

Edison By the Numbers February 2024

Borrower Services

Physical Items Borrowed:

Total: 37,717

Main Library 16,217

North Edison 18,049

Clara Barton 2,887

Bookmobile 564

Downloadable Items Borrowed:

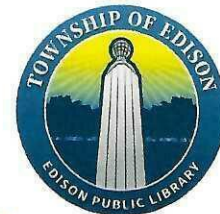
Ebooks & Audiobooks
5,115

Hoopla 1,587 Digital Magazines 1,297

Users: 6,109 Kanopy Items Streamed: 523

Library Cards Created

311



Information Queries

1,467

Library Programs

Total: 133

Virtual Attendance	In-Person Attendance
73	1657

Meeting Room Usage:

Outside Group Meetings
4
Attendance
81

Website Visitors

Visits 9,600

Page views
30,224



Databases

Users
357

Database Searches
2,782

Social Media



Subscribers 160



Followers 1,945



Followers 911



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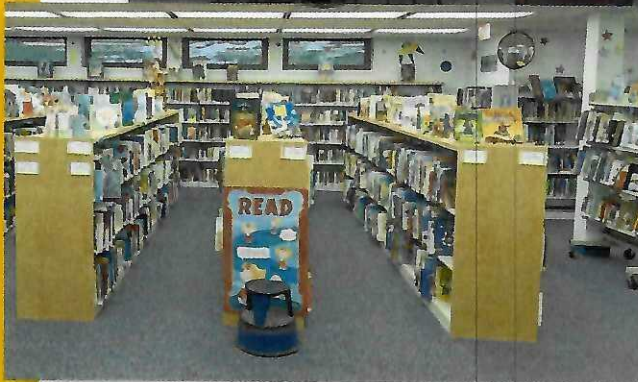


The Clara Barton Branch of the Edison Public Library is conveniently located in the heart of your neighborhood at the corner of Hoover Avenue and Pleasant Avenue and has everything you need to stay educated, entertained, and productive.

Services available with your Library card include:



- Fine-Free Book Borrowing
- Computers and Wi-Fi
- Printing and Faxing
- Enrichment Programs
- Baby and Toddler Storytimes
- Digital app access like Hoopla, Kanopy, and LinkedIn Learning



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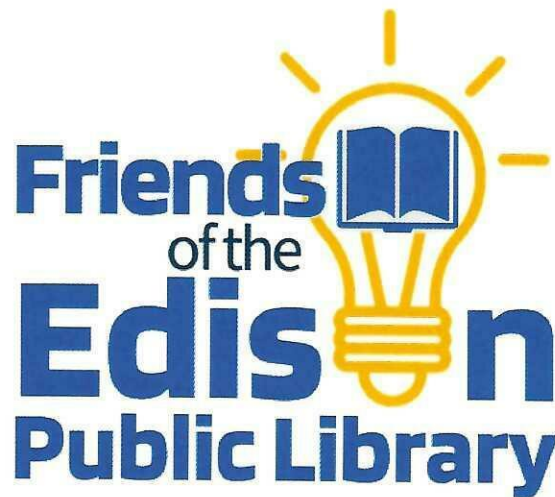
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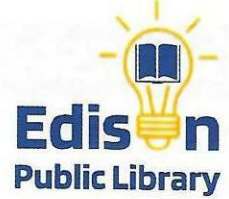
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March 2024 Events



MAIN LIBRARY

Game Day | T,TW

Tuesday, March 13, 20, & 27 at 3:30pm
Every Tuesday, we break out the Nintendo Switch for some gaming fun!

VITA Tax Preparation Services provided by United Way of Central Jersey | A,SP

Every Monday at 10:00am
United Way of Central Jersey provides free income tax services to eligible taxpayers.

AARP Tax Aide | A,SP

Every Tuesday at 9:30am
AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides free tax preparation to anyone of any age who can't afford paid tax preparation.

