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Adult Programs

All of our Adult Programs are open to those who are at least 18 years of age, unless noted. Because space is limited to 30 seats or less, preregistration is required. Reserve your seat by visiting the Library or calling 973-838-3262.

Community Drumming Circle
Join us in building a healthy community through engaging activities. One Thursday per month from September to December (Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 7 and Dec. 12) Time: 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Vicky Mulligan and Linda Bagdon, LIFE Center Stage
This program is brought to you by Butler Municipal Alliance and The Friends of the Butler Public Library.
Community drumming offers a physical activity that promotes relaxation and the use of fine motor skills. It helps to build a sense of group identity and a feeling of belonging and provides an opportunity for active participation in a music experience. We will introduce the Butler community and families to the power of traditional drumming and help create positive memories. In addition to learning how to play a djembe, this group course will give tools to encourage social interaction and reduce stress while having fun. Materials will be shared with participants relating to the prevention of substance use disorder in the community. The last class in this series will culminate in a fun-filled event in which all are welcome to attend. This program is free of charge but limited to 25 people ages 5 and up. Please call 973-838-3262 to sign up in advance.

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Monday - Thursday 10:00 am – 8:00 pm* 
Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm* 
Saturday** 10:00 am – 3:00 pm* 
*Our door will be locked at 5 minutes before closing time. **Closed Saturdays in July & August (through Labor Day weekend)
The Board of Trustees Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month*** at 6:00 pm at the Library.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS 2019
New Year's Day Jan. 1
MLK Jr. Day Jan. 21
President's Day Feb. 18
Good Friday Apr. 19
Easter Holiday Apr. 20
Memorial Day Holiday May 25
Memorial Day May 27
Independence Day July 4
Labor Day Sep. 2
Columbus Day Oct. 14
Election Day Nov. 5
Thanksgiving Eve - Close at 5pm Nov. 27
Thanksgiving Day Nov. 28
Thanksgiving Holiday Nov. 29
Thanksgiving Holiday Nov. 30
Christmas Eve Dec. 24
Christmas Day Dec. 25
New Year's Eve - Close at 5pm Dec. 31

Fall 2019
BOOKENDS

The Butler Library is looking for a few good "Reds"...and "Blues" to participate in a: "Can We Bridge the Political Divide? A Better Angels Red/Blue Workshop" on Saturday, October 12, 2019 10:30 am - 3:00 pm
Better Angels (better-angels.org) is a citizens' organization uniting red and blue Americans in a working alliance to depolarize America. The Butler Library is hosting its Red/Blue workshop and we are looking for participants who can answer “yes” to these questions, “Are you willing to listen to the other side and do you want to engage the other side in a respectful conversation?” Would you like to be heard in a respectful way by people who disagree with you politically?

If you would like to participate in the workshop, please contact Luis Rodriguez at luis.rodriguez@butlerlibrary.org.
There is space available to observe the workshop. If you would like to observe it, registration in advance is required by calling 973-838-3262, or stop by our Circulation Desk.

Better Angels: Reuniting America
Documentary Viewing
Thursday, September 26, 2019
6:00 pm – 7:45 pm
This documentary shows 8 Democratic-leaning voters and 7 Republican-leaning voters moving through a Better Angels signature Red/Blue workshop, from initial skepticism to more profound understanding and empathy. You'll get an inside look at how a Democratic voter went from threatening to cut off relationships with Trump voters to becoming dear friends with one—and how a Republican voter moved from disdaining Republican voter moved from disdaining Republicans to joining hands with one. This movement that now spans the country.
Please call 973-838-3262, or stop by to sign up in advance.
The Friends of the Butler Public Library

Friends Meetings
Mondays: Sept. 16, Nov. 18 & Jan. 13
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
In the Reference Room at Butler Library
Join us bi-monthly to meet with your friends and neighbors to talk about how together we can make the Butler Library better for the people in the Butler Community. If you love the library and you would like to see more good things happening here, come and meet with us to talk about how we can make it happen. Call us at 973-838-3262, or stop by to sign up.

