

February 2020



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Monday - Thursday
10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

“We must not think of learning as only what happens in schools. It is an extended part of life. The most readily available resource for all of life is our public library system.”

~Author David
McCullough

Heggan Happenings

MARGARET E. HEGGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to eSports

The Heggan Library is stepping into the world of eSports!

Join the library in celebrating this new adventure at the Heggan eSports Launch Event on Monday, February 10, at 6:00 p.m. Learn about the library's plans for its eSports program and join the team. The library will unveil its new Mobile Lab for you to try out its first foray into eSports with OverWatch.



eSports, also known as electronic sports, is a form of organized, multiplayer sport competitions using video games. Although organized competitions have long been a part of video game culture, they were largely between amateurs until participation by professional gamers and spectatorship through live streaming saw a surge in popularity. It is estimated that the total audience of eSports worldwide is more than 450 million.

Heggan eSports is open to patrons ages 13 and up. Advance registration is required.

Please call 856-589-3334 or visit www.hegganlibrary.org for more information and to register.

FEBRUARY IS LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH!

Libraries provide a place for us to enjoy great novels, do research, discover amazing adventures and history. Libraries also provide a quiet space to study, but they do so much more. Preschoolers have fun at the library—developing early literacy skills and establishing some of their first friendships. Elementary students and teens can get homework help and reading suggestions. There are many educational and entertaining events at the library for all ages.

How can you show your love for the library? Simply by using the library and sharing your love of the library with your friends.

You can also share your love for the library by becoming a member of the Friends of the Library, a non-profit group that meets in the library on the fourth Thursday of the month and supports the library through fundraising and advocacy. Membership is only \$5.00 per year.

More information can be found at www.hegganlibraryfriends.org, or you can stop by their membership drive table on February 12, 13, or 14 to become a member and be entered for a chance to win a 'Reader's Basket.'



KIDS' CORNER

We have some Valentine's Day fun planned for children this month.



On Sunday, February 2, at 2:00 p.m., children ages 5-10 can join us for **Paint Your Own Pottery, Valentine's Day Edition**, to paint a ceramic, heart-shaped trinket box, just in time for Valentine's Day! All materials will be provided.

Make Your Own Valentine on February 12 at 3:00 p.m. Preschool age through age 10 are welcome to use the library's art supplies to make cards for family members and loved ones.

Of course, we also have **Mother Goose on the Loose, Preschool Storytime, Messy Art Mondays, and Pajama Storytime** planned.

Unless noted, advance online registration is required for children's programs and is limited to Heggan Library cardholders. For more information and to register, go to www.hegganlibrary.org.

S.M.I.L.E.

The pets from FURever as Friends will be here on Thursdays, February 6 and 20, at 6:30 p.m. to listen to children read.

We will celebrate with a Valentine's Day theme on Thursday, February 6.

No library card necessary. Please call or visit the Children's Library to reserve your spot.



THE TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

@ Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library presents:

It's TAB Game Time

Tuesday, February 18
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

MARIOKART

Join us for a cool, fast-paced, and competitive game night. Bring your smart phone or tablet to play!

CHAPTER CHAT

Teen Book Discussion Group

Thursday, February 20 • 5:00 p.m.

Let It Snow

by John Green,
Maureen Johnson,
and Lauren Myracle.

This group meets to discuss popular YA fiction.



All TAB programs are for Heggan Library cardholder Teens only. Registration is required. Go to hegganlibrary.org to register.

Homework Haven

Stuck on that research project?

Don't know how to start that essay?

Need a boost over your writer's block or help with your formatting?

Make your appointment for Teen Homework Haven.

Get help with:

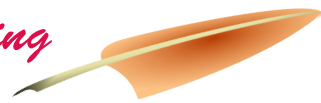
- Research for homework, essays, or term papers
- How to use Heggan Library databases to help with school needs or for personal interest
- Job or college search resources
- Help completing job or college applications
- Resumé and portfolio building
- Computer skills (Microsoft programs, Internet, etc.)
- Research on a topic of interest to you
- Help with e-book and audio book downloads

Available Wednesdays,
February 5, 12, and 19,
from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Open to Teens and Tweens only – Registration is required.

Go online at hegganlibrary.org to register for an appointment.

Writing Club



for Teens and Tweens

Sunday, February 9 • 2:00 p.m.

Do you like to write?

Do you like playing with words or pictures to tell a story?

Are poetry and lyrics more your style? Do you want to write a book someday?

This is a group for you!

Come join other teens and tweens to discuss writing, get feedback on your works in progress, and get closer to creating your great work!

Open to Teens and Tweens from 6th - 12th grade only. Go to www.hegganlibrary.org to register online.

Board Games Gaming Unplugged!

Tuesday, February 11
5:30-7:00 p.m.

Is the new year stressing you out already? Come relax and play a few board games!

This program is open to grades 6-12 only. Advance registration is required. Please go to www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

TEEN & TWEEN CRAFTS

Tuesday, February 25 • 5:30 p.m.