Read Across America...to Dogs! | Y,F,SP,R

Saturday, March 2 at 2:00pm
Share your favorite book with local therapy dogs! Open to kids in grades K-4.

Mario Madness Party | Y,T,F,SP

Sunday, March 3 at 1:30pm
Join us for Mario Bros. themed crafts, games, and more! Open to families. No registration required.

Spring In Your Step Craft | Y,SP,R

Wednesday, March 6 at 6:00pm
Start off spring with a craft celebrating gentle breezes, sunny skies, and budding flowers! For ages 4 - 11.

Identifying the Bell Holder Wreck | A,SP,R

Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00pm
Dan Lieb presents New Jersey shipwreck and maritime history.

Alphabet Soup | Y,R

Friday, March 8 at 11:00am
Have fun getting to know the ABCs! Open to children ages 2-5 with their caregivers.

Pysanky: Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop | A,SP,R

Saturday, March 9 at 12:00pm
Learn the Ukrainian folk art of pysanky making with artist Halyna Lojko & fellow members of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America.

Stories Under the Stars | Y,F,SP,R

Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00pm
Families use musical instruments in this half-hour story time with books, rhymes, and songs! For children ages 2 - 8 years old and their families.

Artist Roundtable | A,SP,R

Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00pm
Join us for a monthly discussion on all topics related to Art. Share your ideas, experiences, thoughts or just come to listen and learn.

Artsy Toddler | Y,F,SP,R

Thursday, March 14 at 1:00pm
Toddlers will learn new motor skills as they create amazing works of art. Dress for mess. Open to children ages 2-5 with their caregivers.

Holi Celebration: Live Dholi Performance and Dance Workshop | A,SP,R

Sunday, March 17 at 2:00pm
Join us for a vibrant celebration of Holi, the Indian Festival of Colors, with a live dholi performance.

Lucky Day Craft | Y,SP,R

Monday, March 18 at 4:00pm
Find your own gold at the end of the rainbow with a St. Patrick's Day themed craft for kids ages 6-11!

Junior Scientists | Y,F,SP,R

Thursday, March 21 at 4:00pm
From origami to catapults, get ready to explore the world of STEAM! Ages 6 - 11.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) | T,R

Thursday, March 21 at 7:00pm
The starting point for teen volunteering at the Library. TAB gives teens a platform to direct and shape services and volunteer opportunities at the Edison Public Library.

Alphabet Soup | Y,R

Friday, March 22 at 11:00am
Have fun getting to know the ABCs! Open to children ages 2-5 with their caregivers.

The Bookies Book Club | A,R

Tuesday, March 26 at 1:30pm
This month's selection is *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden.

Youth Art Show Reception | Y,F,SP,R

Wednesday, March 27 at 2:00pm
March is Youth Art Month! Celebrate art made by the kids of Edison!

Pokemon Training Academy | Y,SP,R

Saturday, March 30 at 1:00pm
Pick a Poke-Pal and decorate a Poke Ball as you get ready to hunt Pokemon (you might even find a legendary). Open to ages 3 - 11.

NORTH EDISON BRANCH

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) | T,R

Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00pm
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Lucky Day Craft | Y,SP,R

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Health Insurance Literacy | A,SP,R

Monday, March 18 at 10:30am
Health insurance vocabulary is confusing. We'll explain terminology in plain language and answer questions about how health insurance works.

Spring In Your Step Craft | Y,SP,R

Wednesday, March 20 at 4:00pm
Start off spring with a craft celebrating gentle breezes, sunny skies, and budding flowers! For ages 4 - 11.

Thinking about starting a business? | A,SP,R

Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30pm
Let Central Jersey SCORE help you. Join us as our business mentors help you decide.

Junior Scientists | Y,F,SP,R

Thursday, March 21 at 6:00pm
From origami to catapults, get ready to explore the world of STEAM! Ages 6 - 11.

