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Library news August 17, 2026

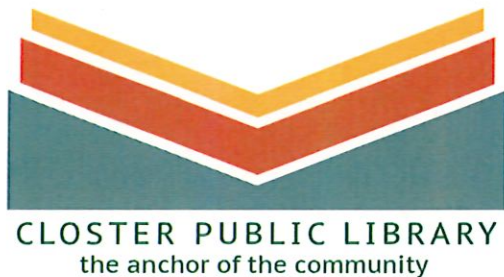
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August 17, 2026

New Program



Getting Started with AI A Hands-On Workshop

Monday 5pm; Tuesday 1pm; Friday 10am

Call the Library to sign up

Curious about ChatGPT and Claude but not sure where to begin? In 90 minutes, you'll go from watching to using AI yourself. Working in a small group with step-by-step guidance, you'll use AI to handle everyday things. You'll learn the basic rules for staying safe online. Registration is required and space is limited. [Contact the library for more information.](#)

Stamp Your Way Around BCCLS

Turn in your Passport by August 29

- Remember to return your form to any BCCLS library by **August 29, 2026.**

To be eligible to win:

Two \$50 VISA gift card prizes

- One adult (18+)
- One child



RESOURCES

Museum Passes

Summer Tasting Fest on the Intrepid

**Friday, August 21 | 6:30pm
to 10:00pm | Pier 86**

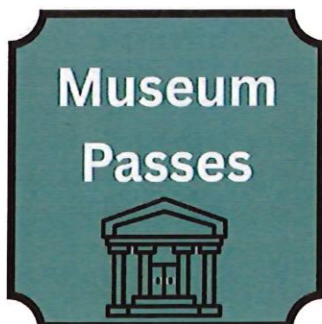
Spend an evening exploring exceptional wines, craft beers and premium spirits at Summer Tasting Fest. Sample more than 100 beverages from emerging and renowned breweries, wineries and distilleries while enjoying live entertainment, delicious food and interactive games on Pier 86.



Meet brewery representatives, sommeliers and master distillers to learn more about the craft behind your favorite drinks and discover new favorites from around the world. Whether you're a beer enthusiast, wine lover or cocktail connoisseur, Summer Tasting Fest offers something for every palate.

[Click here to purchase tickets for the event.](#)

[Visit the museum website for more information.](#)

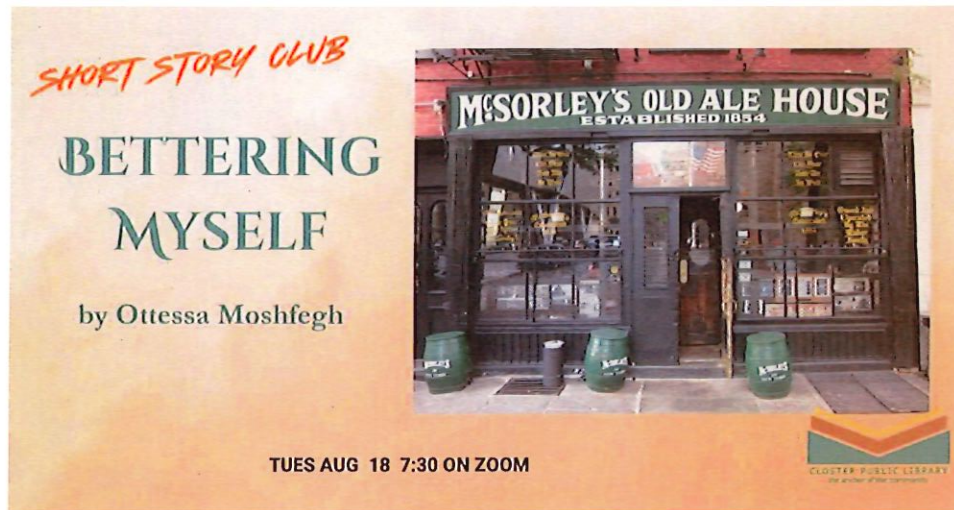


We have a wide range of museum passes that you can borrow with your Closter library card, including the Children's Museum of Manhattan, MoMA, and the Yogi Berra Museum.

[Visit our website for more information about our museum pass program.](#)

Regular Programs

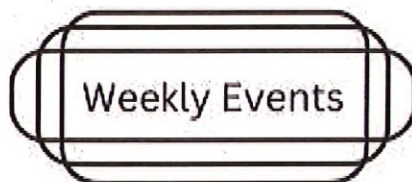
Short Story Club



Bettering Myself by Ottessa Moshfegh

Tuesday August 18 7:30pm on Zoom

Contact [Julia](#) for more information and the Zoom link.



