Regular Hours
Monday 10 am to 8 pm
Tuesday 10 am to 6 pm
Wednesday 10 am to 8 pm
Thursday 10 am to 8 pm
Friday 10 am to 5 pm
Saturday 10 am to 3 pm
Closed Saturdays in July and August

Newsworthy Services

New HP Laptop Computers at the Raritan Public Library
Beginning March 1st, the Library will be lending out HP laptops to adult patrons for in-library usage. The new computers will include the latest version of Microsoft Office (2010). Stop by or call the Library for more information.

Delivery Service for the Homebound
Did you know that the Library now delivers to the homebound? Simply call the Library Director, reserve your materials, and request delivery. This special service applies to newly released books, large print books, audiobooks, music CDs, DVDs, and magazines.

Mission Statement
Raritan Public Library’s mission is to provide our community open access to resources that inform, entertain, and enrich in a welcoming environment.

Core Values
Treat all people with respect and courtesy.
Be proactive and responsive to community needs.
Provide free, open, and equitable service to all persons.

54 East Somerset Street - Raritan, New Jersey 08869 - 908-725-0413  www.raritanlibrary.org
To commemorate National Poetry Month, April 2012, the Raritan Public Library is holding a poetry contest for all ages. Poets whose work is chosen will be invited to read at the library’s Poetry Celebration on Wednesday, April 25th at 7:00 pm. For details on submitting poems, a Poetry Submission Form is available at the Library’s circulation desk. You may also submit your poem by email to raritanlibrary54@aol.com. Interested persons can call the library at 908-725-0413 for more information. The deadline for submissions is April 11.

Prizes will be awarded to the best poem in the following categories: children (7-12), teen (13-19) and adult (20+).
Children’s Programs

注册所有活动必需要
呼叫图书馆或在流通柜台为活动注册

Special Programs

“Feelin’ Lucky?” - Wednesday, March 7th at 6:30-7:30 pm (Ages 4+)
Join Ms. Jessica for St. Patrick’s Day stories, enjoy a green snack, and create your own leprechauns.

Children’s Yoga (Ages 8+) - Saturday, March 24th at 1:45-2:45 pm
Children’s Yoga (Ages 2-7) - Saturday, March 31st at 1:45 - 2:30 pm
Come stretch, breathe and relax with us! Loring Nagle is coming back to the Library! Last year’s program was so popular we decided to invite Loring back. Sign up soon, space is limited. Yoga mats will be provided.

Spring Has Sprung! - Monday, March 19th at 6:30 – 7:30 pm (Ages 4+)
Celebrate the first day of Spring with some colorful floral crafts and wonderful stories of Spring with Ms. Christine.

April Fool’s! - Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30-7:30 pm (Ages 4+)
Stop by for some jokes and fun as we celebrate April Fool’s Day at the Library.

National Frog Month - Thursday, April 9th at 6:30-7:30 pm (Ages 4+)
Springtime is a frog time, story time and craft time at the Library! Stop by for some froggy adventures.

Earth Day Celebration! with Mike Dennis - Saturday, April 21st at 1:00 pm (Ages 4+)
This “Traditional Earth Skills Lenape Education” program includes an artifact display and hands-on wilderness skills. Artifacts will include: authentic dress (such as moccasins) and hunting tools. “Fire by Friction” is an audience participation portion of the program, allowing the kids to try it for themselves.

Homerun Day! - Monday, April 23rd at 6:30-7:30 pm (Ages 4+)
Celebrate America's National Pastime with stories and a homerun craft to celebrate the day Hank Aaron hit his first homerun in 1954.

Save for a Rainy Day - Friday, April 27th at 3:30 pm (Ages 7-13)
The Branch Manager of TD Bank in Raritan will teach us about money and saving. Learn how to use a passbook and watch your savings grow. Enjoy a coin and currency display. Participants will receive a special "Money Smart" treat.

More children’s programs on next page...
Teen & Pre-Teen Programs

Storytimes & Regularly Scheduled Programs

**Newborn:** Socializing, songs, and stories. Ages newborn – 18 months. Mondays at 10:30-11:00 am. March 12 & April 16.

**Toddlers:** Stories, rhymes, and a child-friendly craft or game. Ages 18 months – 3 yr. Tuesdays at 10:30 -11:00 am. March 6, 13, 20, 27, & April 3, 17, 24.

**Preschoolers:** Stories, songs and craft or game. Ages 3-5. Thursdays at 10:30-11:00 am. March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, & April 5 & 19.

