

DECEMBER Newsletter & Program Guide

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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!



Come and dance like a superhero, learn some new cosplay

techniques, beat your friends at Smash, and get your nerd on! Costumes aren't mandatory, but they're encouraged!

From the Director

We save you money, all year long!

Check Out Receipt

Hoboken Public Library
Monday, October 28, 2019
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Due: 11/25/2019

You just saved \$30.00 by using your library. You have saved \$312.99 this past year, and \$4,279.99 since you began using the library!

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.



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.

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



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Adults

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.

Book Discussions

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

Morning & Afternoon Art with Liz Ndoye

Wednesdays: December 4, 11 & 18
Mornings at 10 am
Afternoons at 1 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.



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.



*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.



* Programs marked with an asterisk require registration. Please register starting 10:30 am 12/1 at the Events Calendar at www.HobokenLibrary.org



The competition was spirited during the Annual Dominoes Tournament held at the Library on November 16. There were prizes, pizza, and lots of fun. Thanks to our own Bladimir Ventura for putting this great event together.

Teens/Tweens

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.

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.

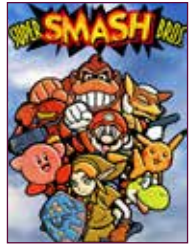


Super Smash Holiday Tournament

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.



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.

Get the Library's Monthly Newsletter/Program Guide emailed right to your In Box. Scan this QR code with your phone, complete the two-question form, and we'll do the rest. You'll always know what's coming up at your Library.



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

Budding chefs learn easy food preparation with Dietitian Elisabeth Holtzer from Hoboken ShopRite. Ages 4+.

*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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STORY TIME

Grinch-Mas Story Time Special

Sunday, December 1 at 10:30 am

Come join us to read the classic *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Following the book we will view the cartoon movie, and hand out Good Deed calendars for a Countdown to Christmas. All ages.



Story Time at the Hoboken Fire Department Museum

215 Bloomfield Street

Sunday, December 1 at 1:30 pm

Stories and songs about city life. Ages 2 - 5 years.

*Story Time

Tuesdays at 10:30 am: December 3, 10 & 17, and
Thursdays at 10:30: December 5, 12 & 19

These stories, songs, and simple rhymes are sure to delight children ages 6 months - 2 ½ years.

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Stories, songs, and simple rhymes for children ages 6 months - 2 ½ years.

*Yoga Story Time

Wednesday, December 4 at 4:15 pm

Join Carolyn Brush for a special story time that includes yoga poses and puppets! For children ages 4+ years.

*Mrs. M's Story Time & Craft

Wednesdays at 10:30 am: December 4, 11 & 18

Join Mrs. M every Wednesday for a story and craft time! There are 20 spots for each session -- first come, first served! For children ages 2 1/2 +. **Children must have a Hoboken Library Card with them to attend. Doors open at 10:15; doors close and program starts at 10:30.**

Grand Street Story Time

Fridays at 11 am & 12 pm: December 6, 13 & 20

Join us for Story Time at 124 Grand Street. All ages.



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.