

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** closed

*The Library reopens on Sundays  
1–5 pm beginning September 7*

## Holiday Closings

Independence Wknd. July 4–6  
Labor Day Wknd. Aug. 30–Sept. 1

## Library of Things

The Library of Things is a collection of physical items for loan that expands the boundaries of traditional library materials. We have indoor/outdoor games, Tonieboxes, a bluetooth record player, and more. Stop in to see the collection. A valid adult USR Library card is needed to borrow. Items are loaned for seven days with one renewal.



## London Calling: Beatles Tribute Band

Thursday, July 31 @ 7 pm

If you love the Beatles, then don't miss this live concert from *London Calling*. This dynamic group will entertain you with an evening of iconic songs that have shaped music history. Light refreshments will be provided. This program is open to all BCCLS cardholders.

## Summer Reading • Color Our World

All Ages are invited to the program kick-off on June 14

**Join our annual Summer Reading program!** This year's theme is *Color Our World*. It is open to Upper Saddle River Library cardholders and there's fun for everyone. All reading counts, so read what you love and reap the rewards! Children entering pre-K–grade 5 in the fall can earn weekly prizes, a lawn sign, and a grand prize gift basket. Teens entering grades 6–12 in the fall can win gift cards. Adults ages 18+ can win gift cards and themed gift baskets.

The program runs from June 16–August 31. All logging is online through the Reader Zone app or website, so no matter where you go this summer, you can participate! Visit our website to learn more.



**Kick-off Summer Reading 2025 with a party for all residents at the library on Saturday, June 14 from 12–2 pm!** Enjoy fun-filled music and dancing with DJ Anthony, balloon art, a colorful craft, games, snacks, ice cold treats, and more! Plus, swing by the Summer Reading station to get started with our reading programs—and enter a special raffle just for signing up!

## New Museum Passes Added

We are excited to announce that *The Frick Collection* and *The 9/11 Memorial & Museum* have been added to the Museum Pass program. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, there are now ten museums that Upper Saddle River patrons may visit for free or at nominal cost. Find details and reserve your pass on the Museum Pass page found on the Borrowing tab of our website.

## Children's Author Summer Series

The **Library Speakers Consortium** will have three K–12 author talks geared for young readers in the month of July.

- Raúl The Third (PK–grade 2) • July 8 at 4 pm
- Marie Lu (grades 9–12) • July 17 at 4 pm
- Rex Ogle (grades 6–8) • July 23 at 4 pm



Register on the Library Speakers Consortium page found on the Adult tab on our website. Author Talks are recorded and can be viewed at any time.

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# Adult Programs & Library News

Programs are in-person or 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 • Wednesday @ 7 pm (*in library*)

June 4 *The Husbands* by Holly Gramazio ♦

July 2 *The Glassmaker* by Tracy Chevalier ♦

### Coffee Talk • Thursday @ 10 am (*in library*)

June 19 *The Only One Left* by Riley Sager ♦

July 17 *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad ♦

August 21 *Welcome to the Hyunam-Dong Bookshop*  
by Hwang Bo-Reum ♦

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

July 21 *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters ♦

Books will be available at the Circulation desk.

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

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## Adult Drop-in Programs

### Tech Help • Thursdays @ 12–1 pm

One-on-one tech help for your phone, tablet, or laptop.  
Simply drop-in—and bring your device!

### Chat & Stitch • Wednesdays @ 12–1 pm

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

### Movie Afternoons • Thursdays @ 1 pm

June 5: *A Complete Unknown*

July 10: *Green and Gold*

August 7: *The Friend*

### Bridge Club • Fridays @ 10 am

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

## Keep Your Card in the BCCLS App

There's one less card to carry when you add your USR library card to the My Barcode feature in the BCCLS mobile app. You can also add multiple cards, which parents find very helpful! Within the app you can manage your account, find the nearest library, search the catalog and explore online library resources. Go to your iOS or Android app store and search for “BCCLS Libraries (NJ)” to download the free app on your phone today!

## Adult Programs

Information & Registration on our website calendar.

### Mindful Breath and Movement

Wednesdays, June 4–August 27 @ 10–10:30 am

Linda Strauss from *One Body Yoga* will guide us through accessible breath and movement practices. Participants do not need to be experienced or flexible. Just bring your curiosity and wear comfortable clothes. **Drop-in.**

### Walk With Us! • Mondays, June 2–August 25 @ 9 am

Walking is a great way to improve your overall health. So, make it part of your Monday morning routine to join us as we explore walking paths at different local parks. All you need is a good pair of shoes, water and the desire to get fit! **Drop-in.**

### What to Plant Now and How to Keep Weeds Out

Tuesday, June 3 @ 11 am • Kris Scheufele, a Rutgers Environmental Steward, will let us know what grows best when planted in early summer plus offer some low-maintenance weed control strategies. There will also be a quick demonstration of mulch layering and natural weed barrier techniques. **Register.**

### Mah Jongg Strategy: The Art of Hand Development

Wednesday, June 11 @ 4 pm • Michele Frizzell of *MahJLife* will explain the stages of hand development and how players can optimize their winning potential by estimating their position while also assessing risks. **Virtual-Register for Zoom link.**

### Farm to Glass Mixology • Thurs., July 10 @ 6:30 pm

Celebrate summer by incorporating our wonderful local produce—herbs, cucumbers, berries, vegetables—into cocktails! Mixologist Tammy Coxen is back to teach us how to shake, stir, muddle, infuse, and garnish our way to delicious drinks. **Virtual-Register for Zoom link.**

### Cooking the Books • Wednesday, July 16 @ 7 pm

Select one of Giada De Laurentiis' recipes from either her many cookbooks or blog. Create the dish as written, (no substitutions) and be ready to discuss and share with others when we meet. **Register.**

### London Calling: Beatles Tribute Band

Thursday, July 31 @ 7 pm • Join with your friends and neighbors for an entertaining musical evening with this dynamic group. More information at the top of page 1.

