

# AUGUST Program Guide

## HOBOKEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### VOGUE - Performers from NYC Explain the History of the Dance!

Thursday, August 8 @ 7 pm

In honor of Hoboken Pride Month, Harmonica Sunbeam – The Queen of Comedy -- will host some of the area's top Vogue Ball Performers at a special event at the library.



Offering a wide-ranging, entertaining, and informative presentation, Harmonica will be joined by Cesar Valentino, a fixture in the underground ballroom and club scene; Stanley DeVaughn (aka Stan Milan), a ballroom icon and Hall of Famer with an international following; and Monique Robinson (aka Monét Ebony) who originally began voguing the old way and then transitioned into Vogue Fem.

### Gender Open Parenting

Tuesday, August 13 @ 6:30 pm

Lesley Fleishman and Bobby McCullough are raising their child without an assigned gender. They will be joining us to talk about gender, the gender open/creative parenting movement, and their personal experiences.

Through their presentation and a Q&A session, you will learn ways to apply gender open principles to your parenting.



### From the Director

We're very excited to introduce a new program that builds literacy skills in infants and toddlers: "1000 Books Before Kindergarten." Not only does this program give you a way to track how much you've read to your child, but for every 100 books read, your child gets a prize. It's a fun way to introduce children to reading, and a great bonding opportunity for you and your child. See [www.hobokenlibrary.org/1000booksbeforekindergarten](http://www.hobokenlibrary.org/1000booksbeforekindergarten) for details.

This literacy campaign ties into another effort we're starting: Library Card Sign Up Month. We want everyone in the city to be able to borrow book content in every format, access online research, use the Museum Passes, and all the other marvelous things you can do with a library card. And that's why you're going to see us out and about in the city's schools and neighborhoods -- even on our BookBike! -- over the next few months. The theme this year is borrowed from *Toy Story's* Buzz Lightyear: With a library card, you can "explore infinity and beyond at your library!"

— Lina Podles

### Slavo Rican Assembly Performs at Gazebo Mic Club Concert Series Church Square Park

Saturday, August 17, 2 pm – 4 pm



Come join your community for an afternoon of free Caribbean music featuring Slavo Rican Assembly. This group explores the similarities and differences of the music of the Puerto Rican, and South Slavic cultures, and merges them into a cohesive, new, and unique sound.



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## Adults

### The Writer's Workspace

Monday, August 12 @ 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 to the group, email: [hplwriters@gmail.com](mailto:hplwriters@gmail.com)



### Woodstock: Cultural Club for Adventurous Adults

Monday, August 19 @ 10 am

We can't travel back in time to August 1969, to the Woodstock Festival but we will do the next best thing. Please join us in the Library to watch some of the 1970 Woodstock movie and discuss our memories and experiences from that Summer of Love!



### Hand Lettering with Swetha

Tuesday, August 20 @ 5:45 pm

Join Swetha Shenoy of The Paisley Corner to learn the basics of hand lettering and make your own hand-lettered artwork!

This program is for teens, too. All supplies will be provided.

### Morning & Afternoon Art with Liz Ndoye

Wednesdays: August 7, 14, 21 & 28

Mornings @ 10 am • Afternoons @ 1 pm

Hoboken artists! Meet at the Library and travel to different locations to view and draw the scenes before you. This series of classes -- guided by Art teacher Liz Ndoye -- will help you, regardless of skill level, improve your observation and drawing skills, and discover your own artistic style.

### Hoboken Green Team

Thursday, August 22 @ 7 pm

Learn how to recycle correctly and help save the planet with Hoboken Green Team!



### Sip & Paint: The Great Outdoors

Sunday, August 24, 1 pm - 4 pm

Come to our popular Sip (coffee & tea) & Paint Canvas Art Class. All supplies are included, and no experience is necessary.

First come, first served; max of 30 people.



### Stay Safe with Basic Self-Defense Wellness Wednesday

Wednesday, August 28 @ 6:30 pm

This lecture-based self-defense class gives you the knowledge you need to stay safe and be ready for any situation which may occur in daily life.

Regardless of gender or age, this session will teach you how to use your own body to defend yourself.



### Makerspace and Open Tech Mondays

Makerspace on Mondays, 1 pm – 7 pm

From 1 pm - 3 pm, please visit us to have a one-on-one with our Tech staff who will answer your computer and technology questions.



### Senior BBQ starring Swingadelic!

Wednesday, August 21 @ 12 pm, at 124 Grand Street

Open to all Hoboken Seniors: the Senior BBQ! We provide the music -- from the repeatedly requested Swingadelic -- you provide the fun and conversation. Come on in and enjoy!



## FYI

### National Night Out

#### Church Square Park

Tuesday, August 6, 5 pm - 8:30 pm

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.



The Hoboken Public Library will be there, with lots of fun and educational resources ... and the Library's BookBike!

Be sure to stop by and visit with ALL the community partners who make this annual event such a lot of fun.

### Parent Workshop

#### Sleep Training for Toddlers and Preschoolers

Tuesday, August 20 @ 6:30 pm

Lenore K. Stamm, a speech language pathologist, will give you practical and proven tips on how to help toddlers – and you! – get a good night's sleep.