Come make a personalized

Fleece Snowflake Scarf

Teen & Tween Crafts is open to grades 6-12 only. Advance registration is required. Please go to www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

TEEN & TWEEN CUISINE

Wednesday, February 26
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy making and eating easy, nutritious snack options with Freya Dinshah of the American Vegan Society. Sponsored by the Vegetarian Society of South Jersey.

Teen & Tween Cuisine is open to Teens and Tweens from 6th - 12th grade only. Advance registration is required. Please go to www.hegganlibrary.org to register.



Friends of the Library Annual Membership Drive

The Friends of the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library will hold its annual membership drive in February 2020. The Friends organization is a private non-profit corporation founded in 2005 whose mission is to support the library through fundraising and advocacy.

"The Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library provides a variety of information and resources in various formats for our residents. It is a true 'Friend' of our community," says Friends' President, Janet Ruggiero. "The Friends' fundraising for the library is our way to pay back the library and staff for all the many services they provide for our citizens."

Members of the Friends will be present in the library on February 12, 13, and 14 to answer questions and promote the drive. Every person who joins will be automatically entered in the free drawing on March 2, 2020, for a 'Reader's Basket' containing a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card, a Tablet Sofa (or for a book), a large print novel, *The Secrets We Kept* by Laura Prescott, and a *300 Writing Prompts* book (you fill in the blanks). A one-year membership is only \$5.00.

We invite you to become an active member and join us at our meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in the library. Membership fees and all monies earned by the Friends go entirely to the library in the form of library materials, building needs, and programs. In the past, the Friends have supported the library with new LED lighting, the "Two Kids on a Bench" sculpture, decorations for the Children's Library and story room,

and funds for landscaping, among other projects.

Please join us in this effort and enjoy the good feeling that comes with helping the library to continue to enrich the lives of all residents of our community.

The Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library is located at 606 Delsea Drive in Washington Township. Please visit www.hegganlibrary.org or www.hegganlibraryfriends.org for more information.

Books for Reluctant Young Readers

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), announced its 2020 Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers list. The list identifies titles aimed at encouraging reading among teens who dislike to read.

The following books from the list are available in the Teen Area of the library:

Heroine

by Mindy McGinnis

Kiss Number 8

by Colleen A.F. Venable

Pumpkinheads

by Rainbow Rowell

Two Can Keep a Secret

by Karen McManus

UNpregnant

by Jenni Hendriks and Ted Caplan

We Are Displaced:

My Journey and Stories From Refugee Girls Around the World

by Malala Yousafzai

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

The Friends of the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library recently donated \$9,377.62 to the library. These funds were used to purchase 375 books for the library. A book plate has been added to each title purchased, crediting the Friends for the gift. Please consider joining the Friends of the Library, who have been very financially supportive to the library for fifteen years. Membership is only \$5.00 and membership forms are available at www.hegganlibraryfriends.org and at the library.

Sheila Mikkelsen



Mark your calendars.

Saturday, March 21, is New Jersey Makers Day.

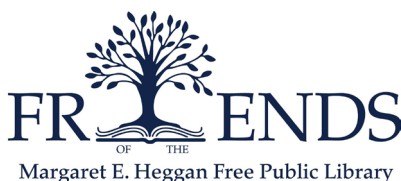
Join us between 12:00 and 3:00 p.m. for an afternoon of creative robot themed activities for children of all ages.

**Open to everyone.
No registration required.**

Red Cross Blood Drive

**Monday, February 3
2:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Appointments are preferred. Please call 1-800 Red Cross or sign up online at redcrossblood.org. Enter sponsor code Margaret E. Heggan.



PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Knitting and Crocheting Basics
Saturday, February 1 • 2:00 p.m.

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Saturday, February 8 • 2:00 p.m.

Heggan eSports Launch Event
Monday, February 10 • 6:00 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word
Tuesday, February 11 • 6:30 p.m.

Rock & Roll:
From the Blues to the British Invasion
Wednesday, February 12 • 6:30 p.m.

Alzheimer's and the Plant-Based Diet
Thursday, February 13 • 7:00 p.m.

Knitting and Crocheting Basics
Saturday, February 15 • 2:00 p.m.

Weight Loss and Fiber:
What's the Connection?
Wednesday, March 18 • 11:00 a.m.

Keep Less, Toss More:
How to Get More Tidying Done
Wednesday, April 1 • 7:00 p.m.

These events are free and open to everyone, unless otherwise noted. Advance online or phone registration is required. Please go to www.hegganlibrary.org or call the library to register.

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WRITERS GROUP & BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

NJ Writers Resource Group

This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Aspiring writers ages 16+ are invited to come write, share, and be inspired.

Novel Mornings

meets one Thursday each month at 11:30 a.m.

February 6

Only Child by Rhiannon Navin

March 5

The Lowland by Jhumpa Lahiri

Mystery Book Discussion

meets on the third Monday at 6:30 p.m.
(fourth Monday in February)

February 24

Deadly Valentine by Carolyn Hart

March 16

Norwegian by Night by Derek B. Miller

Catch Up with the Classics

meets one Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m.

February 25

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

March 24

Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison

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COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

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