

the Newsletter of the
Upper Saddle River Library

Library Hours

Monday 9 am–8 pm

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Thursday 9 am–8 pm

Friday 9 am–5 pm

Saturday 10 am–2 pm

Sunday 1–5 pm

Sunday hours begin Sept. 7

Holiday Closings

Labor Day Wknd. Aug. 30–Sept. 1

Thanksgiving Nov. 27–28

Halloween Costume Contest is for the Dogs!

Saturday, Oct. 25 @ 1 pm

All ages welcome!

Adults and children bring your furry friend in costume to the library for this annual bark-erific event! Prizes are awarded in many categories and spectators are always welcome to join in the fun. **Register online.**

Visit us at Upper Saddle River Day

Join us at Lions Park on Saturday, Sept. 13th from 12–5 pm. It's the perfect time to reconnect with neighbors and visit our wonderful community groups. Stop by the Library's table and take a chance with our carnival spinning prize wheel—everyone is a winner! And don't forget a photo with Pete the Cat!

New this fall: Silent Readers Club

Join our Silent Readers Club! Take the opportunity to meet new people, gather book recommendations, and (silently) read what you want in a low-key social setting! BYO book or pick one from the Library's collection and enjoy some quiet reading time. We'll have time to chat and enjoy snacks at the beginning and then settle in to read. There is no assigned reading—bring what you enjoy. All book formats are welcome. (Headphones are required for audiobooks). The club meets monthly at 7 pm, see dates on page 2. **Register.**

Free Online Tutoring with Brainfuse HelpNow™

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September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

Whether you're upgrading your skills, scouting for knowledge or looking for a great book, a library card is your key to an arsenal of resources. Hitting the road? Use your library card to fuel your mind with books, e-books, audiobooks, and museum passes. Sign-up today, online or stop in!

Friends of the Library News

The Friends have been working hard all summer to reorganize and stock our shelves with new titles in every category. Plan to come to our September 6th sale from 10am–1pm and find your next great read! Sales are Cash Only. As always, every child who comes to browse may choose a free book. In between our monthly sales, don't forget our ongoing Lobby Book Sale where all titles are \$1.00. Thank you for your support as we fundraise to provide programs for you at our wonderful Library!



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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.

Get Lit(erary) · Monday @ 6:30 pm (at Shannon Rose)

Sept. 15 *God of the Woods* by Liz Moore ❖

Nov. 17 *I Have Some Questions for You*
by Rebecca Makkai ❖

Novels at Night · Wednesday @ 7 pm (in Library)

Sept. 10 *The Paris Express* by Emma Donoghue ❖

Oct. 8 *So Far Gone* by Jess Walter ❖

Nov. 5 *James* by Percival Everett ❖☼

Coffee Talk · Thursday @ 10 am (in Library)

Sept. 18 *Unbroken: A WWII Story of Survival, Resilience
and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand ❖

Oct. 16 *Mexican Gothic* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia ❖

Nov. 20 *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien ❖☼

Silent Readers Club · Thursdays @ 7 pm (in Library)

Sept. 11, Oct. 9 and Nov. 13

There's no assigned reading, information is on page 1.

Books are available at the Circulation desk.

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

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Adult Drop-in Programs

NEW this fall: BYOC (Bring Your Own Craft)

Wednesday, Oct. 29 & Nov. 12 @ 6:30 pm

Do you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, sketch, scrapbook, or another kind of handcraft? Bring your craft to the library for a casual, crafty hangout! *Meets monthly.*

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

Sept. 4 *The Penguin Lessons*

Oct. 9 *The Materialist* · Nov. 6 To be announced

Tech Help · Thursdays @ 3:30–4:40 pm

One-on-one tech help for your device beginning Sept. 11.

Bridge Club · Fridays @ 11 am

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

Adult Programs

Information & Registration on our website calendar.

Mindful Breath and Movement

Wed., Sept. 3–Nov. 26 @ 10–10:30 am · *no class 10/1*
Linda Strauss from *One Body Yoga* will guide us through mindful breath and movement practices. Experience is not necessary, wear comfortable clothes. **Drop-in.**

Walk With Us! · Mondays, Sept. 8–Nov. 24 @ 9 am

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! *No class 10/13.* **Register.**

Basic Home Electricity · Monday, Sept. 8 @ 6:30 pm

Learn the basics of home electricity with adult educator George Chrisafis. He'll cover electricity distribution outside and inside the home, different electrical components, circuits, wiring types and more. **Register.**

Ask a Travel Advisor · Tuesday, Sept. 16 @ 7 pm

Whether you're ready to sail the seas, explore the world, or relax at a resort, Ira Gross from *Crave Getaways* will provide you with the tools to plan your next great trip.

Cooking The Books · Select a recipe, create the dish as written (no substitutions) and be ready to discuss and share when we meet. **Register for each date.**

Alex Snodgrass/*The Defined Dish* · Thurs., Sept. 18 · 7 pm
Martha Stewart · Thursday, Nov. 20 · 7 pm

Fitz's Fish Pond Tour · Thursday, Sept. 25 @ 11 am

Whether you're a seasoned koi collector or simply curious about the beauty of water features and aquatics, join us for a tour of this Saddle River facility. **Register.**

London Calling: Beatles Tribute Band

Sunday, Sept. 28 @ 2 pm · If you love the *Beatles*, you don't want to miss this live concert! You'll enjoy the iconic songs that have shaped music history. **Drop-in.**

Halloween Craft · Tuesday, Oct. 21 @ 11 am

Wendy from *Artytime Paint* will guide us as we paint Jack-o-Lanterns on a wine bottle. Twinkle lights inside will complete our spooky creation. **Register.**

Calligraphy Class · Thursday, Nov. 13 @ 11 am

Learn the basics of calligraphy with the *Spotted Canvas* art studio. All supplies are provided. **Register.**

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.

