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**Book
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the Newsletter of the
Upper Saddle River Library

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Library Hours

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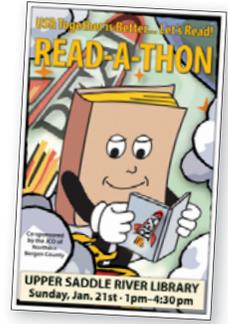
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Join our Family Read-a-thon!

Sunday, January 21st · 1–4:30 pm

Register today for this all-ages reading event.
See page 5 for more information.



Welcome 2018! Happy New Year to one and all!

Here at the Upper Saddle River Library we are excited for a new year to begin. Many of your favorite programs, such as our Family Read-a-thon, Makers Day and the Teen Volunteer Club will be returning, but new and exciting offerings will be coming your way as well. Mobile hot spot lending, the “My Next Favorite Book” feature on our website, and seven new museum passes, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, are new for 2018.

To keep up to date on all that is happening at the library, we encourage you to sign up on our web page, www.upsaddleriverlibrary.org, to have a digital newsletter delivered monthly to your inbox.

~Kathleen

MAKERS DAY at the Library

We welcome residents to share a skill!

NJ Makers Day is a celebration of maker culture across New Jersey. This all-ages event gives individuals a hands-on learning experience with tinkering, crafting, manufacturing, and STEM-based learning.



The Upper Saddle River Library is participating in the 2018 NJ Maker's Day on Friday, March 9th from 5:30–8:30 pm. We are looking for help from YOU! Do you have an interesting skill that you want to show off in a hands-on demonstration? Or just looking to have fun and engage with your community? We're welcoming all volunteers who are willing to participate. Please contact Mary DeNunzio, mary.denunzio@bccls.org by January 31st to get making and sharing in the library!

Mobile Wireless Hotspots

Borrow for two week periods!

Mobile hotspot routers are now available for USR cardholders to borrow. Get the connectivity you need for your laptop, tablet or digital camera by creating your own mobile hotspot virtually anywhere with a mobile router. It's perfect for those who have no internet access at home, are going on vacation, or taking their business on the road. The lending period is for two weeks. Must be over 18 yrs. with a valid USR library card.

Library Groups

Book clubs and fitness programs are open to Library cardholders in Bergen County. Programs are free unless noted. Registration is required.



Novels at Night

Drop-In

1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH · 7:30 pm

JAN. 3RD “**Nutshell: A Novel**” by *Ian McEwan*
Trudy has betrayed her husband, John. She’s still in the marital home—but John’s not there. Instead, she’s with his brother, the profoundly banal Claude, and the two of them have a plan. But there is a witness to their plot: the inquisitive, nine-month-old resident of Trudy’s womb.

FEB. 7TH “**Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis**” by *JD Vance*

From a former marine and Yale Law School graduate, a powerful account of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America’s white working class.



Coffee Talk

Drop-In

3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH · 10 am

JAN. 18TH “**Before the Fall**” by *Noah Hawley*
Eleven people—ten privileged and one down-on-his-luck painter—depart Martha’s Vineyard on a private jet. Sixteen minutes later the plane plunges into the ocean. The only survivors are the painter and a four-year-old boy. Was it by chance that so many influential people perished? Or was something more sinister at work?

FEB. 15TH “**The Kind Worth Killing: A Novel**” by *Peter Swanson*

Delayed in London, Ted Severson meets a woman at the airport bar. Over cocktails they tell each other rather more than they should, and a dark plan is hatched—but are either of them being serious?

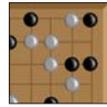


Chat & Stitch

Drop-In

WEDNESDAYS · 12 pm

Drop-in with your needlework projects and share ideas. Enjoy the company of other needle crafters and finish projects you would never finish!



Go Club

Drop-In

TUESDAYS · 6:30–8:30 pm

Go is a strategic game that has entranced players for thousands of years. Fun and challenging, it is enjoyable to play at every level of understanding. Questions? Contact Ken Sugawara at: sugawarak@optonline.net.



