From the Director

Introducing new services at a branch near you

If you’re looking to improve your ESL proficiency, or want some help with life skills, the classes you need are coming this Fall to locations near you.

ESL classes can be held afternoons and evenings at times that are convenient to you. Intended for advanced ESL students looking to join in more English-language conversations at work or social gatherings, and intermediate students working towards an advanced level, these free classes – held at the Branch at 124 Grand Street – are ideal.

There are other kinds of literacy, though, and if you want assistance with learning basic computer skills or the fundamentals of personal financial management, we can help you with those, too. These one-on-one sessions are held at scheduled times at the Learning Center at 401 Harrison Street.

It all starts with a phone call. Please call 201.420-2346 extension 5209, and speak with our Adult Literacy Specialist. Let us know when you want to begin.

– Lina Podles

Don’t Diss Disabilities!
A family-friendly discussion of physical differences, with Jack Silbert
Saturday, October 5 at 2:30 pm

You’re invited to attend an informal conversation about dealing with people with disabilities. Presenter Jack Silbert recently became disabled -- a double, below-knee amputee who walks with the assistance of prosthetic legs. Walking around Hoboken, he’s been fascinated by the wide range of reactions he receives from children and adults, everything from supportive comments to shock.

Jack will talk about his recovery, explain how prosthetics work, and lead a discussion of how to respond when encountering someone different than you. His main point: People with disabilities are no different than anyone else.

Gazebo Mic Club Concert
featuring
Fernando García Quartet
Saturday, October 19 @ 2 pm

Come and enjoy this Chilean composer, Fernando García Quartet, in our last Mic Club Concert of the 2019 season!

Special event for students in grades 4 and up
Comic Book Arts Workshop with Gregg Schigiel
Wednesday, October 2 at 4 pm

What is it like to work as comic book artist, and how do they come up with their ideas? Find out during Gregg’s workshop when he talks about the creative process of comics illustration. Gregg has illustrated for Marvel, Disney, Nickelodeon, SpongeBob Comics, and done illustrations such as the one below he did for HIGHLIGHTS Puzzlemania magazine.

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Learn How to Make Your Own Greeting Cards
Tuesday, October 1 @ 6 pm
Celebrate “World Card Making Day” – October 1 – by joining us to learn how to make your own cards. You’ll learn how to design new shapes and turn your most fanciful designs into mailable (or gift-able) greeting cards.
It’s all just in time for the holidays, so you can practice your art by making spooky cards filled with tricks or treats.

The 22nd Annual MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival
ONE WORLD - ONE WEEK - ONE FESTIVAL
Thursday, October 3 @ 6 pm
Join us at the Library as over 100,000 film lovers in over 350 cities across six continents gather for one reason...to view and vote on the Finalists’ Films in the 22nd Annual MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival. This is the only film festival of its kind.

The Public
Thursday, October 10 @ 6:30 pm
Please join us as we screen the 2019 movie, The Public.
A Cincinnati librarian helps a group of homeless people take refuge at the free public library in order to survive a brutal winter night. Rated PG.

The Best NY/NJ Ghost Stories and Why We Tell Them
An author talk by Leanna Renee Hieber
Thursday, October 17 @ 7 pm
Join actress, playwright, nationally bestselling Gothic novelist and Manhattan ghost tour guide Leanna Renee Hieber as she describes NYC’s greatest ghosts as well as famed NJ haunts.
Her spirited discussion focuses on the lasting allure of ghost stories and why we’re driven to tell them.

Wellness Wednesday: Ayurveda + Seasonal Wellness
Wednesday, October 23 @ 6:30 pm
Ayurveda is a highly individualized wellness practice that believes health is not “one size fits all”. Discover your unique mind/body type and learn how to adapt your self-care regimen to fit your unique needs!
In this workshop, Lindsey will breakdown the fundamentals of Ayurveda and share diet and lifestyle tips that will help keep you balanced for the fall season.

Hudson Shakespeare Company’s Dr. Faustus
Thursday, October 24 @ 6:30 pm
Come and enjoy a performance by the Hudson Shakespeare Company of Dr. Faustus, by Christopher Marlowe.

ESL Conversational Classes at the Library
Wednesdays in October, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Join the FREE Conversational English classes at the Main Library at 500 Park Avenue. For students from all over the world! Sponsored and run by the Friends of the Library, these lively hours of conversation with experienced tutors will help you expand your vocabulary.

Book Discussions

Mystery Book Club
Hallowe’en Party, by Agatha Christie
Tuesday, October 15 @ 6:30 pm
When a Halloween Party turns deadly, it falls to Hercule Poirot to unmask a murderer in Hallowe’en Party.