Monday

10-11:30am- Advanced ESL

Conversation

7-8pm - Tech Help

Wednesday

6-7 pm Yoga/Meditation

Thursday

12:30-2pm - Knitting and Craft

2-3:30pm - 1to1 ESL tutoring

4:30pm - Zumba on Zoom

Thursday

10-11:30pm - 1to1 ESL tutoring

Saturday

1:30-2:30 - Intermediate ESL

Download the BCCLS App

Always have your library card with you; check your account and request books from your phone. Scan the QRcode or visit the [App store](#) or the [Google Play store](#).



THE LIBRARY IS ALWAYS OPEN
ONLINE

As ever, please contact the library:

Ruth and **Deborah** for general questions

Vida for Kids N Young Adults question

Tim for Reference questions and issues with electronic media

Julia for the short story club

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FALL 2026 PROGRAM REGISTRATION

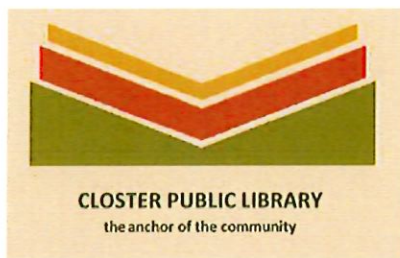
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Thu, Aug 20, 2026 at 4:00 PM



Children and Young Adult Newsletter



CLASS DATES & DESCRIPTION FOR FALL PROGRAMMING

Dear Patrons,

Get ready for a season of stories, creativity, learning and fun! Join us at the library for exciting fall activities designed just for kids. Mark your calendars for these great programs. Registration will open on Thursday August 27th at 4:30 pm online.

Miss Mandi (ages 0 - 5)

Musical Movement with Miss Mandi is an interactive children's program that incorporates the "Brook Buddy" puppets, combining music, stories, puppet fun, and movement for young children. This program will be on:

10 am

9/21; 9/30 (Wednesday) 10/19; 11/9; 11/23; 12/14; 12/28 in the Community Room.

Mr. Tony (Ages 0 -5)

Tony leads the class with his guitar, drums and voice. Each class incorporates movement, singing and musical instruments into a fast-flowing, interactive experience. It's great for motor and social skills. There are two classes, please

choose one time. (Once the 10 am is filled, it will be closed, and you may not choose both time slots, only one, thanks!) This program will be on:

10 am & 11 am

9/14; 9/28; 10/12; 10/26, 11/2; 11/16; 11/30; 12/7; 12/21 in the Community Room.

Toddler Cafe (Ages 0 - 5)

Join us for **Toddler Café**, a relaxed drop-in playtime where toddlers and their caregivers can connect, play, and unwind after the morning program. Explore a variety of hands-on activities including Play-Doh, puzzles, books, and basic art supplies in a welcoming, child-friendly space. It's the perfect opportunity for little ones to socialize, create, and learn through play while caregivers enjoy time to chat and connect with others. This program will be in the Storytime Room:

11AM

9/14; 9/21; 9/28; 10/5; 10/12; 10/19; 10/26; 11/9; 11/16; 11/23; 11/30; 12/7; 12/14; 12/21

Wiggles & Giggles with Miss Bee (Ages 0 - 5)

Miss Bee's classes involve singing traditional and original songs, dancing, rhythm sticks, egg shakers, scarves, puppets, and para chutes. The program is designed to build motor skills, foster creativity, and promote early brain development through musical play. This program will be on:

9/9; 9/23; 10/28; 11/25; 12/; 12/9

Playtime with Mr. Jon (Ages 0 - 5)

Join us for playtime with Mr. Jon Thursday's at 10 am. Designed for children ages 0 - 5 and their caregivers, this relaxed session features age appropriate toys, blocks, and puzzles for an open free play. It is the perfect opportunity for little ones to socialize and make new friends while families connect with the community. This program will be at **10 am**:

10/1; 10/8; 10/15; 10/22; 11/5; 11/12; 11/19; 12/3; 12/10 in the Community Room

Storytime and Craft with Ms. Vida

Join us for a fun-filled time of stories and creativity with Ms. Vida designed for **children 3 -7**. We will read engaging books together and then dive into a hands on craft project that your child can take home. It is the perfect opportunity for young readers to practice listening skills, express their imagination, and socialize with friends. This program will be on Thursday's at **3:45 - 4:30 pm**:

10/1; 10/8; 10/15; 10/22; 11/5; 11/12; 11/19; 12/3; 12/10 in the Storytime Room

STEAM Engineering

Learning Exchange will be teaching hands-on engineering concepts to kids **ages 7 - 12**. New materials will be introduced at each session with Ms. KerryAnn. (This class will be closed after 20 students are registered. This program will be at **4pm** :