AARP Smart Driver Course
Friday, October 11, 2019
11:00 am – 5:00 pm
Presented by AARP Volunteer Ray Orsi
Refresh your driving skills with this class. You will learn: Defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies, new traffic laws & rules of the road. Plus there are no tests to pass. Simply sign up and learn. Upon completion you will receive a multi-year discount on your car insurance. Call 973-838-3262, to sign up for this classroom course. Cost is $15 for AARP Members, $20 for non-members. For more information visit: www.aarp.org/drive

Morris County Vocational School District
Info Session
Thursday, October 3, 2019
6:30 pm - 7:45 pm
Presented by Gina DiDomenico, MCVTS
Student Recruitment and Community Relations Specialist for the Morris County Vocational School District will present information about the Academies (full day high school programs). Students in 8th grade may apply between mid-September to the end of November. Learn about programs offered, application process and ways to visit. For more information, please contact Gina at didomenicog@mcvts.org or 973-627-4600 ext. 277

Retirement Planning Today
Wednesday, November 6, 2019
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Presented by Karen Kuithoff, Creative Financial Strategies
What comes to mind when you hear the word RETIREMENT? Please join us for an educational overview on envisioning and planning for your retirement with Karen Kuithoff, longtime Butler resident, with Creative Financial Strategies, Fairfield. To ask any questions before the event, she can be reached at 973-439-6024. Call Butler Library at 973-838-3262, or stop by to sign up in advance.

Alexander Hamilton - Secretary of the Treasury (Hamilton Program Part 2)
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
6:30 pm – 7:45 pm
Presented by Rick Feingold teaches American Business History at Bergen Community College and holds a degree in History from Rutgers University Today, Hamilton, An American Musical is the hottest ticket on Broadway. As America’s first Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton founded the U.S. financial system. His Federalist plan was quickly opposed by Anti-Federalists Thomas Jefferson and James Madison until a grand compromise was worked out. This program features music from the Broadway production including The Room Where it Happens and video from the Hamilton musical. Please call or visit the Butler Library at 973-838-3262, to sign up in advance.

Open Craft Night
Wednesday, December 11, 2019
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Presented by Kristen Talbot, BPL Staff
Come to the Library to create a beautiful DIY Craft Project. It is hodgepodge night, so you can pick out any craft we have available. You will be working with possibly paints and glue, so please dress accordingly or bring a smock. Call us at 973-838-3262, or stop by to sign up in advance.

Weekly Computer Assistance
Every Tuesday
Beginning: September 17, 2019
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Presented by Paul Pilmanis, Volunteer Service is on call. No formal instruction provided. Topics are varied. This service is for beginners and there are no sign ups required, just come in.

The Knitting & Crocheting Circle
The First and Third Tuesday of Every Month
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Come join us, from beginners to experienced, all are welcome to come socialize, share their projects or learn new knitting or crocheting skills from one another. Group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Sign ups are not required.

Tuesday Afternoon Movies
at 2:00 pm
September 24 - Widows
October 29 - Poms (2019)
November 26 - Gloria Bell (2018)
December 17 - The Upside (2017)
We invite you to join us on the last Tuesday afternoon of every month at 2:00 pm when we show movies you may have missed at the theater or which you may want to see again. This free program is limited to 30 participants. Call 973-838-3262 or stop by the Library to sign up.

Wednesday Morning Book Club
Looking for new members. Held the second Wednesday of each month at 10:30 am (except for July & August).
Oct. 9 - Leave ‘Em Laughing by Billy Crystal
Nov. 13 - The Wife Between Us by Greer Hendricks
Dec. 11 - Title is To Be Announced
Future titles to be announced by Rhoda.

Open Mic Night
Friday, October 11, 2019
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Presented by Bach to Rock
Join Bach to Rock from Wayne, NJ for a night of music at Butler Public Library! Performers will be able to show off their talents at Butler Library’s first ever Open Mic Night! Bach to Rock will provide all sound equipment and a piano. Just bring your voice, guitar, hand drums, and hands to applaud! Singers being accompanied by Bach to Rock teachers should send song title and artist to WayneNJbachtorock.com no later than Friday, October 4, 2019. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Butler Library Circulation Desk or call 973-838-3262, as performance slots are numbered! This event is open to ages 13 & up and will be held in the Court Room. Please enter through Butler Library.

Concussion in Youth Sports Workshop
Tuesday, November 12, 2019
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Presented by Danielle Pagani, MPH, CHES, Brain Injury Alliance NJ
This presentation will discuss Concussion in Youth Sports, providing parents/guardians with an educational overview on concussion when it comes to recognizing, working with and advocating for their child that has sustained a brain injury. Strategies will also be provided to the parents/guardians when working with the school and coaches for their child’s success after sustaining a concussion. Call 973-838-3262, or stop by to sign up in advance.

Give Thanks Program
This Thanksgiving, donations of nonperishable items will be accepted as payment for fines on Butler Library materials returned between Oct. 24 and Nov. 14, 2019. This does not apply to existing fines, only fines on items returned during the Give Thanks Program and are owned by Butler Library. The donations will be made by the Library to the local food pantries. Bring in nonperishable items to the Circulation Desk and give to those in need.