Heggan Happenings

New Jersey Makers Day

New Jersey Makers Day is a statewide celebration of making and maker culture that takes place every March in the Garden State.

The goal of Makers Day is to enhance community engagement by exploring new hands-on learning experiences.

The library will be celebrating Makers Day on Saturday, March 21, between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. with activities for all ages.

This year, the theme is Robots. Planned activities will include:

- Making BristleBots
- Making walking robots
- Making cars with motors, batteries, wheels, and fans
- Making robot puppets
- Making buttons
- And much more

These activities are open to everyone. No registration is required. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

“These are not books, lumps of lifeless paper, but minds alive on the shelves. From each of them goes out its own voice... and just as the touch of a button on our set will fill the room with music, so by taking down one of these volumes and opening it, one can call into range the voice of a man far distant in time and space, and hear him speaking to us, mind to mind, heart to heart.”

~Gilbert Highet
**KIDS’ CORNER**

**New Jersey Makers Day**

Saturday, March 21
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of creative robot-themed activities for children of all ages.

Makers Day is open to everyone. No registration required.

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.

**The Teen Advisory Board**

@ Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library presents:

**It’s TAB Game Time**

Tuesday, March 17
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**MARIOKART Deluxe 8**

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, March 19 • 5:00 p.m.

**Butterfly Yellow**

by Thanhha Lai

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.

Available Wednesdays, March 4, 11, and 18, 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.

**TEEN & TWEEN CUISINE**

Wednesday, March 25
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Learn to make delicious dishes and scrumptious snacks during this hands-on cooking experience!

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.

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**Writing Club**

for Teens and Tweens

Sunday, March 8 • 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.

**Best Fiction for Young Adults**

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), announced its 2020 Best Fiction for Young Adults list.

These titles from the top of the list are available in the library.

**Girls on the Verge**
by Sharon Biggs Waller

**Heroine**
by Mindy McGinnis

**Like a Love Story**
by Abdi Nazemian

**Lovely War**
by Julie Berry

**On the Come Up**
by Angie Thomas

**Patron Saints of Nothing**
by Randy Ribay

**Pet**
by Akwaeke Emezi

**The Stars and the Blackness Between Them**
by Junauda Petrus

**With the Fire on High**
by Elizabeth Acevedo

The complete list can be found at www.ala.org/yalsa/2020-best-fiction-young-adults.
eSports Practice: Overwatch

Mondays, March 2, and April 6
6:00-8:00 p.m.
The Heggan eSports team, the Washington Wizards, will be practicing with the game Overwatch.
New team members are welcome!
Open to patrons age 13 and up. Advance registration required.

Experience VR: First Contact
Monday, March 9
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Introduce yourself to the world of Virtual Reality as we explore the wide variety of experiences that VR has to offer!
Our first adventure, First Contact, will introduce us to the basics of using our virtual reality headset, and provide a glimpse into the opportunities ahead.
Open to Heggan Library cardholders age 13 and up. Advance registration required.

The library now has Fold3 Library Edition by Ancestry, a database for US military records.

Fold3 provides convenient access to US military records, including the stories, photos and documents of the men and women who served. It contains millions of records from world-class archives, many of which are exclusively available on Fold3. Fold3 is invaluable for historians, genealogists, researchers, military enthusiasts, veterans and their families, teachers, and battle reenactors.
The Fold3 name comes from a traditional flag folding ceremony in which the third fold is made in honor and remembrance of veterans.
Fold3 is available through the library website under the Research tab.
If you would like to learn how to use Fold3, a class, Fold3 Basics, will be offered on Tuesday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m. Advance phone or online registration is required.

The library is pleased to welcome back Mikaela Cook, who previously worked with us as a PT Library Shelver and as a PT Library Assistant. Mikaela is a graduate of Paul VI High School.
She has attended Rowan College of South Jersey, Temple University, and the Japanese Language School of Philadelphia.
She graduated from PB Cosmetology School.
We are also pleased to announce that Jennifer Mentzer, part-time Reference Librarian, has been promoted to a full-time Reference Librarian. Jennifer earned a BA in Business and Technology from Fairleigh Dickinson University and an MLIS from Drexel University.
Sheila Mikkelson
PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

eSports Practice: Overwatch
Monday, March 2 • 6:00 p.m.

Knitting and Crocheting Basics
Saturday, March 7 • 2:00 p.m.

Experience VR: First Contact
Monday, March 9 • 6:00 p.m.

Introduction to the Mouse
Tuesday, March 10 • 6:30 p.m.

Introduction to Computer Components
Monday, March 16 • 6:30 p.m.

Fold3 Basics
Tuesday, March 17 • 7:00 p.m.

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

Knitting and Crocheting Basics
Saturday, March 28 • 2:00 p.m.

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

Environmental Matinee
Saturday, April 4 • 2:00 p.m.

eSports Practice: Overwatch
Monday, April 6 • 6:00 p.m.

Saving New Jersey’s Birds
Tuesday, April 7 • 7:00 p.m.

Arsenic and Old Lakes: A River Rerouted
Monday, April 13 • 7:00 p.m.

Reclaiming Our Voice: New Jersey’s Central Role in the Fight for Woman’s Suffrage
Thursday, April 16 • 7:00 p.m.

Raptors and Reptiles
Sunday, April 19 • 1:30 p.m.

Introduction to Simple Circuits
Monday, April 20 • 6:30 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.

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

March 5
The Lowland by Jhumpa Lahiri
April 2
A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines

Mystery Book Discussion
meets on the third Monday at 6:30 p.m.

March 16
Norwegian by Night by Derek B. Miller
April 20
Black Cherry Blues by Jane Lee Burke

Catch Up with the Classics
meets one Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m.

March 24
Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison
April 28
Howard’s End by E.M. Forster

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

COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Introduction to the Mouse
Tuesday, March 10 • 6:30 p.m.

Introduction to Computer Components
Monday, March 16 • 6:30 p.m.

Introduction to Simple Circuits
Monday, April 20 • 6:30 p.m.

These classes are free and open to everyone. Advance registration is required. Please call the library, 856-589-3334, or go to www.hegganlibrary.org to register.