

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

### NOVEL MORNINGS

**January 8th at 11:30am**

Join us for a lively book discussion.

Check out a copy of the novel

*All the Colors of the Dark* by Chris Whitaker and get ready to share your thoughts with our discussion group. Didn't finish the book? Feel free to join us anyway!

### NONFICTION ADDICTION

**January 15th at 11:30am**

We're discussing *The Spinach King* by John Seabrook.

### CHASING CLUES: A COZY MYSTERY CLUB

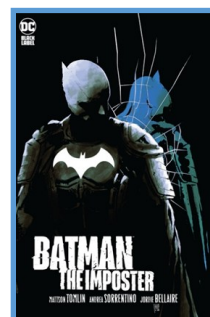
**January 20th at 6:30pm**

Join us in the meeting room for a discussion of *Curiosity Thrilled the Cat* by Sofie Kelly. Light refreshments of tea and cookies will be provided. **Please visit the reference desk to borrow a copy of the book.**

### GRAPHIC NOVELS BOOK CLUB

**January 22nd at 6pm**

We will be discussing *Batman: The Imposter* by Mattson Tomlin.



**Book discussions are open to adult cardholders.  
Advance registration is required.**



## MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

**2026 dates:**

**1/26, 2/23, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, 6/15, 7/20, 8/17,  
9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 12/21**

Contact Elizabeth Sands at easands08080@gmail.com for information. The group meets at 6:30pm in the meeting room.

## JANUARY AARP PROGRAMS

### AI ALL AROUND

**Thursday, January 22nd at 12pm**

If it seems like AI is showing up everywhere, it's not just you! From searching the web to attending a Zoom meeting, AI tools are now available to help with most online tasks. In this lecture, we'll explore many of the digital platforms and websites where generative AI is now available. We'll discuss how the tools try to make tasks easier and go over privacy considerations to keep in mind when using them.

### UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL SECURITY 101

**Wednesday, January 28th at 12pm**

This workshop focuses on building a basic understanding of Social Security, exploring how claims decisions affect payments, and identifying resources that can help you along the way. It can help you build confidence in making the right decisions for your personal situation.

These programs are presented by :



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## DIRECTOR'S CORNER



This month, we are beginning the third year of our strategic plan. In 2025, we began offering digital library cards and this has increased access to e-materials. We began mailing postcards with library information to new residents. An audiovisual system was installed in our meeting room which will provide better sound at our programs. We are looking forward to meeting goals in 2026 and here are a few of our plans:

- Celebrate the library's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Offer programs related to the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States

- Begin offering Book Club in a Bag bundles to borrow
- Provide a series of Fitness Fundays on the weekends, featuring cardio drumming, chair yoga, and Tai Chi Chih
- Start a crocheting club and a little builders club for children

Pictured above are Valerie Gouse and Judy Bonato, cardio drumming instructors, who are also librarians! Judy is a retired elementary school librarian and Valerie is a professor at Rowan College of South Jersey.

Sheila Mikkelsen, Library Director

## SONGWRITERS CLUB

**January 8th at 6pm**

This group's goal is to connect songwriters to build community and bounce ideas off one another. We will share our own music, as well as music or other art we find inspiring.



## FITNESS FUNDAYS!

These programs are possible due to the generous support of the Friends of the Heggan Library.

### Take A Seat: Chair Yoga with Dana

**Sunday, January 4th & 18th at 1:30pm**

Join us for our chair yoga class where we focus on moving, breathing, building strength & flexibility, and end with relaxation!



### T'ai Chi Chih

**Saturday, January 10th at 1:30pm**

Participate in this mindful, moving meditation class.

### Drum2BFIT: Cardio Drumming

**Sunday, January 18th at 3:30pm**

**January 25th at 1:30pm**



Join certified cardio drumming instructors for a fun workout using drumsticks, yoga balls, high-energy music, and customized choreographed routines to increase physical and mental fitness.

