The Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library has joined more than 16,000 libraries across the country to participate in this summer’s reading program, “A Universe of Stories.” Library patrons of all ages can explore the wonders of our universe and learn about the solar system.

Library summer reading programs provide many benefits to readers including encouraging children to become lifelong readers, drawing reluctant readers in with fun activities, preventing summer slide, and generating interest in books and the library. Summer at the library can just be fun and provide an opportunity for family time.

Summer reading has long been a topic of interest among educators, librarians, and researchers. It has been determined that summer is an interruption in school-based learning that has a negative impact on the retention and development of children’s reading skills, and that summer reading programs help to make up for this break in learning, resulting in positive reading achievement when children return to school.

Our Summer Reading will begin on Monday, June 17 at 2:30 p.m. with a Summer Reading Kick-Off Event with ScienceTellers. This family event, appropriate for children in grades K-5, is an action-packed and educational alien adventure using science experiments for special effects. It is totally out of this world!

Join us at the Margaret Heggan Library this summer to explore “A Universe of Stories.” We have many activities planned for children, tweens, teens, and adults.
During the first two weeks of June, we will be preparing for our Summer Reading Program, A Universe of Stories.

Join us for our Summer Reading Kick-Off Event with ScienceTellers on Monday, June 17th at 2:30 p.m. This is a family friendly event appropriate for children in grades K-5! Don’t miss this action-packed and educational alien adventure using science experiments for special effects. It’s totally out of this world!

On Friday, June 21st at 2:00 p.m., kids entering grades 3-5 in the 2019/2020 school year can join us for a Create and Make session. Come and use the library’s Perler beads to make your own unique creations to take home.

Many other regular monthly activities are also planned. Please visit our website or pick up a calendar in the Children’s Library.

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 Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org.

TEEN & TWEEN CUISINE
Wednesday, June 19
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Learn to make delicious dishes and scrumptious snacks during this hands-on cooking experience!

Come join Danielle Aran, Dietitian from Battino’s ShopRite, for a tasty and healthy workshop on cooking.

Teen & Tween Cuisine is open to Heggan Library cardholder Teens and Tweens only. Advance registration is required. Please go to www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

THE TEEN ADVISORY BOARD
@ Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library presents:

TAB GAME TIME
Saturday, June 22
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Come play Jackbox Party Pack 4!

Included in Party Pack 4 are Fibbage 3, Civic Doodle, Bracketeering, and more!

TAB Game Night is open to Heggan Library cardholder Teens only. Advance registration is required. Please go to www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

S.M.I.L.E.
The pets from FURever as Friends will be here on Thursday, June 6 and 20, at 6:30 p.m. to listen to children read.

No library card necessary. Please call or visit the library to reserve your spot.

NEW FOR TEENS

CHAPTER CHAT
Teen Book Discussion Group

June 28
Space Case by Stuart Gibbs

July 19
The True Meaning Of Smekday by Adam Rex

This group meets at 2:00 p.m. to discuss popular YA fiction.

These discussions are open to Heggan Library cardholder Teens only. Advance registration is required.

Video Game Night @ the Library
Monday, June 24 • 6:30 p.m.
The 4th Annual Super Smash Brothers Summer Tournament!

Face off with your favorite video game characters in an epic battle royale!
Super Smash Brothers Ultimate is rated by the ESRB as E10+ for Everyone age 10 and up for cartoon violence, comic mischief, and suggestive themes.

Video Game Night is open to adults and children. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Open to Heggan Library cardholders only. Advance registration is required. Please call the library or go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

Minecraft Night
June 17 • 6:30 p.m.
Let’s Build a Space Station!
For all ages. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Open to Heggan Library cardholders only. Advance registration required.
An election will be held on Thursday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Friends’ monthly meeting, for the offices of Vice-President and Treasurer.

**Finding Your Next Great Read is Easy with NovelList**

Have you ever finished a great book and wanted to find more just like it? Or wanted to help your child find just the right book to read? The library offers NovelList, a helpful resource to help readers match up with the books that are right for them.

Consider NovelList your one-stop guide to great reading. It contains lists of recommended reads and award-winning books. It covers both fiction and nonfiction titles for all ages from the youngest readers to adults. It also has extra content like reviews, book discussion guides, curriculum guides, and other book-oriented articles. Book groups and teachers find these resources especially helpful.

Parents, teachers, and students can search by age, reading level, grade, and more.

