

Early Literacy Parent Workshop *new program*

Early reading experiences, opportunities to build vocabulary, and literacy-rich environments are the best ways to support the development and cognitive skills that ensure children are prepared for success in school and life. Join Reading Specialist, Andrea Rashbaum, for two evenings of books and fun! Learn what you can do to optimize your child's brain development and increase their vocabulary. You will be exposed to a variety of books and will use activities, songs, and writing to complement the books.

Registration required. Adults and their children ages 0-5. 6:30-8 p.m.

Mondays: March 11, 25

LIBRARY KID CHEFS *new program*

Learn how to use basic food and tools you find around your house to make fun, healthy and delicious snacks. You will create your own personal cookbook to save the recipes. The best part: you get to eat the snack you prepare. No registration. **Ages 7-12. 4-5 p.m.**

Mondays: March 18, April 15, May 20

SOCIAL WORKERS IN THE LIBRARY

Social workers from DHSS Community Partner Support Unit help with ASSIST application process, Medicaid, long-term nursing care, childcare, home energy assistance and other services. **No**

registration. Adults.

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Tuesdays: March-May

BEAR CHESS CLUB*

Drop in to meet opponents, learn rules and strategy, practice sportsmanship, improve your game or just have fun playing! **All ages and skill levels, under 7 with a caregiver. 6:30-8 p.m.**

Tuesdays: March-May

Women's History Month Movie Matinee

Experience award-winning documentary and bio-pic films up on the big screen at our weekly daytime screening. Call (302) 838-3300 for titles or see Info Desk. Snacks provided. **Adults/teens. 3-6 p.m.**

Wednesdays: March 6, 13, 20

ARCHAEOLOGY TALK

Drop in and enjoy a new Archaeological Society of Delaware Speakers topic each month. Visit www.DelawareArchaeology.org or Bear Library INFO Desk for more information. **Adults. 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Wednesdays: March 6, April 3, May 1

March 6: "Rockshelter Archaeology in Maryland" by Stephen Israel

April 3: "A 17th Century Well at the Avery's Rest Site Archaeological site in Rehoboth" by Dan Griffith

May 1: "Digging into Delaware's Past: Artifact show and tell" where people can bring in prehistoric or historic artifacts for identification by the Archaeological Society of Delaware (Please note: financial appraisals will not be offered).

COLOR MY WORLD

Adult coloring hour offers a fun, unique way to unwind through creativity. Enjoy fellowship, light music and artistic crafts with basic materials provided. **Adults. 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Thursdays: March 7-May 30

HEALTHY LIVING

Learn through DHSS workshops on aging, chronic illness and managing the resulting aches and pains. Improving self-management can improve your life, delay complications, help you communicate with health care providers and broaden your choices. Great for caregivers, too! **Registration requested.**

Adults. 2-4:30 p.m.

Thursdays: March 14-April 18

Learn Spanish In the Library

Enjoy a six week adventure acquiring basic Spanish skills through reading, writing, listening and talking with fellow English speaking learners. Six two-hour classes. **Registration required. Adults 11-1 p.m.**

Saturdays: April 6-May 11

3D Printshop Users Group **new program**

Meet with others to discuss, create and print projects using the library 3D printer technology. **Registration is recommended. Ages 16+ 2-4 p.m.**

Thursdays: March 21, April 18, May 16

BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES

Experience hands-on instruction in the internet, safe searching, email, files, job search skills and Microsoft Windows™ and Office™ applications including Word, PowerPoint, Publisher and Excel™. **Call (302) 838-3300 or contact Info Desk for schedule and required registration. Adults. 2-3 p.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

Saturdays: March 2-May 18 No program April 20

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2 p.m. **NEW PROGRAM**

Women's History Month: African-American Crusaders

Enjoy Syl Woolford's stories of courageous African-American women who took leadership positions in the Civil Rights crusades. Ending lynching, gaining women's right to vote, improving education for women and ending racial and gender discrimination could not have been achieved without women like Mary Church-Terrell, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Alice Dunbar-Nelson and Mary McLeod-Bethune. Join the celebration of four extraordinary women and their struggles waged against injustice. **Registration recommended. Ages 12-Adults. 2-3 p.m.**

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 6:30 p.m. **NEW series**

Adulting 101: Understanding Credit Reports and Scores

Learn what you need to know to keep a positive credit score and manage your debt effectively. Part 1 of the Making Your Money Count series with UD Cooperative Extension. **Registration recommended.**

Ages 16-Adult. 6:30-8 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 6:30 p.m. **NEW Series**

Adulting 101: Taking Control of Your Finances

Learn money management techniques that will help you stay on top of your finances and plan for the future. Part 2 of the Making Your Money Count series with UD Cooperative Extension. **Registration recommended.**

Ages 16-Adult. 6:30-8 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 6:30 p.m. **NEW Series**

Adulting 101: Saving and Investing for Your Future

Learn some basic saving and investing techniques to get you started identifying and preparing to meet your lifestyle and retirement goals. Part 3 of the Making Your Money Count series with UD Cooperative Extension. **Registration recommended. Ages 16-Adult. 6:30-8 p.m.**

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2 p.m.

