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Come see us at the



Stop by to pick up some free stuff, get a wheel, and spin the wheel for really cool prizes. The Friends of the Library will be there too, with some amazingly great bargains on near-new books.

## SEE YOU THERE!

### Library Festival, in Church Square Park

Saturday, June 8, 11 am - 4 pm

The Pop-Ups (thepopups.com) will be there, as will a Fun Bus, a big Bouncy House, an amazing contortionist (who also can swallow a sword!), authors you can talk to, music almost all day long, and the Friends of the Library with great book bargains. *Don't miss any of it.*

## From the Director

### The Learning Center is open!

We are always looking for ways to broaden our service to the community. So we are very pleased to announce that – in cooperations with the Hoboken Housing Authority – we have just opened a Learning Center next to HHA's Mama Johnson's Field.

The Learning Center is an extension of our longstanding partnership with the authority. This cooperation has produced "Library Corners" at three housing complexes where you can pick up free reading material.

Now at the Learning Center, you can borrow books, use Library Center laptops, take advantage of free Wi-Fi, and sign up for library cards.

The center will be staffed by library professionals and it will be open weekdays from 3 pm to 6 pm, and on Saturdays from noon to 3 pm. Put it to work for you.

– Lina Podles

## Korean Traditional Dance of Choomnoori Celebrating Asia Pacific Heritage Month

Saturday, May 18 @ 12:30 pm

Please join us for the Korean Traditional Dance Troupe of Choomnoori. Comprised mainly of first-generation and second-generation Koreans, its mission is to share Korean culture and history, and help students identify with their Korean heritage. The students have amassed many awards, including top awards at the World Traditional Korean Arts Competition and the Asian Traditional Performing Arts Competition.

## Dry Hands Band

### Headlines the Gazebo Mic-Club Concert

Saturday, May 18 @ 2 pm

Please join us at Hoboken's Church Square Park for a free concert by the Dry Hands band for the May Gazebo Mic-Club event. You get to see a performance by a great local band, and also hear local poets, comedians, and musicians perform at the Gazebo. So bring your poems, jokes, music or dance, and *you* can perform, too. It's the freedom of an open mic in front of a friendly audience.

## The Westet

### Jazz Concert in the Garden

Thursday, May 30 @ 7 pm

Please join us for a lovely evening of Jazz in the Library's magical garden. (Or indoors, if it rains.) The band is The Westet, whose signature sound defines the landscape of today's whiskey-funk music scene. They are rooted in feel good groove and jazz fusion.



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## Adults

### Society for American Baseball Research

Saturday, May 11 @ 10:30 am

SABR's Elysian Fields chapter will hold its next meeting at the Library, so you can come meet your fellow baseball fans and learn about the chapter's launching of a new program to help Alzheimer's patients and caregivers through "reminiscence therapy."



Speakers will cover the latest baseball history books, and lead a brief walking tour of Elysian Fields, where baseball history was made in the 19th century.

### Hand Lettering with Swetha

Thursday May 9 @ 6 pm

Join Swetha Shenoy of The Paisley Corner for a beginner hand lettering workshop. Learn the basics of hand lettering and make your own hand-lettered artwork! Use this fun technique to personalize cards, gift tags, place cards, and even your journal! The possibilities are endless! All supplies will be provided.

### Garden Club: Plant Swap

Thursday, May 16 @ 7 pm

Hoboken's Garden Club encourages members – and non-members! – to bring plants and seeds from their gardens to swap with each other. Members share information on the plants they are giving away plus tips for spring garden planting. Everyone can come to the Swap and take a plant home; you don't need to bring one. It's free!



### Art with Liz Ndoye

Wednesdays: May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29  
Mornings @ 10 am • Afternoons @ 1 pm

Art teacher Liz Cohen's drawing classes in May – the month of flowers -- will use the simple techniques of the Renaissance artists and the findings of Betty Edwards, author of *Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain*. We'll focus on the beauty of flowers and nature. Patrons are welcomed on a first come first served basis.

