Women’s History Month

Reclaiming Our Voice: New Jersey’s Central Role in the Fight for Woman Suffrage

Lillian Feickert, president of the NJ Woman Suffrage Association from 1912-1920, explores the overlooked role of New Jersey in the long frustrating fight for women’s suffrage. Many do not realize that some NJ women once had the right to vote and then lost it for over a century. Feickert shares stories about how nationally-known suffrage advocates Lucy Stone and Elizabeth Cady Stanton staged tax and voting protests in the state. She describes how Alice Paul became the dynamo who re-energized the push for a federal amendment and how Dr. Florence Spearing Randolph brought black women into the movement. Participants will learn that women were not "given" the vote, but fought for it for generations.

Presented by: Carol Simon Levin is a professional storyteller and independent historian who specializes in telling the stories of “fascinating women history forgot” through first person portrayals.

Program will take place virtually on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 7:00pm. Registration is required.

Ongoing Events at the Library

Socrates Café
Meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm

Join us for our virtual Socrates Café Discussion Group where we engage in a friendly philosophic conversation each month. Teens and adults are welcome.

PALS
1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month from 6:30pm-8:15pm

Join us in the Plainsboro American Language Social club! For adult ESL learners as well as native English speakers interested in learning about other cultures.

ESL Conversation Class
Meets every Wednesday from 7:00pm-8:20pm

Adult participants of any culture and any level of English proficiency are welcome. Creative, interactive exercises with small and large group discussions are the format. Express yourself, socialize, form new relationships and share resources!
Self-Checkout Machines

We can’t wait for you to try our new self-checkout machines! All you need to do is scan your library card, place all of your selections on the shelf, confirm your items, and choose your receipt option!

Digital Magazines Moved!

Our collection of digital magazines moved from RBdigital to eLibraryNJ. All issues are also accessible through the Libby app. With just a few taps, you’ll be able to access thousands of digital magazines from your favorite devices.

Try BrainFuse!

The State Library purchased BrainFuse, an online tutoring service, for all libraries to help students of all ages during the school year. Live tutors are available daily from 2:00pm-11:00pm. Take advantage of this opportunity before our contract expires on June 15, 2021.

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Volunteer! Join the Friends of the Plainsboro Library and work with others who share your interests. Support the library and make exciting programs possible in the community! Visit www.friends-ppl.org or email plainsborolibraryfriends@gmail.com for more information on how you can help the library.

Causes & Solutions to Environmental Injustice

March 11th at 7:00pm

Dr. Maritza Jauregui, an Associate Professor of Sustainability at Stockton University, explores the economics and discrimination that causes environmental inequality, their effects, and how to prevent these inequalities. Dr. Jauregui, who grew up in an area of New Jersey where finding chromium blooms, construction debris, and other unwanted materials was all too familiar, became extremely interested in why some towns face these problems while others do not. Register on the library website.

In the Children’s Department

Play & Grow: Back to Basics

Fridays at 10:30am

A new program added for pandemic parents! Perfect for first time moms and dads! Develop techniques to promote motor and communications skills with your pre-crawling baby from birth to age 2. Play and Grow will give parents ideas for home-made tools for sensory and pre-communication play. A great place to meet with other parents and children and ask Debra Orenstein, M.S.Ed., our early intervention specialist any questions you may have about child development.

Virtual Lapsit Storytime

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 11:00am

Ms. Liz is back with fingerplays, songs and stories to keep babies and toddlers entertained. Register via the library website and receive a link to this virtual event.

Spring Break Challenge

March 27th-April 6th

This Spring Break we’ll be offering another Library Challenge for all ages! Sign up on Beanstack via the Beanstack app or at https://plainsborolibrary.beanstack.org/reader365 and read books or engage in other activities. You’ll earn tickets and be placed in our prize drawings at the end of Spring Break.

Take-Home Kits

We’ll once again be providing take-home kits for students and young children during Spring Break. Our STEM kit will be a paddle boat kit to demonstrate the concept of potential energy. For younger kids, we’ll be offering a Spring floral craft to decorate your home.

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