Sci-Fi Book Discussion
A Discovery of Witches, by Deborah Harkness
Monday, October 21 @ 6 pm
Though descended from a long line of witches, historian Diana Bishop is determined to remain untouched by her family’s legacy, but...

Sci-Fi Movie
Monday, October 21 @ 4 pm
Can’t wait for Halloween? Join us for the showing of a popular spoopy (funny/spooky) animated film.
**Adults**

**Parent Workshops**

*The Importance of Early Literacy*

**Special Guest Speaker: Jenise Sileo**

Wednesday, October 23 @ 4 pm

Early Literacy Specialist Jenise Sileo explains the importance of instilling early literacy skills. She’ll cover early literacy milestones, how to choose books, and how little ones connect to books even before they are able to read/understand words.

**Screentime**

Tuesday, October 29 @ 6:30 pm

Maria Sanders, LSW and PCI Certified Parent Coach will speak about one of the more vexing problems of parenthood: How to manage children’s time spent in front of today’s myriad “screens,” be they on phones, laptops, tablets, eReaders, and televisions.

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**Morning & Afternoon Art with Liz Ndoye**

Wednesdays: October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

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 develop your own artistic style.

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**Teen Club**

Tuesdays through Friday, after school

Come hang out at the Teen Club every Tuesday to Friday after school. The Teen Club is located in the lower level of the Library Annex directly next door to the Main Library. Computers, video games, board games and more are available!

Students must be at least 10 years old to be a part of the Teen Club.

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**Everyone**

**Diwali: Festival of Lights**

Saturday, October 26, 1 pm - 3 pm

Join us for a presentation on Diwali, the five-day festival of lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains in India and around the world.

The festival, which coincides with the Hindu New Year, celebrates new beginnings and light over darkness and is celebrated with prayers, sweets, fireworks, colorful lights, decorations, gifts and celebratory events.

May this festival of lights brighten your life and bring happiness, joy and prosperity for you and your family! Open to all ages.

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* Programs marked with an asterisk require registration. Please register starting October 1 at the Events Calendar at www.hobokenlibrary.org
**Children**

*Family FUNday: Halloween Fall Stories!*
Saturday, October 5 @ 1 pm

Tempest Theater visits us to perform *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything* and other Halloween Fall Stories.

**A Tell-Tale Tale:**
The Stories and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe
Tuesday, October 8 @ 6 pm

No one tells a story quite like the great Edgar Allan Poe! In a Tell-Tale Tale these spooky and clever stories and poems come to life. This show blends rich language with expert storytelling to produce a rich language-arts experience for middle grades.

*Boogie Woogie Babies!*
Friday, October 11 @ 10:30 am

Boogie Woogie Babies is a 45-minute dance class for Baby and Me! Our class consists of singing and dancing that encourages socialization and the development of fine motor skills. Ages 6 months - 3 years old.

*Urban Jungle Play*
At the Main Library: Monday, October 7 @ 10:30 am, and At the 124 Grand Street Branch: Monday, October 21 @ 10:30 am

Come experience Urban Jungle Play! It’s full of unique children’s activities, focused on purposeful play and multi-sensory exploration.

*Mommy & Me Yoga*
Monday, October 28 @ 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.

**Block Party**
Thursdays @ 3:30 pm

Do you love Lego bricks? Come build with us every Thursday afternoon! For children ages 4+.

*Cooks & Books*
Friday, October 25 @ 3:15 pm

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

**Medieval Times Storytime and Craft**
Wednesday, October 30 @ 4:30 pm

Hear ye, hear ye! Want to meet a real life knight and hear him read a story? Then come to the library and hear *Dough Knights and Dragons*, and decorate your own paper crown. There will be a photo opportunity with the royal knight after story time. Come in your best medieval costume! For children ages 4+.

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**Story Time**

*Yoga Story Time*
Wednesday, October 2, at 4:15 pm

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

**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: October 2, 9 & 16
In the Main Library’s Large Program Room: Wednesdays @ 10:30 am: October 23 & 30

Story time for children ages 2 ½+.

**Grand Street Story Time**
124 Grand Street
Fridays @ 11 am & Noon: October 4, 11, 18 & 25

Join us for a Grand Story Time. All ages.

**The Elephants of Art: Craft & Storytime!**
Tuesday, October 29 @ 4:30 pm

Come join us for a storytime with the author of *The Elephants of Art: An Educational Art Story*, and a cool craft after! All ages welcome. You don’t want to miss this!

**1000 Books Before Kindergarten**

Reading 1000 books to your children before kindergarten may seem like a lot, but this activity builds your child’s vocabulary and reasoning skills. For details, please visit www.hobokenlibrary.org/1000booksbeforekindergarten

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