

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 *through May 17.*
The Library reopens on Sundays
beginning September 13.

Holiday Closings

Easter Sunday April 5
Memorial Day Wknd. May 23–25

Store your Library card on your phone!

Your library card is always with you when you download the BCCLS mobile app. You can display your card virtually, find the nearest library, search the catalog, manage your account, renew/reserve, explore online resources and more. Go to your iOS or Android app store, search for “BCCLS Libraries (NJ)” to download the free app.

Hippie Trails Music

Sunday, May 17 · 2 pm

London Calling, our favorite *Beatles* music tribute band, is back with an all new show! Join us for an unforgettable musical journey along the Hippie Trails with classic songs from the 60s and 70s. Light refreshments will be provided. This program is open to all BCCLS cardholders.

A Thank You to Our Volunteers and Supporters!

The Upper Saddle River Library aspires to be the heart of the community, and we are continuously inspired by the individuals and organizations who go out of their way to support the Library, our aspirations, and our goals. Through the years so many people and groups have volunteered their time and their support to the Library. Thank you to each and every one of you!

While it would take far more than a single newsletter to list all of our supporters, I want to especially thank the *Friends of the Library* for their tireless work to raise funds for the benefit of the Library. Thank you to the *USR Men’s Foundation* for their unexpected but very appreciated donation. Finally, thank you to our outgoing Library Board President Dennis Schubert for his years of dedication as a library board member and president, and for all of his work behind the scenes at the Library.

Kathryn Ennist, Director

Learn a Language at Your Own Pace

Mango Languages is a free online language learning subscription for our cardholders. Choose over 70 world languages to learn on your desktop, mobile device or offline. Mango features real-world, conversational lessons designed to help you speak confidently. You can record your pronunciation, compare it with native speakers, and follow interactive lessons. Whether you’re preparing for travel, reconnecting with your heritage, or simply learning for fun, Mango makes it easy to grow your language skills at your own pace. Challenge yourself! Find Mango on our website’s Reference tab.

Browse Our Virtual Shelves

and find your next favorite read with the Libby app!

The **Libby app** lets you easily browse and borrow BCCLS ebooks, audiobooks, and e-magazines from your phone or tablet. With the Libby app all your loans, bookmarks, and reading progress will sync across your devices. If you prefer reading on your Kindle, Libby can send your library books to it. Enjoy audiobooks in your car, download ebooks and audiobooks for offline reading, never miss a hold and create your very own to-be-read list. Download the Libby app, it’s free and easy to get started.



245 Lake Street
Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458
Ph. 201-327-2583 · Fx. 201-327-3966

email: usdrcirc@bccls.org
www.upper.saddle.river.library.org
Connect with us:

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)
Mar. 23 *The Wager* by David Grann ❖
May 11 *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn ❖❖

Novels at Night · Wednesday @ 7 pm (in Library)
Mar. 4 *Murder Takes a Vacation* by Laura Lippman ❖❖
Apr. 8 *Shadow Ticket* by Thomas Pynchon ❖
May 6 *How to Dodge a Cannonball* by Dennard Dayle ❖

Coffee Talk · Thursday @ 10 am (in Library)
Mar. 19 *All the Sinners Bleed* by S.A. Cosby ❖❖
Apr. 16 *The Borrowed Life of Fredrick Fife*
by Anna Johnston ❖❖
May 14 *An Absolutely Remarkable Thing* by Hank Green ❖

Silent Readers Club · Thursday @ 7 pm (in Library)
March 12 · There's no assigned reading. Read what you want in a low-key social setting.

Books are available at the Circulation desk.

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

Adult Drop-in Programs

Mindful Breath and Movement

Wednesdays, March 4–May 27 @ 11–11:30 am
Fridays, March 6–May 29 @ 10–10:30 am
Linda Strauss, *One Body Yoga* will guide us through mindful breath and movement practices.

Chat&Stitch · Wednesdays @ 12–1pm · Meets weekly
Drop-in with your needlework project and join like-minded crafters!

