



The Franklin File

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Pajama Collection

For the second year, we are collecting new, unused pajama sets, sizes newborn - adult, during the month of December for Pajama Program, a non-profit, whose mission is to promote equitable access to healthy sleep so all children can thrive. All pajamas will go to a local organization to distribute where they are needed most.



Think Ahead for Preventative Health

The Library has scheduled the Virtua Health Mobile Unit for Monday, January 5th. The Mobile Health & Cancer Screening Unit will offer on-site 3D mammograms, pap tests, and other screening. Appointments will be required.



December Closings
Dec. 12, Staff In-Service
Closed
Dec. 24, Christmas Eve
Closed
Dec. 25, Christmas Day
Closed
Dec. 31, New Year's Eve
Closing at 5pm

Activities for Adults



During Franklin Township's Christmas at the Center on Saturday, December 6th, make sure to stop by the Library for a festive experience. As part of the event, you'll have the opportunity to get your passport stamped and receive a giveaway while supplies last.

Keep Calm & Carry Yarn

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17 from 2 - 4 pm
Do you want to learn how to start loom knitting or basic crochet stitches? Drop in! You're welcome to bring your yarn project and work on it in the library too. *Meeting Room.*



AI & Disinformation*

Monday, December 8 at 6:30 pm
Disinformation refers to false information created to mislead people, and it's nothing new. But today's AI-powered tools and social media have made it easier and faster to create and spread disinformation. In this lecture, we'll explore how AI is used to create convincing deepfakes and clone voices, making it challenging to distinguish between real and fake content. We'll also review best practices for evaluating information and explore tech tools that can help identify content created with AI.
Presented through the AARP Speaker's Bureau.

Veterans Fraud Center & Operation Protect Veterans

Wednesday, December 10 at 10:30 am
Uncover the top scams aimed at our service members and their families, learn how to spot red flags, and discover free tools to protect your benefits, identity, and financial future. With real data, compelling stories, and actionable tips, this session is your frontline defense against fraud.
Presented through the AARP Speaker's Bureau



Mobile Notary

Wednesday, December 10 from 6 - 7 pm
Free notarization. Provided by Inkspot Mobile Notary. Walk-ins. *Meeting Room.*



Deck Out a Book

Thursday, December 11 at 3 pm
Instead of decking the halls, we're inviting you to deck out a book cover using diamond art. Bring in your own book or choose from a selection of paperbacks made available from Friends of Franklin Township Library.

Mah Jongg - Fridays 1 - 4 pm

*Thursday, Dec. 11th in place of Friday, Dec. 12
No experience necessary.



Festive Cupcake Decorating*

Monday, December 15 at 6:30 pm
We're happy to welcome back Desserts with Allison for some festive fun using buttercream.
All materials supplied
Limited Seats.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, December 17 at 7 pm



Page Turners*

Thursday, December 18 at 4 pm
This month's title is *The Spinach King* by John Seabrook. *Meeting Room.*

SNAP Information Table

Friday, December 19 from 10 am - 12 pm

Library of Things
Use your library card to borrow items from binoculars to record players! Visit ftlnj.org for the most current list of items available.
The Library is funded by Friends of Franklin Township Library.



Library Hours:
Mon- Thur: 10 am - 8 pm
Fri: 10 am - 5 pm
Sat: 10 am- 4:30 pm
Closed Sundays

Ages 0-5

Early Literacy Take and Make

Kits change monthly and are designed to highlight early literacy skills and develop fine motor skills. Pick them up in the Youth Section while they last. *Pre-K - 1st grade.*

Story Time*

Wednesdays December 3, 10, 17 from 10:30 - 11:00 am
Read alouds, singing, and finger rhymes.
Best for ages 3 - 5. Activity Room.



Rhyme Time*

Thursdays December 4, 11, 18
10:30 - 11:00 am
Develop baby's motor, sensory, and social skills through exploration of short books, rhymes, songs, and more!
Ages 0 - 2. Siblings are welcome. Activity Room.

Explore on the Floor

Friday, December 5, 19 from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Open play; bring a friend or meet one!
Ages 0 - 5. Activity Room.

Night Owls

Tuesday, December 9 from 6 - 6:30 pm
Get the pre-bedtime wiggles out!
Pajamas not necessary but are definitely cozy!
Best for ages 3 - 5. Activity Room.
(Accepting donations of new pajamas of all sizes for the Pajama Program charity.)



Grades K - 5

Kid Take and Make

Monthly crafts designed especially for those in 1st-4th grade.
Pick up in the Children's Room while supplies last.

STEM Activity

Self-guided activity to help explore early STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering, math). *Activity Room.*

Kitchen Explorers*

Monday, December 1 at 6 pm
December's kids' menu is highlighting how to make Waffles! Contact Candace at cworrell@ftlnj.org for allergen information. *Grades 2 - 5. Activity Room.*



Barking Book Buddies*

Monday, December 15 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Read to a dog! Each participant will get 15 minutes so have a book ready. We're here if you need help choosing.
In partnership with Tri-State K9 Response Team.
For kindergarteners & up. Activity Room.



LEGO® Challenge*

Tuesday, December 23 from 6 - 7 pm
Are you a Lego Master? Each month you will be presented with a new challenge. Are your building skills up to the task?
Community Center.



Grades 6 - 12

Teen Hang

Mondays - Fridays from 3 - 5 pm
Study, game, snack** *Monthly Take & Make kits include all materials. While supplies last!*
Teen Space.



Anime Club*

Wednesday, December 3 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm
In addition to the usual antics: watching anime and eating Asian snacks, teens will also participate in a White Elephant party game, where wrapped, anonymous small "gifts" are randomly exchanged. EVERYTHING IS PROVIDED. Register to be included!
Activity Room.



Dungeons & Dragons*

Monday, December 8 from 6 - 7:30 pm
Experienced and new players welcome. *Meeting Room.*

Teen Game Night*

Wednesday, December 10 from 6 - 7 pm
Mid-week pizza and board games! *Meeting Room.*
Pizza donated by Nick's Pizzeria & Steakhouse, Franklinville



Volunteer Power Hour*

Tuesday, December 16 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Need volunteer hours? We need you!
Craft prep and other tasks. *Activity Room.*

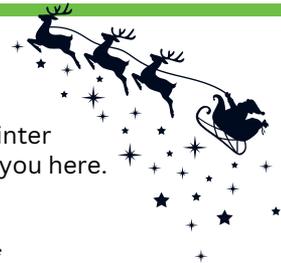
What's Cooking*

Monday, December 22 at 6 pm
Learn basic cooking skills with easy recipes. This month you can make (and eat!) Turkey Wafflewiches. Contact Candace at cworrell@ftlnj.org for allergens information.
Activity Room.

FEATURED EVENTS FOR YOUTH

Stories with Santa*

Tuesday, December 2 from 6 - 6:30 pm
Jolly Ol' Saint Nick is visiting to share winter stories & songs. We Ho-Ho-Hope to see you here.
All ages welcome. Activity Room.



Laser Tag Lock-In*

Friday, December 5 from 5 - 7 pm
Play laser tag in the library! After the library is closed for the night, you get the run of the place. **Grades 6 - 12.**

NOTE: Waiver required to be completed by parent/guardian.

Big Kids' Story Time*

Saturday, December 27 from 10:30 - 11 am
For kids **ages 6 and up!** Enjoy a story time just for you! Each month we will read books, sing silly songs, and create crafts.
Activity Room.

