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UNMASK YOUR INNER SUPERHERO AT COUNTY 4-H FAIR

Somerset County Library System of New Jersey will be at the 2015 Somerset County 4-H Fair Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 12, 13 and 14, 10 am to 10 pm daily. Attendees of all ages will be invited to find out about all the superpowers that SCLSNJ's 10 library branches have at the SCLSNJ 'Be Super Superhero Academy' station located in the library tent.

SCLSNJ's 'Be Super Superhero Academy' will feature different crafts every day for children and teens (and adults, too!), ranging from superhero belts and shields to masks and headbands. Once the superhero crafts are completed, fair attendees will be invited to strike a super pose for SCLSNJ's 'Be Super Superhero Academy' photo booth. The photos will be on display on a digital screen at the 4-H Fair.

"We're really excited about bringing a photo booth to the 4-H Fair this year," said Rich Loomis, SCLSNJ's digital services manager. "We're also bringing along maker crafts and Ozobots for fair-goers ages 7 and up to create and play with. We'll be teaching kids how to use some fun and new technologies while using new technologies ourselves to make the photo booth possible for an innovative, interactive table at the fair."

SCLSNJ's super staff will be on hand to talk about the incredible resources and services available, including Playaway Launchpads, a brand new learning tablet for children available for patrons to check out at all 10 SCLSNJ library branches. Patrons will have an opportunity to see the Launchpads and test them out at the 4-H Fair. Playaway Launchpad expert Donna Destefano will also be available to answer questions and give hands-on training, and will be handing out giveaways on August 12, 12-3 pm.

SCLSNJ's partner, Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County, will be a super special guest in SCLSNJ's tent on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings and on Thursday, August 13 from 6-9 pm, discussing ESL classes, English conversation groups, tutoring opportunities and more.

On Wednesday, August 12, 11:30 am - 1 pm, SCLSNJ Librarian Carol Simon Levin will host Farm Frolics in the County tent. Children of all ages are invited to listen to a story and sing songs with SCLSNJ for an udder-ly good time.

SCLSNJ will also be celebrating its 85th anniversary on Friday, August 14 with an opportunity to create an anniversary hat and eat cake.

Be sure to visit SCLSNJ early: there will be reusable SCLSNJ tote bags given away on a first-come-first-serve basis.

About the Somerset County 4-H Fair: The 2015 Somerset County 4-H Fair is Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 12, 13, and 14. It is open from 10 am to 10 pm at North Branch Park, 355 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, located between Routes 22 and 202. To make getting in and out of the fairgrounds as easy as possible, free shuttle buses run from 9:30 am to 10:30 pm each day of the Fair from Raritan Valley Community College Rt. 28, North Branch. Maps and schedules of daily events such as dog, horse and livestock shows are available in the information tent. Twirling, go karts, rockets, magic, line dancing, model airplanes, R.C.



(above) Greg Hurley, aka Spiderman

cars, model trains and other 4-H clubs compete and perform. The Arts Tent, Science Tent and Prep Tent (for the youngest 4-H'ers) are packed with exhibits, activities for visitors, demonstrations and performances. Ten other 4-H tents house a variety of animals including dairy cows, beef, alpaca, horses, dogs, herpetology, sheep, goats, poultry, rabbits and small animals. Most animal tents have a petting area and information about how to join 4-H. The Fair is sponsored by the Somerset County 4-H Association and the Board of Chosen Freeholders in support of the 4-H Youth Development Program of Rutgers Cooperative Extension. 4-H Members, volunteer Fair Managers, 4-H Club Leaders and parents work together, making this the largest event in Somerset County. Other partners include the Somerset County Park Commission and Raritan Valley Community College. Stevenson- D'Alessio American Legion Post #12 and Johnson & Johnson Ethicon, Inc. are major donors. For more information about the Somerset County 4-H Fair, visit <http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4hfair/>.

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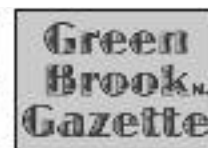
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AUGUST 2015 EVENTS

ADULTS

Citizenship Class:

August 6, 13, 20 & 27, 6-8:30 pm.

