

FRIENDS OF THE MIDDLESEX PUBLIC LIBRARY WINTER/SPRING EVENTS 2018

ABCs OF DNA: INTRO TO GENETIC GENEALOGY

Wednesday, January 17 (2:00 P.M.)

Walter Choroszewski shares his experience with DNA testing and teaches how you can discover the hidden treasures in your DNA. Walter decodes the confusing science of DNA and translates it into common language. He compares genetic testing companies and directs how to find your genetic relatives, biogeographical origins and so much more!

CASSANDRA LAMBROS VOCALIST AND VIOLINIST

Sunday, January 28 (3:00 P.M.)

Cassandra is a classically trained opera singer and violinist, and recent winner of the Roxbury Arts Alliance Vocal Competition. She will perform a concert she has entitled—Gounod: Bicentennial of the “Master of the Melody.” Cassandra will be accompanied on the piano by our own Beverly Weber. Not to be missed!

JAMES MICHAEL, BROADWAY BARITONE

Wednesday, February 7 (2:00 P.M.)

A dynamic world class baritone with an engaging performance style presents an extraordinary singing experience entitled: IN LOVE WITH BROADWAY: A Celebration of Broadway Love Songs. James has had the privilege of meeting or playing opposite legendary stars such as Howard Keel, John Raitt, and Robert Goulet. His renditions of Broadway love songs emulate these great performers.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, February 12 (3:00 P.M.)

It's time to begin working on the Fourth Annual Tricky Tray and First Annual Recycled Costume Jewelry Sale! Anyone interested in taking an active part in these and other Friends activities is urged to attend this business meeting.

MICHAEL NORRIS: MEET GEORGE WASHINGTON!

Sunday, February 18 (3:00 P.M.)

Declared at his death “First in peace, first in war, and first in the hearts of his countrymen,” George Washington is revered even today. Through works of art often drawn from area museums, such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Delaware Art Museum, and the New York Historical Society, see how artists of his own time portrayed him for posterity and how that posterity, through its own crop of artists, commemorated his deeds.

JAMIE NOVAK: KEEP THIS, TOSS THAT!

Wednesday March 7 (2:00 P.M.)

Join organizing humorist and bestselling author Jamie Novak for this laugh-out-loud funny look at the common challenges to getting organized. You will walk away with a simple plan to avoid being overwhelmed at the thought of cleaning your closets and making piles of paperwork disappear! Perfect for savers and sentimentalists!

THE ALAN FREED ROCK 'N ROLL SHOW

Wednesday, March 21 (2:00 P.M.)

The Year: 1947—The Place: Brooklyn Paramount Theater—Starring: Frank Sinatra. What the young audience is NOT aware of: They will be caught in a time warp that will take them on a journey to 1957 as the Brooklyn Paramount witnesses the birth of a new music and the Alan Freed Rock 'n Roll Show.

BOB EDWARDS “WHAT’S THAT TUNE?” AND QUILTERS’ RAFFLE

Sunday, April 8 (3:00 P.M.)

"What's That Tune?" is a fun and friendly game that tests your knowledge of the popular music of your life. You'll be challenged and amazed at how much you recall during this contest where everyone is a winner. Bob is a former radio disc jockey, concert promoter, and professional announcer. His vast collection of music spans from the early 1900's forward. The Middlesex Heritage Quilters will also be raffling a variety of quilted items with all profits to benefit the Friends.

JACQUELINE KENNEDY ONASSIS: AN AMERICAN LEGACY

Sunday, April 22 (3:00 P.M.)

She was a Kennedy. She was an Onassis. Her preservation efforts galvanized the country to protect its historic monuments. Aided by her public profile, her work helped bring about the Historic Preservation Act of 1966: the most far-reaching preservation legislation ever enacted in the United States. This free program is open to the public and provided by Jill Holland of the American Historical Theatre and funded by the Public Scholars Project of the NJ Council for the Humanities, a State Partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

All events are free of charge and held in the Community Room of the Middlesex Public Library, 1300 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846. For more information, visit the Friends' website: www.middlesexfol.org or call 732-356-6602.

An Adult Book Discussion Group meets at the Library the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. For further information about the book group, call Beverly Weber at 732-356-3536.

NOTE: This newsletter is mailed to all active members of the Friends of the Library. To continue receiving it, please make sure your membership is up to date. Our 2018 membership runs from January - December 2018. When joining or renewing, please provide us with your current contact information. Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM THE LIBRARY

MONTHLY LINE DANCING CLASSES will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning in January. Kick up your heels with instructor Sharon Tagliaferro. Dates to be announced shortly.

CLAIRE LEVOURNE FROM THE MEADOWS PROJECT will present a documentary and talk on planting local flowers in honor of Earth Day. Get a head start on your summer planting!

CHAIR YOGA: If anyone is interested in a second season, please let the Library know.

THE ACOUSTIC DUO OF JEFF AND KAREN will be returning for a fun summer sing along. Date to be announced soon.

ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM: The 2018 theme is *Libraries Rock*. Enter our contest to win some great prizes and enjoy lots of great summer reading!

FRIENDS OF THE MIDDLESEX PUBLIC LIBRARY
ANNOUNCE OUR FOURTH ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY



AND FIRST ANNUAL RECYCLED COSTUME JEWELRY SALE



The Jewelry Sale will be held

Friday evening, May 11, 2018, from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

You'll also be able to preview the Tricky Tray baskets and prizes that evening.

The Tricky Tray and Jewelry Sale will be held

Saturday, May 12, 2018, from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

(Tricky Tray tickets will be sold on Saturday, May 12 between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM only.)

The Tricky Tray drawing will be at 3:00 PM.

You don't need to be present to win!

Both events will be held in the Community Room of the Library.

How to Donate: Bring your unwanted Bling to the Library Circulation Desk or to a Friends Program now through early May.

Tricky Tray donations will be accepted at the Circulation Desk now through early April. Gift certificates to restaurants, retail or grocery stores, etc., and any new gift items are always popular prizes.

Thank you!

For more information, call 732-356-6602, or visit the Friends of the Library online:

www.middlesexfol.org or [facebook.com/middlesexfol](https://www.facebook.com/middlesexfol)

Please support the Tricky Tray and Recycled Jewelry Sale. These are major fundraisers for the Friends and will support future adult programs. The Friends are a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation.