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Python Coding Class

Sunday, February 2 at 11 am

Wherever you are in your coding education, and at any age, Python is a fantastic place to start. Frequently used by both novice and master coders, Python offers a simpler syntax that allows students to understand the concepts of computer programming more quickly and easily.

Instructor Steven Fink, of Hoboken's Coditum, specializes in teaching through individual attention. No experience is necessary. Please bring your own laptop. Come early!

Lunar New Year Presents Hao Bang-Ah, Zodiac!

Saturday, February 8 at 10:30

Join us for the 2020 Lunar New Year as we a Chinese Theatre works Hand Puppet show, for the Year of the Rat.

All are welcome to see a production of Hao Bang-Ah, Zodiac!



From the Director

"But, I thought it was due in four weeks..."

One of the great things about your library is that your borrowing privileges extend beyond HPL to the 76 other libraries in our Bergen County Cooperative Library System, giving you access to the system's 5 million items. But, until now, there was a small inconvenience in this cooperative borrowing: depending upon where an item came from, there may have been different loan periods.

That's fixed. Now when you borrow a new book, it's yours for two weeks. Older titles are yours for four weeks. Similar changes have been made for Audiobooks, Playaways, DVDs, Blu-Rays, games, and a wealth of other media. Simpler and easier.

To further streamline our services, we're shortly going to install a new, faster Self-Checkout machine in the main lobby; this, together with the new Tech Lending Kiosk on the second floor, improves your library experience. Which is always our goal.

— Lina Podles

Sunday Afternoon Concert

Unintended Consequences

Sunday, February 9 at 1 pm

Please join us for a concert by the band Unintended Consequences. For more than three years, Unintended Consequences, a New Orleans-style street band specializing in silly songs and catchy tunes, has



entertained crowds at New York's Washington Square Park with original arrangements of standards, rock, movie and TV themes - you name it! Come join the fun! All ages.

Celebrating African American History Month

Empowering Women of Color through Education & the Arts

at Monroe Gardens, 221 Jackson Street

Friday, February 21 at 7 pm

Thinking In Full Color (TIFC) is an award-winning theatrical organization that empowers women of color through education and the arts. They empower woman-identified creators while educating audiences about the need for diversity in the media, racial issues, and cultural exchange. The event features writers performing self-penned works: *Three things I learned before becoming a woman*, by Rukiya Bluford; *The Voice*, by Phyllis Blanford; and *African Drum*, by Yhá Mourhia Wright.

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Adults

Ben Rosenfeld & Friends Comedy Show

Thursday, February 13 at 7 pm



Please join us for a performance by Ben Rosenfeld (you've probably seen him on TV), a quirky immigrant whose comedy can be best described as playfully dark and seriously smart. Ben's comedy blends his family's experience in America

with his philosophical beliefs and political observations. This program is for mature audiences only.

Census Bureau Recruiting Session at Grand Street Branch, 124 Grand Street

Monday, February 10, 11 am - 4 pm

You're invited to a Census Job Fair! These jobs are local, well-paid, with flexible hours! Stop by to learn more and apply.

Hand-Lettering for Beginners A Wellness Wednesdays Class

Wednesday, February 12 at 6:30 pm

Ever wanted to try hand lettering, but didn't know where to start? Then this class is for YOU! In one hour, you'll learn the art of drawing letters and create your own hand-lettered artwork. All supplies will be provided.

A Discussion of NJT's Proposed Power Plant A Climate Mobilization Event

Tuesday, February 18 at 6 pm

Come and join the Climate Mobilization Team and meet with Food and Water Watch to discuss the proposed NJTransit gas power plant that will be upwind of Hoboken.

According to NorthJersey.com, "NJ Transit is proposing to build a gas-fired power plant in the Meadowlands ...

Slated to be built along the Hackensack River in Kearny, the 140 megawatt plant would emit 383,000 to 571,000 tons of carbon dioxide annually."



Healing through Laughter

Thursday, February 27 at 7 pm

Enjoy a unique wellness program that uses humor to aid healing, growth, and learning. Presented by Michele Traina, owner of Propbox Players, her techniques include improvisation, stand-up comedy, and writing to help you process "life's beautiful mishaps."



Book Discussions

Mystery Book Club

When Old Midnight Comes Along

by Loren Estleman

Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 pm

Sci-Fi Movie

Black Panther

Monday, February 10 at 4 pm

Sci-Fi Book Discussion

Akata Witch

by Nnedi Okorafor

Monday, February 10 at 6 pm

Leap Day "Coffee & Canvas"

Saturday, February 29 at 1 pm



Come to this special Leap Day Sip and Paint with a friend or significant other, and continue to enjoy the New Year with beautiful art pieces on canvas you get to take home. Enjoy some tea and coffee.

Writer's Workspace

Monday, February 3 at 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



Morning & Afternoon Art with Liz Ndoye

Celebrating African American Artists

Wednesdays at 10 am and 1 pm

Art teacher Liz Ndoye's February art classes introduce you to the work of renowned as well as emerging African American artists. These classes focus on the contributions of African American artists in the history and canon of art. Please attend only the morning or noontime sessions.