One of the most popular elements is read-alikes. This feature suggests titles that are ‘just like’ other titles. If you’ve just finished a great book, log into NovelList and find great read-alikes.

Ask about NovelList on your next visit to the library. Or look for it on the library website at www.hegganlibrary.org.

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**Blood Drive**

June 10 • 2 - 7 p.m.

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

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**Wowbrary**

Do you want to know what’s new on the library’s shelves?

Sign up for Wowbrary on the library’s website to receive free weekly emails.

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**DIRECTOR’S CORNER**

June is Audiobook Appreciation Month

June is Audiobook Appreciation Month and if you visit the library during the month, you will see that audiobooks are being displayed on the endcaps in the adult fiction and nonfiction stacks. The purpose of the celebration is to increase awareness of audiobooks, which is a growing format. Audiobooks are popular with those who have a long commute and travelers. They are also useful for beginning and reluctant readers. Each year, the Audio Publishers Association gives the Audie Award to the best and noteworthy audiobooks in various categories. Below is a sampling of winners and finalists that can be borrowed from the library:

- Adeyemi, Tomi. Children of Blood and Bone
- Atkinson, Kate. Transcription
- Brennan-Jobs, Lisa. Small Fry
- Cline-Ransom, Lesa. Before She Was Harriet
- DiCamillo, Kate. Louisiana’s Way Home
- Field, Sally. In Pieces
- Galbraith, Robert. Lethal White
- George, Elizabeth. The Punishment She Deserves
- Green, Hank. An Absolutely Remarkable Thing
- Hannah, Kristin. The Great Alone
- Hannah, Sophie. The Mystery of Three Quarters
- Hurston, Zora Neale. Barracoon
- Itzkoff, Dave. Robin
- Jones, Tayari. An American Marriage
- Kleypas, Lias. Hello Stranger
- Macy, Beth. Dopesick
- Martel, Yann. Life of Pi
- McNamara, Michelle. I’ll Be Gone in the Dark
- Moore, Christopher. Noir
- Morris, Heather. The Tattooist of Auschwitz
- Morton, Kate. The Clockmaker’s Daughter
- Mullally, Megan. The Greatest Love Story Ever Told
- Orange, Tommy. There There
- Reynolds, Jason. Sunny
- Sittenfeld, Curtis. You Think It, I’ll Say It
- Treasure, Julian. How to Be Heard
- Ware, Ruth. The Death of Mrs. Westaway
- Weir, Andy. Artemis
- Westover, Tara. Educated
- Willink, Jocko. The Dichotomy of Leadership
- Yoshikawa, Eiju. Musashi
PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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

Introduction to the Mouse
Tuesday, June 4 • 6:30 p.m.

Helping Animals:
Action Beats Intention
Thursday, June 6 • 7:00 p.m.

Knitting and Crocheting Basics
Saturday, June 8 • 2:00 p.m.

Self-Care Class:
Ways to Replenish Body & Mind
Wednesday, June 12 • 7:00 p.m.

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

Video Game Night:
Super Smash Brothers Summer Tournament!
Monday, June 24 • 6:30 p.m.

Peace Starts with You and Me:
A Man’s Quest for Peace Across the Globe
Thursday, June 26 • 7:00 p.m.

Ten Ancient Sites that Might be Stargates, Portals, and Wormholes
Wednesday, July 10 • 7:00 p.m.

Write-In
NJ Writers Resource Group
Saturday, July 13 • 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Video Game Night:
Let’s Play No Man’s Sky!
Monday, July 22 • 6:30 p.m.

Islam 101
Wednesday, July 24 • 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.

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.

Write-In
Saturday, July 13 and August 31
1:00-4:00 p.m.
Join other word-loving adults (ages 16+) for an afternoon of writing, sharing, inspiration, and support. Bring a writing project. Avoid home distractions.

Novel Mornings
meets one Thursday each month at 11:30 a.m.
June 6
The Weight of Blood by Laura McHugh
July 11
Stones from the River by Ursula Hegi

Mystery Book Discussion
meets on the third Monday at 6:30 p.m.
June 17
Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz
July 15
The Affair by Lee Child

Catch Up with the Classics
meets one Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m.
June 25
The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells
July 16
Death Comes from the Archbishop by Willa Cather

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 the Mouse
Tuesday, June 4 • 6:30 p.m.
This class is free and open to everyone. Advance registration is required. Please call the library, 856-589-3334, or go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.