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Programs for Children at Newark Public Library This Fall



Newark Public Library announced programs for children and their caregivers to be held this fall, including programs for infants, toddlers, and older children, with a variety of activities to engage learning and play.

“Little Bits” story time for infants and toddlers will be held on select Mondays from 10:30 to 11:00 am at the Children’s Room at the Main Library, 5 Washington Street. Young children and their caregivers will enjoy learning together with stories, finger plays, songs, and social time. Upcoming sessions will be held on September 26, October 24, November 7, November 21, November 28, and December 12.

For more information about these programs, call the Children’s Room staff at (973) 733-7797.

Parents and caregivers can share their love of books and the Library with a program designed to stimulate imagination, encourage language development, and promote a closer bond between child and caregiver. September is National Library Card Sign Up Month, a good time to get a free passport to books, music, movies, and more. The Newark Public Library issues cards free of charge to students attending school in Newark, city residents, employees of local businesses, municipal workers, and property owners. Stop by the circulation desk at any Library location today.

Salsa at Sunset: Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month will be held on Wednesday, September 21, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Join instructors from the dynamic dance company Salsa Fever on 2 for a group salsa lesson designed for children ages 5 to 12 in Centennial Hall at the Main Library, 5 Washington Street. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information about this program, call the Children's Room staff at (973) 733-7797.

Be sure to allow time before or after the salsa lesson to visit the exciting new exhibit, *The Rhythm and the Beat: Drums and Percussion in Latin America* now on view on the second floor through December 31, with videos showing a variety of musicians playing drums and other percussion instruments, and fascinating objects and stories about the role of drums in rituals, celebrations, and communal activities.

Two family programs, part of the Newark Literary Festival, will be held at North End Branch Library, with giveaways and refreshments. **Children's Literature Day: Meet the Authors!** will be held on Saturday, September 24, starting at 1:00 pm, featuring Marybell Martinez, who will speak about her new book *Preschool Blues*, Ivette Méndez, who will read from her book *A Day in the Life of La Gatita de Oro in Apt. 6-J: Salsa Dancing*, and her brother Carlos Luis Méndez, who will talk about drawing pictures for books. Books will be available for purchase and signing, and there will be an opportunity for photos with a surprise children's book character.

North Ward History Day will take place on Saturday, October 1, beginning at 12:00 noon, with fun activities for children and adults. Learn how this neighborhood grew from farms just 125 years ago into what you see today, and see how North Ward looked in the past during a slide presentation with historic photographs.

The Newark Literary Festival is cosponsored by the Newark Public Library and the Forest Hill Literary Society. Both family programs are free and open to the public. Both will take place at North End Branch Library, 722 Summer Avenue. For more information, please call (973) 733-7766.

Whether they like castles or ships on the high seas, children will have a fun-filled afternoon at **Pirates and Princesses Party and Parade**, on Saturday, October 8, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. Come to the Lobby and Children's Room on the first floor for story time, arts and crafts, photo stations, and balloon artists. Decorate a crown or a hat fit for a swashbuckler. A light lunch of pizza and fruit will be served. Please register for this event by calling (973) 733-7797 before October 5. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

The Rutgers Undergraduate Women in Business (RUWIB) will host the **4th Annual Characters Walk** celebrating children's literacy in the City of Newark on Saturday, October 22, starting at 10:00 am. Children and adults can dress up as a favorite character – costumes are encouraged! Activities will include face painting, crafts, games, a children's reading corner, a DJ and

dancing, and the Characters Walk, which begins at 12:30. RUWIB will make a contribution to the Library towards the purchase of children's books.

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