Beyond the Table with a Registered Dietitian | A,SP,R

Thursday, March 21 at 7:00pm
Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Patricia Kolesa will discuss the importance of good nutrition and provide tips to maintain healthy eating habits.

Read Across America...to Dogs! | Y,F,SP,R

Saturday, March 23 at 2:00pm
Share your favorite book with local therapy dogs! Open to kids in grades K-4.

Youth Art Show Reception | Y,F,SP,R

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Chronic Disease Information Session | A,SP,R

Tuesday, March 26 at 1:00pm
Discussion for the participation of people in future programs regarding help with managing Chronic Disease, specifically Diabetes.

Understanding Medicare Seminar | A,SP,R

Tuesday, March 26 at 6:00pm
A Medicare seminar presented by American Senior Benefits.

Holi Craft & Colors for Teens | T,SP,R

Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30pm
Learn to make natural Holi color powder and a Holi-themed bookmark featuring dried flowers.

CLARA BARTON BRANCH

Clara Barton Knitting Circle | A

Every Thursday at 1:00pm
Do you knit, crochet, or do needlework? All experience levels are welcome, please bring with you your supplies, patterns, etc.

Artsy Toddler | Y,F,SP,R

Tuesday, March 5 at 11:30am
Toddlers will learn new motor skills as they create amazing works of art. Dress for mess. Open to children ages 2-5 with their caregivers.

Office Hours with a Health Insurance Navigator | A,SP

Friday, March 8 at 10:00am
Health Insurance Navigators are available to assist residents with enrolling in a health insurance plan through GetCoveredNJ or NJ FamilyCare.

Kid Craft: Coins of Appreciation | Y,F,SP,R

Monday, March 11 at 3:00pm
Join Mobile Family Success Center as we spread some joy, making pot of gold appreciation coins. Open to children ages 6 through 11.

Health Insurance Literacy | A,SP,R

Tuesday, March 12 at 10:30am
Health insurance vocabulary is confusing. We'll explain terminology in plain language and answer questions about how health insurance works.

Family Game Day: Mario Kart 8 Deluxe | Y,TW,F

Wednesday, March 13 at 3:30pm
Race to the finish line in a variety of famous tracks in Mario Kart 8 Deluxe. This week's game is rated E for Everyone.

Lucky Day Craft | Y,SP,R

Tuesday, March 19 at 4:00pm
Find your own gold at the end of the rainbow with a St. Patrick's Day themed craft for kids ages 6-11!

Family Game Day: Super Mario Bros U Deluxe | Y,TW,F

Wednesday, March 20 at 3:30pm
Hang out, meet friends, and show off your skills in some Nintendo Switch titles. This week's game is rated E for Everyone.

Holi Celebration: Live Dholi Performance and Dance Workshop | A,SP,R

Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30pm
Join us for a vibrant celebration of Holi, the Indian Festival of Colors, with a live dholi performance.

Family Game Day: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate | Y,TW,F

Wednesday, March 27 at 3:30pm
Play the fan favorite Nintendo fighting game series Super Smash Bros. at the library! This week's game is rated E10+.

Beyond the Table with a Registered Dietitian | A,SP,R

Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00pm
Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Patricia Kolesa will discuss the importance of good nutrition and provide tips to maintain healthy eating habits.

Spring In Your Step Craft | Y,SP,R

Thursday, March 28 at 4:00pm
Start off spring with a craft celebrating gentle breezes, sunny skies, and budding flowers! For ages 4 - 11.

Event Key

A	Adult	IGL	Instagram Live
Y	Youth	M	Maker
T	Teen	R	Registration required to attend in-person
TW	Tween	S	Sensory
E	Exhibits	SP	Special Event
F	Family	Z	ZOOM
FBL	Facebook Live		

MAKERSPACE

Main Library

How to Use Creativebug | A,M,R

Wednesday, March 6 at 6:00pm

Learn how to access the library database, Creativebug. Teach yourself a new creative skill from the comfort of home.