# Children & Teen Summer Programs

Children's & Teen programs are limited to U.S.R. Library cardholders, online registration is required.

## Children • Birth–5th Grade

Registration opens 2 weeks before each program date.

### Summer Reading Kick-off Party • All Ages

Saturday, June 14 @ 12–2 pm • **Drop-in** and enjoy music, balloon art, craft, games, snacks, ice cream and more! Enter a raffle for signing up for Summer Reading!

### Balloon Animal Making • Grades 2–5

Tuesday, June 3 @ 3:30 pm

Learn how to make balloon animals! **Register.**

### Little Red Puppet Show • ages 2–7

Wednesday, June 4 @ 3:30 pm

Enjoy this classic story told with marionettes. **Register.**

### Take & Make Crafts for Kids • Grades K–5

Mondays, June 16–July 28

Pick up a colorful take-home craft every Monday.

### StoryFaces • All Ages • Tuesday, June 24 @ 6 pm

Stories come to life with face painting. **Register.**

### Little Ones Storytime • Ages 0–3 with a caregiver

Wednesday, June 25–August 6 @ 9:30 am

Playtime, stories & songs! **Drop-in.**

### PreSchool Activities • Ages 3–5 with a caregiver

Mondays, June 30–July 28 @ 2 pm

Join Miss Erika for a fun activity each week! **Register.**

### Zumbini • Ages 1–5 with a caregiver

Thursday, June 26, July 10, 17 & 31 @ 2 pm

Music and movement class with an instructor. **Register.**

### Aesop's Fables Puppet Show • All Ages

Tuesday, July 8 @ 6 pm

*The Lion & the Mouse* and *Tortoise & the Hare*. **Register.**

### Magic Show • All ages • Tuesday, July 15 @ 6 pm

Steve Woyce amazes you with colorful magic! **Register.**

### Zoophoria • All Ages • Tuesday, July 22 @ 6 pm

A hands-on animal experience like no other! **Register.**

### City Winds Trio • All Ages • Tuesday, July 29 @ 6 pm

Explore color through music. **Register.**

Scan for Children's programs on our website



## Teens • 5th–12th Grade\*

\*for students entering 5th–12th grade in the fall.

### End of School Ice Cream Party • Gr. 5–12

Thursday, June 5 @ 3–3:45 pm

Make your own ice cream sundae and find out about the Teen Summer Reading Program and the great programs we have lined up for Summer. **Register.**

### ArtyTime Paint Party • Gr. 5–12

Thursday, June 26 @ 6 pm

Wendy from *ArtyTime* will provide instructions to create a summer-themed painting on canvas. **Register.**

### Create with Clay • Gr. 5–12

Thursday, July 10 @ 6 pm

Make a beautiful summer-themed clay trinket dish with Lisa from *Create with Clay*. **Register.**

### Candy Bingo • Gr. 5–12

Thursday, July 17 @ 6 pm

Play Bingo for candy prizes. **Register.**

### Battle Chefs • Gr. 5–12 Thursday, July 24 @ 6 pm

Kids will work in teams to create a fun, edible display using a summer theme. **Register.**

### Craft Cafe • Gr. 5–12

Wednesday, July 30 @ 6 pm

Do you love leftovers? If so, join us for a fun evening of crafts! We'll have an assortment of craft projects from this past year. Snacks. **Register.**

Scan for Teen programs on our website



## Summer Reading Kick-off

Saturday, June 14 • 12–2 pm • Drop-In  
There's Fun for Everyone!

Balloon  
Artist

Craft for  
all Ages

Music With  
DJ Anthony

Ice Cold  
Treats

Games &  
Snacks



Learn all about the Summer Reading Programs for Kids, Teens and Adults—and enter a special raffle for signing up!

## Friends of the Library News




The Friends' last Book Sale before Summer will be Saturday, June 14, 10am–1pm. All children's books and adult paperback novels will be \$1.00, and any child who comes to browse may choose a free book. We have lots of new titles for summer reading! All sales are CASH ONLY. Never fear, our Lobby Book Sale will continue all summer with new titles added regularly. We will continue to stock our shelves with new titles and resume our monthly sales in September.

The Friends are proud sponsors of our Library's Summer Reading Program for children and adults, and our June Sale will coincide with the kickoff party for summer reading. We encourage you to stop by downstairs at our last sale to find a summer read.

## Library Board of Trustees' Meetings

Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 6 pm

## Sign up and Stay Connected!

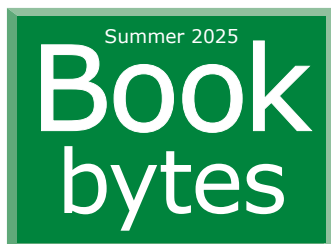
Scan the code below to enroll in the USR Library eNewsletters, it's an easy way to stay informed about our Summer Reading program and all library events! The **Adult eNews** lets you know when new books and media are added to our collection, upcoming adult programs and online resources. Our **Teen eNews** for 6th–12th grade and our **Children's eNews** for newborns–5th grade will keep you up-to-date with the latest programs, as well as new books, media and valuable online resources.   



## Reserve a Study Room Online

The Library has four study rooms available on the main floor for patron use. Individuals or small groups can use the rooms for studying, meetings, or as a work space. Reserve these rooms online, the instructions are on our website under the Services tab.

Visit us at: [www.upsaddleriverlibrary.org](http://www.upsaddleriverlibrary.org)



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