9/28; 10/19; 10/26; 11/9; 11/16; 11/23; 11/30; 12/7; 12/14; 12/21; 12/28

Closter Art Club

Get creative at the library! Closter Art Club is a fun, hands on program for **children ages 6 - 11** featuring a new art project every week. Young artists will explore a variety of materials and techniques while building creativity, confidence, and friendships in a welcoming, supportive environment. This class is on Tuesdays at **3:50 - 4:50 pm**:

9/22; 9/29; 10/6; 10/13; 10/20; 10/27; 11/10; 11/17; 11/24; 12/1; 12/8; 12.15 Outside of the Community Room

Math for Fun

Make math exciting! Students **Kindergarten through 7th grade** will strengthen their math skills in a fun, supportive environment with skilled tutors. Through games,

activities, and hands- on learning, kids build confidence while reinforcing classroom concepts. Perfect for extra practice or an added math challenge. This class is on Tuesday's 4:45 - 5:30 pm :
9/22; 9/29; 10/6; 10/13; 10/20; 10/27; 11/10; 11/17; 11/24; 12/1; 12/8; 12/15 in the Storytime Room.

Family Activities (All Ages Welcomed)

Movie - Coco

Aspiring 12- year-old musician Miguel, defied by his family's generations- old ban on music, accidentally transports himself to the stunning Land of the Dead. Joined by a charming trickster named Hector, he must uncover the true story behind his family's legacy before his time runs out.

4pm
10/14
Community Room

Movie- Hotel Transylvania

Count Dracula runs a lavish, human-free resort for monsters. When an ordinary human boy accidentally stumbles into the hotel and falls for Dracula's teenaged daughter, the overprotective dad must scramble to hide him. it's a funny, fast-pasted adventure!

4pm
11/18
Community Room

Snowman Activity

Join us in the library for a cozy, creative session where kids 5 & up will build their own edible marshmallow snowman. Using marshmallows, pretzels, and other sweet treats, participants will assemble a frosty friend to take home. It's a fun hands-on winter fun!

4pm
12/16
Community Room

Have questions or ideas for children/teen programing, please contact me via email:
vida.deleon@closter.bccls.org or 201-768-4197



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Borough of Closter Recognizes Congressional Art Competition Participants

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Borough Of Closter

Historic Hub of the Northern Valley

At our most recent Mayor and Council meeting Councilman Yammarino presented Closter residents/NVD students Stella Rego and Caitlin Yoon a certificate of appreciation to recognize their recent participation and submission of art work in the nationwide "Congressional Art Competition" program.

Stella and Caitlin both well represented our Borough's commitment to artistic expression and civic engagement. We congratulate and thank Stella and Caitlin for representing Closter with excellence and engagement and look forward to their future contributions to our community.



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Closter Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Corps Reminds of Annual Fund Drive

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Borough Of Closter

Historic Hub of the Northern Valley

The Closter Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Corp is currently in the midst of the their 2026 Annual Fund Drive. Please consider donating to this organization which is so important to our community, any contribution would be greatly appreciated by CVARC as they continue to deliver an amazing array of life saving services on a shoestring budget, every little bit helps !

<http://www.cvarcnj.org>



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**2026
Fund Drive**



We are celebrating our 90th year of continuous VOLUNTEER services, and

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Closter Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Corps, Inc. is a 40 active member organization (comprised of YOUR neighbors) who services the emergency medical needs of Closter and Alpine in addition to supporting our surrounding communities 24 | 7 | 365. We answer approximately 800 emergency calls per year; 2025 showing the 2nd highest call volume in our history. In addition to that, we were named 2025 NJ Squad of the Year by the NJ EMS Council! That's #1 of over 250 squads.

Our funding is NOT part of your county or state taxes. It does not come from the hospitals. It comes from good people like you who want to do what they can to support our services. And you will be pleased to know that 100% of your donation is used to support the services above. We do not charge for our services; our volunteers do not get paid.

Our fleet consists of two NJ State certified ambulances, an E-ONE Rescue Truck equipped to handle vehicle extrication and ropes/rappel rescues, a first response SUV, a UTV, and a boat. We take great care of our vehicles, however most are aging. The ambulances were new in 2008 and 2014, the Rescue truck new in 2000. As you can imagine, to maintain these vehicles takes a lot of financial help.

In addition to vehicle maintenance and medical supplies, some of the equipment within those vehicles is very costly. We own three LUCAS automated CPR units. The lifespan of these units is only 8 years! We recently purchased the third unit which cost \$24,000. It is now placed in rotation with the older units which have 4 years to go before they need replacement. We all know how important automatic defibrillators are to saving a life. An AED has a lifespan of about 5 years, and the units are approximately \$2000 to replace. **Long story short, we count on YOUR donations more than ever.**

Any sized donation is welcomed. To make a donation, please use the enclosed envelope, or go to www.cvarenj.org and click on the "donate" button or use the QR code below to use the PayPal app OR Venmo.

