJ 08638
609-883-5914

Children, ages birth to 2 1/2 years old, are welcome for stories, songs, and play. *Registration is required.*

Manga & Japanese Culture Club

Wednesdays, September 3, 10, 17 & 24, 5:30 pm
Lawrence Headquarters Branch
2751 Brunswick Pike
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648
609-883-8295

Teens discuss the manga that they are currently reading and the library associate spotlights a manga to discuss that matches the holidays/ remembrances on the Japanese and/or American calendars, which teens may wish to check out. After the discussions, there are cultural activities that are different each time (but are noted on the MCL events calendar), such as origami, dance parades, paper doll making, bilingual business cards, basic Japanese language introductions, tea ceremony, manga trivia, creating AI anime avatars, making keychains, etc. Recommended for teens ages 13-18.

Baby Time

Fridays, September 5, 12, 19 & 26, 10:00 am
Hightstown Memorial Branch
114 Franklin St.
Hightstown, NJ 08520
609-448-1474

Our youngest patrons and those who love them will enjoy twenty minute songs, rhymes, and a shared story followed by 10 minutes of free play. Siblings welcome, too. For ages 0 – 18 months.
Registration is not required.

Play-Doh Challenge

Fridays, September 5, 12 & 19, 1:30 pm
Hollowbrook Branch
320 Hollowbrook Drive

Ewing, NJ 08638

609-883-5914

Are you up for a challenge? The Play-Doh Challenge program will test your creativity and thinking skills while the clock ticks down. The challenge involves molding Play-Doh into whatever the challenge card instructs you to do. For ages 5-9. *Registration is required.*

9/11 Storytime

Thursday, September 11, 5:15 pm

Ewing Branch

61 Scotch Road

Ewing, NJ 08628

609-882-3148

Join us for a reading of *Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of the John J. Harvey* by Maira Kalman. A fireboat, launched in 1931, is retired after many years of fighting fires along the Hudson River, but is saved from being scrapped and then called into service again on September 11, 2001. *Registration is requested.*

Hispanic Heritage Month Storytime & Craft

Monday, September 15, 4:30 pm

Ewing Branch

61 Scotch Road

Ewing, NJ 08628

609-882-3148

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated annually from September 15 to October 15 in the United States, recognizing the contributions and influence of Hispanic culture on the nation. We will be celebrating Sonia Sotomayor, US Supreme Court Justice, with her story, a craft and delicious Spanish food. For children 6-10. Sponsored by Friends of the Ewing Branch Library.

Registration is requested.

Kids' Concert with Tim Hoh

Friday, September 19, 10:30 am

West Windsor Branch

333 North Post Road

Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

609-799-0462

Get ready to rock and roll with Tim Hoh as he puts his own spin on classic children's songs! The event will be outside, weather-permitting. For ages 0-5, with a caregiver. Sponsored by Friends of the West Windsor Library. *Registration is not required.*

Vehicle Day!

Saturday, September 20, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

West Windsor Branch

333 North Post Road

Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

609-799-0462

Come out to the library to see and touch a truck! Drop by to see a variety of your local fire, police, EMS, and postal vehicles up close. Meet some of their operators and learn a bit about them and their jobs. There will also be crafts and a themed story time. This is an outdoor event, rain or shine. For all ages, youngest with a caregiver. *Registration is not required.*

Service Sundays: Pet Toys

Sunday, September 21, 2:00 pm

Lawrence Headquarters Branch

2751 Brunswick Pike

Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

609-883-8295

Beginning this month, we will be doing a family service project each 3rd Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm. Our first project will be to create t-shirt pull toys and rice socks to donate to the Homeward Bound Pet Adoption Center in Blackwood, NJ. Some supplies will be provided, but if you have an old t-shirt you would like to donate, please bring it with you. Also, please bring your ideas for future service projects! For all ages. Sponsored by Friends of the Lawrence Branch. *Registration is required.*

Fall Craft Creation

Monday, September 22, 10:30 am

Hollowbrook Branch

320 Hollowbrook Drive

Ewing, NJ 08638

609-883-5914

Families are invited to the Hollowbrook Branch to celebrate the first day of Autumn and create a fun fall-themed craft. For ages 3 and up. *Registration is required.*

Pokémon Craft Night: Guess Who Game

Tuesday, September 23, 6:30 pm

Lawrence Headquarters Branch

2751 Brunswick Pike

Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

609-883-8295

Calling all crafty Pokémon trainers! Join us for a hands-on craft program where every month we will create something fun featuring a Pokémon. This month we will be creating a Guess Who

Pokémon game. For ages 5 and up, with a caregiver to supervise. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lawrence Library. Space is limited. *Registration is required.*

Featured Technology In-Person Programs for September 2025

September Lab Classes

Open Lab/Northstar

Friday, September 5, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Tuesday, September 9, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Monday, September 15, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Typing Lab

Wednesday, September 17, 2:00 – 3:30 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 and practice your skills with typing. *Registration is required.*

September Excel Series:

Intro to Excel

Thursday, September 3, 6:30 pm

Excel Essentials

Thursday, September 10, 6:30 pm

Excel: Pivot Tables

Saturday, September 13, 11:30 am

Excel: Charts & Graphs

Wednesday, September 17, 6:30 pm

Excel: Formulas and Functions

Thursday, September 18, 2:00 pm

Excel: Budgets

Monday, September 29, 10:00 am

Lawrence Headquarters Branch

2751 Brunswick Pike

Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

609-882-4050

Learn about the power of Microsoft Excel, starting from the basics and working up to VLOOKUPS, SUMIFS, and creating the formulas for a yearly budget. *Registration is required.*