



**2025  
WINTER  
MEETING**

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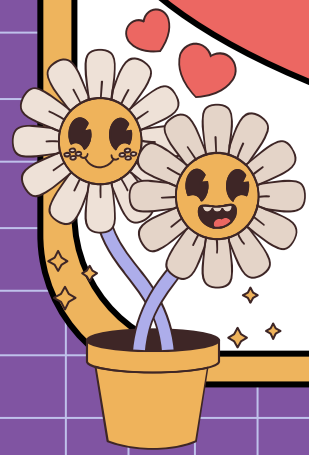
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Meetups

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# Darby Malvey

## Spanish Conversation Hour

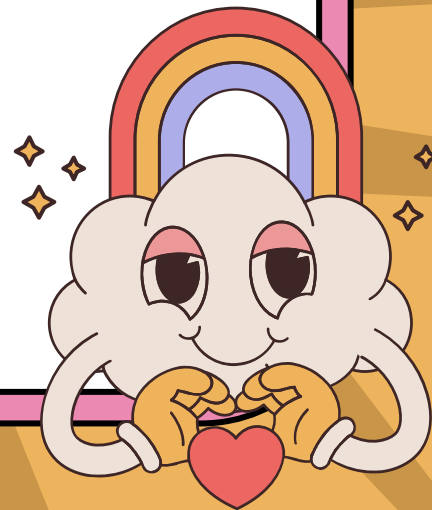


♥ **Luisa Martucci**

♥ **Yesenia Lopez**

♥ **Nelida Vazquez**

♥ **Cynthia Becker**





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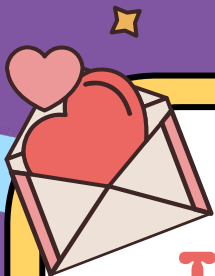


Partnerships



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# Darby Malvey

The Best Team in NJ Libraries





# Bonnie Lafazan



**Celebrating Library Programming!**

## **New Admin Role**

- Challenges
- Staff Changes
- Opportunity !

## **Small Staff**

- 5 FT Librarians incl Dir and Asst. Dir
- Plan, prep, facilitate, pre and post-promote all

**LOVE SUCCESS JOY**





# ADULT PROGRAMMING

Regular Programming: Calming Crafts, Chair Yoga, Mobility Club Training, Sunday afternoon Concerts, Really Good Book Discussion, Arts Exhibits (and receptions) and Library Chef



**S F P L**  
SPRINGFIELD  
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a CLUB in MOTION

## Mobility Club Training with Jon Leslie

Two sessions are available on February 3rd and March 3rd @ 11:30 AM

Registration is required! Fifteen participants may attend each class. Sign up on Springfield Free PL's Eventbrite page.



VINCE GUARALDI; THE MAN BEHIND "PEANUTS"

FEATURING THE PATRICK KERSSEN TRIO!

Sunday, December 15th @ 2:00PM

'James' receives positive reviews by Really Good Book Discussion Group

by Margaret Cholewa-Matney on September 23, 2024 · Comments (0)

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ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY

## ADULT Summer

READING CHALLENGE AGES 18 AND UP!

NEW THIS SUMMER! THE MORE YOU READ, THE MORE CHANCES TO WIN!

REDEEM A READING BINGO BOARD EACH WEEK TO BE ENTERED INTO A RAFFLE TO WIN A PRIZE! THE MORE BOARDS YOU COMPLETE, THE MORE CHANCES YOU HAVE TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZES!

Register in person at the library beginning Monday July 10, 2024

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY AT THE LIBRARY

with Liz Frydman

## MOVEMENT

Some space available for next week's session on mindfulness. Registration required on Eventbrite.

WARM UP WITH

WINTER YOGA

JOIN CAITLIN LOWE AS SHE GUIDES YOU THROUGH A FOUR-WEEK YOGA SERIES WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7 PM.

JAN 29, FEB 5, FEB 19 AND FEB 26

Please bring a mat and a beach or bath towel.

SIGN UP AT [SPRINGFIELDFREEPUBLICLIBRARY.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://springfieldfreepubliclibrary.eventbrite.com) TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

(Digitally) Express Yourself: Using LinkedIn to Create and Promote Your Personal Brand

Join Sarah Zarembro to discover how to...

- best use LinkedIn to show off your professional accomplishments!
- find what makes you shine to employers and peers!
- optimize your bullets for AI algorithms!
- become the 2.0 version of your professional self!

January 9, 2025 | 7pm-8pm

Registration required on Eventbrite

**S F P L** SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MEET WITH SARAH

MEET THE AUTHOR! Book Discussion with Andrea J. Stein, author of Dear Eliza

December 4 7 pm

RESERVE YOUR SPOT HERE: <https://AndreaSteinAuthor2.eventbrite.com>



Other programs: Live Author Events, Wellness Series, Warm it UP with Winter Yoga Series, Vision Board Workshop, Career Training programs, lectures, Adult Book Tastings and much more!

# YOUTH SERVICES-REGULAR PROGRAMS

**READ TO A THERAPY DOG**



November 19th at 3:30pm  
10 minute time slots  
Visit us on Eventbrite to register for a time slot:  
\*\*Registration on Eventbrite required



*Crafts with Chloe*  
AFTER SCHOOL AT THE LIBRARY  
*fairy jars*





**MOTHER GOOSE GROUP EXTENDED PLAY!**  
STAY AND PLAY AFTER STORY TIME  
WITH OUR TOYS IN THE PALMER MUSEUM  
TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS  
10:30AM - 11:20




STORY TIME AND  
*Amore the Bear Stuffing*




**FOOTBALL READING TAILGATE**




**MUSIC BOOGIE WOOGIE BABIES**  
Adult and child music and dance class.  
Ages 6 months - 2.5 years  
January 3rd at 10:30  
No registration required.




**STORY SPROUTS YOGA AT THE LIBRARY**




**Library Chef Junior Live Online Kitchen Kills**

**FEBRUARY AGE: 10 & UP**  
STIR-FRY FUN: NOODLES, CHICKEN & VEGGIES!  
LIVE ONLINE  
Save Your Spot!  
**TEEN CLASS**  
STIR-FRY FUN  
02/04/2025 06-00 PM EST

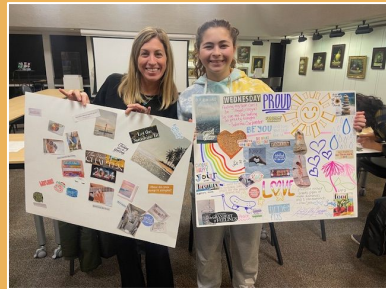
**FEBRUARY AGE: 5 TO 9**  
LET'S MAKE PASTA!  
LIVE ONLINE  
**KIDS CLASS**  
LET'S MAKE PASTA!  
02/19/2025 06-00 PM EST

Register with your library card or sign in to your account!

Mother Goose Group/Extended Play,  
Read to a Therapy Dog, Crafts with Chloe,  
School Visits, Story Time Stuffings,  
Boogie Woogie Baby, Story Time Sprouts  
and Library Chef Junior



# YOUTH SERVICES-SPECIAL THEMED PROGRAMS



Special Themed Events: K-Pop Dance Workshop, Storytime Yoga, Taylor Swift Night, Trivia Kahoot Nights, Dog Man Day, Library Open House with Bubble Show, Hygge Parties, Wellness for Teens, Animal Programs, Maker's Day Events, and Sports STEM

# YOUTH SERVICES-SUMMER!



ADVENTURE  
YOUR LIBRARY.

