



The Newsletter of the
Upper Saddle River Library

Library Hours

Monday 9am–8pm

Tuesday 9am–8pm

Wednesday 9am–8pm

Thursday 9am–8pm

Friday 9am–5pm

Saturday 10am–2pm

Sunday The Library reopens
on Sundays 1-5pm beginning
September 13.

Holiday Closings

Labor Day Wknd. Sept. 5-7
USR Day Sept. 26
Thanksgiving Nov. 26, 27

Halloween Costume Contest for Dogs!

Saturday, Oct. 24 @ 1 pm
All ages welcome!

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



Join Us For USR Day!

Saturday, September 26, 2026 • 12pm - 5pm

Join us at Lions Park on Saturday, Sept. 26th 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 Additions to the 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 added several new items to the Library of Things: a knife sharpener, a paper shredder, a tire inflator, binoculars, and a large Connect 4 lawn game. These are in addition to the host of items we already have, which include indoor games, outdoor games, and even a record player. Stop in to see the collection. A valid adult USR Library card is needed to borrow.

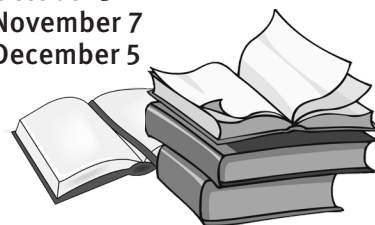
New SEL Book Collection

We've introduced an SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Collection to our children's section! Social Emotional Learning literature focuses on equipping children with important social skills and behaviors, such as empathy and effective communication. For more information, please visit Ms. Erin, our Children's Librarian!

The Friends Book Sale Is Back!

The Friends first Fall Book Sale will be on Saturday, August 29 from 10am-1pm. The shelves are overflowing with new titles and, as always, any child who comes to browse may select a free book. All Sales are CASH ONLY. - *The Friends of the Upper Saddle River Library* (*cont'd on back)

- August 29
- October 3
- November 7
- December 5



Spanish and Korean Language Books

We have Spanish and Korean language books for adults. The two collections are located across from the study rooms in the adult section. They currently have a mix of classics and new titles, and will continue to grow.

Meeting Room Online Reservation System

We've transitioned our meeting room booking requests to our new online reservation system. This applies to all community organizations who use our downstairs meeting rooms. Find more information on our website.



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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 @ 6:30pm (at Shannon Rose)
Sept. 14 *Twice* by Mitch Albom

Nov. 16 *The Busybody Book Club* by Freya Sampson

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

Sept. 9 *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge

Oct. 14 *One of Us* by Elizabeth Day

Nov. 4 *The News from Dublin* by Colm Toibin

Dec. 2 *Didn't You Used to Be Queenie B?* by Terri-Lynne DeFino

Coffee Talk • Thursday @ 10am (in Library)

Sept. 17 *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder* by David Green

Oct. 15 *Howl's Moving Castle* by Diana Wynne Jones

Nov. 12 *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte

Dec. 10 *Everyone In My Family Has Killed Someone* by Benjamin Stevenson

Adult Drop-in Programs

Chat & Stitch • Wednesdays @ 12-1pm

Drop-in with your needlework project to the Adult Solarium and join like-minded crafters! *Meets weekly.*

Movie Afternoons • Thursdays @ 1pm

Drop-in on Thursday afternoons for a recent release.

Sept. 3 - *I Swear*

Oct. 1 - *Michael*

Nov. 5 - *The Devil Wears Prada 2*

Tech Help • Thursdays @ 3:30-4:30 pm. Please consult the online calendar for days where it will be unavailable.

Drop-in for one-on-one tech help for your device.

Mindful Breath and Movement

Wednesdays @ 11-11:30am, 9/2 - 11/25

Fridays @ 10-10:30am, 9/4 - 11/20

Linda Strauss from *One Body Yoga* will guide us through mindful breath and movement practices.

Drop-in.



Adult Programs

Programs are in-person unless noted.

Travel Club • Wednesdays @ 7pm - 9/2, 10/7, 11/4

Come, fellow adventurers, and share your vacation stories with other travelers! Facilitated by Ira Gross, Certified Travel Advisor. **Register.**

Medicare 101 • Tues, Sept. 15 @ 7pm

Confused about all the different aspects of Medicare? This presentation by Gregory Tarris will give you a better understanding of how the program works. **Register.**

Planning for a Magical Trip to Disney

Mon, Sept. 28 @ 7pm

Discover more about vacations to the Walt Disney World Resort during this presentation conducted by an authorized Disney Vacation Planner. **Register.**

Cooking The Books • Wed, Sept. 30 @ 7pm

Choose a recipe to make at home from Ina Garten. Create the dish as written and be ready to discuss and share with others when we meet. **Register.**

Divine Mediumship and Angel Messages

Thurs, Oct. 8 @ 7pm

In this program, RoseMarie Rubinetti Cappiello will explain what mediumship is and talk about signs and dream visits from loved ones. **Register.**

How to Use Today's AI Tools to Simplify Life

Thurs, Oct. 15 @ 7pm

Eddi Khaytman is taking us on a deep-dive into how AI tools can be leveraged to simplify daily tasks and bring new levels of efficiency. **Register.**

Resin Bookmark Making Class

Tues, Oct. 20 @ 11am

Make your reading sparkle by creating your own custom bookmark using real dried flowers with Brooke from Creative Pour. **Register.**

Olive Oil Tasting with Olive R. Twist

Thurs, Nov. 5 @ 7pm

Sample superior quality pure Extra Virgin Olive Oil (EVOO), and learn the value of the powerful antioxidants. **Register.**

Children & Teen Programs

Children's & Teen programs may be limited to U.S.R. Library cardholders. Check website for details.

