Summer is the ideal time to encourage children to maintain, as well as further develop, their literacy skills. It is also a great opportunity to encourage them to visit the library regularly. For these reasons, the Margaret Heggan Library is excited to launch its Summer Reading Program, which will kick off with a puppet show for ages 3 and up featuring Steve Petra’s Puppets on Monday, June 27, at 11:00 a.m.

Children can help us prepare for the summer by creating pennants to decorate the Children’s Library on Monday, June 20 and 21.

The library’s Summer Reading Program for children will feature a fitness theme, “On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!” For teens the theme is “Get in the Game – READ!” “Exercise Your Mind – READ!” is the theme for adults.

Healthy eating and fitness will be featured at a wide range of programs and events held throughout the summer including stories, crafts, music, food, fitness, and dance.

Online registration is required for each event and is limited to Heggan Library cardholders. Registration for each event begins on Monday of the preceding week at 10:00 a.m.

Please visit our website, www.hegganlibrary.org for a complete list of activities at the library this summer.

Summer Slide is the tendency for students to lose some of the gains they made during the previous school year.

To address Summer Slide, access to books is critical. When children select reading materials themselves and read for enjoyment, they receive the most gains in reading achievement, including better comprehension, vocabulary, spelling, and grammar.

Children and teens who see adults reading are likely to read more themselves. Connecting reading to fun activities also helps to promote reading. Libraries help with fun events planned for the summer.

The library also offers reading incentives for children, teens, and adults. Children can take part in the Early Literacy or Children’s Book Club, teens can participate in the Teen Book Club and the Amazing Reading Race, and adults can read and review a book. A prize for each of these incentives will be awarded at the end of the summer.

Details about these reading incentives can be found in the library.
Children ages 3-10 can make a unique gift for Dad during a special **Make & Take** on Saturday, June 11, at 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., or 3:00 p.m. On June 13th, we’ll have a **PJ Storytime** at 6:30 p.m.

Kids ages 3-6 can join us for **Making Music** on May 20th at 4:15 p.m.

The dogs from **FURever as Friends** will be here on the 2nd and 16th to listen to children read. Everyone is welcome, but in-person or phone registration is required.

Children ages 2-11 can help **Decorate our Children’s Library** by making pennants on June 20th or June 21st.

Join us for an **Ice Cream Social** on June 22nd at 1, 2, or 3 p.m.

Join Mrs. Kramer in the Children’s Library on June 22nd at 6:30 p.m. and discover our latest picture books.

Our **Summer Reading Kick-Off** will be on June 27th at 11:00 with a special performance by **Petra’s Puppets**.

There are many other fun activities planned. Please check the calendar on the library website or pick up a calendar in the library to see more events.

**Unofficial noted, advance online registration is required for children’s programs and is limited to Heggan Library cardholders. To register, go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org.**

**GET IN THE GAME READ**

**American Girl Book Club**

for students in grades 1-5

June 15 • 6:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy a snack and a palm tree craft based on American Girl Maryellen Larkin from Daytona, Florida in 1954!

Open to Heggan Library cardholders only. Advance online registration is required. Please go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

**Minecraft Build Challenge**

Monday, June 13 • 6:30 p.m. **Skyscraper**

Players will work in teams to design an object.

For all ages. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration required.

**Board Game Night**

Monday, June 6 • 6:30 p.m. **Trivia Night**

Monday, July 11 • 6:30 p.m. **Trivial Pursuit**

Other board games will be available in addition to the featured game.

**Video Game Night**

Monday, June 27 • 6:30 p.m. **Let’s Play Octodad: Dadliest Catch**

Rated E for Everyone

Monday, June 27 • 6:30 p.m. **Let’s Play Super Mario 3D World**

Rated E 10 for Everyone 10 & up

In a “Let’s Play” each player will take a turn playing the game, and then the group will discuss the experience.

Game nights are open to everyone—adults and children. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Advance online or phone registration is required. Please call the library or go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

**Tween Cooking Club**

For ages 9-12

June 29 • 6:30 p.m.

Advance online registration is required. Open to Heggan Library cardholders only. Go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

**Color Me Calm Teen Coloring Club**

June 27, July 11, July 25, August 8th, and August 22 2:30 p.m.

Coloring isn’t just for kids—join us to relax and color your cares away! Coloring pages and colored pencils will be provided.

Open to students going into grades 5-12. Advance online registration is required. Registration is limited to Heggan Library cardholders.

**SCRAMBLE TILE PICTURE FRAMES**

June 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Use Scrabble tiles to decorate picture frames!

For students going into grades 5-12. Advance online registration required. Open to Heggan Library cardholders only.

**Comic Jams**

June 20 & July 18 6:00 p.m.

Come with an idea—leave with a comic book.

For all ages. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration required.
Get your car ready for summer travel

If you’re planning a trip by car this summer, make sure everything is in working order before you hit the road.

*Auto Repair Reference Center,* an online resource available through the library website, can help you do it yourself.

With *Auto Repair Reference Center,* you have immediate access to repair and maintenance information for most major manufacturers of domestic and imported vehicles. New repair procedures, technical service bulletins, and other materials are added on a regular basis.

Please speak with a Reference Librarian for assistance.