Bridge Club

Drop-In

FRIDAYS · 10:00 am

Bridge lovers with passing knowledge of bidding and play-of-hand are welcome to join a fun and relaxed game. Contact Janet for information: 201-264-9330.



Strength & Tone with Tracey Zysman

MONDAYS · 9:30–10:30 am · Fee

Nov. 27th–Feb. 26th · 5 or 10 week session
no classes 1/15, 2/19

Non-impact weight training using light weights and your own body weight for a total conditioning class. All fitness levels are welcome! Bring a pair of weights (3–6 lbs.) and a mat.

NEW!



Gentle Stretch Yoga

with Tracey Zysman

TUESDAYS · 11 am–12 pm · Fee

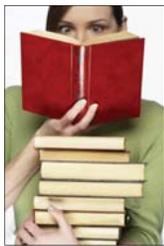
Jan. 9th–Mar. 13th · 5 or 10 week session

Learn movements that will improve flexibility, range of motion and balance with the goal to keep participants healthy and active. Class will be performed standing as well as on a mat. Participants need to bring a mat.

Fitness Class Fees: Choose a **5 or 10 week session**. **USR cardholders:** 5 weeks \$37.50 or 10 weeks \$65. **Non-USR cardholders:** 5 weeks \$42.50 or 10 weeks \$75. Note: All Fitness classes must have a minimum of 8 enrollees, or class will be cancelled.

Noteworthy News

These online services are available for Upper Saddle River cardholders, a USR library card is necessary to sign in.



Meet Your Next Book

Receive an online recommendation

Would you like a recommendation for your next read? Fill out a My Next Favorite Book form online and our librarians will recommend a book just for you—based on your preferences.

Find the form on the library website www.uppersaddleriverlibrary.org. We know books, but we need to get to know you first!

All of the information provided will be kept strictly confidential and is only used to help us pick books for your new personalized reading list. You must be 14 years or older to fill out this form. This service is for USR cardholders only.

More reading recommendations:
www.discover.bccls.org- Authors, book club titles and reading recommendations.

CloudLibrary app- View books by genre on your mobile devices.

Novelist Online- Find books in a series, read-alikes for similar authors, and thematic book lists.

RBDigital- Popular magazines with no limit to downloads.

BookPage- A free monthly magazine, available in the library, with reviews of the new titles.

Readers Advisory- Book lists and links located under the Services tab at: www.bccls.org

Find resources on the Good Reads tab at: www.uppersaddleriverlibrary.org

Museum Pass Program

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

The Museum Pass program provides patrons the opportunity to visit a variety of attractions and enjoy the wonderful arts, culture and education that our area has to offer. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Upper Saddle River Library.

How do I reserve a museum pass?

Passes may be reserved at the circulation desk or by sending an email to ann.witkowski@bccls.org. Please include your name, phone number, email address, library bar code number, museum choice and three possible dates. You will receive an email confirmation. You may also call the circulation desk to reserve your passes, 201-327-2583. To reserve you must be 18 years or older and have a valid USR library card in an adult name.

Free passes are available to library cardholders to:

- **The Museum of the City of NY**
1220 5th Ave & 103rd St, New York, NY
- **Intrepid Air, Sea and Space Museum**
Pier 86, W 46th St & 12th Ave, New York, NY
- **The Guggenheim Museum**
1071 5th Ave, New York, NY
- **Brooklyn Botanic Garden**
990 Washington Ave, Brooklyn, NY
- **Grounds for Sculpture**
80 Sculptors Way, Hamilton Township, NJ
- **Storm King Art Center**
1 Museum Rd, New Windsor, NY
- **Yogi Berra Museum**
8 Quarry Rd, Little Falls, NJ
- **Montclair Art Museum**
3 S Mountain Ave, Montclair, NJ
- **Museum of the Moving Image**
36-01 35th Ave, Queens, NY
- **The Frick Collection**
1 E 70th St, New York, NY



Programs for Adults

Adult programs are open to Library cardholders in Bergen County. Programs are free unless noted. Registration is required as seating is limited.