### Makerspace & Open Tech Mondays

Makerspace: 1 – 7 pm • Open Tech: 1 – 3 pm

One-on-ones with our Tech staff are available every Monday from 1 pm to 3 pm.

### English as a Second Language

Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm: May 1, 8, 15 & 22

These ESL classes are a great way for students from all over the world to learn conversational English. This is not a beginner class; some knowledge of English is required.

*These ESL classes are sponsored by the Friends of the Hoboken Public Library.*

### ESL End-of-Semester Party

Wednesday, May 29 @ 6:30 pm

This is the last class of the Spring Semester, and it's an End-of-the-Semester Party! There is no summer semester. Please check back for the fall semester dates.

### Citizens' Climate Lobby

Thursday, May 2 @ 7 pm

Please help us welcome the Citizens' Climate Lobby, a non-profit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies addressing climate change. Learn what they are doing to help save the planet, and how you can help, too.

### Find Your "Fit" Mode with Fitness & Nutrition Wellness Wednesday

Wednesday, May 8 @ 6:30 pm

Moderation is key in our lives. Learn ways to live each day in moderation. Learn tools to make the best choices for a calm mind, healthy body, and nutritional balance.

### Writer's Workspace

Monday, May 13 @ 6:30 pm

Join the Hoboken Public Library Writer's Workshop to discuss your writing in a friendly and constructive atmosphere.



For more information and to submit your work in advance to the group please email: [hplwriters@gmail.com](mailto:hplwriters@gmail.com)

The Library will be closed Sunday, May 26 and Monday, May 27, for the Memorial Day Holiday

## Teens/Tweens

### High School Admissions Workshop with Urvy Keown, CEO of TestRocker

Tuesday, May 21 @ 6:30 pm

If your child is currently in middle school in the Jersey City/Hoboken area, you might be thinking about the high school admissions process. It is important to be informed and organized as you start this process. To help you get a jumpstart, TestRocker CEO, Urvy Keown, will address the following topics during a small-group workshop:



- Overview of the types of High Schools in Jersey City, Hoboken, NYC, and NJ Suburbs
- Overview of the application requirements for each type of school
- A detailed timeline of the high school admissions process
- Explanation of the ISEE, PSAT 8/9 & COOP admissions tests

*About the presenter:* Urvy Keown started TestRocker 7 years ago. She believes that the key to getting accepted into high schools and colleges is to be informed, be prepared, and to plan ahead. Her company has prepared 15,000+ students in 45 countries for high school and college admissions tests.

## Book Clubs

### Mystery Book Club

*In the Woods*, by Tana French

Tuesday, May 14 @ 6:30 pm

As dusk approaches a small Dublin suburb, mothers call their children home. But on this summer evening, three children fail to return from the dark and silent woods.

### Science Fiction Book Club

*Mortal Engines*, by Philip Reeve

Monday, May 20 @ 6 pm

The book focuses on a futuristic, steampunk version of London, now a giant machine striving to survive on a world running out of resources.

At 4 pm, before the discussion, we will view Christian Rivers' *Mortal Engines*, a movie adaptation of Reeve's novel that takes place in a post-dystopian setting, but it's *not* a steampunk movie.

### Super Smash Brothers Ultimate Tournament

Wednesday, May 8 @ 4 pm

Our first Super Smash Bros. Tournament! Competition, prizes, fun, and friendship.

### Teen Trivia Tuesday

Tuesday, May 14 @ 4 pm

Just how deep is your knowledge of all things trivial? Find out, make new friends, and win prizes in our fun trivia game.



### Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, May 15 @ 4 pm

Join us for our monthly meeting of the Teen Advisory Board. Create your own library programs, build valuable leadership skills, and make new friends. Food? Oh, yeah.

### Mario Kart Tournament

Wednesday, May 22 @ 4 pm

Compete for prizes in a friendly Mario Kart tournament. Pre-registration is required. To register, see Karl or Brenda on the 3rd floor or email [Karl.Schwartz@hoboken.bccls.org](mailto:Karl.Schwartz@hoboken.bccls.org).