Backyard Buddies with Unique Creatures • All Ages
Wednesday, Sept. 17 @ 6:30 pm • Meet the cute and curious critters that live all around us! **Register.**

Drop-In Spooky Scavenger Hunt • All Ages
Thursday, Oct. 30 @ 3–7 pm • Embark on a spooky scavenger hunt in the children's area! Prizes and treats!

Little Ones Storytime • Ages 0–3 with a caregiver
Wednesday, Sept. 24–Nov. 5 @ 9:30 am • Join Miss Lauren for playtime, stories, and songs! **Drop-in.**

Playtime with a PT • pre-crawling ages 0–1
Friday, Sept. 19 @ 10–10:45 am • This is an interactive class for pre-crawling babies and their caregivers, led by a pediatric physical therapist. **Register.**

PreSchool Storytime • Ages 3–5 with a caregiver
Mondays, Sept. 15–Oct. 27 @ 3:30 pm • Join Miss Erika for a story, songs on a ukulele and an activity. **Register.**

Crafternoon • Grades 3–5
Mon., Sept. 8 and Wed. Oct. 15 @ 3:30–4:30 pm
Unwind after school with snacks and a craft. **Register.**

Drop-In Crafts • Grades K–2
Tuesdays, Sept. 9 and Oct. 14 @ 3:30–4:30 pm

Flavor Labs • Grades 3–5 • Tuesday, Sept. 16 @ 4 pm
Join Casey from *The Flavor Labs* to make edible cinnamon oatmeal cookie dough! **Register.**

Culinary Creatives: Fall Pancake Rounds • Gr. K–2
Wednesday, Sept. 24 @ 3:30 pm • Kids will learn to mix mini pancakes with seasonal ingredients! **Register.**

Drop-in LEGO® Club • Grades K–5
Tuesdays, September 30 & October 28 @ 3–4:30 pm

Spooky Slime • Grades K–5
Tuesday, Oct. 21 @ 4 pm • Create ooey-gooley, creepy-crawly slime with a Halloween twist! **Register.**

Make a Light-Up Ghost • Grades 4–5
Wednesday, Oct. 29 @ 3:30 pm • Make your own spooky light-up ghost with *Creating with Clay*. **Register.**

Teens • 6th–12th Grade*

*Except where indicated. Register online.

Teen/YA Ice Cream Party • Gr. 6–12
Thursday, Sept. 11 @ 2:45–3:45 pm
Make your own ice cream sundae, catch up with friends, and find out what is new in the Teen Dept.! **Register.**

Monday Funday! • Drop-in 3–4 pm • Gr. 6–12
Sept. 8 – Crafternoon
Sept. 29 – Candy Sushi
Oct. 27 – Halloween Edible Dirt Cups

Edible Cookie Dough • Grades 6–12
Thursday, Sept. 25 @ 4 pm • Make edible cookie dough with Casey from *The Flavor Labs*. **Register.**

Teen Chopped Challenge • Grades 6–12
Thursday, Oct. 9 @ 4 pm • Teens will work in teams to see who can create the most delicious treats! *Shop Rite of Ramsey* will supply mystery ingredients. **Register.**

Spooky Light-Up Ghosts • Grades 6–12
Wednesday, Oct. 15 @ 4 pm • Make your own spooky light-up ghost with *Creating with Clay*. **Register.**

Halloween Candy Bingo • Grades 6–12
Thursday, Oct. 23 @ 3:30 pm • Candy prizes! **Register.**

Chess Club* • Mondays @ 5:30–6:15 pm • Grades 4–8
Sept. 8, 29, Oct. 6, 20 & Nov. 10, 24 • Play chess, improve your game and meet new friends! This is not an instructional program, beginners are welcome but must have a basic understanding of the game. Volunteers from NHRHS lead the club with library staff. **Register.**

Teen Volunteer Program* • Grades 8–12
Looking for volunteer/community service hours? Join us and find out about opportunities throughout the school year. Limited to USR cardholders and NHRHS students. **Register** and submit a Teen Volunteer form.

Halloween Dog Costume Contest! • All Ages
Saturday, Oct. 25 @ 1 pm • Bring your dog in costume to this annual bark-erific event! **Register.**

For the latest programs and events, scan to sign up for Children's and Teen eNews!



Museum Passes Available

The Museum Pass program offers USR cardholders admission to participating museums for free or at nominal cost. Borrow a pass and enjoy the wonderful arts, culture, and education that our area has to offer. Find museums and reserve a pass on the Museum Pass page found on the **Borrowing Tab** of our website. *Sponsored by the Friends of the USR Library.*

Borrow an eReader

Kindle Paperwhite eReaders are available for USR adult patrons to borrow. These devices are pre-loaded with the latest best sellers and current popular titles. New titles are added frequently!

Print remotely at the Library

Print from your own device to our copier. Find information on the **Services Tab** on our website.

Sign up and Stay Connected!

Scan the code to enroll in the USR Library eNewsletters for **Children, Teens and Adults**, it's an easy way to stay informed about our latest programs and library events! Also find us on social media. 



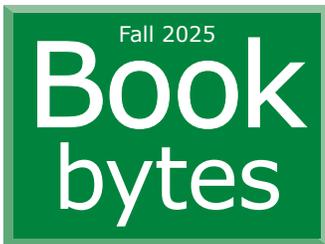
Reserve a Study Room Online

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**.

Library Board of Trustees' Meetings

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 6 pm
Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 6 pm
Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 6 pm

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