
PLAINSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

SPRING 2015

American Dream Grant To Help Library Develop ESL Program

The Plainsboro Public Library has received a \$5,000 grant from the American Library Association (ALA) to expand its literacy program for adult English-language learners in the community. The grant, funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, is the second American Dream grant that the Plainsboro Library has received. Thanks to the first grant, the library established a course that emphasized grammar and pronunciation while at the same time, immersing participants in a study of American culture and daily life. Last fall, also, the library initiated a course in ESL (English-as-a-second-language) writing for adults.

"We learned a great deal our first time around," stated Library

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10 AM - 8:30 PM Monday - Thursday

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Director Carol Quick. "This second grant will allow us to tailor courses to community demand, based on input from our students, as well as to involve all interested Plainsboro residents in the township's rich, cultural diversity."

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Upcoming Events

"Don't Miss A Beat", Discussion of Arrhythmia (Irregular Heartbeat)

Tuesday, March 10, 1 pm

Dr. Eran Zacks of the Princeton Healthcare System, a specialist in cardiovascular disease, will discuss the causes, symptoms, and treatment of arrhythmia. Many arrhythmias are harmless; others require medical attention.

Financial Planning & Investment Management

Saturday, March 14, 1-3 pm

In this free seminar, investment counselor Ronald Granberg will explain how financial markets work, prices move, and risk evolves. Financial advisor Mark Emmerson will discuss life insurance, long-term care insurance and estate planning tools.

Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 17, 1-7pm

Give life! Give blood! First floor Community Room. No appointment necessary.

Mathemania

Tuesday, April 7, Time TBA

(See Kids' Room, page 2.)

Free CPR Class

Thursday, April 16, 7-8:30 pm

Presented by the University Medical Center of Princeton at Plainsboro, the CPR program teaches you how to perform CPR on children and adults and how to help someone who is choking. For those who want to learn CPR but do not need CPR certification. Call the reference department to register.



Students from the ESL Cultural Crossroads Class of 2013 participate in the Township's Traditions event, with library director Carol Quick (on left).

Ongoing Programs

English as a Second Language

Every Monday, 7-8:30 pm

Free weekly conversation class. Perfect for those who know their grammar, and want to use it.

Geek Desk

Mon.-Thurs., 6-8 pm;

Sat. -Sun, 10 am-4 pm

Free help with computers, smart-phones, iPads and other gadgets. Call ahead to check availability.

Plainsboro Artists' Group

First Mondays, 6:30 pm

Adult artists meet to exchange ideas and hold friendly critiques.

Plainsboro Writers' Group

Last Mondays, 6:30 pm

Both published and unpublished authors share works in progress. Visitors welcome.

Library Book Club

Second Wednesdays, 7 pm

Discussion of current books.

T'ai Chi

Every Saturday, 10 am-12 noon

Free classes: 10 am, beginners; 11 am, intermediate.

Astrological Society of Princeton

Second Sundays, 2-4:30 pm

Discussion of astrological charts related to world events and astrological topics of interest. All are welcome.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

Expert tax help is available at the library on Mondays and Fridays, from 10am- 3pm (last appointment is at 2:15), through mid-April.

Call 609-275-2897 to make an appointment with one of the AARP tax aides, or register in person at the Circulation Desk.

Kids' Room!

Coming up this spring

"Mathemania", April 7: Test your skills at estimating weights and measures... A fun-filled annual event! All ages.

"Explore...Extreme Weather" (dates TBA): Learn how to use the library's databases to conduct research on this exciting topic. Grades 2-4.

...and much more! Music, stories, book clubs, crafts... Visit our website at the beginning of each month for the latest on all children's programs and storytimes:

<http://www.lmxac.org/plainsboro/childrens.html>

Art Gallery

March: WW-P Youth Arts Month March 1 - 31 (tentative dates)

Annual exhibit of student artwork from the WW-P Regional School District, presented at the Plainsboro and West Windsor Libraries, and the Plainsboro Township Recreation Department. See school website for details.

April: Lionel Goodman, "The World That We Live In Now"

April 4 - 29

Reception: Sunday, April 12, 2-4pm

Accomplished photographer Lionel Goodman observes people in everyday situations from various locales. Includes several cityscapes.

May: Susan Hoenig, "Making Visible the Invisible: Wildlife, Habitat and Climate Change"

May 2 - 27

Reception: Sunday, May 17, 2-4pm

Paintings of wildlife and habitats explore the impact of ecological issues.

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One innovation, Ms. Quick said, will be the establishment of a mentoring program, dubbed "Plainsboro Pals." She hopes to recruit volunteer mentors, whose native language is English, to provide support to students in the program. "For instance, students could come with their mentors to class," she suggested. "Mentors and ESL students could go to the movies, have a meal in a restaurant, or go shopping together. We're hoping for a real exchange of cultural information between mentor and student."

ESL conversation teacher Eileen Sinett will also be involved; and Mercer County's office of Literacy New Jersey will join library staff to assist in the assessment of individual students' language abilities at the beginning of the course. The agency will also help determine the success of the program.

Residents who are interested in becoming mentors in the "Plainsboro Pals" program or in joining the ESL writing class are invited to e-mail the library, at ESLPlainsboroLibrary@gmail.com, with contact information.

Monthly Benefit Book Sales

Saturdays & Sundays
10 am- 4 pm

March 28 and 29

April 25 and 26

May 30 and 31

**National Library Week
is April 12 - 18.**



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