**School-Age Fun:** Stories, crafts, science or reader’s theater. Grades Kindergarten and up. Fridays 4:00-5:00 pm. March 2, 9, 23, 30, April 20, and a special date and time on *Wed. March 14 at 6:00 pm.

**Bedtime Stories:** Come hear stories & have a snack. Children can wear pajamas and bring a favorite snuggly toy or blanket. All ages welcome. Join us at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 28.

**Make and Take Mondays:** Stop in any time before noon or after 2:00 pm to make a simple craft. All ages welcome. March 5 and April 2, 23.

**Lego Party!** Come build with us! The library will supply the Legos, you bring your imagination! Ages 4+. Join us at 6:30 pm on Wed. March 21, and April 18.

**Chess & Board Game Night:** Our Chess Night is expanding to include other board games like Scrabble, Checkers, and Pictionary. We will still have chess games and teach people how to play chess, but we will also have other board games on hand to play. Bring a friend or 2 & come and play with us. Ages 8+. **Monday, March 12 and April 16 at 6:30 pm.**

**Wii Party!** Come spend an hour with us playing Wii games. We will take turns playing and have some friendly competition. Ages 8+. (Upstairs in 900’s room) **Monday, March 26 at 6:30 pm** – We will be playing Mario Kart Wii and Mario Strikers Charged. **Monday, April 30 at 6:30 pm** – We will be playing Wii Sports and Wii Sports Resort.

**Homework Help:** Sign up for 1-on-1 homework help with Ms. Jessica. Grades K-4th -Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays from 3:30-5:30. Sign up for half hour time slots at the circulation desk. Make sure you bring all of the supplies you need to complete your homework (including textbooks).

**Teen & Pre-Teen Programs**

*Registration is Required for All Programs*

*Call the Library or Sign Up for Programs at the Circulation Desk*

**Jewelry-Making - Saturday, March 3rd at 1:00-2:00 pm**
Make shamrock earrings and an Irish bracelet just in time for St. Patrick’s Day! **Ages 10+**

*March 4th – 10th is “Teen Tech Week”* Teens and Pre-Teens can submit a small book/movie review to the library’s teen blog and/or fill out the online Teen Library Interest Survey at our blog & get a free gift + be put in a drawing to win a grand prize (Barnes & Noble gift card!) See our website or come in the library for more info. You can visit our teen blog at http://rplteen.blogspot.com/

**Crafts @ the Library - Saturday, March 31st at 1:00-2:30 pm**
Paint your own Spring & Easter-themed sun-catchers. **Ages 10+**

**Crafts @ the Library – Thursday, April 5th at 6:30-7:30 pm**
Make special pins and magnets using bottle caps and your imagination! Bring in your own pictures to use (the size of a quarter is perfect) or print some out at the library. **Ages 10+**

*Thursday, April 12th is “Support Teen Literature Day”* Teens and Pre-Teens can check out a YA book/audiobook & get a free gift + be put in a drawing to win a grand prize (a bag full of new YA books!)
Staff Picks

**Fiction:**
- Defending Jacob by William Landay
- The Last Storyteller: A Novel of Ireland by Frank Delaney
- The Boy in the Suitcase by Lene Kaaberbol and Agnete Friis

**Non-Fiction:**
- Ten Letters: The Stories Americans Tell Their President by Eli Saslow
- Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity by Katherine Boo

**Teens:**
- Cinder by Marissa Meyer
- The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
- Where Things Come Back by John Corey Whaley

The Library Commemorates the Titanic with these New Materials:

**For adults** – The Dressmaker by Kate Alcott (Book and Audio)
Titanic Tragedy: A New Look at the Last Liner by John Maxtone-Graham
Echoes of the Titanic by Mindy Starns Clark
A Rare Titanic Family: The Caldwells’ Story of Survival by Julie H. Williams

**For children** – Explore Titanic by Peter Chrisp

Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum Pass Program

Raritan Public Library patrons can still participate in our exciting museum pass program to the Intrepid Sea, Air, & Space Museum in NY. One pass is given per day to a family of up to six people at no charge. Scheduling is done up to one month in advance. Passes will be offered on a first come/first served basis.

For more information, stop by the Library or call us at (908) 725-0413.

*Coming Summer 2012 the Space Shuttle Orbiter Enterprise (OV-101) from NASA will become a part of the Intrepid Museum experience*

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