NJ Makers Day Fosters Creative Pursuits

The library will be an official location for “NJ Makers Day” on Saturday, March 10, from 11 am to 3 pm. NJ Makers Day is a statewide event that promotes hands-on creative pursuits and collaborative learning – “maker” activity – in science and the arts.

Participants in NJ Makers Day will focus on projects which they might not pursue at home. For example, kids of all ages will be invited to enter the Cardboard Construction Zone. Using safe cardboard cutters, duct tape, and simple tools, they may construct planes, skyscrapers, armature, helmets, vehicles – whatever strikes their fancy.

Participants may also check out Lego Plainsboro. Claim a Lego “plot” and add a building to Lego Plainsboro, whatever would make a good addition to the town!

For the Finch Robot Challenge, children will have to use logic and simple gestures to create a “code”, enabling the library’s Finch Robot to meet a number of challenges.

Finally, Brushbot Racing will return, along with an Adult Knitting Workshop.

Funding for this event is provided by the Friends of the Plainsboro Public Library. For information about other Makers Day activities at the library, go to www.plainsborolibrary.org.

Concert at Library to Kick Off Jazz Series

Darla Rich Jazz – a duo consisting of jazz guitarist Rich Tarpinian and upright bassist Darla Isaacs Tarpinian (pictured above) will perform at the library on Friday, April 6, at 7 pm. The two musicians will be joined by David Stier on drums and Jim Stagnitto on trumpet, to kick off a jazz series in celebration of Jazz Appreciation Month in Plainsboro.

The Tarpinians are based in New Jersey and have been part of the library to Celebrate Women’s History

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Upcoming Events
(Additional Events are featured on page 1)

“Harassment in the Workplace”
Thursday, March 8, 7 pm
Presented by employment attorney Mitchell Schley.

Children’s Estimania
Wednesday, April 4, 11am - 2pm

CPR Training
Wednesday, April 18, 11 am & Tuesday, April 24, 6 pm
Presented by Princeton Health Care system. Registration is required.

Adult Coloring
Thursday, May 10, 7 pm
Discover the fun and calming benefits of coloring. Listen to music, relax and enjoy. Light refreshments served.

Library Offers Value Line Investment Research
Value Line, one of the most highly regarded and widely used investment research tools in the world, is now available online with remote access at www.plainsborolibrary.org/databases.

Value Line provides information on 3,500 stocks across 100 industries, as well as on mutual funds, options and convertibles. Use it!

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local jazz scene since 2000. Their repertoire includes straight ahead jazz and standards, as well as original compositions. They also apply elements of jazz to popular songs.

The concert is the first in a series of jazz events that will take place in various locations around Plainsboro during the month of April. More information on other locations is available on the library website at www.plainsborolibrary.org.

Ongoing Programs
ESL, Mondays, 7-8:30pm; Geek Desk, Mon.-Thurs., 6-8pm; Sat.-Sun., 10am-4pm; Socrates Café, Third Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm; PALS (Plainsboro American Language Social Club), 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 6:30-8:15pm; Plainsboro Artists’ Group, First Mondays, 6:30 pm; Library Book Club, Second Wednesdays, 7-8:15pm.

Grant Supports Summer Concerts
Thanks to a grant from the Middlesex County Office of Arts and History, the library will present four musical programs this summer, including selections by The Chinese American Music Ensemble; Hindustani classical music by Deepal Chodhari; African American jazz and spirituals by Follow the Drinking Gourd; and international dance music by a strings duo from the NJ Symphony Orchestra. Check back for more information!

Art Gallery
See library website for reception dates and updates about our monthly exhibitions.

March: Youth Arts Month
March 3-28 (Dates tentative)
Student artwork from the WW-P School District. See school website for details.

April: Ingrid Davis
March 31-April 25
Monoprints made from wood block and watercolor. Landscape, cityscape, and still life.

May: Susan Kessler
April 27-May 30
Landscape photography from travels to Iceland.

“Along the Canal” by Ingrid Davis

Free Tax Assistance is available at the library through mid-April. Stop in to make an appointment with one of the AARP tax aides, or call 609-275-2897.