

Violet's Porch

The Newsletter of the Jefferson Township Public Library



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Mom, Dad and Summer Reading

Over the years I have heard many parents say that they don't know how to get their children to read during summer vacation.

Some might try to force their children to read: "You're not leaving the house unless you've read 100 pages." Others might try coercion: "If you read this book I'll take you shopping for new clothes." Sometimes we use fear: "You'll have a test on this book the first week of school."

Here is another way to encourage your children that is much more peaceful and often leads to the desired outcome — children who see their parents reading tend to become motivated readers.

Try delaying dinner by an hour this summer so you can finish reading a great book. Your children, and your spouse, will wonder



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what's so good about that book that dinner is late. Instead of doing the laundry find a nice shady tree

and get lost in a book. Tell your children you can't drive them to the mall because you have to find out if Stephanie Plum and Joe Morelli catch the bad guys.

Children are inspired to read when their parents read with them. If your children are assigned reading for school this summer, read with them. Shared reading makes for great conversation. While sitting in traffic you can ask your children "So who is Pearl's Father?", or

"What kind of a name is Pip?", or "How about that pig! It got a spider to save its' bacon."

Inspire your children this summer by being the reader you want them to be!

Take a Virtual Vacation...

...to the fabulous **Jungle of the Maya** at the library on Wednesday, July 22, 7 PM.

This presentation by photographer and author Doug Goodell (based on his book of the same name) celebrates the nature and wildlife of one of the world's most magi-

cal yet least appreciated places, the Selva Maya, largest contiguous tropical forest north of the Amazon.

Mr. Goodell features many of the region's remarkable creatures — the exotic birds as well as the cats, monkeys, butterflies, reptiles and

plants. He'll highlight some of the archaeological wonders and address the issues threatening the region today.

Please register for this event.





Friday Nights at the Gazebo

Start your summer week-ends off right at Friday night Gazebo Concerts, held at 7 PM on the grounds of Jefferson Municipal Complex. Co-sponsored by the library and the Jefferson Township Gazebo Committee, these shows free, fun for the family, and offer a variety of acts sure to please everyone:

- June 26—*The Jefferson Township Community and Jazz Bands*
- July 17—*The James Dean Orchestra*
- July 24—*Tequila Rose*
- July 31—*Shore Soundz*
- August 7—*Jersey Sound*
- August 14—*Soul Groove*
- August 21—*Carnaby Street*
- August 28—*Dr. Brian & Friends*

Details about each band can be found at www.jeffersonarts.org, or pick up a flyer at the library. If it rains, the show will be moved to the auditorium of the Jefferson Township High School.

Feel free to bring a blanket or chair, and to picnic on the grounds (no alcoholic beverages please.)

For more information, call 973-697-2032 or 973-697-2838, or visit www.jeffersonarts.org.

“There is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that’s your own self.”

—Aldous Huxley

The Reading List 2015

As they do each year, the Reading List Council of the American Library Association has selected the following outstanding genre fiction titles in eight different categories:

Adrenaline

Broken Monsters
by Lauren Beukes

Fantasy

The Goblin Emperor
by Katherine Addison

Historical Fiction

Bitter Greens
by Kate Forsyth

Mystery

Murder at the Brightwell
by Ashley Weaver

Romance

A Bollywood Affair
by Sonali Dev

Science Fiction

The Martian
by Andy Weir

Women’s Fiction

My Real Children
by Jo Walton

Coffee, Donuts & a Movie: Summer Features



Due to a great response, the library has added second showings of some of the free movies that will be shown during the summer on Thursday mornings at 11 AM. Coffee and donuts available at 10:30 AM (while supplies last!)

Unbroken, adapted from Laura Hillenbrand’s book of the same name, is a drama following Olympian and war hero Louis Zamperini. Di-

rected and produced by Angelina Jolie (2014, rated PG-13, 134 minutes) Two show dates: **June 11** and **June 18**.

Winter’s Tale, set in a mythical 1916 and present-day Manhattan, is a story of miracles, crossed destinies and the age-old battle between good and evil. Colin Farrell is Peter Lake, a thief who falls in love with a dying girl (Jessica Brown

Findlay) living in one of the houses he breaks into. (2014, rated PG-13, 118 min. Show date: **July 9**.)

American Sniper, a biopic of Chris Kyle (played by Bradley Cooper), the most celebrated sniper in American military history. Directed by Clint Eastwood. (2014, rated R, 134 minutes.) Two show dates: **August 13** and **August 20**.

A reservation is required.

Sensational Summer Events

The summer goes by so fast! Plan ahead to attend the programs you're interested in — *check our*

perhero costume. (Monday, June 29 at 2 PM)

Enjoy **The Sword & The Stone**, live theater pre-

cluding iconic legends Sinatra, Count Basie, Springsteen, The Shirelles, The Four Season...and

Visit our online calendar for a complete listing of summer programs and events.

online calendar, and make your reservation.

There's something happening at the library just about every day! Below is a sampling of what's going on this summer:

FOR CHILDREN

At our summer reading kickoff event **Every Hero Has a Story!** Magical Mania presents Captain Shazam, who will entertain with super telekinetic magic galore. Kids may come in their favorite su-

perhero costume. (Monday, June 29 at 2 PM)

Enjoy **The Sword & The Stone**, live theater presented by *The Traveling Lantern Theater Company*. With Merlin's help a young boy liberated the sword Excaliber from its stone pedestal, and is hailed as *King Arthur*. (Mon., July 20 at 7 PM)

FOR ADULTS

Celebrate our state's significant contributions to American music of the 20th Century at **Jazz, Pop & Rock: The New Jersey Connection**. The always entertaining Walter C. showcases NJ artists in-

cluding iconic legends Sinatra, Count Basie, Springsteen, The Shirelles, The Four Season...and many more. (Wednesday, July 8 at 7 PM)

Butterfly Boys in the Civil War explores the story of the 3rd New Jersey Cavalry, who fought decisive battles with Gen. George Armstrong Custer and Gen. Phillip Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley. Dr. Peter Lubrecht, author of the book by the same name, presents a Power-Point slide show, with uniform demonstration and book signing. (Tues., July 28, 7 PM)



“Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.”

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

Summer Reading @ JTPL

This summer the library is taking the summer reading program for children to the cloud!

By participating in the new cloud technology program called **ReadSquared**, children can win prizes, earn digital badges and play computer games by reading and attending library events!

Sign-ups begin on June 29. Sign-ups for all summer events begin on June 1st.

*Eight weeks — eight things — easy, right? Adults are invited to **Read 8 Things** during the summer reading program, running from June 29 through August 21.*

Sign up, fill out your reading log, and submit it by August 21 as your entry into a Grand Prize drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to The Mark Restaurant in Oak Ridge.



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OUR MISSION

The Jefferson Township Public Library is a haven for the investigation of life skills and interests, connecting a diverse community socially, culturally and intellectually.

New DVDs

- Big Eyes
- Black or White
- The Book of Life
- Cake
- The Imitation Game
- Interstellar
- A Most Violent Year
- Paddington
- Strange Magic
- Turn: Washington's Eyes (1st Season)
- Unbroken
- Wild

And the winners are...

In honor of the 96th national celebration of **Children's Book Week**, the Jefferson Township Library sponsored a *Design Your Own Bookmark Contest*. This year there were 63 participants in the contest.

The Library staff selected the two winners. Each winner will receive a \$25.00 Amazon Gift Card. We offer our congratulations to winners **Jill Baker** (Age 8), and **Gabby Frueh** (Age 13).