Discovering Cultures: Caporales Bolivianos:

August 8, 2:15-3:45 pm.

Book Discussion:

August 13, 1-2 pm.

The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II by Denise Kiernan:

Evening Book Discussion:

August 20, 7:15-8:30

Thunderstruck by Erik Larson:

A Brief History of Ecuador

August 29, August 29, 2:15-3:45 pm.

all ages welcome

KIDS

Drop In Summer Reading Craft

Daily through August 22 during the Library's operating hours.

all ages welcome

Moving Kiddos

August 4, 11 & 18, 10-10:30 am.

ages 6 months - 3 years old

No registration required.

Wii Challenge

August 4, 2-3 pm.

grades 3-5

Rhyme Time with Miss Amy

August 5, 12 & 19, 10-10:30 am.

No registration required.

ages 2-4 years old

Sciencetellers

August 6, 2-3 pm.

grades K-5

Tasty Treats : MyPlate on

August 7 & Snacks on August 14, 10-11 am &

11:30-12:30 pm both dates.

grades K-2

Creation Station

August 13, 2-3 pm.

No registration required.

grades 1-5

TWEEN AND TEEN

Teen Game Day:

August 3, 10 & 17, 3:30-5 pm.

Tween Volunteers

August 4 & 11, 6:30-7:30 pm.

grades 4-6

A Midsummer's Day Cosplay Pizza Party

August 5, 3-5 pm.

tweens & teens

Everything You Wanted to Know About Veganism

August 12, 3:30-5:30 pm.

grades 6-12

STORYTIME WITH HORSES RETURNS TO LIBRARY



(above) Little library patron, Julia Pimentel and her new friend, Zorro the Horse, at a very special Storytime at SCLSNJ's North Plainfield Memorial Library on June 26. Horse pals Tor (not pictured) and Zorro visited the branch as part of the Storytime with Horses family program. For more special programs at SCLSNJ, visit SCLSNJ.org.

PROMOTE YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT

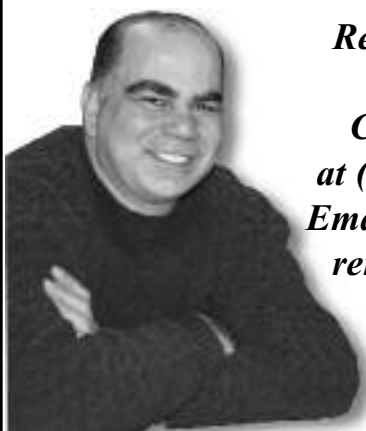
Community service organizations and sports teams are encouraged to submit news of upcoming events or highlights and photos on recent events.

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The diverse NJCA staff team brings 20+ years of teaching experience, compassion and a structure that ensures all learners benefit from a curriculum where kids are appropriately challenged and actively engaged. We at NJCA use a Classical Christian program that promotes critical thinking and analytical skills. Classical Christian is rooted in Biblical principles across all subjects. It aims to ensure students have a deep understanding of what they are taught so they can apply their new knowledge to daily life and develop into confident independent thinkers.

NJCA is set in an environment that is safe, spacious, small (max 12:1 class size) and stimulating (foreign languages, Singapore Math, instrument lessons, cursive handwriting starting in Kindergarten, “hands on” learning with monthly field trips and more). NJCA students enjoy a positive place where they can comfortably express themselves, explore ideas . . . necessary to develop leadership skills and resilient character. Most importantly, NJCA students are happy with their school.

Having served for the past two years with tremendous success, continued growth in student enrollment moved the school to North Plainfield for a new beginning. Be sure to visit us by calling Founder & Director, Joanne Pacotti at (908) 358 5285. Weekly Open Houses on Saturdays at 12:30 pm are available. Admission is rolling.

*To get a sample of NJCA, register for the NJCA summer camp
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SUMMER ACADEMY UP AND RUNNING

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The following is the bus schedule:

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Senior Citizens Club

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The bus starts picking up passengers at about 9:00 A.M.

Please call at least 24 hours before you need the bus.