## Summer READING CHALLENGE

*Dates to Remember:*  
6/20 - In person registration and bingo board pick up begins  
6/26 - Summer Reading Kick Off Event at Town Hall  
6/27 - Begin redeeming bingo boards  
8/1 - Final day to redeem bingo boards  
8/7 - "Cashless" Tricky Tray Event  
8/13 - Readfest Summer Reading Event

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ADVENTURE  
YOUR LIBRARY.

## SUMMER READING

FREE MUSICAL KICK OFF EVENT  
TOWN HALL LAWN  
POLKA DOT - RON ALBANESE  
JUNE 26TH AT 7PM  
NO REGISTRATION  
BRING BLANKETS AND LAWN CHAIRS

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## READFEST TONIGHT

A Summer Reading Celebration

6:00 PM:  
BALLOON ART FROM AUSOME  
BALLOONS  
SCREAM TRUCK\*

6:30 PM:  
LIVE MUSIC WITH JUMPIN JAMIE

**August 13th, 2024**  
Town Hall Lawn

\*One limited menu Scream Truck item free for Summer Reading voucher holder only.  
\*Limited Menu Scream Truck items also available for purchase.



MINECRAFT  
ISLAND SURVIVAL  
AT SPRINGFIELD  
LIBRARY

Grades 6-8  
Thursday, July 18th at 1pm  
Registration required on  
Eventbrite



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PRESENTS

## 4th Annual TOUCH-A-TRUCK

NEW THIS YEAR - AT JONATHAN DAYTON  
HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT AT  
SPRINGFIELD'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!

**AUGUST 20, 2024**  
5 PM

With vehicles from Springfield's own Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Department of Public Works, there will be a truck to interest everyone!

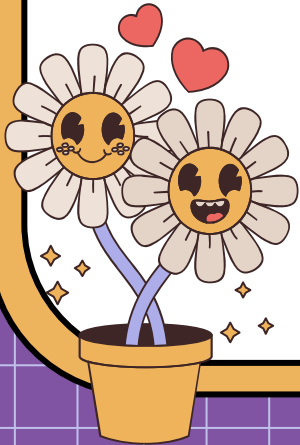
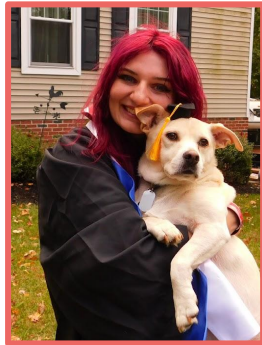
All ages!



Summer Fun!: Summer Stem Workshops, Kickoff event with live music, Summer Reading Challenge, Tricky Tray, READFEST, Foam Parties and much more!

Huge Shout to all Christine Brandenburg, our Assistant Director who implements and delivers the most robust and incredible Youth Services programming

# Megan Woods- Introduction

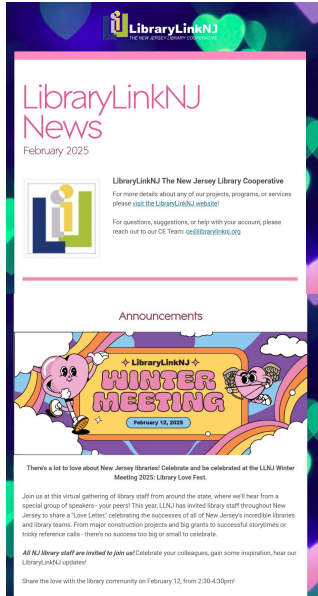


- **Communications and Outreach Assistant**
  - Newest member
  - Fixed term- 2 years
  - Part time
- Currently working towards Masters of Information
  - Library and Information Science
  - School Librarianship
  - Rutgers New Brunswick
- Part time library assistant in the Camden County Library System

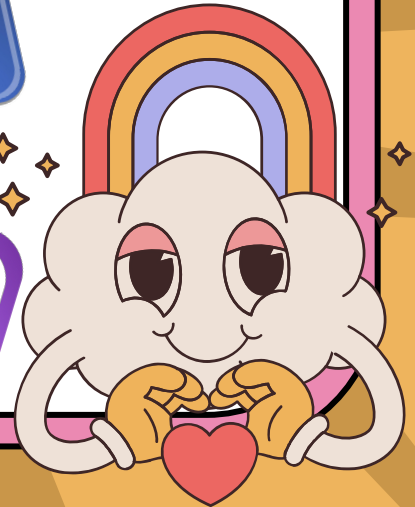




# Megan Woods- Responsibilities



- Weekly newsletter
- Monthly newsletter
- Social media presence
  - Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn
  - Interaction, content creation, monthly statistics
- Marketing LLNJ events and offerings
  - E-blasts, social media, posters, newsletter
- Design projects
  - Business cards, slideshow
- Taking on outreach assignments from Darby and Jon



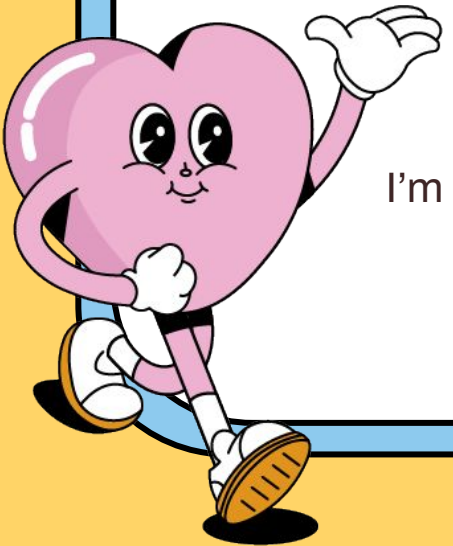


# Megan Woods

If you ever need to get in contact with me about promotions and outreach, my email is:

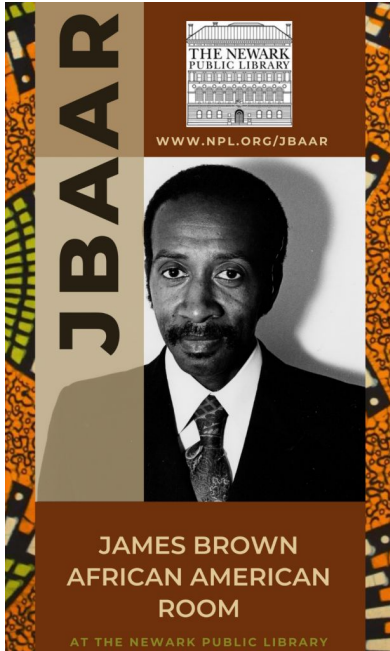
[megan@librarylinknj.org](mailto:megan@librarylinknj.org)

I'm looking forward to working with everyone and getting to know our members!