### Games in the Garden

Thursdays: 4 pm – 5 pm: May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30


Our garden space is open to teens every Thursday. Play one of our board games, do your homework, or just relax in our beautiful outdoor space.

### Video Game Fridays

Fridays @ 3 pm: May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

A fun, non-competitive environment to play the latest multi-player games.

Get started now!



As a Hoboken Public Library resident card holder, you have free access to hundreds of thousands of songs, as well as three hours of streaming music per day.

Access freegal at  
[www.hobokenlibrary.org/download-streaming](http://www.hobokenlibrary.org/download-streaming)



## Children



### Mrs. M's Story Time in the Park

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am: May 15, 22 & 29

Story and craft time for children ages 2 ½+.

### \*Story Time in the Park

Tuesdays @ 10:30 am: May 14, 21 & 28, and

Thursdays @ 11:30 am: May 16, 23 & 30

Join Mr. Karl for stories and songs. Ages 1 - 5.

### Pop Up Story Time

Fridays @ 11 am & Noon: May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Join us in our Pop Up Library at 124 Grand Street for a very special Story Time. For ages 2 ½+.

### Story Time at the Hoboken Fire Department Museum

213 Bloomfield Street

Sunday, May 5 @ 1:30 pm



This Story Time is ideal for the youngest museum guests. Features some new stories and songs about city life. For ages 2 - 5 years.

\* Programs marked with an asterisk "\*" require a reserved Eventbrite Ticket. Tickets are posted at 10:30 am the day before the program. You can obtain tickets at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). Please reserve 1 ticket per child who will be attending. Caregivers DO NOT require a ticket.

For the latest event details and operating hours, please visit [www.hobokenlibrary.org](http://www.hobokenlibrary.org)

### \*Family FUNday: The Lizard Guys

Saturday, May 4 @ 1:30 pm

Come meet some wild amphibians and reptiles with the Lizard Guys! Sure to educate and entertain the whole family. All ages. *Family FUNday is sponsored by Friends of the Hoboken Public Library.*

### \* Bilingual Birdies

**Movin' to Mandarin:** Monday, May 6 @ 10:30 am

**Speakin' Spanish:** Monday, May 20 @ 10:30 am

Learn a new language at the library through live music, movement, dance, and theater-based games. For ages 1 - 5.

### \* Learn Chess with Alphaminds Academy

PreK - Grade 1: Tuesday, May 7 @ 4:30 pm

Grades 2 - 5: Tuesday, May 14 @ 4:30 pm

Come to our demo class. Students will learn the basics and acquire a love and appreciation for the game of Chess for life!

### \* Ms. Joellie's Mindfulness & Music

Wednesday, May 29 @ 4 pm

This is a fun music class that incorporates emotions and feelings, awareness and mindfulness, along with a breathing meditation to welcome feelings of peace! Ages 3+.

### Block Party

Thursdays @ 3:30 pm: May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Do you love Lego bricks? Come build with us! For children ages 4 and up (younger siblings welcome).

### MakerMonday

Monday, May 13 @ 4 pm

We will be holding S.T.E.A.M. inspired projects during our regular scheduled open MakerSpace time. Ages 5+.

### Pawsome Readers

Sunday, May 5 @ 11 am and Tuesday, May 21 @ 4 pm

Dogs are great listeners! Bring a new or struggling reader to share a story with a certified therapy dog. Children must be enrolled in Grades 1 – 5. Please arrive early to sign in.

### \*Mommy & Me Yoga

Monday, May 13 @ 10:30 am

Partner with your toddler to enjoy age-appropriate stories. Yoga poses, music, and puppets provide a multi-sensory experience that's a fun way to strengthen their little muscles. Ages 12 months - 2 years.

### \*Cooks & Books

Friday, May 24 @ 3:15 pm

Budding Top Chefs learn easy food preparation with Dietitian Elizabeth Holtzer from Hoboken Shoprite. Ages 4+.