Should you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Closter Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Corps please feel free to contact us at 201-768-3339 or send a message through our Facebook page.

Sincerely,

M Buchanan

Margaret Buchanan, Captain

A Lupardi

Anthony Lupardi, Jr., President

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Elwell Testifies, PFAS Settlement Opinion, Opportunities Zone Webinar

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Weekly Roundup <njleague@njlm.org>

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Weekly Roundup

August 19, 2026

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State Issues

President Elwell Testifies at Senate and Assembly Joint Hearing on Storm Resiliency

On August 13, the Senate Environment and Energy Committee and the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee held a joint hearing on the need for investment in storm resilient infrastructure at which NJLM President Mayor Sean Elwell testified.

Contact: Lori Buckelew, Deputy Executive Director, lbuckelew@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x112, and Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, ppenna@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x110.

Read more: President Elwell Testifies at Senate and Assembly Joint Hearing on Storm Resiliency

PFAS Settlement Ends Litigation and Creates Relief for Local Governments

The DEP recently announced the release of a federal court opinion approving a \$2.5 billion settlement between 3M, DuPont, and the State related to the PFAS or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, also known as "forever chemicals," contamination litigation.

Contacts: Mike Cerra, Executive Director, mcerra@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x120, and Sadayah Q. DuRant-Brown, Legislative Counsel, sdurantbrown@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x137.

Read more: [PFAS Settlement Ends Litigation and Creates Relief for Local Governments](#)

DCA Opportunity Zone Program Webinar Available

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority recently held a webinar on the federal Opportunity Zone program. The deadline for recommendations is August 28.

Contact: Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, eknoedler@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x116.

Read more: [DCA Opportunity Zone Program Webinar Available](#)

Town Crier Legislative Blog Post: Legislation Proposed Concerning Political Violence

The League's recent legislative blog post highlights S-1090/A-4428 concerning political violence and additional law enforcement training.

Contact: Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, eknoedler@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x116.

Read more: NJLM Blog Post: Legislation Proposed Concerning
Political Violence

State Cybersecurity Resources Available to Local Governments

As a reminder, the resources available from the New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell's (NJCCIC) cyber hub equips municipalities and local governments with real-time threat intelligence, assessments, and response tools.

Contact: Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, ppenna@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x110.

Read more: State Cybersecurity Resources Available to Local
Governments

Conference Connections

Saluting Service

As part of the New Jersey League of Municipalities' celebration of the nation's 250th, the League's 111th Annual Conference will include a recognition of municipal officials who have served or are currently serving in one of the branches of the United States Armed Forces. This recognition will be featured as part of the League celebration of the United States' 250 years.

Municipal officials with current or previous military service are invited to [complete a nomination form](#) by October 6 for inclusion at this year's event.

Don't Miss Early Bird Registration!

Register now for the best Conference pricing. Early Bird pricing is \$65 for government and nonprofit attendees, and \$125 for non-government when registered by August 31. After August 31, the price goes up, so [register for the Annual Conference today!](#)

Nominations for Halls of Fame Sought

[Nominate candidates for the Mayors' Hall of Fame.](#) Nominees must be serving as mayor, and their years of mayoral service will specify their level of recognition: 10+ years, silver level; 20+ years, gold level; and 30+ years, platinum level.

[Submit nominations for the Elected Officials' Hall of Fame.](#) Take a moment to recognize local municipal governing body members, active and retired, who have served for 20 or more years as a governing body member.

Submit a Conference Resolution for Municipal Issues

[Submit a topic consideration as a Conference Resolution](#) to improve local government and address an issue impacting local governance. Or, if you already have a resolution drafted, please submit [your resolution for consideration](#). League staff will review and present it at the Resolutions Committee meeting during the Annual League Conference. Visit the [Conference Resolutions webpage](#) for more details.

Also of Interest

***NJ Municipalities* Blog: Kids & Bikes & Municipalities**

Each year, fewer and fewer children ride bikes. Whether it's competition with screen time or fewer places where kids can safely pedal or even opting for e-bikes, traditional bicycle time is waning. But municipalities are offering programs to get the next generation safely and happily on kid-powered wheels. [Read about it in this week's *NJ Municipalities* magazine blog.](#)

Want to share your local story in the blog or print magazine? Please send in your 300- to 1,200-word items and photos.

Contact: Amy Spiezio, Editor, aspiezio@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x123.

Governor's Housing Conference Registration Now Open

The Governor's Conference on Housing and Economic Development will be on September 29 and 30 at Harrah's Resort Atlantic City.

Registration is [now open](#).

Contact: Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, ppenna@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x110.

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