# Reggie Blanding

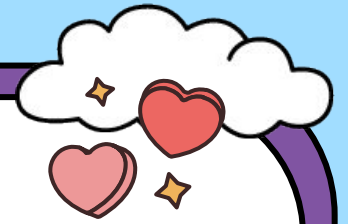
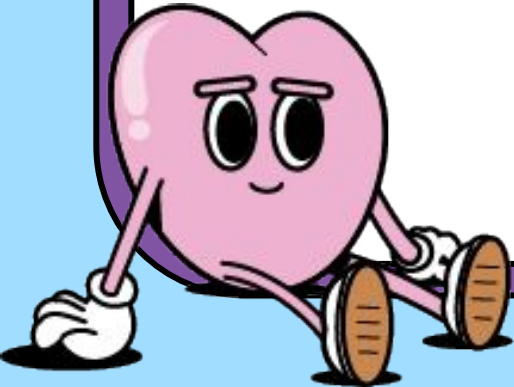


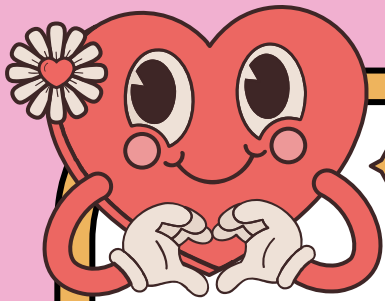
**James Brown (1937-1991)** dedicated his career to curating and expanding the Newark Public Library's collection of resources on the African American experience. As a librarian for 29 years, he served as Principal Librarian and Head of the African American Room, playing a vital role in shaping this unique and invaluable space.



# Reggie Blanding

- Head of the James Brown African American Room
- Collection Development of books related to African-American/ Diaspora life
- Programming including our annual Martin Luther King Commemorative Lecture and Black History Celebrations
- Outreach and partnerships





# Reggie Blanding



2022 Black History Celebration at The Newark Public Library



## Acquired Taste: Contributions of the African Diaspora to Food Culture in the Americas

### Can I Fix You a Plate? Black Restaurants and Hospitality

Thursday, February 10, 2022, 6 p.m.

Tune in on Zoom and Facebook Live

Zoom Login: <https://tinyurl.com/bdn94ck>

Join us as we delve into the rich history of Black restaurants, hospitality, alcohol and spirits. We'll discuss how Black chefs, bartenders, pit masters and entrepreneurs carved out space for themselves and survived. Meet the panel:



**Roger Aptien, Jr.**  
Owner, *Proper*  
[www.propernyc.com](http://www.propernyc.com) and *150 Ave. C*

**Therese Nelson**  
Chef, *Jackie's Restaurant*  
and *Jackie's Bar*

**Kai Campbell**  
Head chef, *Black Food*  
*Whiskey and Cocktails*

**Adrian Miller**  
Host, *Black Food*  
*Whiskey and Cocktails*

The PNC Foundation is proud to support the Newark Public Library's Black History Celebration exhibition and programs.



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NPL IS ALWAYS OPEN



The James Brown African American Room at the Newark Public Library Presents:

## THE 2024 BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION

CREATE, INSPIRE, ELEVATE! AFRICAN AMERICAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ARTS

### From Stage to Screen: Black Artists Reflect on Performing Arts

a panel discussion with *Anthony Goss, Richard Wesley, Celeste Bateman, Neferette Nguru and Pamela Morgan*



THURSDAY, FEB. 8 | 6PM

**NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
5 Washington St. Newark, NJ 07102  
James Brown African American Room, 2nd Fl.  
FREE PARKING: Essex County Parking Deck located  
at 20 Bridge St. Newark, NJ



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QUESTIONS? CONTACT US: (973) 733-5411

[jsaar@npl.org](mailto:jsaar@npl.org)

[@jsaar\\_npl](https://www.npl.org)

QR CODE



Scan QR Code for more details about this event on our website!



The James Brown African American Room at the Newark Public Library Presents:  
And The Beat Goes On: Drums as Rhythm, Resistance, and Resilience



## LET THE DRUMS SPEAK

IN CONVERSATION WITH  
BERNARD "PRETTY" PURDIE

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2025



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5 WASHINGTON ST.  
NEWARK, NJ 07102

RECEPTION: 1PM  
PROGRAM: 2PM

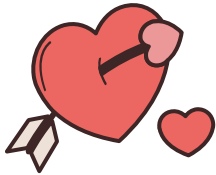
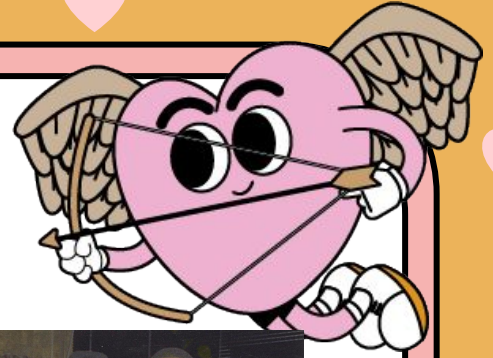
Join us for our 2025 Black History Celebration opening event featuring one of the most influential drummers of all-time, Bernard "Pretty" Purdie. He will be joined by Emmy award winning composer and drummer, Jerome Jennings and Global DJ Skeme Richards, who will spin some of Mr. Purdie's greatest songs during the reception!

FREE PARKING AT THE ESSEX COUNTY PARKING DECK LOCATED AT 20 BRIDGE ST. NEWARK, NJ 07102





# Reggie Blanding

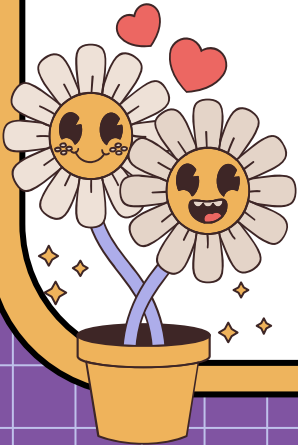


# Melody Scagnelli-Townley



## For my library:

- Recipient of a \$2.1 mil grant from the Community Center Digital Connect Grant from the NJ State Library!
- We are replacing our roof, replacing our chiller tower, adding in 3 small meeting rooms, a lactation space, and a family restroom.
- We are working with our architect on finalizing plans and will put out a construction RFP soon.
- I am hoping to have act construction work going by summer!



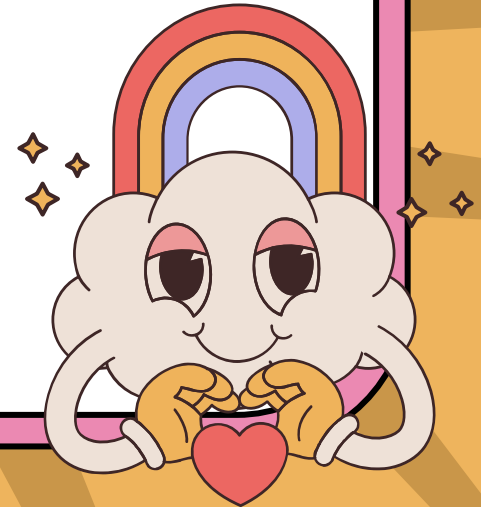


# Melody Scagnelli-Townley

For my library:

| Pre-2023 renovations             | Now                              |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Average 1-2 programs per day     | Average 3-4 programs per day     |
| Average 20 class visits per year | Average 75 class visits per year |

Our most popular new programs are Dungeons & Dragons, Family Yoga, Little Spanish Scholars, Music with Miss Julia, and our Typewriter Type-In!