Children • Birth–5th Grade



Registration opens 2 weeks before each program date. Find program details online.

Culinary Creatives: Apple Cinnamon French Toast

Tues, Sept. 8 at 4pm (grades K-2)

Wed, Sept. 16 at 4pm (grades 3-5)

Join Nicole of Culinary Creatives to learn how to make your own apple cinnamon french toast! **Register.**

Cuentos Juntos: Stories Together

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

Mon, Sept. 14 @ 3:30pm

Children are introduced to Spanish through songs, movement, stories, and playful activities. **Register.**

Junior Engineers • Pre K-5

Tues, Sept. 15 @ 4pm

Design and build a simple machine using special LEGO bricks, including gears, pulleys, and belts! **Register.**

WeDo Robotics 2.0 • Grades 1-3

Tues, Sept. 22 @ 4pm

Build with specialized LEGO bricks, motors, and gears, then bring creations to life with basic coding! **Register.**

Myron the Magnificent's Magic Show • All ages

Wed, Sept. 30 @ 6:30pm. **Register.**

Drop-In Halloween Scavenger Hunt • All ages

Thurs, Oct. 15 @ 3pm - 7pm. **Register.**

Spooky Slime • Grades K-5

Thurs, Oct. 27 @ 3:30pm

Create your own custom, creepy-crawly slime with Splash Labs! **Register.**

Candy Bingo

Tues, Oct. 13 @ 3:30pm for grades K-2

Tues, Oct. 20 @ 3:30pm for grades 3-5

Play Bingo for sweet treats! Guardians must notify us in advance of any allergies. **Register.**

Other Programs: Drop-In Little Ones Storytime (Ages 0-3), Wed. @ 9:30am (dates TBD). Drop-In Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5), Mondays @ 3:30pm, 9/28 - 11/2. Drop-In Lego Club (grades K-5), Wed. Sept. 9 and Oct. 7 at 3pm.

Teens • 6th–12th Grade*



*for students entering grades 6-12 in the fall. Find details online.

Teen/YA Ice Cream Party • Wed, Sept. 16 @ 2:45pm

Make your own ice cream sundae, catch up with friends, and find out what is new in the Teen Department! **Register.**

Teen/YA Cooking Class - Vegetable Potstickers • Thurs, Sept. 17 @ 4pm

Make potstickers from scratch with Nicole from Culinary Creatives. All materials provided. **Register.**

Candy Kabobs • Wed, Sept. 23 @ 2:45pm

Drop in and make delicious candy kabobs from an assortment of candy.

Teen/YA Jewelry Making • Thurs, Oct. 1 @ 4pm

Create a beautiful, one-of-a-kind charm bracelet. All materials provided. **Register.**

Crafternoon

Mon, Oct. 5 @ 2:45pm

Drop in for a fun craft and snacks. **Register.**

Teen/YA Creating with Clay

Thurs, Oct. 22 @ 4pm

Lisa from Creating with Clay will give step-by-step instructions on how to make an adorable frog figurine! All materials provided. **Register.**

Teen/YA Halloween Bingo

Thurs, Oct. 29 @ 3pm

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

Dungeons & Dragons

Thursdays @ 3:30-5:30pm - 9/24, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10

Join Game Master Gio for “session 0” of a brand new pirate themed D&D game! **Register.**

Teen Volunteers:

Join our Teen Volunteer Program! For grades 8 through 12. For more info, contact Debby Davidowitz: debby.davidowitz@uppersaddleriver.bccls.org

Friends of the Library News

*Our Lobby Book Sale continues to provide year-round titles at \$1.00 each. Please look for our annual Membership Mailing in September. Your generous support, coupled with proceeds from our monthly book sales, helps us to fund enhancements to our wonderful Library. In 2026 we funded the installation of upgraded AV equipment in the Powers Room in addition to all the other annual programs we provide. With your help, we look forward to accomplishing our major 2027 goal to assist in updating the Children's Solarium. It was built by the Friends over 25 years ago and is well-loved and heavily trafficked. Your support can help us make it a welcoming space for our newest Library users. Together we can make a difference!

Do you want to get involved with keeping our Library great? Join the Friends! Contact Nona Maher (nona.maher@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued support as we raise funds to support Library needs.

Sign Up and Stay Connected!

Scan the code to enroll in the USR Library eNewsletters for **Children, Teens and Adults!**



Library Board of Trustees' Meetings

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 6 pm

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 6 pm

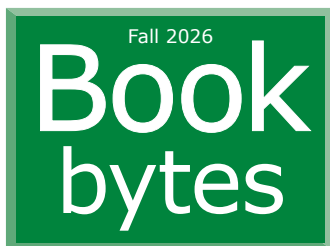
Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 6 pm

Museum Passes Available

Reserve a pass for free or nominal admission to select 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 **Borrowing Tab** on our website.



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