

the Newsletter of the
Upper Saddle River Library

Library Hours

Monday 9 am–8 pm

Tuesday 9 am–8 pm

Wednesday 9 am–8 pm

Thursday 9 am–8 pm

Friday 9 am–5 pm

Saturday 10 am–2 pm

Sunday 1–5 pm *Sept.–May*

Holiday Closings

Good Friday: March 29
Easter Sunday: March 31

The BCCLS App

The library is in your pocket with the BCCLS mobile app! Find the nearest library, manage your account, search the catalog, renew/reserve materials, display your virtual library card, see upcoming events, explore online resources and stay connected! Go to your iOS or Android app store and search for “BCCLS Libraries (NJ)” to download the free app.



Explore America's National Treasures: National Parks Unveiled

Monday, April 15 @ 7 pm

Join us for a lecture by travel expert Chris McCormack and get an insider guide to visiting the US National Parks. **Register online.**

Welcome Kathryn Ennist as our New Director!

For me, working in a public library is the best experience. Libraries are wonderful places and are always an asset to any community. The Upper Saddle River Library is no exception. I have felt so welcome by the staff, patrons, and residents since I started here as director. In the weeks and months ahead I hope to learn more about Upper Saddle River and grow the Library's mission of inspiring lifelong learning, creating possibilities, and strengthening the community. Please stop in at the library. I look forward to meeting everyone.

Sincerely, Kathryn Ennist

March brings Monumental Virtual Authors

Join us as we chat with three new bestselling and highly acclaimed authors! March welcomes NPR legal correspondent, Nina Totenberg (*Dinners with Ruth*) to talk to us about her friendship with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Additionally, YA mega author Christopher Paolini will chat about his return to the *World of Eragon* with *Murtagh*, a continuation of his epic dragon-riding fantasy series, and we're closing out the month with Madeline Miller, New York Times bestselling author of *The Song of Achilles* and *Circe*. Register on the Library Speakers Consortium page on the Adult tab on our website. All Author Talks are recorded and can be viewed at a later date.

Total Solar Eclipse Activities

On April 8, a total solar eclipse will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. The next total solar eclipse that can be seen from the U.S. will be in 2044! Celebrate this phenomenon with our special programs. *The Sun Will Darken* is a virtual lecture with Meteorologist Joe Rao on April 1 @ 7 pm. Children will have creative opportunities with *ArtyTime Space Paintings* for grades 3–5 on March 25 at 3:30 pm, and *Galaxy Oil Pastel Drawing* for grades 6–12 on April 10 at 4 pm. Registration is required for all programs.

Beginning March 15, check out a book from one of our designated displays for all ages and receive a **free pair of certified solar eclipse viewing glasses**. Limit of two pairs per family. For USR cardholders only, while supplies last.

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Adult Programs & Library News

Programs are in-person and virtual and require online registration unless designated as a Drop-in

Book Clubs

Find book club lists and dates on our website.

Novels at Night • Wednesdays @ 7 pm (*in library*)

Mar. 6 *Happy Place* by Emily Henry ♦

Apr. 3 *The Wager* by David Grann ♦

Coffee Talk • Thursdays @ 10 am (*in library*)

Mar. 21 *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver ♦☼

Apr. 18 *Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese ♦

Get Lit(erary) • Monday @ 7 pm (*at Shannon Rose*)

Mar. 25 *Bright Young Women* by Jessica Knoll ♦

Books will be available at the Circulation desk.

♦ ebook/audiobook *also* available on the *Libby* app.

☼ ebook/audiobook *also* available on the *hoopla*® app.

Download the apps and read library books on your device—they're free with your USR Library card!

Adult Drop-in Programs

Tech Help • Thursdays @ 3:30–4:30 pm

Free one-on-one tech help for your phone, tablet, or laptop is provided by NHRHS Honor Society students. Simply drop-in—and make sure to bring your device!

