
PLAINSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

SPRING 2016



New Library Director

The Plainsboro Public Library Board of Trustees has named a new director, Maryann Ralph, formerly assistant director of the East Brunswick Public Library. She assumed her duties at the library in mid-February. "Maryann was the unanimous choice of the Board, after reviewing many applications," according to Board President Deborah Brett.

Current Library Director Carol Quick will retire on March 1, after 16 years with the library, three of them as director. "It will not be easy to fill Carol's shoes; she has given many years of excellent service to the library and our community and has enjoyed a strong and positive working relationship with our Library Board," commented Brett.

In other staff changes, Nickolas Olimpaito, who has served more than four years as the library's business manager, has been promoted to the position of assistant director.

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The library's new director served four years as East Brunswick's assistant director. She ran the day-to-day operations of the library and was in charge of human resources. During her tenure she also headed the committee that won a grant to create a new media lab, and established an annual township film competition. She organized a local collection of video book reviews by staff and residents, as well.

A graduate of Franklin & Marshall College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Ralph says, "I look forward to working with the Board of Trustees and the talented library staff to continue providing high quality services to township residents. As director, my goal is to foster an environment of education, collaboration, and community engagement so that the library is a township hub of learning, sharing, and exchanges of ideas, cultures, and resources."

Upcoming Events

Nine Thursdays:

Artist in Residence

Thursdays, March 3 - April 28, 2-4 pm

Liz Adams, noted textile artist, will be demonstrating her original textile work. Stop by the first floor café anytime during these sessions to observe or ask questions.

Women's History Month Program

Sunday, March 13, 2 pm

"Fly Bessie Fly," a one-woman show featuring Daisy Nelson Century of the American Historical Theatre, will bring to life the pioneering African-American aviator Bessie Coleman.

Ms. Century has impersonated a number of well-known characters, including Harriet Tubman, Phyllis Wheatley, Mary Fields, and others. A teacher for over 20 years in the Philadelphia school system, she conducts extensive research for each of the historical figures she portrays.

Free and open to the public, the program is funded by the Horizon

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Actress Daisy Century as Bessie Coleman

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

Call ahead to confirm availability. Free help with computers, phones, tablets, and other electronic devices.

Database Drop-In Day

Every Tuesday, 10 am-8 pm

Are the library databases a mystery and its e-resources even worse? Take advantage of Database Drop-In Days when librarians will work one-on-one with you to tackle all database-related issues.

Socrates Café

Third Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm

A gathering of people who meet to discuss the BIG questions of life. Open to adults and high school students. Participants discuss their ideas of meaning and existence.

PALS (Plainsboro American Language Social Club)

Every Thursday, 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.

T'ai Chi

Every Saturday, 10 am-12 noon

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

Plainsboro Artists' Group

First Mondays, 6:30 pm

Adult artists meet to exchange ideas and hold friendly critiques.

Library Book Club

Second Wednesdays, 7 pm-8:15 pm

Plainsboro Writers' Group

Last Mondays, 6:30 pm

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

Astrological Society of Princeton

Second Sundays, 2-4:30 pm

Discussion of astrological topics of interest. All are welcome.



Art Gallery

See website monthly for reception dates.

March: Youth Arts Month

March 1 - 23 (tentative dates)

Student artwork from the WW-P School District. See school website for details.

March: Robert Giovannetti

March 5 - 31

Display of digital art prints of early aircraft, and those flown by the renowned Tuskegee airmen. (Café gallery wall)

April: Maxine Shore

April 2 - 27

Oil paintings rich in vibrant color and strong shapes depict landscape and suburban scenes.

May: Sheela Raj & Sladjana Vasic

April 30 - May 25

Paintings on fabric by two artists. The acrylic on fabric and dye on silk includes frameable art, scarves, and items of home décor.

Monthly Benefit Book Sales

Saturdays & Sundays

10 am - 4 pm

March 19 - 20

April 30 - May 1

May 21 - 22

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Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Register at the reference department, 609-275-2898.

Diverticulosis and other Colorectal Conditions

Wednesday, March 16, 1-2 pm

Learn about these common conditions and treatment options for them. Presented by Liam Smith, MD, of Princeton Health Care System. Register at the reference department, 609-275-2898.



Hindustani Classical Music Performance

Saturday, March 19, 3 pm

Performers Deepa Chodhari and Pratik Devasthale, both Plainsboro residents, will present a concert on the Santoor, a kind of Indian hammered dulcimer, and the Tabla, a pair of hand-tuned drums. Chodhari and Dr. Devasthale perform concerts throughout the area; also, Dr. Devasthale teaches Tabla in Plainsboro.

Free CPR Class

Tuesday, April 12, 4-5:30 pm

Presented by Princeton Health Care System. Register at the reference department, 609-275-2898.

Jazz Appreciation

Friday, April 22, 7 pm.

Bands from the West Windsor-Plainsboro School District will present a varied program in celebration of April, as Jazz Appreciation Month. Come and support Plainsboro's young musicians.