Adults

Cultural Club Events

Club Meeting

Monday, February 3 at 10 am

Where do YOU want to go? The Club is looking to expand our group of adventurous adults who enjoy touring unusual destinations in New York City. We've already done so much, now we need new people and destinations.

Beethoven, His Music & Influence A Cultural Club Lecture

Monday, February 24 at 10 am

Please join us for this lecture by Dan Lupo, author of over 15 books on music and music theory. You'll gain an understanding of Beethoven's complicated genius and learn how he continues to influence the world today.

Everyone

Afternoon Gaming

Saturday, February 22 at 11 am

Get out of the house and out of the cold. Come to the library to play games! We have an Oculus Go, Nintendo Switch, Arcade machine, variety of board games, Jumbo Dominoes, Jenga, and more. Adults and Teens are welcome!

African Reverse Glass Painting Class with Ibou

Saturday, February 15 at 11 am

Learn how to do Reverse-Glass Painting from Senegal and take home your design! All skill levels, local artist Ibou and art teacher Liz Ndyoe will guide you. Ages 10+. Seating is limited, so arrive early to get a seat.



The Library is closed Monday, 2/17, for Presidents 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.



Teens/Tweens

Jewelry Making at Grand Street Grand Street Branch, 124 Grand Street

Monday, February 3 at 3:30 pm

Don't miss this awesome jewelry-making workshop! EatMetal is coming to show you how to make your own stamped-initial pendants. You'll leave with your own custom-made (by you!) necklace. Materials are provided. Space is limited -- first come, first served. For teens, ages 12+.

Teens-Only Pizza Party Grand Street Branch, 124 Grand Street

Friday, February 7 at 3:30 pm

National Pizza Day is in early February, so we are celebrating on February 7. Come join us after school to dish about your day and share a slice of pizza.

This event is for teens only. First come, first served!



FOR TEENS - Cookie Decorating Party!

Friday, February 14 at 3:30 pm

Happy Valentine's Day! Come grab a sweet treat at the library. Supplies are limited -- first come, first served. For teens, ages 12+.

Teen Advisory Board at the TEEN ZONE, 256 Fifth Street

Wednesday, February 26 at 4 pm



Make your New Year's resolution to join the Teen Advisory Board. All teens are welcome to participate in this monthly event. Help the teen librarians order supplies and plan programs and make new friends along the way.

POKEMON
BATH
BOMB



at the TEEN ZONE, 256 Fifth Street

Thursday, February 27 at 3:30 pm

We are celebrating National Pokémon Day (February 27) by making Pokémon Bath Bombs. (No kidding.)

Children

*Family FUNday: Hip Hop Fundamentals at Monroe Gardens! 221 Jackson Street

Saturday, February 1 at 1 pm

The Hip Hop Fundamentals are coming to Monroe Gardens for Family FUNday! They are presenting a special show about the American Civil Rights movement. Through dance, audience participation, and interactive activities, they tackle racism, segregation, and the struggle for freedom.

Family FUNday is sponsored by Friends of the Hoboken Public Library and contributions from its generous members.

*Boogie Woogie Babies

Monday, February 3 at 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.

*A Bear-y Special Valentine's Day Craft

Friday, February 14 at 3:30 pm

Join us for Valentine's Day! We will be making a bear-y special craft. Ages 4+.



*African Folktales

Sunday, February 16 at 11 am

African Folktales brings to life the vastness of the African landscape and a variety of clever animals. Join Akili as she shares these exciting tales that were passed down by word of mouth. This production features valuable character-education themes. For grades Pre-K - 5.

*Bilingual Birdies: Speakin' Spanish!

Monday, February 10 at 10:30 am

Learn Spanish at the library through live music, movement, dance, and puppetry. Ages 1 - 5.

*Mommy & Me Yoga

Monday, February 24 at 10:30 am

Partner with your toddler to enjoy age appropriate stories. Yoga poses, and music. Ages 1 - 2 years.

Grand Street Play Group

Wednesdays, 1 pm - 3 pm

Join us for our Play Group at 124 Grand Street. All ages.

Block Party

Thursdays at 3:30 pm

Do you love LEGO bricks? Come build with us on! Ages 4+

*Cooks and Books

Friday, February 28 at 3:15

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

STORY TIME

Story Time at the Hoboken Fire Department Museum

215 Bloomfield Street

Sunday, February 2 at 1:30 pm

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



*Story Time

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 am

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

Story Time

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*Yoga Story Time

Wednesday, February 26 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

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

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

TOYBRARY Open Play

ANNEX 1, 256 Fifth Street

Mondays, 3 pm - 6 pm

Tuesdays, 10:30 am - 2 pm

Wednesdays, 10:30 am - 12 pm

Thursdays, 10:30 am - 12 pm

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