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# PLAINSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## SUMMER 2015

### Local Color

A number of Plainsboro artists will be involved in the library's summer program for children this year. Embracing the theme, "Local Color", summer activities will begin on June 19, with the Shakespeare Theatre's presentation of "Romeo and Juliet." (See story, this page.)

As a literary term, local color can be "the customs, manner of speech, dress, or other typical features of a place or period that contribute to its particular character." In an artistic sense, local color is "the natural color of something in ordinary daylight, uninfluenced by any nearby colors."

During July, these two concepts of local color will be incorporated into children's storytimes, a writing workshop, arts and crafts activities, origami art, and a gardening project for both kids and adults.



Creative drama teacher Emily Vorp leads children in "Improvmania".

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Liz Adams will lead a workshop on paper bead making that will focus on the **color** wheel; Tatiana Sougakova will combine the use of **color** and local fauna into a sequence of craft workshops that will develop into a collaborative art installation at the library's fall arts festival; and poet Eloise Bruce will focus on the presence of **color** in literature and in the world at large. Plainsboro resident Nelly Kouzmina, an award-winning fiber artist who uses natural dyes in her work, will hold workshops on the use of dyes and the process of felt making.

A number of other artists will take part in the Plainsboro Library's annual summer program of art, theater, and science projects for children.

Science experiments will use local materials; and young artists may depict local scenes. In addition, the artists will be invited to work outside — *en plein air*—to draw or paint local scenery.

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### Shakespeare Theatre

Actors from the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's professional training program, the Next Stage Ensemble, will perform twice at the Plainsboro Public Library this summer.

The first performance, William Shakespeare's immortal "Romeo and Juliet" will take place on June 19, at 7 p.m. Shakespeare's story of doomed young love in 13<sup>th</sup> century Verona is one of Shakespeare's most gripping and moving tragedies.

A second production, Pierre de Marivaux' "The Triumph of Love," will take place on Friday, July 31, at 7 p.m. The play concerns Princess Leonide, who must disguise herself as a boy to win the hand of the man she loves. Mistaken identities, bumbling clowns, and new-found infatuations make this lighthearted farce a wonderful summer treat.

The Ensemble, a troupe of young actors just beginning their careers, presents plays in communities throughout New Jersey during the summer months.

### MAYOR'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Plainsboro Free Public Library Foundation will hold its annual Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament on Monday, September 21, at the Princeton Meadows Golf Course. The yearly event raises funds to support the library's summer program. For information on how to participate in the tournament, see the library website at [www.lmxac.org/plainsboro](http://www.lmxac.org/plainsboro).

## 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 - Through mid June:**

**Mon. 6:30-8 pm; Tues.-Thurs., 6-8 pm; Sat.-Sun., 10 am-4 pm**  
Call ahead to confirm availability. Free help with high-tech gadgets. Check our website for summer hours.

### **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.

### **T'ai Chi**

**Every Saturday, 10 am-12 noon**  
Free classes: 10 am, beginners; 11 am, intermediate. Check our website for July schedule.

### **Astrological Society of Princeton**

**Second Sundays, through June 2-4:30 pm**  
Discussion of astrological topics of interest. All are welcome.

## Art Gallery

### **June: Eva Siroka** **May 30 - June 24**

**Reception: Sunday, June 14, 2-4 pm**  
Art historian, author, master gardener, and artist Eva Siroka exhibits oil paintings of florals and figures.

### **July: Nelly Kouzmina**

**June 27 - July 29**  
**Reception: Sunday, July 12, 2-4 pm**  
Fine art and wearable art by award-winning fiber artist Nelly Kouzmina.

### **August: Watercolorists Unlimited** **August 1 - 26**

**Reception: TBA**  
A regional group of watercolor artists presents "Local Color".

## Upcoming Events

### **Strategies to Maximize Your Social Security and Retirement Income**

**Tuesday, June 2, 6:30 pm**  
Take the guesswork out of one of the most important decisions affecting your financial future. Kurt Baker CFP®, AIF®, of Certified Wealth Management & Investment, hosts a workshop on social security planning and secrets to boosting your benefits. Space is limited; call Kurt Baker at 609-716-4700 for reservations.

### **Healthy Eating & Weight Loss Made Simple**

**Saturday, June 13, 1-3 pm**  
Exercising and not losing weight? Confused about the latest fad diets, infomercials and diet books?

Dr. Clifford Hochberg, certified health coach and chiropractor, will discuss these issues and explain basic principles and simple strategies for weight loss and healthy eating. Call the library at 609-275-2898 to register.

### **Blood Drive**

**Tuesday, June 30, 1-7 pm**  
Give life! Give blood! First floor Community Room. No appointment necessary.

### **Monthly Benefit Book Sales**

Saturdays & Sundays  
10 am - 4 pm

June 27 and 28  
July 25 and 26  
August 29 and 30



**Looking forward to summer:** Previous Spelling Bee winners; Library staff Sadhwini Tripathy at the "Pringle Reveal" contest; and a close-up of an earlier Pringle entry.

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As a focus on literacy development, one program will be based on WW-P school district's required reading lists for elementary students. Children will have the opportunity to attend read-aloud sessions in a relaxed atmosphere with Librarian Colleen Hackett, who will make selections from the K-3rd grade list as well as one from the 4th-5th grade list.

Summer favorites that will return include the Spelling Bee, Pringle Packing

contest, and Improvmania, an improvisational theatre workshop for children led by library creative drama teacher Emily Vorp. There will be invention challenges, and numerous other art and craft activities.

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