A ‘Universe of Stories’ for All Ages

The mysteries of science and the wonders of space are on the agenda this summer at the Plainsboro Public Library, as it celebrates the theme “A Universe of Stories,” and commemorates the 50th anniversary of man’s first walk on the moon.

Underlying all summer activities will be the reading program – for adults, teens, and children. Prizes will be available for all ages.

Family Programs

“Animals Are Out of this World”
Saturday, June 22, 1pm
Presented by Eyes of the Wild, a traveling zoo, this show will feature animals, both familiar and strange, that the audience can touch. It will also describe the contribution of animals to human understanding of the natural universe.

Science Tellers
Saturday, July 6, 1pm
Actors will present an action-packed adventure – “Aliens: Escape from Earth” – that includes visitors from outer space and uses science experiments to create special effects. In the second half of the program, volunteers from the audience will help re-create the special effects.

Storyteller Tahira
Saturday, July 13, 1pm
A poet, instrumentalist, and vocalist with Young Audiences Arts for Learning, Tahira will present stories of hope, triumph and tragedy, drawn from a diverse repertoire of original works, including many based on African oral tradition. She will play authentic African instruments during the program.

Celebrate the Science Center’s 25th Birthday!
Sat., June 15
Starting at 12 pm
Join us for birthday cake, children's science activities, and the final round of the teen competition “Fix the Future!”

Check our website for more detail.

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Crab Grass Puppet Theater
Saturday, July 20, 11am
The award-winning theater will present the hilarious tale of “The Pirate, the Princess and the Pea!”

Other Events

Journal Workshop for Adults
June 5, 12, 19, 11am—1pm
Develop your own journal with help from sketchbook journal artist Paula Ridley. Select a page to be bound with others by artist Maria Pisano, to celebrate the town’s centennial.

Journal Workshop for Young Adults and Children
June 26, July 10, 17, 24;
Choose one of these sessions:
11am or 2pm
See description above. Grades 4 & up.

“Clear Your SPACE!”
Thursday, June 27, 6:30-7:30pm
A decluttering event for adults...
Organizing humorist and bestselling author Jamie Novak shares her laugh-out-loud funny approach for what to do with all your clutter – without getting overwhelmed.

Art Gallery
See library website for reception dates.

JUNE: “BRINGING THE WORLD BACK HOME: A TRIBUTE TO THE PEACE CORPS” PAINTINGS BY NANCIE GUNKELMAN
June 1 - 26
Paintings from the artist’s overseas travels as a Peace Corps volunteer.

JULY: “REFLECTIONS: ARTIST BOOKS AND WORKS ON PAPER” BY MARIA G. PISANO
July 2 - 31
Maria Pisano’s “Armor”, a miniature book.

Contribute a page to a Community Book!
In celebration of Plainsboro’s Centennial year, the library is creating a book where the content will be entirely composed by residents. Share your ideas in a journal workshop in June and July. See listing above, and check our website for more information.

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Exploration of Mars
Saturday, June 29, 1pm
NASA Solar System Ambassador Frank O’Brien will discuss the future of Mars exploration, including plans to eventually land man on the planet.

The Apollo 11 Project
Sunday, July 14, 3pm
NASA’s Frank O’Brien (see above), author of The Apollo Guidance Computer, will discuss the Apollo 11 project that put man on the moon 50 years ago.

Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey
Thursday, July 18, 7pm
The Shakespeare Theatre’s four-member tour group Shrewd Mechanics (shown below) will present “Verily, Madly Thine” an array of moments from Shakespeare’s plays as well as a few selections from more contemporary authors inspired by Shakespeare’s work.

Briz and ‘The Revival’
Saturday, July 27, 2pm
Briz and The Revival are a Funk/R&B/Soul band. Singer/songwriter Briz released her EP “Love and Light” to rave reviews. She wrote and co-produced every song.

Film: “Day the Earth Stood Still”
Sunday, July 28, 2pm

AUGUST: SHERRI ANDREWS
August 3 - 28
Alcohol ink, acrylic and mixed media. The artist’s intuitive paintings depict abstract floral, landscape and figurative subject matters in bold colors and layered textures.