“Bronze Lion” by artist Jun Zhan — one of the meticulously detailed watercolors on display in the February Chinese New Year celebration exhibit.

UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS:

Chinese New Year Festival To Be 2-Day Event

The Plainsboro Public Library will celebrate the Chinese “Year of the Pig” on Saturday, February 9, 12-4 pm, and Sunday, February 10, 12-2 pm.

A highlight of the first day will be a reception, from 12-2 pm, honoring water color artist Jun Zhan, whose scenes from the Forbidden City in Beijing will be on display in the library gallery. The show will also include Zhan’s portraits of senior citizens from the Xingjiang Uygur Autonomous Region of China, a region whose citizens are known for their longevity.

Libraries To Hold Coding Classes Quarterly

Two sets of coding classes will run quarterly at the library in 2019.

Each quarter there will be two sessions for grades 3-5 that focus on computational thinking, logical thinking, and puzzle-solving.

Those in grades 6-12 will enjoy three to four sessions that focus on languages for different types of programming, such as web-based development, game development and servers.

Open to all, the classes are affiliated with the national association Girls Who Code, which encourages the participation of girls in STEM.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

AARP tax aides return in February! Check our website in the new year.

New Library App Provides Immediate Access

A new mobile app, LMxPRESSPLUS, which provides immediate access to individual library accounts and to the catalog of all LMxAC libraries, is now available to patrons through the Apple App Store. Those with android devices may get it on Google Play.

Use LMxPRESS PLUS to:

- Place holds on items across all LMxAC member libraries and choose your pickup location.
- Manage your library account: view holds and checkouts, and renew items.
- Store a digital copy of your library card on your device so you always have it with you.
- Check your library’s social media feeds.
- See upcoming library events on each member library calendar.

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Other features of the day will include a traditional New Year’s dragon dance with drumming; additional Chinese cultural music and dance performances will follow. (Entry is free, but seating is limited; tickets will be distributed ahead of time.)

**Do-It-Yourself Calligraphy**

Starting at 12 pm, talented local artists will demonstrate Chinese calligraphy and some will supervise do-it-yourself calligraphy stations. There will also be demonstrations of Chinese knotting and brush painting. The library will host a number of Chinese games, as well, with prizes for the winners.

Check the library website for more information and program times.

**Film Tells Story of Murder Victim Harlan Joseph**

Saturday, January 19, at 2 pm

In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King’s legacy, Purcell Carson, documentary filmmaker and lecturer in Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School, will present excerpts from her film on Harlan Joseph, an African-American teenager killed by police during rioting in Trenton after the assassination, in 1968, of Dr. King. Carson’s presentation will feature a discussion of ways in which the past influences the present, as well as a behind-the-scenes look at the making of the film.

Walker, pictured above, promoted female talent and taught other African-American women how to succeed as entrepreneurs; she was a civil rights advocate; she funded scholarships for women at Tuskegee Institute; and she donated large sums to the NAACP, dozens of black charities, and black colleges and universities.

Her impersonator, Dr. Daisy Century, has appeared at the library in the past as Sojourner Truth and Bessie Coleman. A teacher and writer, Dr. Century conducts exhaustive research on all her subjects, in order to portray them in the most accurate way possible. There will be a question-and-answer session following her presentation.

**Celebrate Black History With Mme. C. J. Walker**

Saturday, February 16, at 2 pm

Historical impersonator Dr. Daisy Century will bring America’s first black woman millionaire to life in the Community Room! Known as Madam C. J. Walker, (her husband was Charles J. Walker, a journalist who helped promote her enterprise), she was born in 1867. In 1905, seeking a treatment for hair loss, she developed a “hair-growing” business that she built into an empire, the “Walker system”.

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**Art Gallery**

See library website for reception dates.

**DECEMBER: INGRID DAVIS**

December 1 - January 2

Whiteline prints made from carved wood block and watercolor. Landscape, cityscape, and still life.

**JANUARY: “PERSISTENCE”**

January 5 - 30

Featuring work by artists who persist in creating art despite commonly perceived obstacles: age, illness, and physical and neurological problems.

**FEBRUARY: JUN ZHAN**

February 2 - 27

Watercolors portraits, and scenes from the Forbidden City in Beijing.

Follow the arts at the library on Instagram!

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Join the Friends and assist with fund-raising, book sales, social media, and membership.

**Membership dues help fund:**

- The free museum pass program
- Keeping the library open Sundays
- Special events, such as NJ Makers Day and Arts Festival
- Educational programs

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**Regular Monthly Benefit Book Sales:**

- Saturdays & Sundays
  - 10 am - 3 pm
- December 15-16
- January 26-27
- February 23-24

**Special Bargain Book Sale!**

- Friday, February 1, 12-4pm (Scanning allowed Friday only.)
- Saturday & Sunday, February 2 & 3, 10am-3pm

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