Chat & Stitch • Wednesdays @ 12–1 pm

Drop-in with your needlework project and join like-minded crafters and share ideas! *Group meets weekly.*

Movie Afternoons • Thursdays @ 1 pm

Enjoy a recent theater release on our big screen.

March 7 @ 1 pm *The Holdovers*

April 4 @ 1 pm *To Be Announced*

Bridge Club • Fridays @ 10 am

Bridge lovers with a passing knowledge of bidding and play-of-hand are welcome to join. *Club meets weekly.*

Store Your Library Cards in the BCCLS App!

When you sign into your library account on the BCCLS app, you can use it as your library card with the *My Barcode* feature to check out materials at BCCLS libraries. You can also add multiple library card numbers to the app! Many parents find this helpful, as they can add their children's library cards.

Adult Programs

Register for programs on our website calendar.

Mindful Breath and Movement

Wednesdays, March 6–April 24 @ 10–10:30 am

Linda Strauss from *One Body Yoga* guides us through accessible, mindful breath and movement practices. No experience is necessary. Dress comfortably. **Register.**

Ancient Olympics • Thursday, March 14 @ 7 pm

Celebrate this year's Summer Olympics with a look at its origins. Mike Norris, Ph.D., will explore how this religious event in southern Greece developed and helped unite Greek speakers across the ancient world. **Register.**

Needle Felting • Tuesday, March 26 @ 11 am

Christine from *Woolly Pets* will teach us how to sculpt shapes and figures using wool and special felting needles. She'll guide us as we make a springtime project. Priority is given to USR cardholders. **Register.**

The Sun Will Darken • Monday, April 1 @ 7 pm

Joe Rao former Chief Meteorologist and Science Editor at News 12, Westchester NY, will explain the mechanics of what causes eclipses as well as how to safely observe and enjoy the amazing astronomical event on April 8. **This is a Virtual program, register for a ZOOM link.**

Cooking The Books • Thursday, April 11 @ 7 pm

Jeanine Donofrio's *Love and Lemons* food blog and three cookbooks celebrate delicious cooking with seasonal fruits and vegetables. Select one of her recipes, create the dish as written, and be ready to discuss and share. Priority is given to USR cardholders. **Register.**

Explore America's National Treasures: National Parks Unveiled • Monday, April 15 @ 7 pm

Join travel expert Chris McCormack for an insider guide to visiting the US National Parks. He will share breathtaking photos plus information on park passes, apps for best prices, camping, and what to bring. **Register.**

Cheese 101: Getting to Know Cheese • Thursday, April 18 @ 7 pm • Explore the history of cheese making with cheese specialist and educator, Carla Graifer. A list of cheeses and where to purchase (optional) will be forwarded in advance so at the end of the lecture participants can sample and discuss the selections. **This is a Virtual program, register for a ZOOM link.**

Children Programs • Birth–5th Grade

Children/Teen programs are limited to U.S.R. Library cardholders and require online registration.

Family Bingo Night • All Ages

Thursday, March 7 @ 6:30–7:30 pm

Join us for Bingo with prizes and snacks! **Register.**

Zoophoria • All Ages • Thursday, April 18 @ 6–7 pm

Get close and personal with awesome animals! **Register.**

Little Ones Playtime • Ages 0–3 with a caregiver

Wednesdays, March 6–April 3 @ 10:30–11:15 am

Open play with toys stories and songs! **Register.**

Play-doh® Playtime • Ages 3–5 with a caregiver

Tuesday, Mar. 26 & Monday, Apr. 15 @ 3:15–4:15 pm

Squish, shape, and roll Play-doh® with friends! **Register.**

Wild & Crafty with Bergen County Zoo • PreK–K

Monday, March 4 @ 3:30–4:15 pm

Enjoy a story, an animal visitor, and a craft! **Register.**

Musical Munchkins • Ages 2–5 with a caregiver

Tuesdays, March 19 & April 30 @ 3:30–4 pm

Join Miss Ambyr for interactive musical fun! **Register.**

Animal Classifications with Bergen County Zoo

Grades 1–5 • Tuesday, March 5 @ 3:30–4:15 pm

Learn how to distinguish animals based on their classifications, plus meet an animal guest! **Register.**