Belly Dancing Basics

TUESDAY · January 23rd · 7–8:30 pm

Prepare for a fun belly dance class with Shlomit Oren. This class is for beginners, ages 14+. Join a supportive community of women who like celebrating life! Shlomit's unique style is inspired by Egyptian, Turkish, Tribal, and theatrical techniques. This class is a great source for low impact exercise, enhancement of balance, flexibility and stress release and cultivation of self love and confidence. Registration is required. *Shlomit is a certified bellydance, PiYo, Lean Body Barre, Zumba and Yoga instructor.*

Mardi Gras!

Celebrate at the Library

TUESDAY · February 13th · 7–8:30 pm

Celebrate Mardi Gras at the library! Taste Chef Wendy Gordon's beignets and learn how to make jambalaya. Make your own Mardi Gras necklace.

iPhone Instruction

MONDAY · January 29th · 7–8:30 pm

Learn some of the features and built in apps that make the everyday things you do even more incredible with your iPhone. In this class you will learn all the great features of the iPhone and what amazing, creative, and productive things you can create. Bring your device to class. Registration is required.

Greg Fiorentino teaches classes about apple products, windows products and android products. He is an apple certified tech and an apple certified trainer.

Monthly Afternoon Movies

THURSDAYS @ 1 pm

Join our afternoon movies. We'll provide the snacks!
January 11th – **“Battle of the Sexes”** *New Release*
January 25th–**“Casablanca”** *Classic*
Feb. 8th–**“Goodbye Christopher Robin”** *New Release*

All Seasons Chamber Music

SUNDAY · February 4th · 2 pm

The popular players return with a program entitled: “A MUSICAL OFFERING”–Music for Harpsichord, Flute and Strings Music by Ibert, Kreisler, Marcello and J.S. Bach. Guest Artist: Eric Clark, harpsichord.

All Seasons Chamber Players perform music from the baroque to contemporary periods in mixed ensembles using flute, violin, cello, harpsichord and piano.



Adult Lunch & Learn

WEDNESDAY · Feb. 21st · 11:30 am

Adults are welcome to join us for a mid-week luncheon. Enjoy a meal and a short presentation of what is new at the library. Registration is required, call 201-327-2583. Cosponsored by the USR Board of Health.

Make a Pottery Piece with Creative Ways

TUESDAY · February 27th · 7–8:30 pm · Fee: \$10

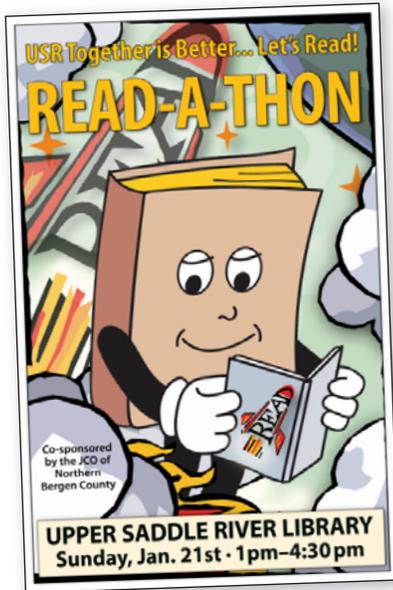
Work with clay in a fun, no-pressure environment. Peter Lagomarsino, of Creative Ways Pottery, will demonstrate easy steps to working clay into a mug, small tray or vase. Your artwork will thoroughly delight and inspire! We will provide everything needed: clay and tools, examples and hands-on instruction. Kiln-fired finished projects are glazed and delivered. Advanced in-person registration is required, fee \$10. *Peter Lagomarsino is an accomplished area clay artist, instructor and certified senior advisor.*

Online Program Registration

Use our online calendar at www.uppersaddleriverlibrary.org to register for our adult programs.

Family Read-a-thon

The Read-a-thon is open to USR cardholders only. Pre-registration, in person, is required



We welcome Upper Saddle River residents to join the

Family Read-a-thon!

**Sunday, January 21st
1-4:30 pm**

Registration begins January 3rd

The Upper Saddle River Library Read-a-thon is open to all ages. Families are encouraged to attend and read together! Check-in begins at 1 pm when pizza will be served.