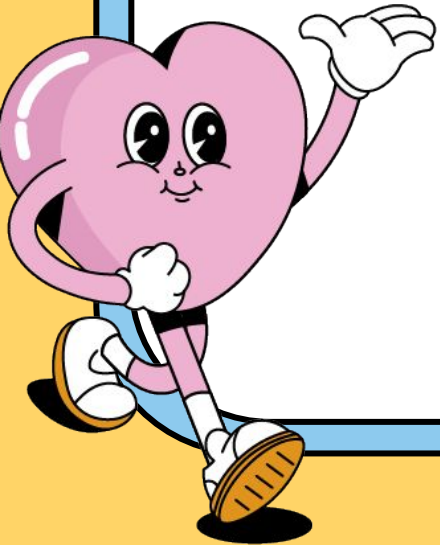


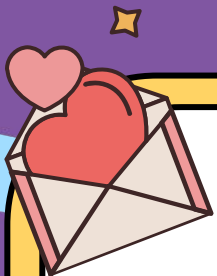
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## For my staff:

- “Unsung Libraries” spotlight with Jeff Cupo in the January 2025 NJLA Newsletter!
- Children’s Librarian, Jake Russell, was accepted to the NJLA Emerging Leaders!
- Children’s Library Assistant, Lauren Lapinski, is graduating with her MLIS in May!
- Addition of 3 new staff members in February:
  - 2 FT Night Maintenance / Boiler Operators
  - 1 FT Outreach Librarian

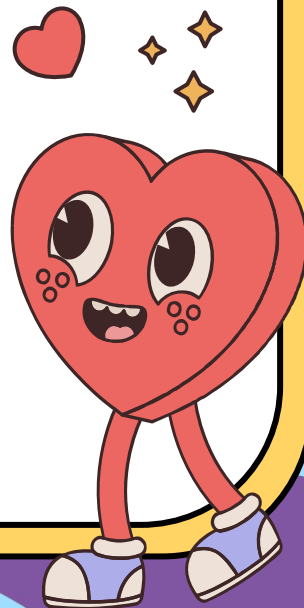




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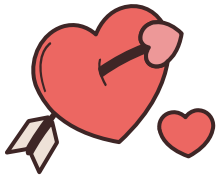
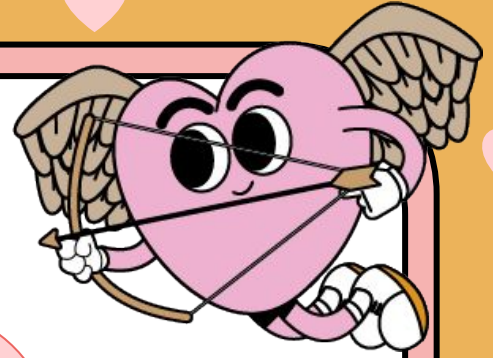
- President of the Urban Libraries section of NJLA
- Meetings are the last Tuesday of the month at 10 am
- Next meeting: *Tuesday, February 25th at 10 am.*
- Special election win for open Member-at-Large seat on NJLA Executive Board
- On the upcoming ballot for open ALA Council seat on NJLA Executive Board
- Part of the MentorNJ Mentor Network
  - Email me at [mtownley@bayonnelibrary.org](mailto:mtownley@bayonnelibrary.org)



**Jon Braun**



Three Things  
I **Love** About  
LibraryLinkNJ





# Jon Braun

We provide access to 200+ on-demand courses across diverse topics, most available without logging in!

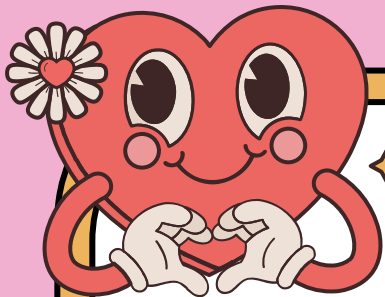


Equity, Diversity  
& Inclusion Strategies

Information Literacy  
& Combating Misinformation

Staff Training





# Jon Braun



Our **Reframing Information Literacy** series with author and educator David Cooper Moore is now available on the LearningSpace!

**Who Knows:**  
Reframing Information  
Literacy for a Wider Audience

**What Do I Know:**  
Building Background  
Knowledge & Developing  
a Research Framework

**What Will I Find:**  
Introducing & Modeling  
Online Search

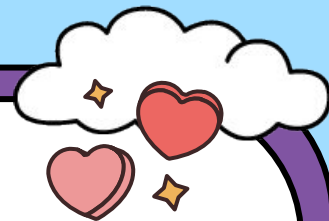
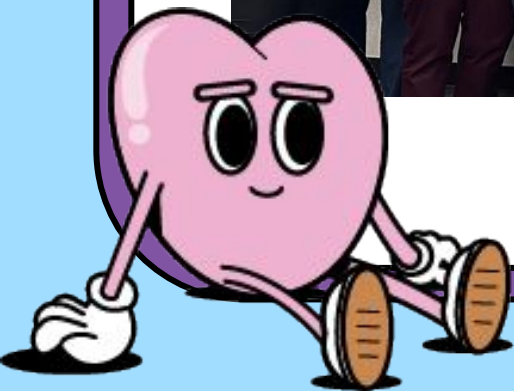




# Jon Braun



NJ AI Ambassadors



# Yesenia Lopez

## The Newark Public Library's

### 1999 Hispanic Heritage Celebration

#### "Habla una vez y dos son tres: Hispanic Children's Literature in the United States."

The exhibition consists books, photographs, original prints and posters focusing on the history, present and future of writing and publishing for Hispanic youth in the United States. —Curated by Ina Rimpau

September 16 through November 15 — Second Floor Gallery

**SEPTEMBER 25** MEET THE AUTHOR  
**A NEW PLACE TO CALL HOME: CHILDREN'S AUTHORS REMEMBER THEIR JOURNEYS.**

He came to a cold and uncertain New York from a warm Caribbean island. Her family fled a war in China and opened a general store in colorful Guatemala City. Come meet two new children's authors, hear them read their stories and chat about their lives.

CENTENNIAL HALL 2PM

**OCTOBER 2** ARTS & CRAFTS WORKSHOP  
**MAKE YOUR OWN PIÑATA: ARTS AND CRAFTS WORKSHOP FOR KIDS.**

Children design and make their own small piñatas. Limited seating. —Come early!

AUDITORIUM 2PM

**OCTOBER 9** FILM PROGRAM  
**THE WORLD ACCORDING TO YOUTH: NEWARK AND NEW YORK LATINOS MAKING MOVIES.**

Screening of a series of short films written and produced by area high- and junior high school students on current issues such as teen dating abuse, gun violence, inter-minority conflict and more.

AUDITORIUM 2PM

**OCTOBER 14** PUBLIC FORUM  
**25 YEARS LATER: A LOOK AT THE NEWARK PUERTO RICAN CIVIL DISTURBANCES OF 1974.**

Panel presentation and public forum on the events of 1974 Labor Day week in Newark. Constructive dialog on a critical chapter in the history of the city's Puerto Rican community. Cosponsored by the Commission Unity and the Newark School System.

CENTENNIAL HALL 5PM

**OCTOBER 21** PARENTING WORKSHOP  
**VENCENDO LOS OBSTÁCULOS EN LAS RELACIONES ENTRE PADRES E HIJOS. (BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN)**

This free Spanish-language parenting workshop focuses on developing effective communication skills and setting common goals.

AUDITORIUM 6PM

**NOVEMBER 6** MUSIC PROGRAM  
**TRADITIONAL MUSIC FROM THE ANDES**

An entertaining family program that invites kids and their parents to explore the culture of the Andean people through music.

CENTENNIAL HALL 2PM

**THURSDAYS-OCT. & NOV. LITERATURE PROGRAM**  
**GENTE Y CUENTOS / PEOPLE AND STORIES**

An intergenerational group meets once a week to read and discuss short stories by contemporary Latin American writers.

**NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
Gente y Cuentos / People and Stories was made possible by a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> TUESDAYS beg. **SEPTEMBER 21**

**TERTULIAS PARA EL NUEVO MILENIO (CONVERSATIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM)**

Join an informal Spanish-language conversation group on a variety of eclectic themes. Group will be moderated by a volunteer from the Asociación Americana de Estudios Culturales Universales. In participation is free of charge and open to the general public.

