December Calendar of Events

Programs Schedulda from November 28 to December 8 at Pop-Up locations (124 Grand St).

Children's and Family Programs

Dec 1 @ 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM Tiny Tots Story Time for ages 6 mos. to 2 1/2 years.
Dec 2 @ 1:15 PM Cookies & Books for ages 4 years and up.
Dec 3 @ 3 PM Storytime for all ages.
Dec 6 @ 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM Tiny Tots Story Time for ages 6 mos. to 2 1/2 years.
Dec 6 @ 3 PM Club for ages 6 years and up.
Dec 7 @ 10:30 AM Mrs. M's Story Time for ages 2 1/2 and up.
Dec 7 @ 3:30 PM Santa Story Time for ages 3 1/2 and up.
Dec 7 @ 4 PM Santa Visit/Photo Op for ages infant and up.
Dec 8 @ 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM Tiny Tots Story Time for ages 6 mos. to 2 1/2 years.
Dec 13 @ 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM Tiny Tots Story Time for ages 6 mos. to 2 1/2 years.
Dec 14 @ 10:30 AM Mrs. M's Story Time for ages 2 1/2 and up.
Dec 15 @ 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM Tiny Tots Story Time for ages 6 mos. to 2 1/2 years.
Dec 15 @ 3:30 PM Block Party for ages 4 and up.
Dec 19 @ 3:30 PM Time-out for Books: Parent Book Club.
Dec 20 @ 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM Tiny Tots Story Time for ages 6 mos. to 2 1/2 years.
Dec 20 @ 6:30 PM Cookie Decorating for ages 3 years and up.
Dec 21 @ 10:30 AM Mrs. M's Story Time for ages 2 1/2 and up.
Dec 22 @ 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM Tiny Tots Story Time for ages 6 mos. to 2 1/2 years.
Dec 22 @ 3:30 PM Block Party for ages 4 and up.

Library Hours

Monday 10:00-8:00 PM
Tuesday-Wednesday 9:00 AM-8:00 PM
Thursday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM-5:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Children's and YA Room Hours

Monday 10:00-6:00 PM
Tuesday 10:00-6:00 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-6:00 PM
Thursday 9:00 AM-6:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM-5:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Pop-Up Branch

Due to ongoing renovations, the Hoboken Public Library building at 500 Park Avenue will be closed until Friday, December 9. During this time, the Hoboken Public Library Pop-Up Branch in the Math Service Center at 124 Grand Street will be open from Monday November 28 to Thursday December 8 during regular library hours. Please visit us to enjoy a variety of programs, including storytelling and games for children.

Events for Teens (grades 6-12)
Fridays at 3 PM Video Game Time. (No games Dec 22)
Dec 15 @ 5 PM Teen Zone
Dec 22 @ 5 PM Tween Winter Movie
Dec 29 from 5:30-7:30 PM School’s Out Hang Out

Adult Programs
Dec 1 @ 6:30 PM TEDxSEBS Info Session
Dec 6 @ 10 AM Drawing Class Pt. 1
Dec 6 @ 6:30 PM SCORE
Dec 7 @ 6:30 PM ESL
Dec 8 @ 6 PM Button Making Program
Dec 12 @ 6 PM Intro to Zentangle
Dec 13 @ 10 AM Drawing Class Pt. 2
Dec 14 @ 6:30 PM ESL
Dec 15 @ 7 PM Cake Decorating
Dec 15 @ 6 PM Artist Talk
Dec 15 @ 6:30 PM Movie Screening. @ 7:30 PM A Christmas Carol Discussion
Dec 19 @ 6 PM Movie Screening. @ 6 PM Fantasy Book Discussion
Dec 20 @ 10 AM Drawing Class Pt. 3
Every Monday Open Maker Time 1 PM-7 PM for all ages: Open Tech 2 PM-3 PM.