NORTH PLAINFIELD SENIORS' BUS TO ATLANTIC CITY

The North Plainfield Seniors Club has an express bus to the Golden Nugget Casino in Atlantic City, the second Wednesday of each month. The bus will leave the parking lot of Saint Luke's Church 300 Clinton Ave. promptly at 10:00 A.M. and returns to North Plainfield around 8:00 P.M. The cost is \$28.00. You will receive \$25.00 in credit to play and a \$5.00 food voucher when you arrive at the casino. All are welcome on this trip. For more information call Elsie at 908-755-9347

North Plainfield Summer School Academy is up and running. There are over 400 elementary students attending this district-wide program being held at West End School. Along with academic instruction there are special events happening for these students.

On Monday, July 13, 2015, the North Plainfield Fire Department presented to our summer school students in preschool through second grade. The fire fighters spoke about fire safety and what to do in an emergency. The students were able to tour the fire engine and fire truck, as the fire fighters explained each tool and feature.

On Wednesday, July 15, 2015, Officer David Daneker from the Somerset County Sheriff's Office visited our preschool and kindergarten students. He brought his partner, Apex, a German Shepherd trained to find narcotics. Officer Daneker spoke to the students about the K-9 unit, the training process, and how Apex does his job. Apex was able to demonstrate his skills to our students. On Monday, July, 20, 2015, our first

through fourth grade students received a visit and presentation from Officer Thomas Wallace and Wildman, a Bloodhound trained to track the human scent.

The state police landed their helicopter on the field at West End School on Thursday, July 16, 2015. After seeing the helicopter land, all students were invited to tour the helicopter as the pilot explained its features and uses. This was arranged by the North Plainfield Police Department as a shared event with them as they are holding their NPPD Youth Academy at West End School.

July 16, 2015 was also Dinosaur Day. North Plainfield teacher, John Thomson, presented an interactive assembly to our students. He began with a slide show that explained the myths and realities of dinosaurs, as well as the different types or dinosaurs. Mr. Thompson set up six activity stations that the students were able to rotate between including stencil rubbings, fossils to examine, puzzles, leveled books, a fossil hunt, and a dinosaur walk.



(above) K-9 Demonstration



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ROTARY PLAINFIELD-NORTH PLAINFIELD AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Twenty accomplished seniors at North Plainfield High School and at Plainfield High School were recently awarded \$27,000 in scholarships by the members of the Rotary Club of Plainfield- North Plainfield.

The Rotary club awarded \$7,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors at North Plainfield High School, \$15,000 to seniors at Plainfield High School, and another \$5,000 through the Adele deLeeuw Scholarship Fund.

The local club sponsors its own F. S. Mathewson Rotary Scholarship, awarding a total of \$8,000 to students in the two high schools in its service area. "Eight scholarships were awarded in memory of Matty Mathewson, the first member of our club to serve as District Governor," said club president Mary Forbes. "We honor Matty's memory through our community service activities, including these scholarship awards to assist students as they continue their education. Candidates for this award must demonstrate a mix of academic achievement; financial need; community

service; school service."

The Rotary club targets the Mathewson Scholarship award to members of the North Plainfield High School Interact Club, the youth service club of Rotary.

"Members of Interact work very hard on many service projects of their own, including highly successful blood drives, community youth activities, food bank support, and many others," said Ms. Forbes. "The members also work at our Club's garden plots at the Giving Garden in Warren, helping us raise fresh vegetables for the hungry. They also help us raise money during the year for our scholarship program, giving rise to recognition of that hard work with these special scholarships."

The Mathewson Rotary Scholarships were presented to Anne Tang, Ja'wana Wilson, Aimna Ishfaq, Jonathan Lima, and Estuardo Gonzalezi.

The Club also awards scholarships on behalf of the Plainfield Foundation, a community-based non-profit that awards funding to benefit local community groups. This year, the Rotarians awarded \$2,000 from the Leo Albert Friese Scholarship Fund to North Plainfield High students Amaree Gardnere and Olivia Flood. The Friese Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who will pursue a major course of study in science.