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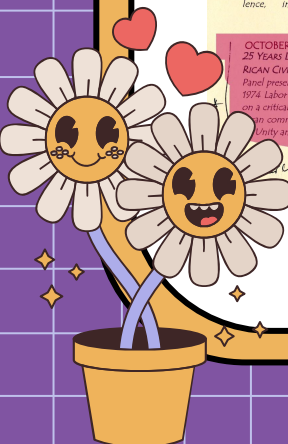
## Co-founders of the NJ Hispanic Research & Information Center at The Newark Public Library



Ingrid Betancourt putting finishes touches on *Edible History* exhibit (2014)



Dr. Olga J. Wagenheim pointing at *Newark '74: Remembering the Puerto Rican Riots - An Unexamined History* exhibit panel (2016)



# Yesenia Lopez



THE NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

5 WASHINGTON STREET, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07102

## PRESS RELEASE

January 22, 2001  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
CONTACT: J. Dennis Papp  
(973) 733-7798; dpapp@npl.org

### *Library to hold PRESS CONFERENCE Announcing formation of the "NJHRIC"*

The Newark Public Library, along with noted members of the Hispanic community, will hold a **press conference** (and photo-op) announcing the formation of the *New Jersey Hispanic Research and Information Center (NJHRIC)*.

**DATE/TIME:** February 7, 2001; 11:00am

**LOCATION:** The Newark Public Library, Centennial Hall (second floor), 5 Washington Street

Recognizing the importance of the state's large, growing Hispanic community, The Newark Public Library is embarking on a fund-raising campaign to create the NJHRIC. This three-tier project will include:

(1) The continued development of the **Sala Hispanamericana**, which already has a collection of 37,000 Spanish-language books, magazines, videotapes, and has a bilingual staff.

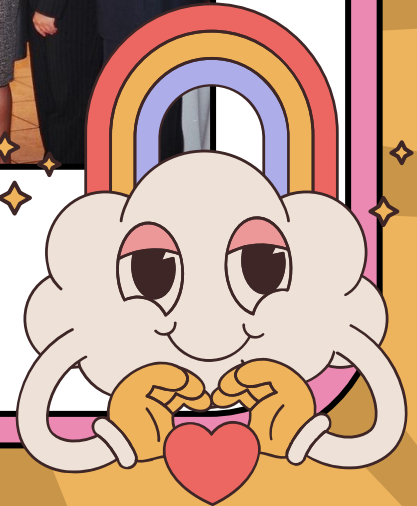
(2) The creation of a **research collection** aimed at the special needs of students, scholars and other members of the community, making it possible to conduct in-depth research into New Jersey's diverse Hispanic community.

(3) The establishment of an **archive** focusing on the heritage of New Jersey's Puerto Rican community, the state's largest and longest-established Hispanic group. This will incorporate a vast wealth of materials collected from the community: diaries, letters, oral histories (audio tapes and videotapes).

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HRIC Organizing Committee  
(2003)



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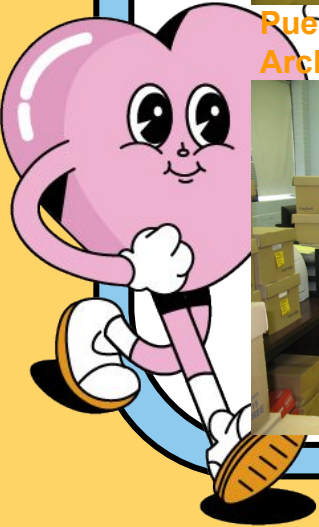
Puerto Rican Community  
Archive Office (2006-2008)



Roseville Branch Storage  
(2008-2011)



Off-Site Storage  
(2012-present)



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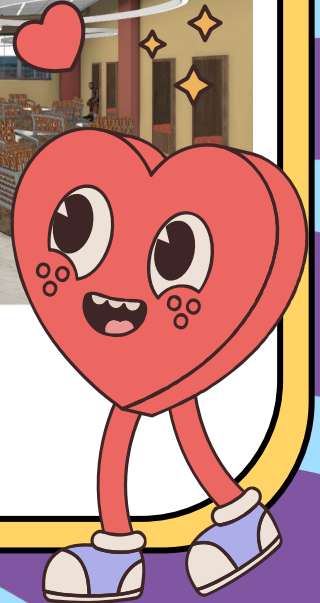
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# Susan Van Alstyne

## Meet the Library Staff



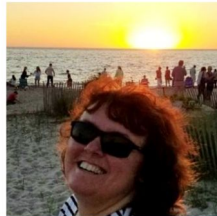
Amy Hayes  
Electronic Services  
Librarian



Rita Keene  
Library User Experience  
Manager



Steve MacMillan  
Part-Time Librarian



Janice Mundi  
Interlibrary Loan Librarian



Keith Orr  
Library Operations Assistant

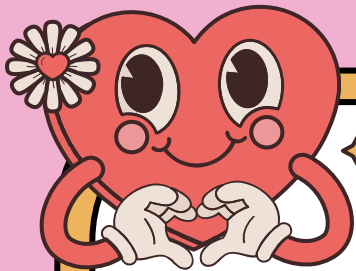


Victoria Ramsay  
Part-Time Librarian



Susan Van Alstyne  
Library Director





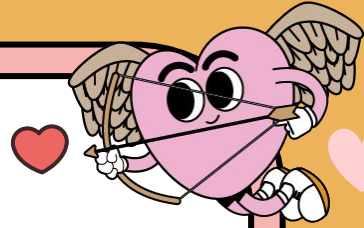
# Susan Van Alstyne

Taylor Memorial Library celebrated its 70th birthday this year with a Bewitching Birthday Bash!

- Seasonal crafts were made: friendship bracelets, haunted gingerbread houses, and our first zine was created! A collaborative zine station was set up and we had over 20 pages by the end!
- New Jersey Paranormal joined us and gave an in-depth discussion & demonstration of haunted objects - including our very own Victorian Hair Wreath from our archive...
- Kurt Hirschberg, an associate of the original architect of the library, Jan Hird Pokorny, joined us for our event! TML is an award-winning structure and was Pokorny's first commissioned work!
- An exhibit showcasing photographs from the library's 70-year history was displayed, accompanied by a [LibGuide](#) detailing our history.



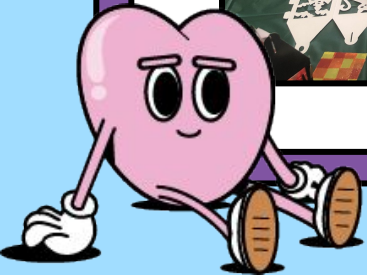
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# Susan Van Alstyne

Work-study students play a crucial role in the experience at our academic library. Their dedication and responsibility are essential for organizing events, and the enthusiasm they bring to their work is invaluable. They have contributed creatively by managing crafting tables for events like the birthday bash, helping set up and promote monthly displays, and actively attending our events!