Movie Afternoons

Thursdays @ 1 pm
March 5 *Freakier Friday*
April 2 *Springsteen: Deliver Me From Nowhere*
May 7 *Blue Moon*

Thursday Tech Help · 3:30–4:40 pm · Meets weekly
Drop-in for one-on-one tech help for your device.

Bridge Club · Fridays @ 10 am · Meets weekly
Bridge lovers with a passing knowledge of bidding and play-of-hand are welcome to join.

Adult Programs

Programs are in-person unless noted.

Travel Club · Wednesday @ 7 pm
March 4, April 8 & May 6 · Share your vacation stories with other travelers at our monthly meetings facilitated by Ira Gross, *Crave Getaways*. Get great tips on destinations and travel recommendations. **Register.**

Line Dancing · Sunday, March 1 @ 2 pm
Join us as we kick up our heels for an afternoon of line dancing. Lessons are provided by Diana Daniel of *DLD Entertainment*. Cowboy boots are optional! **Register.**

Needle Felting · Tuesday, Mar. 17 @ 11 am
Christine from *Woolly Pets* will teach us the basics of needle felting and then guide us, step by step, as we make a springtime project to take home. **Register.**

Cooking The Books · Thursday, March 19 @ 7 pm
Select one of Nagi's recipes from her cookbooks or her blog, *RecipeTin Eats*, create the dish as written (no substitutions) and be ready to discuss and share. **Register.**

Understanding Artificial Intelligence

Thursday, April 9 @ 7 pm · Join us for an introduction to the world of artificial intelligence, its real-world applications and the concerns surrounding this technology. Eddi Khaytman, *PromoAmbitions LLC*. **Register.**

Simplifying Weekly Meal Planning

Tuesday, April 14 · 11 am · Are you bored with your meal choices? *ShopRite* Dietitian Morgan Kratzer will discuss ways to stretch meals with simple strategies, whether you are cooking for one or a crowd. **Register.**

Getting Started with Sourdough

Thursday, May 7 · 6:30 pm · Learn the process of making sourdough from start(er) to finish with NJ baker Eric Stein. Patrons will go home with a guidebook and a simple sourdough bread recipe. **Register.**

Jewelry Making Workshop · Tues., May 12 · 11 am
Craft artist Margaret Caruvana will guide us as we make bracelets with multi-colored rondelle beads and a silver accent toggle. **Register.**

Hippie Trails Musical Event · Sun., May 17 · 2 pm
Find the program description at the top of page 1.

Children & Teen 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. Find program details online.

Drop-In St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt • All Ages
Tuesday, March 17 @ 3–4:30 pm • Find every color of the rainbow to earn a special St. Patrick's Day treat!

Hocus Pocus! Magic Show • All Ages
Tuesday, April 28 @ 6 pm • Joe Fischer brings nonstop excitement, comedy, and tons of audience participation in this magical event for all ages! **Register.**

Drop-In Little Ones Storytime • Ages 0–3 w/caregiver
Wed., March 11–April 29 @ 9:30 am • *no class 4/15*
Join Miss Lauren for playtime, stories and songs!

Drop-In PreSchool Storytime • Ages 3–5 w/caregiver
Mondays, March 2–30 @ 3:30 pm • Join Miss Erika for a story, songs on guitar and a fun activity each week.

Drop-in LEGO® Club • Grades K–5
Wednesdays, March 18 & April 15 @ 3–4:30 pm

Unique Creatures • PreK–Grade 5
Tuesday, March 3 @ 3:30 pm • Get up close with amazing live animals and learn lots of fun facts. **Register.**

Take & Make Craft Kits • Grades K–5
Weds., March 4 & April 1 • Pick-up a take-home craft kit.

Antarctic Iceberg Challenge • Grades K–2
Tuesday, March 10 @ 4 pm • Build your own toboggan and race penguins with *Challenge Island*. **Register.**

Robot Builders • Grades 1–2
Monday, April 6 @ 4 pm • Join Brooklyn Robot Foundry for an intro to engineering and a robot project that kids will build and take home for more fun! **Register.**

Spring Painting • Hop into Spring with Wendy from *ArtyTime* and paint an adorable bunny on canvas.
Gr. K–2 • Monday, April 20 @ 4 pm • **Register.**
Gr. 3–5 • Tuesday, April 21 @ 4 pm • **Register.**

Charm Bracelet Workshop • Grades 3–5
Wednesday, May 13 @ 4–5 pm • Create a beautiful, one-of-a-kind charm bracelet. **Register.**

Teens • 6th–12th Grade*



*Except where indicated. Find program details and register online.