Crochet 101 for Adults | A,M,R

Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00pm

Learn the basics of crocheting! Please bring your own hook and yarn. Limited supplies are available. For Adults only.



NJ Makers Day Programs

Crochet 101 for Adults | A,M,R

Clara Barton Branch

Friday, March 15 at 10:30am

Learn the basics of crocheting! Please bring your own hook and yarn. Limited supplies are available. For Adults only.

Yarn Monster Storytime | Y,M

North Edison Branch

Friday, March 15 at 11:00am

Hear a story about a monster & then make a scary monster of your very own! Supplies available for first 15 participants. For ages 2-5.

Pipe Cleaner Flower Rings | Y,M

Clara Barton Branch

Friday, March 15 at 1:00pm

Enjoy making flower rings and fun craft from pipe cleaners. For ages 3-6.

Slime Laboratory | Y,M

North Edison Branch

Friday, March 15 at 4:00pm

Experiment with us as we make two different types of slime, then decorate a container to keep your slime fresh! Limited supplies available for the first 15 participants. For kids in grades 1-5.

Oobleck STEM Storytime | Y,M,R

Main Library

Saturday, March 16 at 10:30am

Join us for NJ Maker Day for a STEM Storytime - a reading of Dr. Seuss's Bartholomew and the Oobleck - and then a making of our own Oobleck to play with! Open to children ages 3 - 6 and their families.

LEGO Building Challenge | Y,M

Main Library

Saturday, March 16 at 12:00pm

Join us for a morning of creative fun and brick-tastic challenges at the library for NJ Maker Day! Tables will rotate every 15-20 minutes to accommodate all! **For ages 2-5.**

Cotton Ball Launcher | Y,M,R

Main Library

Saturday, March 16 at 2:00pm

Do you enjoy pelting people with cotton balls? Building strange contraptions? Then join us at the library to make cotton ball launchers out of toilet paper rolls and then battle each other! Open to children ages 4-11.

Learn how to sketch | Y,T,TW,A,M,R

North Edison Branch

Saturday, March 16 at 2:00pm

Learn how to sketch by using some of the basic techniques such as hatching, cross hatching and practice creating different types of lines.

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Sign up for our newsletter at edisonpubliclibrary.org to find out about upcoming events!

LEGO CLUB

Explore your creativity and strengthen your building skills with LEGO challenges for ages 6 - 11!

North Edison Branch

Thursday, March 7 & 14 at 6:00pm

Main Library

Saturday, March 30 at 2:00pm



VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Monday Morning Book Club | A,R,SP,Z

Monday, March 4 at 10:00am on Zoom

This month's selection is *Greenlights* by Matthew McConaughey.

The Power of Friendships with NPR Legal Affairs Correspondent

Nina Totenberg | A,R,SP,Z

Wednesday, March 6 at 4:00pm on Zoom

Join this intimate conversation with Nina Totenberg and hear about her nearly fifty-year friendship with Ruth Bader Ginsburg and her book *Dinners With Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships*.

Travel & Adventure: Road Scholar Educational Travel | A,R,SP,Z

Monday, March 11 at 7:00pm on Zoom

Road Scholar is an American not-for-profit organization that provides educational travel programs primarily geared toward older adults.

20 Years of Dragon-Riding in YA Fantasy | A,R,SP,Z

Thursday, March 14 at 4:00pm on Zoom

We chat with internationally bestselling author Christopher Paolini about his return to the World of Eragon with *Murtagh*, a stunning continuation of the epic fantasy.

Page Lovers Book Club | A,R,SP,Z

Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00pm on Zoom

This month's selection is *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead.

On Retelling Greek Classics | A,R,SP,Z

Thursday, March 21 at 7:00pm on Zoom

You're invited to a conversation with Madeline Miller as she chats with us about her body of work and her process in retelling Greek classics into modern epics in fiction.

STORYTIMES

Baby Bookworm - Lapsit Rhymes: Main Library

Thursday, March 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 11:00am

Best for babies ages 0 to 18 months. Come prepared to sit with your child on your lap.