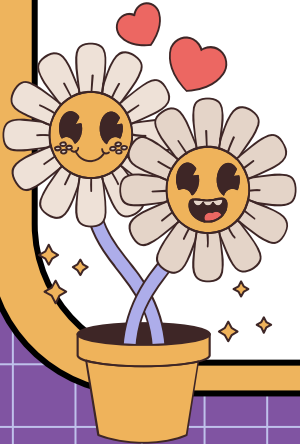


# Stephanie Sendaula



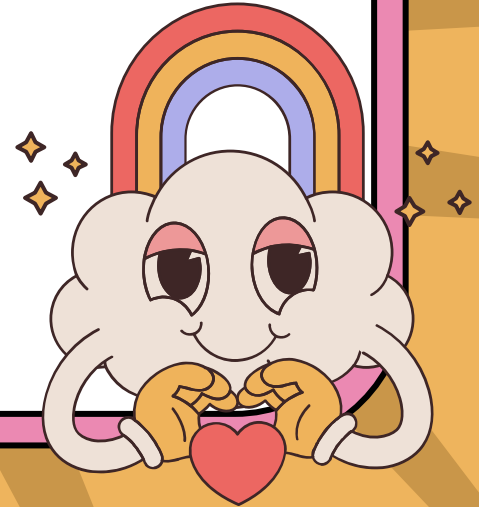
## Outreach Highlights

- ♥ Super Library Supervisors
- ♥ Skill-Sharing Conversations
- ♥ Genre Readers' Advisory Series
- ♥ Summer Book Bash
- ♥ Signing Basics (Customer Service Signs for Librarians)



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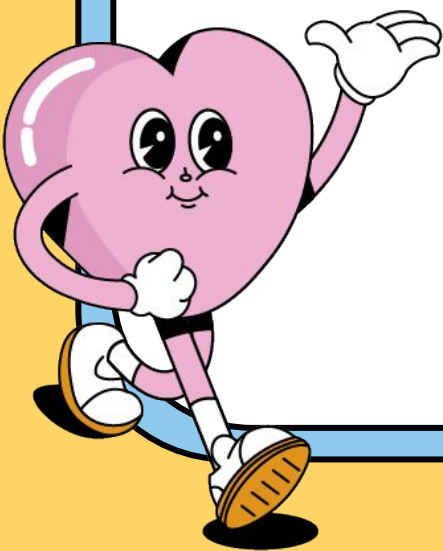
We provide sign language training to library staff of all types through our ongoing partnership with Signing Basics and their series, Customer Service Signs for Librarians





# Stephanie Sendaula

We offer summer fun for library staff as part of our Summer Book Bash, a series of virtual author visits and publisher book buzzes, with prizes and giveaways for library staff



# Jennifer Bruno



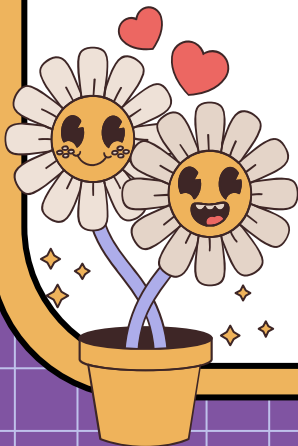
- Administrative Operations Manager
- With LLNJ for 2 years
- My background is Accounting and Audit

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732-752-7720 ext 104

732-361-4840 (direct)



# Jennifer Bruno

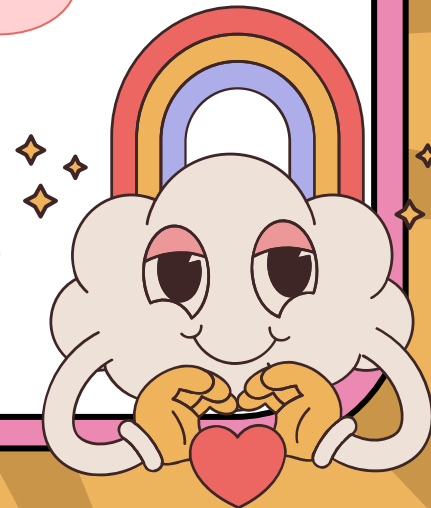
## What I do for LLNJ

Billing (accounts  
receivable,  
accounts  
payable, budget)

Statewide delivery  
service customer  
service and  
updates

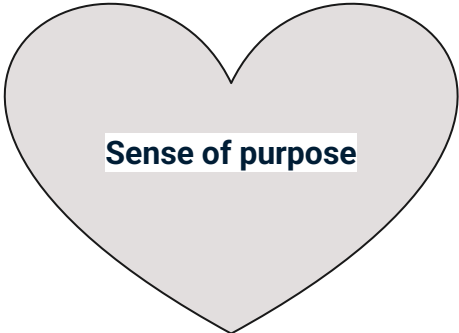
Vendor/presenter  
contracts

Making sure behind  
the scene  
operations runs  
smoothly

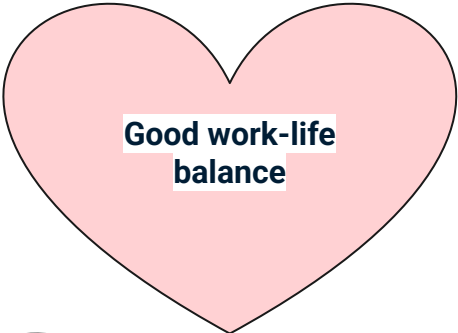




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Sense of purpose



Good work-life balance

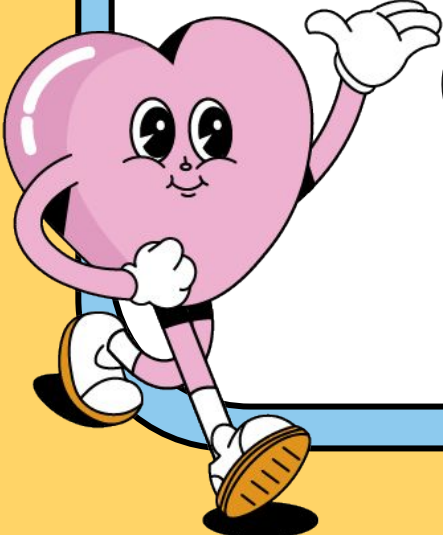
## Why LLNJ



Good leadership



Supportive colleagues





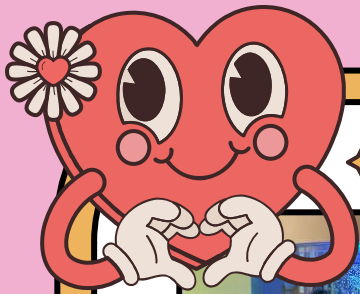
## Randi Hawkins-Ridgewood PL



Our library has a dedicated local history and genealogy room. The Bolger Heritage Center is open the same hours as the library, and also has staff that can help with unique research such as when your house was built. Our archive preserves Ridgewood's history and even has a postcard collection, such as this Valentine's Day one. For more info go to [localhistory.ridgewoodlibrary.org](http://localhistory.ridgewoodlibrary.org)





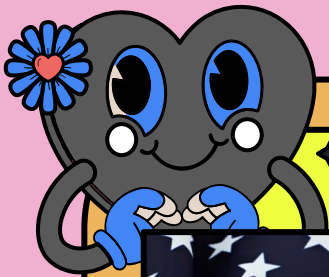


## Randi Hawkins-Ridgewood PL

Our vibrant youth services department offers programming and materials for children and teens from birth through grade 12. From Dungeons & Dragons to bubble dance parties, Ridgewood Library offers something for everyone, including a robust collection and teen volunteer opportunities.



# Randi Hawkins - Ridgewood PL



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Tonies!



Dementia Friendly Library Initiative



Books  
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Films

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Support  
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Groups

Dementia  
Expert  
Programs

Memory  
Cafes

Brain  
Health  
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# Literacy For Littles at Moorestown Library



L4L is a passive program that provides access to toys, games, activities, and tips focussed on areas of literacy that are important for school readiness and lifelong learning.