Upcoming Closings
Early Closing 4PM: Saturday, 1/24
Full Day Closed: Sunday, 1/25
Full Day Closed: Monday, 1/26

Celebrate the Holidays at the Hoboken Public Library!

Visit with Santa!
Wednesday December 7 is our annual visit from Kris Kringle! 3-5 PM, Santa sings “Jingle Bells” and reads “Twas The Night Before Christmas.” From 4-5 PM, children (infants) can visit with Santa. Take pictures with your camera. A free Eventbrite ticket for each child reserved the day prior is required, bring the ticket(s) on the day of the program (either in print or on your mobile device).

Holiday Button Making
On Thursday December 8 at 6 PM, everyone is invited to attend a button, magnet, and keychain making workshop. You can print pictures off the internet or create the artwork yourself. Two free items per person. Sign up at Eventbrite.

Holiday Cake Decorating
On Thursday December 15 at 7 PM, professional Cake Designer Jennifer Brancato will teach you how to make a beautiful fondant design and pipe festive icing designs. Each student will take home a decorated cake and slice. Sign up at Eventbrite.

A Christmas Carol
On Thursday December 22 at 7:30 PM the Mile Square City Readers will discuss A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. At 5:30 PM everyone is welcome for a special holiday movie screening. Email reference@hobokenbc.org to join the Mile Square City Readers email list.

Funky Fantasy Holiday Film and Book Discussion
Join the Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Discussion Group on Monday December 19 at 6 PM in discussing Christopher Moore’s “The Stupidest Angel,” a funny parody with holiday horror. Beforehand at 4 PM, we will watch a classic fantasy horror movie set during the holiday season.

Holiday Cookie Decorating
On Tuesday December 20 at 6 PM, kids ages 3 and up, come decorate sweet treats with us. Program requires a free Eventbrite ticket for each child reserved the day prior to the program.

Twill Winter Movie
On Thursday December 22 at 3:30-5:00 PM, we will be showing a wintery-themed movie. This program is specifically for Teens in 6th-9th Grades. There will be popcorn!

How the Grinch Stole Christmas
On Friday December 23 at 3:30 PM, we will be reading How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss. Following the story, we will make a special craft. This program is for kids 4 and up. A free Eventbrite ticket for each child can be reserved the day prior to the program. Please bring the ticket(s) on the day of the program.

New Year’s Bingo
New Year’s is almost here! On Wednesday December 28 at 3:30 PM, kids celebrate with bingo. This program is for children 4 and up. This program requires a free Eventbrite ticket for each child reserved the day prior to the program.
HPL December Children’s Programs

Tiny Tots Story Time
On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 & 11:30 AM, simple stories, songs, and games for children ages 6 mos. to 2 yrs. and a caregiver. Program requires a free Eventbrite ticket for each child, which can be reserved the day prior. Please bring child's personal library card and the Eventbrite ticket. Patrons are limited to one story time per week.

Cook’s Books
On Friday December 2 at 3:15 PM, budding Top Chefs learn easy healthy snack ideas with Dietitian Elizabeth Holtz from Hoboken Shoprite. Ages 4 and up. Tickets available through Eventbrite.

Mrs. M’s Wednesday Story Time
On Wednesdays at 10:30 AM, story and craft time for children ages 2½ to 4. No sign-up required.

Legos Block Party
On Thursday December 15, 22, & 29 at 3:15 PM, come build it for ages 4 and up (younger siblings welcome).

Storybook Theatre
On Saturday December 3 at 3 PM, It's theatre, it's story time, it's a bit of everything! Join us for Nicola McEldowney’s Storybook Theatre. All ages welcome. This program requires a free ticket for each child, which can be reserved the day prior on Eventbrite. Please bring the ticket(s) to program.

Parent Book Club
On Monday December 19 at 10:30 AM, join us for the first meeting of our new parent book club! We are reading Another Brooklyn by Jacqueline Woodson. No signup required.