Wellness Wednesday: Advance Healthcare Directives and Living Wills

Make your wishes known through an advance medical directive and/or a living will, giving firm instructions and expressing your legal intentions about your health care. Delaware Health and Social Services' Bill Gadola helps you create these important documents. **Registration recommended. Adults. 2-4 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1 p.m. **NEW PROGRAM**

Wellness Wednesday: Diabetes Awareness

Join DHSS and Gail Weinberg for an interactive session explaining what diabetes is, what causes it and why it is important in your life. Take home reliable information and helpful suggestions to reduce the risk or manage the effects of diabetes in you and your loved ones. **Registration recommended. Ages 16-Adults. 1-3 p.m.**

ALSO on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 7 p.m.

New Castle County Reads 2019 (NCC Reads) Book Discussion of "Mudbound"

Pick up your copy at Bear Library INFO Desk. Ages 16-Adults. 7-8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 11 a.m. **NEW PROGRAM**

Living Gluten Free

UD Cooperative Extension's Master Food Educators present an in-depth look at gluten-free diets and celiac disease. Whether you are a healthcare professional or just wish to rid yourself of dietary glutens this is the program for you! **Registration recommended. Adults. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

also on SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Friends of the Bear Library Annual Meeting

Join with the Friends of the Bear Library to celebrate the 20 Year history of Bear Library.

All ages 1-4 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2-3 p.m.

St Patrick's Holiday Cupcake Decorating

Celebrate the season by taking home delicious cupcakes you have decorated yourself. Learn by doing while applying your own personal touch. Desserts by Allison. All materials provided. **Registration required. Ages 12-Adults. 2-3 p.m.**

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 6:30 p.m. NEW PROGRAM

A Master Gardener's Lawn Care Solutions

Learn the essentials of turf grass, why we have problems and how we can better manage them. UD Cooperative Extension's New Castle County Master Gardener Rob Medicus reminds us the best lawn gardeners get started early. Whether seeding a new lawn, or keeping up your established yard, lawn care is a science, an art, great exercise and mentally relaxing if done right. Also part of our Longwood Gardens Community Read partnership series. **Registration recommended. Ages 16-Adults. 6:30-8 p.m**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 7 p.m. NEW PROGRAM

Longwood Gardens Community Read "Triumph of Seeds"

Bear Library Adult Nonfiction Book Group meets to discuss "Triumph of Seeds" by Thor Hanson. Part of our Longwood Gardens Community Read partnership series. **Pick up your copy at INFO Desk or in Bear Book Group meeting. Adults. 7 p.m.**

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1 p.m. NEW PROGRAM

The Original Black Panthers: 761st Tank Battalion

The first African-American tank battalion in combat during World War II, by the end of the war they advanced further east in the European Theatre than any other US unit and earned 391 decorations for their heroism. New Castle County Reads welcomes Dr. Abdullah Muhammad teaching us of these brave men. **Registration recommended. Ages 12-Adult. 1-3 p.m.**

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2 p.m. NEW PROGRAM

Make It: Creating Paper Flowers

Turn simple paper into works of floral art to last a lifetime. Participants will learn the basics of this delicate craft by creating several flowers. Experimentation with different types and weights of paper will reveal just how versatile your artifacts can be. Taught by Sandy McVey, you'll be tempted to top every future gift with a coordinated flower, rather than a bow! **Materials provided. Registration required Ages 16-Adults. 2-4 p.m.**

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 6:30 p.m.

Genealogy Using Your Computer

Basic to advanced genealogists can enjoy the virtual explosion of new data sources for researching family history. Hobbyist or pro, join historian Mike Dixon in Bear's Computer Lab, when together we explore library and online resources you can use to expand your genealogical research tool box. **Registration required. Ages 16-Adults. 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 10:30 a.m. NEW PROGRAM

The Reason for a Flower

With the help of some live and taxidermy animals we are delving into an amazing array of seeds: one as big as your head, a few tinier than sand-grains, and everything in between—even some that smell! This program is in collaboration with the Longwood Gardens Community Read program and being presented by the Delaware Nature Society. **Tickets at Kids' Desk 15 minutes before program. All ages. 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 2 p.m. **NEW PROGRAM**

Women's History Month: Voters at Last

Taking your voting rights for granted these days? Battling for the ballot is not a new phenomenon in America. DeHumanities.org journalist and historian, Mike Dixon, recalls a time when women were denied the vote and Delaware was in the thick of the fight to change that. **Registration requested. Ages 16-Adults. 2-4 p.m.**

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 6:30 p.m. **NEW PROGRAM**

Master Gardeners Seed a Vegetable Garden

For beginners who want to start a vegetable garden but don't know where to begin, or for veteran gardeners excited about a new growing season, UD Cooperative Extension, Delaware Master Gardener Gail Hermanau's workshop shows us how to get started! Either in your backyard, a community allotment, or even in a window box or balcony garden, you can learn and apply the basics of growing that will have you harvesting fresh, seasonal vegetables by the end of the growing season! **Registration recommended. Ages 16-Adults. 6:30-8:30 p.m.**