
PLAINSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Plainsboro Library To Celebrate Black History Month

“Take the A Train,” a musical program in observance of Black History month, will take place at the Plainsboro Library at 2 pm, on Sunday, February 12. The three-person musical group “Follow the Drinking Gourd” has chosen the jazz song to title its celebration of the Harlem Renaissance.

Written in 1939, “Take the A Train” was at one time the signature number for Duke Ellington and his orchestra. The title refers to the A line of the New York subway system, which ran from Brooklyn, up into Harlem at the time the song was composed. According to the lyrics:

*“You must take the A Train
To go to Sugar Hill way up
in Harlem.”*

Sugar Hill was considered the hub of the Harlem Renaissance.

The three musicians of “Follow the Drinking Gourd,” – singers Ivan Woods and Shannon Hunt and pianist Diane Goldsmith – take their name from a song used to guide slaves to freedom on the Underground Railroad. The group specializes in programs on the African American experience in music.

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Hours

10 am - 5 pm Friday - Sunday
10 am - 8:30 pm Monday - Thursday

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Making Information Accessible to the Youngest Patron

Big changes – designed to make all information easily accessible to all patrons, including the youngest – are coming in 2017 to the Library!

Juvenile nonfiction, for example, will be moved out of the adult nonfiction stacks where it is now, and will be centrally located on the second floor, on the lower shelves in front of the Reference Desk.

Most parents and children are probably unaware that the library possesses a wealth of nonfiction children’s books. The change will make these books much easier for children to find – and to reach.

Library staff will, of course, continue to add new titles to both the children’s nonfiction and the adult collections.

New Changes to the Science Center

Thanks to a donation from the Children’s Hospital of Princeton, the Science Center will become a space for parents and their pre-K children to conduct various kinds of simple scientific experiments using the principles of scientific thinking.

There are also plans to create an after-school center for school-age children where they can engage in hands-on tinkering, and creative projects related to the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) curriculum.



An originator of big-band jazz, American composer, pianist and bandleader Duke Ellington composed thousands of scores over his 50-year career.

2017 is the Year of the Rooster!

The library will host its annual Chinese New Year celebration on Saturday, February 4, from 1:30 to 4 pm, with Chinese Cultural performances, arts & crafts, food and lantern riddles.





Plainsboro Library International Film Series

'Dark Horse' to Screen in December

Attention all movie goers and film buffs! The Plainsboro Public Library's International Film Series will continue in December with the showing of "Dark Horse." There are two show times: Friday, December 9, at 7 pm, and Tuesday, December 27, at 2:30 pm.

"Dark Horse," a British film, tells the true story of Welsh villagers who join forces to sponsor a race horse that surprises everyone by becoming a winner.

The free film will screen in the library's Community Room; and popcorn will be available at all showings.

The series will continue in the spring, starting in March, with the showing of "Theeb," the story of a young Bedouin boy who sets out on a perilous desert journey to guide a British officer to his secret destination.

Visit the library's website in the spring for upcoming films.



Sony Pictures Classics Release

Monthly Benefit Book Sales

Saturdays & Sundays
10 am - 3 pm

December 17 - 18
January 28 - 29
February 25 - 26

Free Hip/Knee Screening by PHCS

Have you been experiencing hip or knee pain? On January 19, 11 am - 12 pm, meet one-on-one with an orthopedic surgeon - Dr. Hari Bez-wada or Dr. Michael Ast - who will conduct a free screening and recommend next steps. Please wear shorts or loose clothing. By appointment.

Art Gallery

DECEMBER: Liz Aubrey
December 3 - January 4

"Soul Scapes" - landscapes in acrylic on canvas by Elizabeth Aubrey. Art reception Sunday, December 4, 2 - 4 pm.

JANUARY: Plainsboro Library Staff Show January 7 - 25

Photography, painting, embroidery, and essays by library staff.

FEBRUARY: Zuimeng Cao
January 28 - February 23

Chinese paintings of landscapes, wild birds, and animals, primarily of northern China. The art reception will be held on Saturday, February 4, from 12 - 2 pm. It will be followed by the annual Chinese New Year celebration.

Ongoing Programs

English as a Second Language
Every Monday, 7-8:30 pm
Free weekly conversation class.

Geek Desk
Mon.-Thurs., 6-8 pm;
Sat.-Sun., 10 am-4 pm
Call ahead to confirm availability.
Free help with high-tech gadgets.

Database Drop-In Day
Every Tuesday, 10 am-8 pm
Librarians will work one-on-one with you to tackle all database-related issues.

Socrates Café
Third Wednesdays, 7-8:30
Participants discuss their ideas of meaning and existence. Open to adults and high school students.

PALS (Plainsboro American Language Social Club)
First and third Thursdays, 6:30-8:15 pm
An ESL social club for Plainsboro adults who want to improve their English language abilities and deepen their understanding of U.S. culture. Also open to English speakers who would like to volunteer and learn about other cultures. No registration required. Direct questions to eslplainsborolibrary@gmail.com.

T'ai Chi
Every Saturday, 10 am-12 noon
10 am, beginners; 11 am, intermediate.

Plainsboro Artists' Group
First Mondays, 6:30 pm
Adult artists' critique.

Library Book Club
Second Wednesdays, 7pm-8:15 pm

Plainsboro Writers' Group
Last Mondays, 6:30 pm
Both published and unpublished authors share works in progress.

Astrological Society of Princeton
Second Sundays, 2-4:30 pm

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE! Expert tax help will be available at the library on Mondays and Fridays, from 10am - 3pm (last appointment is at 2:15), from February 3 through April 14. Call 609-275-2897 or register in person at the circulation desk in January to make an appointment with one of the AARP tax aides.