Participants read for forty-five minute increments with breaks in between. There are prizes and snacks after each session. Contestants may begin at any time, but only children who complete all three, forty-five minute sessions are eligible for the Grand Prize drawing at the end of the Read-a-thon.

Contestants choose their own reading material and must pre-register for the 2018 Read-a-thon in the Children's dept. Adults are invited to read along, but only children are eligible for prizes.

Registration begins January 3rd. *Cosponsored by the JCO of Northern Bergen County.*

*"A child who reads will be an adult who thinks."
-Anonymous*



Teen Programs Grade 6 & up

Teen programs are open to USR cardholders only. Pre-registration, in person, is required (unless program is designated as drop-in).

Drop-In **Movie Mondays**

January 8th–February 26th @ 3 pm
no movie 1/15, 2/19

Start of the week got you down? Drop in and take your frustrations out on a movie! Popcorn is provided.

Drop-In **Wednesday Warriors**

January 3rd–February 28th @ 3 pm
no games 1/24, 2/21

Drop in after school and join your friends for Wii™ U, games and snacks!

THROWBACK THURSDAY



Thursday, January 25th @ 3 pm

Register for Throwback Thursday for a BLAST TO THE PAST! It's time to reminisce and have fun with toys from your childhood!

HOMEWORK HELP!



Need a hand with homework? Connect to a live tutor through any internet-enabled device from 10 am–10 pm daily with **Tutor.com™**. Thousands of study, career, and test prep resources are available 24/7.

Students can get help for any academic question in math, science, English, social studies and writing. The tutors work with students in K–12th grade and even AP level class work and intro-level college coursework. Find the link at: www.uppersaddleriverlibrary.org.

Drop-In **TVC TEEN VOLUNTEER CLUB**

Tuesdays, Jan. 19th & Feb. 6th @ 3–4 pm
Thursday, Jan. 11th & Feb. 8th @ 6–7 pm

Open to 6th graders and above who are looking for community service hours. Teens will make cards for children's hospitals, soldiers and the elderly, amongst other activities. No registration is required and after each program attended they will receive a certificate for those 60 minutes.

valentine's Day COOKING CHALLENGE



Tues., February 13th @ 3pm
presented by Shop Rite

Come in and cook with your friends! Ingredients are provided, the rest is up to you! Registration required.

DROP-IN FRIDAYS

Fridays @ 3–3:30 pm

Looking to talk about the great books, movies or music that you're interested in? Drop in on Fridays to chat with the Teen Librarian Katie Neylan!



Children's Programs

Children's programs are open to USR cardholders only. Pre-registration, in person, is required (unless program is designated as drop-in).

JAY-JAY THE BUBBLE GUY



Monday, January 29th · 3:30 pm · ages 4 and up
Registration begins January 3rd

Children will be amazed by Jay Jay's bubble magic extravaganza! Watch as bubbles, big and small appear and disappear before your eyes! Jay Jay is an Award Winning Balloon Artist and Certified Bubble-ologist who brings tons of smiles and joy to children with his interactive bubble magic show. Registration is required. Open to USR cardholders.



1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten

Do you love reading books with your child? Do you want to promote kindergarten readiness while also instilling a life-long love of reading? Then participate in this free program and read 1,000 books with your child before he or she begins kindergarten!

1. Register at the children's desk at the USR library. Pick up your log and recommended reading lists.
2. Start logging your books on paper or on the "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" app (iTunes or Android).
3. Bring your log to the library at each milestone (50, 100, 200, 300, etc.) to receive a reward and be featured on our display.
4. Any child who reaches 1,000 books will have his/her picture posted on the BCCLS website (with your permission) and be invited to a BCCLS-wide party. *There is no begin or end date for this program. Just read with your child and ENJOY!*

Need a hand with homework?

**FREE unlimited
Tutor.com™
sessions are
available!**



Is your child stuck on a homework problem at night? They can connect to a live tutor from 10 am–10 pm daily at Tutor.com™. Find help to complete homework, understand concepts or study for a test. Help is available for any kind of academic question in math, science, English, social studies and writing. Study and test prep resources are available 24/7.