**BOOK DISCUSSIONS AND WRITERS GROUP**

**NJ Writers Resource Group** meets on the second and fourth Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Aspiring writers ages 16 and up are invited to come and write, share and be inspired.

**Novel Mornings** meets one Thursday each month at 11:30 a.m.
- June 2 • *Casual Vacancy* by J.K. Rowling
- July 7 • *The Kitchen God’s Wife* by Amy Tan

**Mystery Book Discussion** meets on the third Monday at 6:30 p.m.
- June 20 • *The Girl in the Spider’s Web* by David Lagercrantz
- July 18 • *A Beautiful Blue Death* by Charles Finch

**Catch Up with the Classics** meets one Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m.
- June 21 • *Hard Times* by Charles Dickens
- July 19 • *The Winter of Our Discontent* by John Steinbeck

These events are free and open to everyone. Advance online or phone registration is required.

Please go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org or call the library to register.

**COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY CLASSES**

**Introduction to Facebook Workshop** Wednesday, June 8 • 10:00 a.m.

**Introduction to Twitter Workshop** Wednesday, June 15 • 10:00 a.m.

**Privacy in the Digital Age Lecture** Wednesday, June 22 • 10:00 a.m.

These classes are free and open to everyone. Advance online or phone registration is required.

Please go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org to register online.

**Computer Classes in July**

**Introduction to Windows 10 Lecture** July 6, 10:00 am; **Introduction to Microsoft Word Workshop**, July 13, 10:00 am; **Introduction to Microsoft Excel Data Entry Workshop**, July 20, 10:00 am; **Advanced Class, Introduction to Microsoft Excel Formulas**, July 27, 10:00 a.m.

The library strives to reach out to community members. For years, we’ve had a presence at Super Saturday and the Harvest Festival. We’ve recently conducted more outreach to area schools and day cares. This summer, our Youth Services Librarian will be promoting the library to youth who visit township businesses, including Rainbow Gymnastics and Greenwood Park Bells Lake Community Club. Another one of our recent, ongoing outreach efforts has been to collaborate with Mother’s Cupboard, administered by Washington Township Rotary and Family and Community Services. This food pantry serves approximately five hundred township residents per month. Some of the food is available to those who qualify based on various government standards while some of the food is available to any township resident. On the first and third Thursday of the month from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., librarians will be available at the township building to disseminate information about our services in tandem with Mother’s Cupboard.

Sheila Mikkelson
Board Game Night @ the Library  Monday, June 6 • 6:30 p.m.
Trivia Night. Other board games will also be provided. For all ages—children and adults. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Color Me Happy  Tuesday, June 7 • 7:00 p.m.
Join your neighbors for an evening of coloring and camaraderie. Open to adults 18 years and older.

Advance Care Planning  Thursday, June 9 • 11:00 a.m.
Learn how you can make your health care wishes known. Presented by Anna Miller with VITAS Healthcare.

Knitting and Crocheting Basics  Saturday, June 11 • 2:00 p.m.
Would you like to learn how to knit or crochet? Join us for a beginner’s class. For ages 18 and up.

Minecraft Build Challenge: Skyscraper  Monday, June 13 • 6:30 p.m.
For all ages—children and adults. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Comic Jams  Monday, June 20 • 6:00 p.m.
Come in with an idea, leave with a comic book. For all ages—children and adults. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Privacy in the Digital Age  Wednesday, June 22 • 10:00 a.m.
Join us for this lecture on what to do, and not do, to protect your privacy on the internet.

Video Game Night @ the Library  Monday, June 27 • 6:30 p.m.
This month’s featured game – Octodad: Dadliest Catch. (Rated E 10 for Everyone 10 & up)
For all ages—children and adults. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Ancestry.com Basics  Tuesday, June 28 • 7:00 p.m.
Learn how to do some basic searches using Ancestry.com, including searching passenger lists, finding images, and locating other vital records. (Limited to Heggan Library cardholders only)

Windows 10  Wednesday, July 6 • 10:00 a.m.
Learn about the new features of Windows 10 including Cortana and Edge. We will explain why you may want to upgrade and explain new settings that you should know about.

Board Game Night @ the Library  Monday, July 11 • 6:30 p.m.
You’ve spoken, and the winner of our online poll and featured game for July is . . . Trivial Pursuit! Other board games will also be provided. For all ages—children and adults. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Comic Jams  Monday, July 18 • 6:00 p.m.
Come in with an idea, leave with a comic book. For all ages—children and adults. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Video Game Night @ the Library  Monday, July 25 • 6:30 p.m.
You’ve spoken, and the winner of our online poll and featured game for July is . . . Super Mario 3D World. (Rated E for Everyone) For all ages—children and adults. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Baseball Parks and American Landscapes  Wednesday, July 27 • 7:00 p.m.
Join us for this photographic tour of baseball parks and examine the complex relationship between baseball and the places and landscapes in which it is played. Presented by Stanton W. Green, Professor of Anthropology at Monmouth University. This program is funded by the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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

LIBRARIAN BY APPOINTMENT

Tuesdays, June 14 and July 12 • 5:30-7:00 p.m. or 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Make an appointment with the Reference Librarian to get help with your resumé, learn some basic skills in Microsoft Word, learn how to use library databases or download ebooks, and more. The librarian cannot help with anything involving your personal financial information.

Appointments are for Heggan Library cardholders only. Please go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org or call the library to make your appointment.