Get Artistic with the Hoboken Public Library

Morning Drawing Programs
Join us for a three part drawing class with art teacher Liz Cohen on Tuesdays December 6, 13, and 20 at 10 AM. On December 6, students will review the eight basic drawing techniques, such as blind contour drawing. In drawing the human eye, will be recapped and reinforced. On December 13, artists will continue to learn the proportions of the human figure. They will receive instruction on how to set up and set up those proportions in order to start drawing people. Centuries old activities that have been practiced by artists all over the world will be done to make students become more proficient at seeing and drawing people. Action figure drawing, timed poses and other exercises will help the artists relax and learn to draw more accurately. On December 20, students, with their new skills, will practice drawing the human figure for longer poses of 15 to 20 minute duration. They will employ shading and volume to make the figures look realistic. Details like the face and clothing pattern will be introduced and added for more accuracy and reality in their drawings.

HPL Makerspace and S.T.E.A.M.

Open Makers Space Time
The MakerSpace will be open on Mondays 5-7 PM with many of the tools and equipment available for use. Come see our 3D Printer, Oculus, robotics kits, and more! No registration required. A staff member will be present to assist. Those under the age of 15 need adult accompaniment.

Open Tech Time
On Mondays between 1 PM and 3 PM as part of our Makerspace we will have Open Tech Time. Bring your technology or computer questions, and check out the library’s e-readers and tablets.

S.T.E.A.M. Club
On Tuesday December 6 at 4:30 PM at the Pop Up Branch, join our club if you are 6 years old and interested in participating in science, technology, engineering, art, and math activities. This month we will be doing straw embroidery! Sign up by calling 201-420-2348 or stopping by the library.

Hoboken Public Library Teen Events

Video Gaming
On Fridays December 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 3 PM, kick off the weekend with some gaming!

Teen Zone
On Thursday December 15 between 5 and 7 PM, teens in 6th to 12th grades are welcome to hang out with friends, play games, craft, and more. Snacks will be provided.

School’s Out Hang-Out
On Wednesday December 28 from 1:30 to 4:30 PM, looking for fun things to do? Drop by the Teen Room with your friends for crafts and games.

Get Artistic with the Hoboken Public Library

Introduction to Zentangle
On Monday December 12 at 6 PM, join Shilpi Gupta, for an Introductory Zentangle Workshop and learn the 8 basic steps of Zentangle Method. Zentangle is an easy to learn, fun, and relaxing art form that uses simple repetitive strokes to make beautiful images. No “artistic” talent or background is required to tangle. Create beautiful abstract art using structured patterns.

Education Opportunities and Business Information at HPL

SEEDS Information Session
On Thursday December 1 at 6:30 PM, the Library is hosting at the Pop-Up Branch an information session for SEEDS, an educational nonprofit that works with high achieving students from low-income families. They provide 14 months of free academic programming for students, before helping them to enroll in the nation’s top selective high schools with 90% 100% in financial aid. They are currently accepting applications for their next class of students, learn how to become one. Sign up on Eventbrite.

Business Law for the Small Business
The SCORE seminar on Tuesday December 6 at 6:30 PM at the Pop-Up Branch will help the small business owner understand some of the more day to day legal issues they might face and how to successfully protect their small business and when they should seek the services of a legal professional. RSVP by calling the library at 201-420-2348 or sign up on Eventbrite.

December Art Gallery: Birds and Bugs of NJ

The photographs in our December gallery were taken in New Jersey by Jean Pierre Sclenzak and represent some of the diverse and beautiful wildlife that is found in our state. Born in Paris, Jean-Pierre became interested in photography at the age of 13, when he received his first 35mm camera from his grandfather who owned a Camera Store in the Gare de la Chatelet in Paris. Always interested in wildlife, he focused on insects initially. After earning a BS (Georgetown) and MS (Montclair State) in Biology (emphasis on Insect Ecology), he began to photograph flowers and birds as well. With retirement from teaching Biology for 25 years, came the time and opportunity to focus on photography of the wildlife in his own New Jersey backyard.