New Jersey Symphony at HPL
(A trio, not the whole symphony)
Sunday, December 1 at 1 pm
Help us start the Holiday Season with beautiful music by a trio from the New Jersey Symphony. That’s right: A free concert in the Library’s beautiful large programming room. Everyone’s welcome!

HPL’s Second Annual Mini Comic Con
Saturday, December 14, 12 pm - 3 pm
It’s back, and it’s better than ever! The library’s Second Annual Mini Comics Convention features gaming, crafting, our new Cricut machine, art, a photo booth, music, and more!

DIY Christmas Stockings
Tuesday, December 3 at 6 pm
Have any old T-shirts? Pants? Fabric you don’t use? Everyone’s invited to come to this “make-and-take” workshop and learn how to create your own Christmas Stockings! Personalize them! Give them as gifts or just snazz up your home by adding a personal touch to the holidays. Ages 10 and up.

From the Director
We save you money, all year long!
Next time you borrow items from the Library, please take a moment to look at your Check Out Receipt. Not for the due date, but for the “You just saved...” message below the due date. Not only does it show you how much you saved during 2019 by borrowing books, movies, music and other items from the library, but it also gives you a running tally of savings since you started using the Library. I mention this now because the yearly tally resets to zero with the New Year... and there’s no time like just before the holidays to learn that you’ve been saving money all year long.

Happy Holidays!
— Lina Podles

Festivus for the Rest of Us!
Fun Seinfeld Evening for Adults to Celebrate the Holidays Unconventionally
Thursday, December 19 at 7 pm
Festivus – a “festival for the rest of us” – is an evening for people of all backgrounds to come together and celebrate the past year while looking forward to the next.

Join us to enjoy light Festivus Food, engage in a friendly “Feats of Strength” competition, and contribute to the “Airing of Grievances” display where one and all can express whatever disappointments marred 2019.

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We provide the supplies; you supply the joy and holiday inspiration.

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Parent Workshop

**CPR Certification Class - Infant/Child**

**Thursday, December 5 at 6 pm**

Emergencies can happen at any time. We want to provide you with as many tools as possible to be prepared. We are offering a free CPR certification class, specific to infants/children. All participants receive a 2-year American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) certification in Infant and Child CPR/AED.

**Registration is required.** To sign up, please email Ashley.Hoffman@hoboken.bccls.org, or call 201.420.2346 x 5103, and speak with Ashley.

How to Wrap Gifts

**Saturday, December 7 at 11 am**

Having trouble wrapping gifts just right? Do you find yourself paying a little extra to have gifts wrapped for you? Come to this program and you’ll learn how to perfectly wrap that gift. You may bring your own materials, according to your preference, but supplies will be provided.

Sip and Paint

**Sunday, December 8 at 11 am**

Have you enjoyed our Sip & Paint workshops? Come and finish off the year with one last chance to create a beautiful art piece on canvas you get to take home. While you’re at it, enjoy some tea and coffee and warm yourself up from the cold.

Drawing as Meditation

**Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm**

Art teacher Liz Ndoye uses drawing as a form of meditation. The drawing exercises she will teach is based on research by Betty Edwards in her book *Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain*, which will induce a deep feeling of relaxation and focus. All ages are welcome, no drawing ability required.

Festive Floral Workshop

**Brought to you by ARThuy**

**Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 pm 7 pm**

Learn the art of floral arranging just in time for the holidays to take home! Space is limited, so please come early.

HPL Exhibits at Hoboken Girl’s Holiday Market

**Birch, 92 River Street, Hoboken**

**Tuesday, December 17, 5:30 pm – 9 pm**

The Hoboken Public Library will be one of the many exhibitors at the 2019 Holiday Market, sponsored by Hoboken Girl. Over 20 local vendors and boutiques will be there. This is not a library-sponsored program.

Cultural Club:

**Lecture on John Singer Sargent**

**Monday, December 2 at 10 am**

Please join the Cultural Club as Dina Gerasia, a professional educator, guides us through The Morgan Library’s exhibit on John Singer Sargent: Portraits in Charcoal. Sargent was the most prolific and sought-after portrait artist of his generation.

Mystery Book Club

**The Alienist, by Caleb Carr**

**Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 pm**

_The Alienist_ conjures New York City in the Gilded Age.