Find the Tutor.com™ link at www.uppersaddleriver-library.org under the Online Services tab.

Children's Programs

Children's programs are open to USR cardholders only. Pre-registration, in person, is required (unless program is designated as drop-in).

Registration for weekly programs begins Tuesday, January 3rd

DROP-IN PLAYTIME for newborns to 3 years old

Wednesdays · 10:15–11 am
January 31st–April 25th
no classes 2/21, 4/18



All children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Join us for unstructured play, circle time, rhymes, songs, stories and more! Drop-in playtime is limited to USR library cardholders.

PreSchool Drive-In Movie

Thursday, February 1st @ 1–2 pm
for ages 3–5 years



Help your child create their own car from recycled materials, park it in front of our big screen and watch a short movie in our 'Drive-In Theater'. Snacks are provided. Registration required.

Pete-the-Cat Party



Thursday, February 15th @ 1–2 pm
for ages 3–5 years

Celebrate all things "Pete," with stories, games and more! Registration required.



Please Note:

In-person registration is required for Children's programs and clubs unless the activity is designated as a Drop-In.

LEGO Workshop

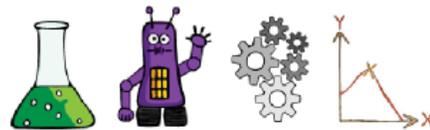
Mondays, February 5th, March 5th, April 2nd
K–2nd Grade @ 3:15–4 pm
3rd–5th Grade @ 4:15–5 pm



At each session children will participate in a different themed Lego challenge every week. Creativity is a must! Registration is required.

STEM Series with Education Explorers

Mondays, February 12th, March, 12th, & April 9th
K–2nd Grade @ 3:30–4:30 pm
3rd–5th Grade @ 4:30–5:30 pm



Education Explorers encourage children to learn about and experiment with science through exciting challenges and fun, interactive activities. Registration is required.

BOOK CLUBS

Mondays, February 26th, March, 26th, & April 23rd
K–2nd Gr. @ 3:15–4 pm
3rd–5th Gr. @ 4:15–5 pm



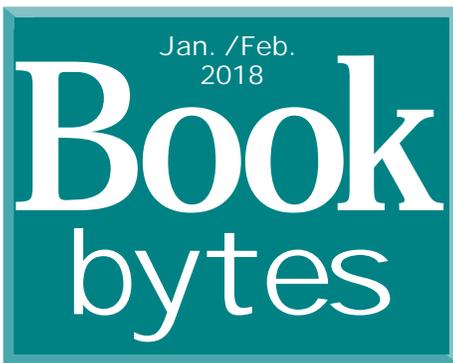
Read the assigned book for each child's grade level. Enjoy discussion, games and activities related to the week's topic. Registration is required.



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Board of Trustees' Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 17th at 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Feb. 14th at 6:30 pm

Holiday Closings

New Year's Eve & Day
Sunday, Dec. 31st–Tuesday, Jan. 2nd
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 15th
President's Day
Monday, February 19th

Friends' Book Sales

Saturday, Jan. 13th, 10 am to 1 pm
Saturday, Feb. 10th, 10 am to 1 pm

USR Library Snow Policy

Please remember to call the library or check our website www.uppersaddleriverlibrary.org to see if we have opened or will be closing early due to inclement weather. **If the USR schools close during the school day due to weather, the USR Library will close at the same time.** Children may not be sent to the library.

Sign up for USR Library eNews

Digital newsletters are available to our patrons. Sign up for **USR Library eNews** to keep up-to-date with adult programming, book reviews and more. Are you interested in Children's or YA programs? The **USR Library Kids/YA eNews** program information for Children/YA events. Find the [Sign Up for eNews](#) button for these digital newsletters on our website www.uppersaddleriverlibrary.org.

Join the Friends of the Library

Share your talent and expertise to help enhance the Friends' programs. Interested in joining us? Leave your name at the circ. desk or join us for our next meeting and lunch on January 8th at 11:30 am. You are invited to attend, listen to our plans, and share your ideas.