Teen/YA Build a Better Sandwich • Grades 6–12
Thursday, March 12 @ 4 pm • Join Morgan, the dietician from *ShopRite of Ramsey*, and learn how to build (and eat!) a "better" sandwich. **Register.**

Teen/YA Brunch Masters Cooking Class • Gr. 6–12
Wednesday, March 18 @ 4 pm • Learn how to make pancakes, eggs, and other breakfast favorites with Nicole from *Culinary Creatives*. **Register.**

Diamond Art Painting • Grades 6–12
Monday, March 23 @ 3–4 pm • **Drop in** and create a beautiful diamond art painting from a kit.

Craft for a Cause: Kindness Rocks • Grades 6–12
Thursday, March 26 @ 3–4:30 pm • **Drop-in** between 3–4:30 to paint Kindness Rocks for our garden. Participants will receive community service/volunteer hours.

Craft for a Cause: Toys for Animals in Shelters
Grades 6–12 • Wednesday, April 8 @ 3–4:30 pm
Drop-in between 3–4:30 pm to make toys for dogs and cats in animal shelters. Participants will receive community service/volunteer hours.

Boba Tea Bar • Grades 6–12
Thursday, April 9 @ 2:45–3:30 pm • Calling all boba lovers! Make your own Boba Tea from a variety of flavors. **Drop-in.**

Oreo Taste Test Challenge • Grades 6–12
Monday, April 27 @ 2:45–3:30 pm • Guess the flavor of different Oreo cookies and vote for your favorite and least favorite! **Drop-in.**

Jewelry Making • Grades 6–12
Thursday, April 30 @ 4 pm • Create a beautiful, one-of-a-kind charm bracelet. **Register.**

Chess Club* • Mondays @ 5:30–6:15 pm • Grades 4–8
March 9, 16, April 13, 27 • Play chess, improve your game and meet new friends! Beginners are welcome but must have a basic understanding of the game. NHRHS volunteers lead the club with library staff. **Register.**


Friends of the Library News

Spring brings us welcome warmth and sunshine! The Friends shelves are stocked with new titles in every category. Upcoming Book Sales will be Saturdays March 7, April 11, May 2 and June 6 from 10 am to 1 pm. Stop by and buy! (CASH ONLY) All children who come to browse may select a free book. In between sales, our Lobby Sale offers a variety of good reads—all titles are \$1. Do you want to get involved with keeping our Library great? Join the Friends! Contact Nona Maher (nona.maher@gmail.com). Many thanks to *Inserra Supermarkets* for donating a shopping cart to help us move our book donations!

Museum Passes Available

Reserve a pass for free or nominal admission to participating museums and enjoy the wonderful arts, culture and education that our area has to offer! Find museum info and reserve passes online with **Museum Key**, found on the **Friends 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/events! 



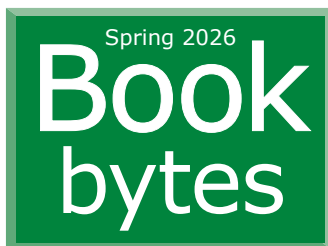
Study Rooms & Remote Printing

Four Study Rooms are available on the upper floor for individuals or small groups. An online room reservation is required. We also offer printing from your own device to our Print Release Station. Find the Study Room reservation link and printing service information on the **Services Tab** of our website.

Library Board of Trustees' Meetings

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 6 pm
Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 6 pm
Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6 pm

Visit us at: www.upsaddleriverlibrary.org



the Newsletter of the
Upper Saddle River Library
245 Lake Street
Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458

Residential Customer
Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458

NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE PAID
MAHWAH NJ
PERMIT No 422

ECRWSS