Sci-Fi Book Discussion

**Time and Again, by Jack Finney**

**Monday, December 16 at 6 pm**

Stephen King called this “THE great time-travel story.”

Sci-Fi Movie

**Monday, December 16 at 4 pm**

Join us to watch _Silent Running_, a 1972 environmental-themed American post-apocalyptic science-fiction film.
**Adults**

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**Morning & Afternoon Art with Liz Ndoye**

**Wednesday, December 4 & 11 at 6:30 pm**

Art teacher Liz Ndoye’s Art Series at HPL in December will focus on making your own doll. Liz will teach how to create different types of dolls with materials such as wood, clay, and fabric, but will also go into a brief history of what each medium of dolls means.

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**ESL Conversational Classes at the Library**

**Wednesday, December 4 & 11 at 6:30 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.

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**Teen Zine Fest**

**Thursday, December 5 at 4 pm**

Learn about the radical history of zines and start your own with artist Jasmine Romero. For ages 10+, but parents and siblings are welcome to join.

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**Year-End Teen Advisory Board**

**Wednesday, December 18 at 3:30 pm**

Before you go on holiday break, come to our Year-End Teen Advisory Board and let us know what you want to see at the Hoboken Library in 2020. All are welcome to attend.

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**Super Smash Holiday Tournament**

**Thursday, December 19 at 3:30**

Win prizes in a casually competitive Super Smash Brothers Tournament. Space is limited to first 16 entrants. First come, first served.

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**Teen Club**

The Teen Club is a place for students ages 10 and up to hang out after school every Tuesday to Friday. The Teen Club is located next door to the Main Library in the lower level of the Library Annex at 256 Fifth Street.

- **Tuesdays: Board Games and Chess**
- **Wednesdays: STEM Toys**
- **Thursdays & Fridays: Nintendo Switch**

Laptops are available every day.

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**Writer’s Workspace**

**Monday, December 9 at 6:30 pm**

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

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**About the Holidays**

Christmas

The Library will close Tuesday, December 24 at 4 pm, and be closed all day Wednesday, December 25.

New Year’s

The Library will close Tuesday, December 31 at 4 pm, and be closed all day Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Children

*Mrs. M’s Cookie Decorating
Tuesday, December 3 at 6 pm
‘Tis the season! Come to the library to decorate delicious cooking with Mrs. M. Ages 4+. Please register in person or by calling (201) 420-2346 x 5103.

Grand Street Play Group
Wednesdays at 12 pm – 2 pm: December 4, 11 & 18
Drop In crafts, games and more at 124 Grand Street

*Family FUNday: Winter Wonderland
Saturday, December 7 at 1 pm
Join modern-day Alice in Wonderland in her search for the real meaning of the winter holiday season.

*Mommy and Me Yoga
Monday, December 9 at 10:30 am
Partner with your toddler to enjoy age appropriate stories. Yoga poses, and music. Ages 1 – 2 years.

VISIT WITH SANTA CLAUS!
Tuesday, December 10, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
4:30 pm - 5 pm: Santa arrives, sings Jingle Bells with the children, and reads ‘Twas the Night before Christmas (Ages 3 1/2+).

5 pm to 6 pm: Children can visit with Santa. Pictures taken with your own camera (Ages infant+).

*Cooks and Books
Friday, December 13 at 3:15

*Bilingual Birdies: Movin’ to Mandarin
Monday, December 16 at 10:30 am
Learn Mandarin at the library through live music, movement, dance, and theater-based games. Ages 1 - 5.

Countdown to Happy NOON Year!
Tuesday, December 31, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Will you be in Hoboken on New Years Eve?! Come to the library for a special craft, and dance party celebration!

Let’s ring in 2020 together! All ages welcome.

TOYBRARY Open Play
ANNEX 1, 256 Fifth Street
Mondays, 3 pm – 6 pm: December 9, 16, 23 & 30
Tuesdays, 10:30 am - 2 pm: December 3, 10 & 17
Wednesdays, 10:30 am - 12 pm: December 4, 11 & 18
Thursdays, 10:30 am - 12 pm: December 5, 12 & 19

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On November 11, veteran and staff member Mark Curiale hosted a special Veterans Day Story Time. He read Papa’s Backpack to the kids, and even led them in a small parade.