**These programs are open to Heggan cardholders only. Advance registration is required.**

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

**The Friends will hold their annual membership drive in January.**

Please consider renewing your membership or becoming a Friend, attending monthly meetings, and helping with our fundraisers, or being a passive member. Current Friends are asked to renew their membership before January 31, 2026. The annual membership fee is only \$7 and \$50 for a business.

The Friends accept new members all year and welcome members at monthly meetings, which are held on the third Tuesday at 4:00pm in the library meeting room.

You can join or donate by using a membership application located near the Friends' bookstore.

See more details on their website:  
[www.hegganlibraryfriends.org](http://www.hegganlibraryfriends.org)

# MONTHLY PROGRAMS

These programs meet once or twice a month.  
Advance registration is required. Check our  
website for details.



Dungeons and Dragons

January 5th at 6pm

Jigsaw Puzzle Club

January 8th & 22nd at 1pm

Mahjong Club

January 9th & 30th at 1:30pm(new to the game)  
2pm (for those who attended a beginner class)

Drop-In Tech Time

January 9th

Knitting and Crocheting Basics

January 10th at 2:30pm and January 24th at 2pm

Zine Studio

January 16th at 3:30pm

Magic: the Gathering Commander Night

January 13th at 6pm

# HEGGAN LIBRARY TURNS 60 in 2026!

To help celebrate the library's milestone, we want to hear from you! We'd love to know how the library has made a difference in your life. Stories from the community help show the true impact of our services. Let your story be part of our next chapter. Scan the QR code to get started.



# LIBRARIAN BY APPOINTMENT

Schedule an individual appointment today with one of our librarians on staff. Some reference questions take up more time than we can offer at the reference desk, so signing up for Librarian By Appointment means you get personal, uninterrupted time to get your questions answered!  
Call the Reference Desk at (856) 589-3334 ext. 222 or email us at [info@hegganlibrary.org](mailto:info@hegganlibrary.org) for more information or to schedule an appointment. Open to Heggan cardholders only.

# FRIDAY MATINEE

January 23rd at 1pm

Join us once a month in the meeting room on Friday afternoons.

This month we're screening "Hamlet," released in 2024, starring Ian McKellen. This film is rated "R" for "mature themes, violence, and some disturbing images." The runtime is 1:57:39.

The film is hosted on Kanopy, a free resource that patrons can use, which is provided by the Heggan Library.

Popcorn will be provided.



# NEW JERSEY WRITERS RESOURCE GROUP

2026 dates:

1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12, 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, 9/8,  
10/13, 11/10, 12/8

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Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday

10:00 am - 9:00 pm

Friday & Saturday

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The virtual library is  
always open.

# HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The library will be closed on  
January 1st in celebration of  
the new year.

We will also be closed on  
January 19th in observance of  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE:



# HEGGAN HAPPENINGS

HEGGAN LIBRARY CELEBRATES SIXTY YEARS!

# TIDY WORKSHOP: PAPER AND BOOK DECLUTTERING

January 6th at 6:30pm

Overwhelmed by piles of paper and overflowing bookshelves?

Join organizing expert and Master Level KonMari Consultant Ana Catarrivas for a fun and practical workshop on how to tame the chaos of books and papers at home. Bring a stack of loose papers if you'd like some hands-on help, and come with your organizing questions. There will be plenty of time for Q&A.

Let's sort it out together!

# REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST: A MEMORIAL SPEAKER EVENT

January 27th at 7pm



Holocaust survivor Leona Kleiner was sent to Auschwitz concentration camp at age 16 with her mother and three sisters. Her granddaughter, Carly, and great-granddaughter, Scarlett, will introduce and show Leona's video testimonial and answer questions after the video.

This program is presented in coordination with the Speakers Bureau from the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center.

This program is open to everyone. Advance registration is required.



PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL PROGRAMS ARE OPEN TO ADULT PATRONS WITH PRIORITY GIVEN TO HEGGAN CARDHOLDERS UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.  
ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

The Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library has been serving the residents of Washington Township, New Jersey for sixty years.