You may have noticed the arrival of some new hardware in the Science Center this summer. The Plainsboro Library Foundation funded the purchase of laptops and 3-D printers in response to residents' feedback requesting workshops on coding, 3-D design and printing. This funding allows the library to start a new chapter of STEM education in the Science Center. Maryann Ralph, Library Director, said, “We are so excited to add these resources in the Science Center and can’t thank the Library Foundation enough!” Head of Youth Services, Darren Miguez, and Youth Services librarian, Liz Palena, are implementing a calendar of events and workshops for kids and teens this fall. There will be coding workshops, intro to 3-D design and printing, as well as drop-in lab sessions where kids can reinforce and build upon what they have learned. Anyone interested in learning more about these workshops should call Darren at 609-275-2897; or e-mail him at dmiguez@lmxac.org.

Grant Promotes Healthy Eating & Physical Activity

Thanks to a grant to Plainsboro Township from the NJ Healthy Communities Network, the library’s third floor Children’s Department now hosts a thriving gardening program for kids. One of the grant’s mandates is to foster healthy eating habits; the second is to promote healthy physical activity.

First they planted. “Our goal is both to show kids how to garden and how to use the fruits of their labor,” explains Library Director Maryann Ralph.

In June, library staff and teen volunteers filled pots and planters with a variety of vegetable and herb seedlings. In July, they started seeing results. First came the kale, bursting out of the soil; next was the zucchini. By August, the third floor’s western terrace was overflowing with produce that included eggplant, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, and multi-colored sweet peppers, as well as herbs. After crops are harvested, library staff will demonstrate various cooking methods that can be applied to a variety of produce. Once the technique for making kale chips, for example, has been mastered, the same technique can be applied to other fruits and vegetables.

Bike Sharing. To promote healthy physical activity, the grant’s second mandate, the township will install a bike-share station at the library in the fall, according to Director Ralph. While there is not an exact timetable yet, bikes will be available near the front door of the library and may be ridden throughout the township.

Library Foundation Funds 3-D Printers and Laptops for Science Center
Upcoming Events

**Princeton Score**
*Tuesday, September 4, 6 pm*
Workshops will teach skills for small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs.

**Diabetes Self-Management**
*Monday, September 10, 11-1:30*
First of six weekly workshops on ways to control diabetes. This program is part of the national initiative *Everyone with Diabetes Counts*, funded by Medicare. Registration is required.

**Common Shoulder Injuries with Golf & Tennis**
*Tuesday, September 11, 7-8 pm*
Presentation on the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of common orthopedic ailments specific to golf and tennis, as well as exercises to protect and strengthen the shoulder.

**Influence of Renaissance, Reformation and Enlightenment Ideas on Western Society**
*Wednesday, September 12, 7 pm*
First in a three-part lecture series.

**College Planning Workshop**
*Thursday, September 13, 6:30 pm*

**Annual Plainsboro Library Festival of the Arts**
*Saturday, September 15, 12-4 pm*

**Diabetes Self-Management**
*Monday, September 17, 11-1:30*
Second of six weekly workshops on ways to control diabetes. Registration is required. No new participants after this session.

**Adult Volunteer Orientation**
*Monday, September 17, 6 pm; Thursday, September 20, 11 am*

The Festival of the Arts is funded by the Friends of the Plainsboro Library.

**Art Gallery**
See library website for exact exhibit dates and reception dates.

**SEPTEMBER: LIONEL GOODMAN**
*September 1 - 26*
“Uncommon Faces” - Portraits by this accomplished Princeton photographer.

**OCTOBER: KRISHMA PATEL**
*September 29 - October 24*
Award-winning quilter exhibits a collection of favorites.

**NOVEMBER: LEENA THAKAR-BAGAWDE AND SHEKHAR PRABHAKAR BAGAWDE**
*October 27 - November 28*
Acrylic paintings of traditional Indian images and calligraphy in English and Marathi, including old ‘Devanagari script.'

**Friends of the Plainsboro Public Library**
**Monthly Benefit Book Sales**
Saturdays & Sundays
10 am - 3 pm
September 22-23
October 27-28
November 17-18

**2018 ANNUAL PLAINSBORO LIBRARY FESTIVAL of the ARTS**
*Saturday, September 15, 12 - 4 pm*
Hands-on arts and crafts provided by local adult artists. Music by DJ and live high school a cappella and strings.
~ On the square in front of the library. ~

**Would you like to volunteer to help out?**
Adult artists for demos or crafts; teen and adult volunteers for set up, clean up, and assistance at craft tables.
Just call 609-275-2897 and ask for the art festival coordinator.