At Plainfield High School, the club presented \$3,000 in F. S. Mathewson Rotary Scholarship awards to Jane Addison, Milani Hernandez, and Kathy Azize.

In addition, the Club awards PHS Alumni Association Scholarships and J. Wilbur Tovell Scholarships to Plainfield High School seniors on behalf of the Plainfield Foundation. The PHS Alumni Scholarship Fund was established in 1986 when the PHS Alumni Association, prior to disbanding, asked the Plainfield Foundation to award their scholarships. The Foundation established the PHS Alumni Scholarship Fund. Candidates demonstrate academic achievement, participation in school activities.

Recipients of the \$9,000 in PHS Alumni Scholarship awards were Tania Hincapie, Alexa Ugarte, Tania Inoa, Erica Yanca Pazmino, and Maria Ramirez.

The J. Wilbur Tovell Scholarship Fund was established as a bequest from Plainfield resident and alumnus of Plainfield High School. J. Wilbur Tovell (1893-1974) graduated PHS in 1911 and New York University in 1915. His bequest stipulates that scholarship candidates must be male students only, with academic achievement and participation in school

activities.

Recipients of the \$3,000 in J. Wilbur Tovell Scholarships this year were Justin Branch, Steven Bitro, Jesse Jones, Xavier Page, and Rohan Philip, Jr.

Finally, the Rotary Club also administers the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship Fund. This fund was established in 1988 by a \$1 million bequest in the will of the late Plainfield author Adele DeLeeuw. The Club works with four other Rotary clubs in the area to see that the annual income from the bequest is awarded to students who pursue a course of study in poetry, art, journalism, writing, or engineering. "We have awarded a total of \$1,054,000 over the nineteen years that the Rotary Club has administered the program," said Michael Townley, chairman of the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship Committee. "This total exceeds the original bequest."

The awards will be presented at the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship Awards Dinner on June 10 at the Spain Inn. The Club will present \$5,000 in Adele DeLeeuw Scholarships to North Plainfield High seniors Aimna Ishfaq, Amaree Gardnere, and Melody Njoku. In addition, the club will present repeat scholarships to past graduates and current college sophomore Charlotte Brockway of North Plainfield and to junior Mary Ann Anane from Plainfield. The other four Rotary clubs awarded an additional \$20,000 to students from their communities.

The Rotary Club's Plainfield Scholarship Committee was chaired by Tom Reedy, assisted by Roberta Smith, Maliek Flynn, Victoria Griswold, Shannon Jeffreys, and Beverly Howard. The North Plainfield Scholarship Committee was chaired by Mary Forbes, assisted by Fred Saide, Maliek Flynn, and Janice Allen.

The Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield, founded in 1921, has served the community for over 90 years. Members are community and business leaders in the area who meet weekly on Wednesdays at 12:15 pm at Giovanna's Restaurant in Plainfield. Rotarians work on community service, vocational service, and international service projects throughout the year, with their main focus on community service in Plainfield and in North Plainfield.

Contact Michael Townley, club secretary, at rotarypnp@verizon.net for additional information about the Rotary Club and its activities or to inquire about membership, or visit the Club's website at www.rotarypnp.org or its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RotaryPNP.

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Here are the details:

- Sunday, September 13, 2015
Picnic: 12:15-3pm
- Church of the Holy Cross
40 Mercer Ave., North Plainfield
- 8 and 10 AM services on 9/13

Bring a "picnic basket" with enough for yourself and two other people. If the weather cooperates, bring a blanket for a picnic on the lawn.

As always, Holy Cross offers a guarantee of warm, unpressured welcomes; delicious, plentiful food; wonderful music; and lots of laughter! All are welcome...old friends and new.

You might like to visit our thrift shop, Betty's Basement. You might also like to check out Embury Hall, our spacious event space with full amenities, or take a tour of this historic local treasure.

For a sneak preview, you might want to enjoy the last Sunday of the month 1 PM event, Neighbors Feeding Neighbors, offering a sumptuous lunch to all neighbors, near and far, old and new.

If you have any comments or questions, email eventsathc@gmail.com. And get in touch with friends to invite them!



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