Chess Club • Mondays @ 5:30–6:30 pm • Grades 3–8

March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 8, 15, 29

Learn to play chess with students from NHRHS and library staff. **Register.**

Crafternoon • Grades 3–5

Tuesdays, March 12 & April 16 @ 3:15–4:15 pm

Unwind after school with snacks and a craft! **Register.**

ArtyTime Space Paintings • Grades 3–5

Monday, March 25 @ 3:30–4:30 pm

Join Wendy from *ArtyTime* to create an awesome space painting! **Register.**

Drop-In Lego® Club • Grades K–5

Wed, March 6 & 20, April 10 & 24 @ 3:30–4:30 pm

Join us for free-building with our collection of LEGO® bricks! Participate anytime during the time slot.

Drop-In Dog Man Craft • Grades 1–5

Monday, March 18 @ 3–4:30 pm

Celebrate the upcoming release of *The Scarlet Shedder* with a *Dog Man* craft!

Drop-In Crafts

Spring Craft for Gr. K–2 • Tuesday, April 9 @ 3–4 pm

Card Craft for Gr. K–5 • Monday, April 29 @ 3–4:30 pm

Teen Programs • 6th–12th Grade

Monday Funday! Drop-in for fun activities @ 3–4 pm

March 4 - Kahoot! Trivia

April 8 - Edible Dirt Cups

April 15 - Crafternoon: Beaded Pens

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Learn to play chess or improve your game with students from NHRHS and library staff. **Register.**

Candy Bingo

Monday, March 18 @ 3:30 pm • Grades 6–12

Join us and play BINGO for candy prizes! **Register.**

Air Plant Terrariums • Grades 6–12

Thursday, March 21 @ 3:30–4:30 pm

Create a small terrarium with a live air plant. **Register.**

The Sun Will Darken • Monday, April 1 @ 7 pm

Learn about the solar eclipse! Find more information under the Adult programs. **Register for a ZOOM link.**

Galaxy Pastel Drawing • Grades 6–12

Wednesday, April 10 @ 4–5 pm

Celebrate the solar eclipse by creating an oil pastel galaxy with Wendy from *ArtyTime*. **Register.**

Craft for a Cause • Gr. 6–12 • Wed., April 24 @ 3 pm

Drop in and make greeting cards for Seniors and hospitalized children. Teens will receive volunteer hours.

Teen Advisory Club • Thursday, April 25 @ 6:30 pm

Join the club! We'll plan activities for children/teens and organize community service projects. **Open to USR residents and NHRHS students in Gr. 8–12. Register.**

Friends of the USR Library News

The Friends of The Library are happy to offer new titles for our upcoming sales on March 9th and April 13th, from 10 am–1 pm, and our ongoing Lobby Book Sale. Stop by and buy your next great read! Revenue from our sales alone cannot fund all we provide at the library. Your annual contributions are essential for us to provide all the extra services you have come to enjoy. Donate at any time via the Friends tab on the Library website or by mail. Thank you for your support!

Library Board of Trustees' Meetings

Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00 pm

The Upper Saddle River Board of Trustees would like to thank outgoing member Tom DeBrock for his years of service, and welcome new board member Maria-Elena DeGregorio.

Museum Passes Available

The Museum Pass program, sponsored by the Friends of the USR Library, offers cardholders free or nominal admission to the participating museums below. Borrow a pass and enjoy all the wonderful arts, culture and education that our area has to offer! Reserve passes online with **Museum Key**, found on the Friends Tab at www.upsaddleriverlibrary.org.

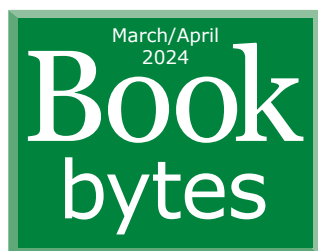
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