Please register for this class at the online calendar at [www.hobokenlibrary.org](http://www.hobokenlibrary.org), starting at 10:30 am on August 19.



## Book Clubs

### Mystery Book Club

#### *The Dead Girl in 2A*, by Carter Wilson

Tuesday, August 13 @ 6:30 pm

Intensely creepy, beautifully written, and full of Carter Wilson's signature whom-can-you-trust paranoia, this is a psychological thriller unlike any you've read before.

### Science Fiction Book Club

#### *Luna: New Moon*, by Ian McDonald

Monday, August 19 @ 6 pm

Come to this exciting book discussion when we will delve into *Luna: New Moon*, by Ian McDonald. Everyone over the age of 13 is welcome to join us for the showing of the film *Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets*.

## Teens/Tweens

### The Teen Zone!

#### In Annex 1: 256 Fifth Street

*A space just for you!*

Our brand-new Teen Zone has video games, board games, and computers, and is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3 pm to 6 pm, and on Fridays from 3 pm to 5 pm.

The Teen Zone is located on the lower level at 256 Fifth Street, next to the Library.

### Teen Volunteers Party

Wednesday, August 28, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

A special celebration for all teens who volunteered at the Hoboken Public Library this summer. Pick up a certificate of completion and have some cake with the librarians. Parents are encouraged to attend.

### Stay Safe with Basic Self-Defense For Teens, Too!

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You'll be attending this class with adults

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### \* Labor Day \*

All Library branches will be closed Sunday and Monday, September 1 and 2, for Labor Day



# STORY TIME

## Children's Garden Hour

Mondays @ 10:30 – 12 pm

Open play in our Reading Garden, for kids 0+

## Story Time at the Hoboken Fire Department Museum

Sunday, August 4 @ 1:30 pm, 215 Bloomfield Street  
Stories and songs about city life. For ages 2 - 5.

## Picnic in the Park

Mondays @ 3:30 pm: August 5, 12 & 19

Read with a buddy and enjoy a free snack in Church Square Park.

## TOYBRARY Open Play

Tuesdays, 11 am - 1 pm, at ANNEX 1, 256 Fifth Street  
Enjoy a fun free play with all the great toys in the TOYBRARY! In the Annex's lower level.

## Story Time in the Park

Thursdays @ 11:30 am: August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, and  
Tuesdays @ 10:30 am: August 6, 13, 20 & 27

Join us in Church Square Park for stories, songs, and simple rhymes. For ages 6 months - 2 ½ years.

## Grand Street Play Group

Wednesdays @ 12 – 2 pm, 124 Grand Street  
Drop In crafts, games and more.

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

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am: August 7, 14, 21 & 28  
Story time for children ages 2 ½+.

## \*Yoga Story Time

Wednesday, August 7, at 4:15 pm

This gently-active Story Time features yoga poses and puppets! For children ages 4+.

## Kulture Khazana Story Time

Thursday, August 29 @ 6:30 pm

Join us for a very special Indian-culture Story Time. This program is packed with fun – songs, stories, outfits, dancing, and coloring! Ages 4+.

## Game On!

Thursdays, 5 pm – 7 pm: August 1, 8 & 15  
Video Games for kids ages 5+.

## Grand Street Story Time

Fridays @ 11 am & Noon: August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30  
124 Grand Street

Join us for a Grand Story Time. All ages.

## Children

### \*Family FUNday: Kurtoons!

Saturday, August 3 @ 1 pm

Kids, Don't miss this! Mr. Kurt Gallagher has been making fun music with kids every day for 20 years. He's done his entertaining and educational programs everywhere from schools to libraries.

### \*Explore Science - Astro Gear

Tuesday, August 6 @ 6:30 pm

As a young student, you will be put to the test in designing and creating the best Astro Gear using components of astronaut suits. This is an exciting hands-on experience you'll *really* enjoy.

### \*Mommy & Me Yoga

Monday, August 12 @ 10:30 am

Partner with your toddler to enjoy yoga poses, music, and puppets for a multi-sensory experience that's a fun way to strengthen toddlers' little muscles. Ages 12 months - 2 years.

### Queer Kid Stuff

Sunday, August 18 @ 12 pm

Celebrate PRIDE month with Lindsay and a special appearance by Teddy! You'll sing songs, learn about LGBTQ+ history, and find how understanding differences leads to a kinder, more equal future.

### Parent Workshop:

### \*Sleep Training for Toddlers and Preschoolers

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### End of "Summer Reading" Party

Wednesday, August 21, 1 pm – 2 pm

Join us to celebrate the conclusion of another very successful Summer Reading program. Participants of all ages are inv.

### \*Cooks & Books

Friday, August 23 @ 3:15 pm

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

### \*Kick-off: 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Saturday, August 24, 11 am – 12:30 pm

This new program that is as simple as it sounds: read 1000 books to your child before Kindergarten. That may seem like a lot, but this activity builds your child's vocabulary and reasoning skills. For details, please visit

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