December Calendar of Events

Most events require pre-registration. For information or to register for Adult Programs call 201-420-2347, email reference@hoboken.lib.nj.us or sign up on Eventbrite. For information about Children or Teen Programs call 201-420-2348. For the latest info see our website at http://hobokenlibrary.org/

Children's Programs
Dec 2 @ 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM Tiny Tots for infants 6 months to 2 1/2 years.
Dec 6 @ 10:30 AM Older Kids for ages 6 years to 6 months.
Dec 10 @ 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM Tiny Tots for infants 6 months to 2 1/2 years.
Dec 14 @ 3 PM Book Buddies Volunteers (Youth learn to read to non-readers).

Library Hours
Monday: 10:00 AM – 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

Events For Teens (Grades 6-12)
Dec 6 @ 11:00 AM Magic Workshop—for ages 8-14 years.
Dec 6 @ 2:00 PM Holiday Magic—Family Program
Dec 9 @ 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM Tiny Tots for infants 6 months to 2 1/2 years.
Dec 10 @ 10:30 AM Older Kids for ages 6 years to 6 months.
Dec 11 @ 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM Tiny Tots for infants 6 months to 2 1/2 years.
Dec 15 @ 2:30 PM Movie Screening for Teens.
Dec 17 @ 3:00 PM Video Game Time.
Dec 19 @ 3:00 PM Sound Camp: Garage Band Basics.
Dec 20 @ 3:30 PM Movie Screening for Teens.

Children's and YA Room Hours
Monday: 10:00 AM – 4:00 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

Special December Family Programs
Practical Magic Workshop
Do you want to learn the secret to be a magician? On Saturday, December 6 @ 10:00 AM, magic Zacharias will be giving a workshop on Practi- cal Magic. This is for older children (8 years up through young teens).

Holiday Magic Extravaganza with Mark Zacharias
On Saturday, December 6 @ 2:00 PM, one of our favorite magicians will bring the magic of the season to the Hoboken Library. Presto- change-Ho Ho Ho! Event- brite tickets are required for Saturday Family Programs. See the Calendar Page for Weekly Story Times. The magic programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Hoboken Public Library.

December Creation Space Programs

Holiday Magnets
On December 12 between 2:30-4:30 PM, come and learn how to make magnets using our magnet maker. We will have predone templates or bring a digital photo with you to upload from your phone or flash drive. Great for gift! The first magnet is free. There will be a small charge for any additional magnets made.

Holiday Cookie Exchange
On December 12 at 6:00 PM, bring your best holiday cookie recipe for the Hoboken Public Library's Creation Space's First Holiday Cookie Swap! Make sure to bring one to two dozen of your cookies to share. Also, there will be some holiday cookies to decorate!
Please disclose any food allergy information.

Open Creation Space Time
The Creation Space will be open on Mondays from 1-7 PM, with all of the tools and equipment including 3D Printers, 3D Scanners, a variety of kits, Batman/Magnet Makers, a Photography Station and a Music Recording Station are available for use. No registration required! Those under 13 need to be accompanied by an adult.

Advanced Genealogical Research with Randi Koening
On December 18 @ 10:30 AM, Randi Koening will return to the library to provide a second workshop on genealogy research. Part two of this November program will introduce to genealogical research and information on where to begin. Part two is an advanced look at genealogy research that will focus on working with common names and name of various historical documents. Randi Koening is a professional genealogist with over 15 years international experience. See what interesting and surprising details you can learn how to find them and what they can say about your family history!

Patrons have access to Ancestry in the library on the library's computers or from their own Wi-Fi enabled devices.
Hoboken Public Library Year in Review

This was an exciting year at HPL! Children’s events continued to be popular and weekly storytimes and Saturday programs were expanded due to popular demand. This year saw the debut of the library’s monthly Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Discussion. For Women’s History Month the library hosted a Round Table Brunch where published authors gave encouragement and insight to aspiring mom writers. In September, the library debuted its Creation Space, a makerspace that allows all of ages of Hoboloinies to explore Science and their Creativity with a photo station, 3D Printer, music recording station, and more. Sixty people attend the opening event and the Open Mondays and scheduled Monthly events continue to be popular. In November the library hosted its first ever Murder Mystery night for those who participated in our canned food drive. The library debuted new services including online magazine access through Zinio and an AWE Learning Station in the children’s department with educational games and homework tools. Our eveclive lending service was also expanded.

Hoboken Public Library Annual Appeal

The Hoboken Public Library needs your financial support! We’re growing and going strong, but we need your help to continue our progress!

Please join the Hoboken Public Library Foundation’s mission to help this magnificent institution grow and become the hub of learning and social interaction in our community.

You can make your tax-deductible donation by mail by filling out the form found at the circulation desk. You can also go to www.hobokenlibrary.org for a payment form or click on the Donate Button to use PayPal.

Don’t Know Anything about Computers: Open Tech Time @ HPL

Come in for our open tech time on Wednesday, December 17 at 6 PM. Whether you have just bought a new computer or are trying to learn how to use a photoshopped for the first time, our knowledgeable reference staff will help answer your technology-related questions. You will also have the opportunity to check out the library’s tablets and ereaders; a great opportunity if you are planning to give or will be receiving a device as a gift during the holidays. HPL resident card holders can borrow one of our tablets or ereaders for even more practice with the devices.

Join us for Art and Movie Screenings at the Library


While traveling through Cuba during the years 2009, 2010, and 2012, photographer Katya Diez Presilla and Laura Knittel took a series of photographs highlighting what they thought would be great to share once they returned to America. The images include children from the countryside and the cities of Havana and Santiago; various animals; food; vintage automobiles; special places where Ernest Hemingway spent some of his time; and of course images that show off the natural beauty of such a complex country. So stop by and “visit Cuba” in the library’s 2nd floor art gallery space. The show will be up for the whole month of December.

Movie Screenings

The Hoboken Public Library will be hosting two movie screenings. Adults can join us for a special French Cult Classic film on December 10 at 6 PM. Call 201-420-2347 for details. On December 20 at 3:30 PM there will be a movie screening for Teens in grades 6-12. Call 201-420-2348 for more details.

Mango Languages Demonstration at the Hoboken Public Library

There will be a special presentation about Mango Languages for members of the libraries ESL Discussion Group on December 3 at 6:30 PM. Please call to RSVP at 201-420-2347. If you are not already part of the ESL group since space will be limited. Learn more about how Mango allows users with Hoboken Public Library Cards to take part in online language learning through their home computers. English speakers also have the opportunity to learn a variety of languages. Little Pim is specially geared towards young children. To access Mango go to the library’s webpage hobokenlibrary.org and scroll to the bottom of the page.

Special Holiday Themed Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Discussion

On Monday, December 15 at 6 PM, join us for a discussion of Terry Pratchett’s Hogfather! Enjoy Pratchett’s funny tale of Discworld’s version of Santa. Along with the book discussion we will discuss our favorite authors and books and decide on the works we will be reading in the new year. If you are a long time fan or a newbie to the genre, we would love to hear your ideas. If you can’t make the meeting, but would like to stay informed about what books we are reading, email to hplwriters@gmail.com and ask to be added to our mailing list.