Baby Songs and Stories: Main Library

Monday, March 4, 18, & 25 at 10:00am

Toddler Storytime: Main Library

Monday, March 4, 18, & 25 at 10:00am

Baby Songs and Stories: North Edison Branch

Monday, March 4, 18, & 25 at 10:00am

Toddler Storytime: North Edison Branch

Monday, March 4, 18, & 25 at 10:00am

Baby Songs and Stories: Clara Barton Branch

Wednesday, Monday, March 6, 20, & 27 at 10:00am

Toddler Storytime: Clara Barton Branch

Wednesday, Monday, March 6, 20, & 27 at 11:00am

Bunny Storytime at the Menlo Park Mall

Tuesday, March 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 11:30am

Join us in the Center Court of the Menlo Park Mall for a special storytime!

Edison Public Library programs and events are free and open to the public.
Registration may be required. See Event Key for details.

Our mission is to ensure that Edison Public Library is welcoming, inclusive, and dedicated to excellence.

Board President: Patricia Massey | Library Director: Allan Kleiman



Holi Celebration

Live Dholi Performance and Dance Workshop

Date: Sunday, March 17

Location: Main Library

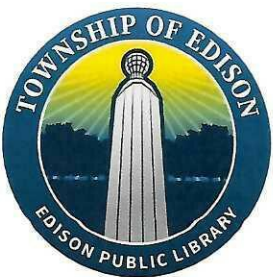
Time: 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Contact: (732) 287-2298

Join us for a vibrant celebration of Holi, the Indian Festival of Colors, featuring a live dholi performance that promises to fill the air with rhythmic beats and joyous energy. This all-ages program invites everyone to experience the music of dholi and learn traditional dance steps from a skilled dancer. Curated by Priya Kumari from Eternal Tree Books.

Space is limited. Registration is encouraged but not mandatory.

Open to all. Register online by scanning the QR code, visiting our website, or calling the Library.



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Identifying the Bell Holder Wreck

A New Jersey Shipwreck Presentation

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Date: Wednesday, March 6

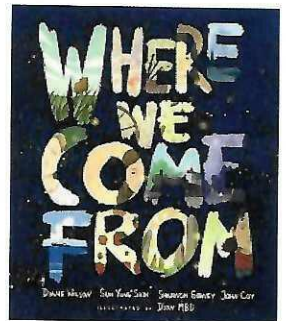
Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Location: Main Library

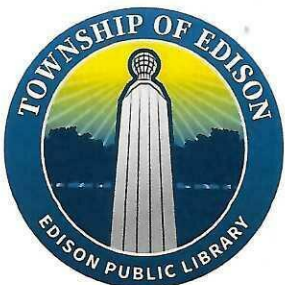
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Identifying this rarely explored wreck took six years. What it revealed was a glimpse into the maritime industry of the early twentieth century and the dangers of plying the waters off New Jersey.

Registration is encouraged and begins at 9:30 am on January 29.



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Pysanky - Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop

with artist Halyna Lojko

Date: Saturday, March 9

Time: 12:00 – 3:30 PM

Location: Main Library

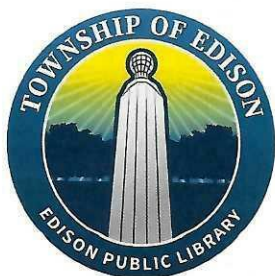
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Learn the Ukrainian folk art of pysanky (pyh-sahn-KYH) making. This Ukrainian Easter tradition dates back to the ancient pagan celebration of the coming of Spring. Participants start by watching the demonstration of this wax resist (batik) process after which they are assisted in each step of the making of their own pysanka.

Pysanky artist, instructor Halyna Lojko, continues to teach this beloved tradition passed down to her through generations. She is assisted by fellow members of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America, (UNWLA), Branch 98.

All materials provided. Limited to 20 participants. Registration is required.

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