L4L empowers and encourage caregivers and little ones to practice their literacy skills inside and outside the library. It supports caregivers in being their child's first teacher and making learning fun.

L4L sparks discussions about important skills, from rhyming to recognizing emotions to tooth brushing and healthy eating!

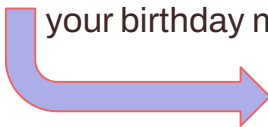




“I knew I had to start introducing letters, so this is perfect timing!”

Barb Napoliello and Ashley Hoffman developed L4L and enhance it with literacy tips in “This Week at the Library” SM posts.

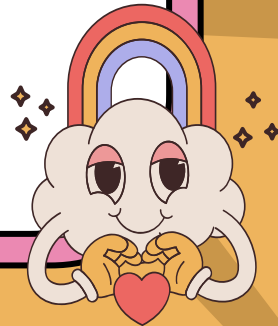
We’re learning about the calendar. Put a sticker on your birthday month!



# Topics so Far



Letters  
Numbers  
Colors  
Shapes  
Rhyming  
Emotions  
Opposites  
Healthy Habits  
Weather  
Calendar and Seasons  
Next up: Parts of the Body





# Nuts and Bolts

We switch modules every 2 months, but you could keep themes longer or switch them more frequently - it's flexible!

Sometimes things get lost, but we usually find them or figure out a way to work without them.

Modules have 4 items and costs about \$50-\$75 (Thank you Friends!)

We find toys and games on Lakeshore or Amazon, and some things are donated or we make them.

Activity sheets come from Scholastic Teachables.

Literacy tips come from various websites or encourage the use library resources.

You don't have to do all of this, you can pick and choose!

We love talking about L4L! Contact me at: [jdunne@moorestownlibrary.org](mailto:jdunne@moorestownlibrary.org)





**Mi-Sun Lyu**

**L·TAG**



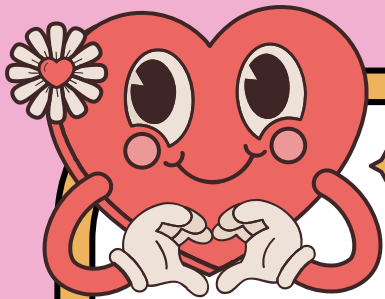
Cybersecurity Series



AI Series

*LLNJ Tech Advisory Group*





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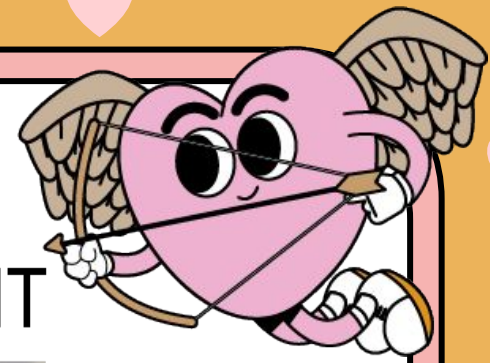
**TechFest 2025**

Tuesday, April 29 @ Monroe Township Library

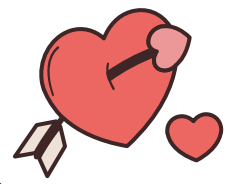
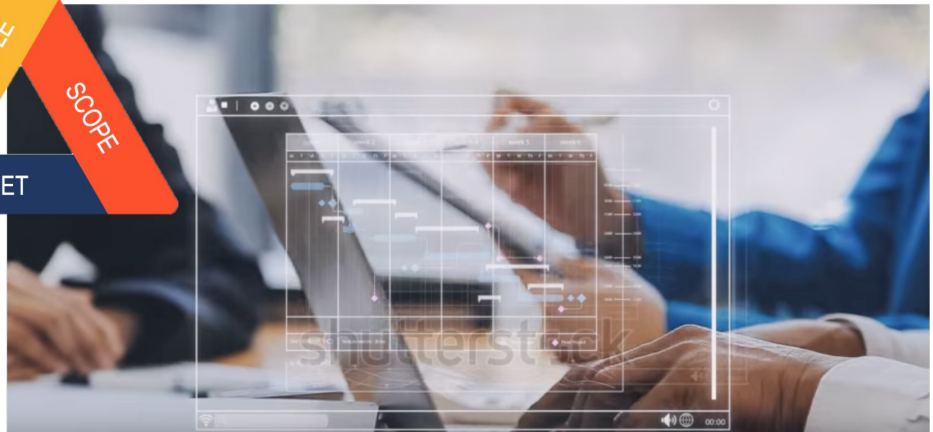
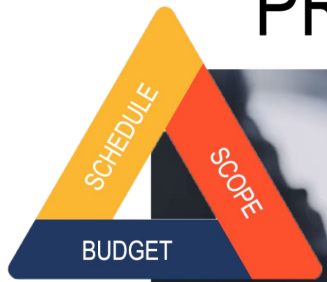




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# PROJECT MANAGEMENT



Initiation

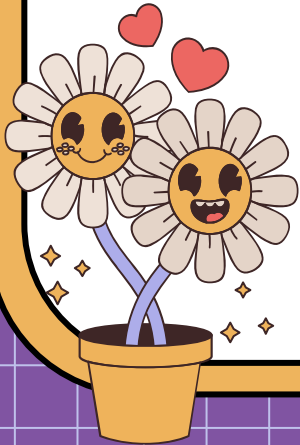
Planning

Execution

Performance monitoring

Project closure

# Christine Crawford



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**ArmiArmi**  
better together **40+** years

**Mobile Food Pantry**  
**Mondays in 2025**  
**2:00 - 4:00 pm**  
at the Lawrence Headquarters Branch



**Upcoming Dates**

**March 3, 10, 17 & 24**

**Próximás Fechas**

**Marzo 3, 10, 17 y 24**

**Visiting Services**

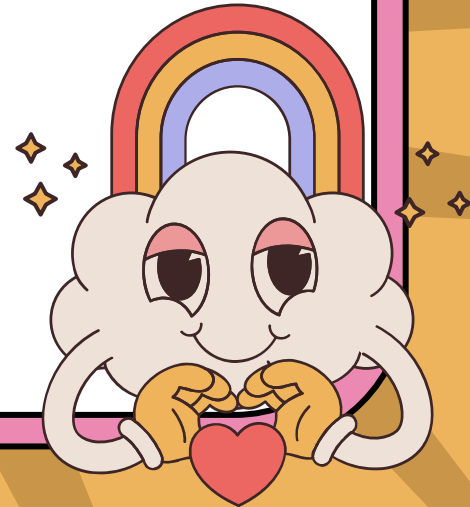
3/3/25: NJ211, Mercer County Human Resources, Central Jersey Legal  
3/10/25: Catholic Charities, Mercer County Board of Social Services, New Jersey Hospital Association  
3/17/25: Mercer County Board of Social Services, the Lawrence Township Health Department  
3/24/25: Mercer County Nutrition Program, Mercer County Board of Social Services, New Jersey Hospital Association

For more information about the food pantry, visit [arminarm.org](http://arminarm.org).  
Para más información de nuestra despensa visite a [arminarm.org](http://arminarm.org).

For weather information, call 609-882-9246

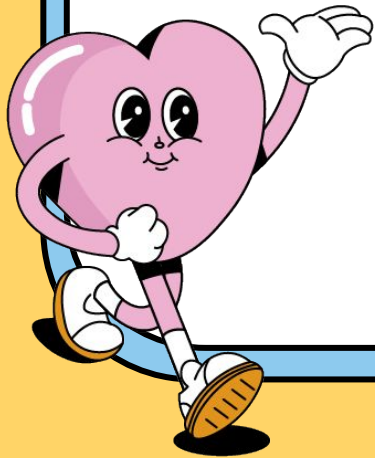
**MCLS**  
Mercer County Library System

Lawrence Headquarters Branch  
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<https://mcl.org/branches/lawrence>





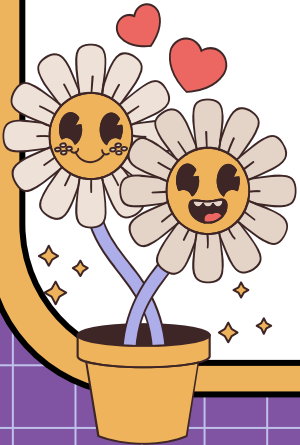
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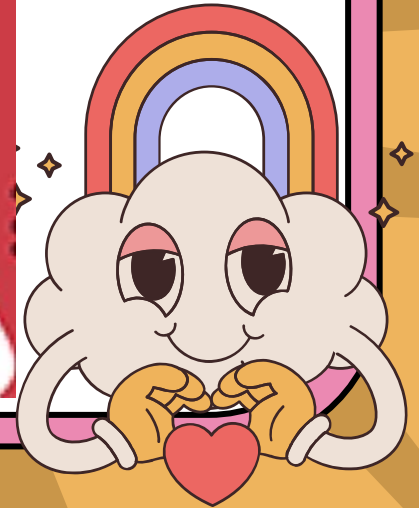
**Ralph Bingham**

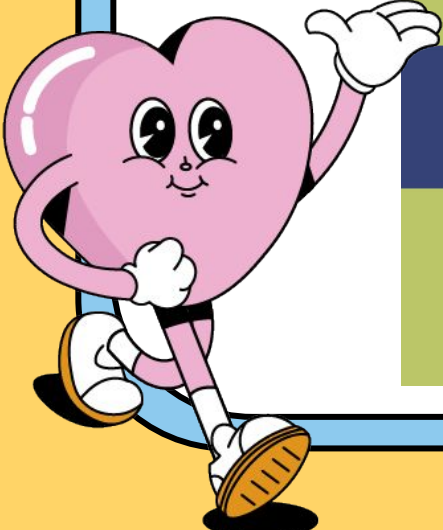


# **Collaboration & Partnerships**



# EDI-NJ Initiative






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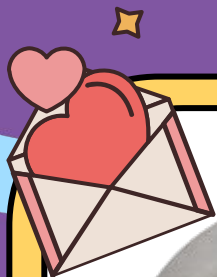


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# Our Team



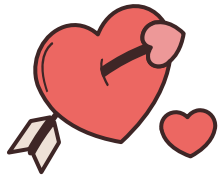
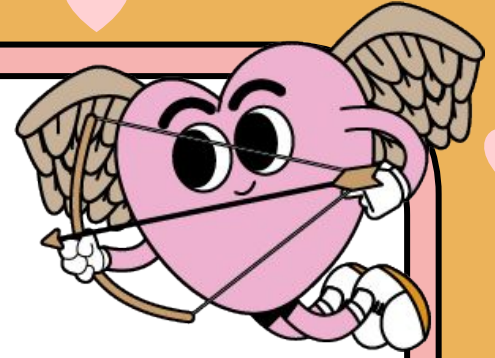




# More to Love

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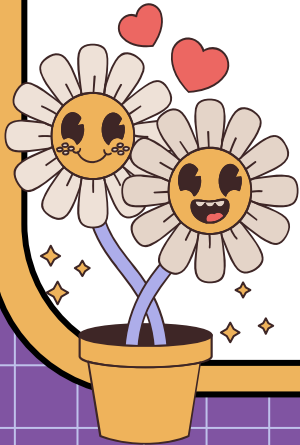
**African American Culture Connection  
Monroe Township Library  
March 14th, 10:30am**



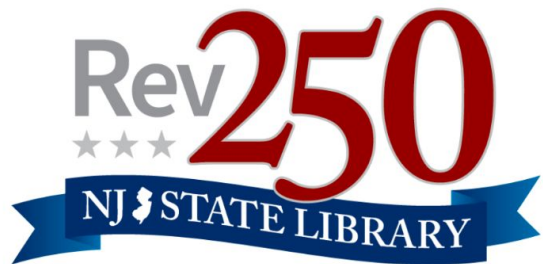
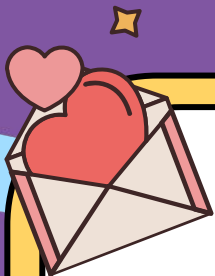
# More to Love

**Register Now**

**New Member Information Session  
Online via Zoom  
March 21st @ 10:30am**



- What is LibraryLinkNJ?
- Who is part of the LibraryLinkNJ team?
- What can LibraryLinkNJ offer me?
- How can library staff get involved?



*An NJSL Grant Opportunity*

Libraries are revolutionary places and instrumental in safeguarding community history. Each library knows its own communities best and is best poised to help create a meaningful program. They are uniquely capable of highlighting and sharing information.

While the grant has been created using the semiquincentennial commemorations as inspiration, a project that focuses on any period, event, or person of compelling historic importance to your community is welcome.



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**Applications due March 21, 2025**

- OPTION 1 Digitization**  
Awards between \$10,000 and \$25,000
- OPTION 2 Public Programming**  
Awards between \$2,500 and \$10,000
- OPTION 3 Special Collections**  
Awards between \$2,500 and \$7,500

[https://njsldev.njsl.org/services\\_for\\_libraries/grant-opportunities/rev250/](https://njsldev.njsl.org/services_for_libraries/grant-opportunities/rev250/)

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## Save the Date

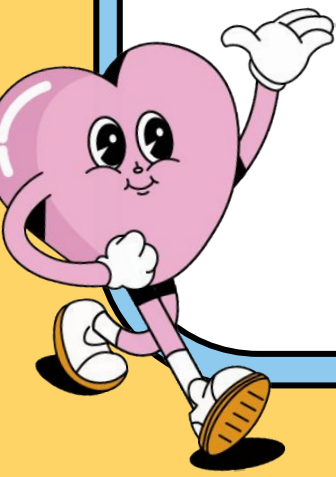
MentorNJ Mega Meet-up,  
March 26th  
Monroe Township Library



### **Keynote Address:**

*Emotional Wellness for Library Workers: Strategies to Manage Anxiety, Uncertainty, and Burnout*  
with Loida Garcia-Febo

Plus networking, discussions, and fun!

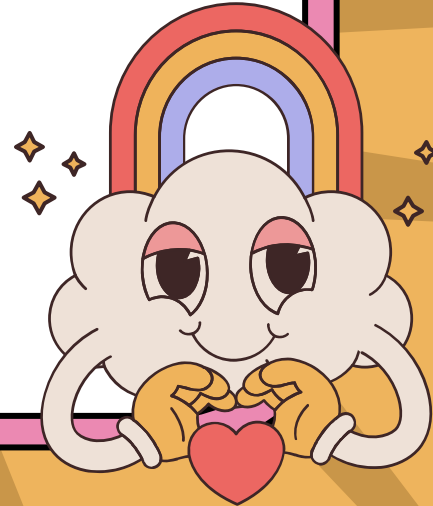


# More to Love

Save the Date

TechFest  
Monroe Township Library  
April 29th

Keep an eye out  
for attendee  
registration OR  
join us as a Table  
Talk presenter!





# Thanks!

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

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