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Library news August 10, 2026

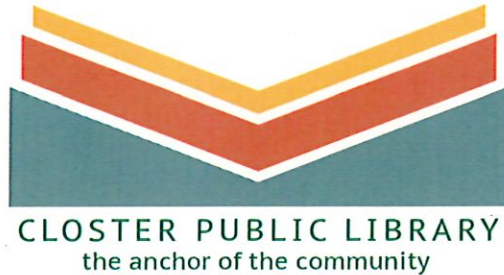
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New Program

Getting Started with AI A Hands-On Workshop

**Starting this week - Various times and dates
throughout August**

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.](#)



Adult Summer Reading Challenge 2026

UNEARTH A GOOD SHORT STORY

June 29th-August 16th



1. Read any short story you choose from anywhere
2. Get a raffle ticket for each short story you read
3. Put your raffle ticket in the jar of the prize you want
4. Repeat

Winners will be announced August 17th

Stamp Your Way Around BCCLS

Ends this week - get to those libraries!

Explore the 78 BCCLS Member Libraries this summer in search of hidden treasures!

Join the 2026 BCCLS Scavenger Hunt - a fun-filled journey to discover the BCCLS logo hidden in participating libraries.



Here's how it works:

- Pick up your scavenger hunt form at any BCCLS library or **download it online** (you'll need legal size paper 8.5" x 14").
- Visit at least 3 libraries between **June 15 and August 15, 2026**, and find the hidden BCCLS logos.
- Get your form stamped with each library's property stamp as proof of your discovery!
- Return your form to any BCCLS library by **August 29, 2026**.

Two \$50 VISA gift card prizes

- **One adult (18+)**
- **One child**

RESOURCES

Museum Passes

The Trojan War at the Frick

Did you see the Odyssey? Want to see more?

The Frick has a number of pieces depicting elements of the trojan war like the ewer shown.

Ewer: The Trojan Horse; A Cavalry Combat
Jean III Pénicaud (French, act. late 16th century)

Date: late 16th–early 17th century

Medium: Enamel on copper

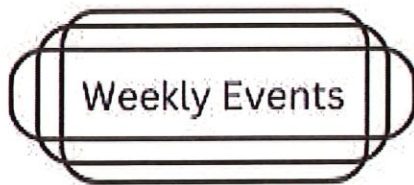
Borrow the Frick pass to see this and other objects.

[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.](#)



Monday

10-11:30am- Advanced ESL

Conversation

7-8pm - Tech Help

Wednesday

6-7 pm Yoga/Meditation

Thursday

12:30-2pm - Knitting and Craft

4:30pm - Zumba on Zoom

Saturday

1:30-2:30 - Intermediate ESL

2-3pm - Tech Help



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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PROGRAMS FOR AUGUST 3 - 8

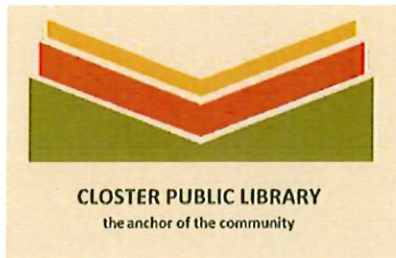
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Children and Young Adult Newsletter



SUMMER PROGRAMS AUGUST 17 - 22

WEEK OF AUGUST 17 ☀️

🌈 Summer Fun Continues!

Make the most of the final weeks of summer with music, art, learning, and hands-on creative fun!

Monday, August 17

- 🎵 Miss Mandi • ⌚ 10:00 AM
- 🎨 Kids Art Program • ⌚ 4:00 PM

Tuesday, August 18

- ➡️ Math for Fun • ⌚ 2:00–3:00 PM
- 🎨 Kids Art Program • ⌚ 4:00 PM

Wednesday, August 19

- 🐝 Miss Bee • 🕒 10:00 AM
- 🥁 Youth Well Connect: African Drum Making • 🕒 3:00 PM
- 🌈 Tie-Dye Program • 🕒 4:00 PM
- 🎨 Kids Art Program • 🕒 4:00 PM

Saturday, August 22

- 🇨🇳 Chinese Dance Program • 🕒 10:00 AM

Thank you to all of our wonderful families for making this summer so special. We hope you'll join us for a few more weeks of fun, creativity, and community as we wrap up an amazing summer together!

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



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NJ Supreme Court Eminent Domain, Census Bill Blog, Summer Termination Program

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Weekly Roundup

August 12, 2026

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State Issues

State Supreme Court Issues Another Eminent Domain Decision

The New Jersey Supreme Court issued an opinion in *Borough of Seaside Park v. Shree Jyoti, LLC*. For the first time, the Court considered whether municipal ordinances authorizing the taking of private property must specify intended public use.

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sdurantbrown@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x137.

Read more: State Supreme Court Issues Another Eminent Domain Decision

NJLM Blog Post: Legislation Proposed Concerning the Census

The League's recent blog post highlights S-4419/A-1703, the "Everyone Counts in New Jersey Act," proposed to ensure a complete and accurate population count for each federal decennial census.

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

Read more: NJLM Blog Post: Legislation Proposed Concerning the Census

Governor Signs S-4162 Into Law

On August 6, Governor Sherrill signed S-4162, the "Affordable Power Purchase Agreements Extension Act," into law. P.L. 2026, c. 67 took effect immediately.

Contact: Lori Buckelew, Deputy Executive Director, lbuckelew@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x112.

Read more: Governor Signs S-4162 Into Law

DLGS Issues Local Finance Notice on Summer Termination Program

On August 6, the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) issued Local Finance Notice 2026-11 providing guidance on the Summer Termination Program.

Contact: Lori Buckelew, Deputy Executive Director, lbuckelew@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x112.

Read more: DLGS Issues Local Finance Notice on Summer Termination Program

Body Armor Replacement Fund Program Available

The New Jersey Office of the Attorney General is accepting applications to help local law enforcement agencies replace eligible body armor for sworn officers. Deadline August 31, 2026.

Contact: Ciara Bradley, Research Associate, cbradley@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x128.

Read more: Body Armor Replacement Fund Program Available

Federal Issues

21st Century ROAD to Housing Act Explained on NLC Podcast

The League's national partner, the National League of Cities (NLC), joined by American Planning Association, explains the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act on NLC's latest CitiesSpeak Podcast.

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

Read more: 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act Explained on NLC Podcast

FY26 Safer Outcomes Program Available

The U.S. Department of Justice is accepting applications to help law enforcement agencies enhance crisis response training and improve outcomes during encounters involving individuals in crisis. Deadline is August 27.

Contact: Ciara Bradley, Research Associate, cbradley@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x128.

Read more: FY26 Safer Outcomes Program Available

Conference Connections

Support Your Causes, Submit a Conference Resolution

Complete a topic consideration as a Conference Resolution on a topic 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. The resolution will be reviewed by League staff and presented at the Resolutions Committee meeting during the Annual League Conference. Visit the Conference Resolutions webpage for more details on the process and answers to other questions you may have.

Halls of Fame Nominations Sought

Nominate candidates for the Mayors' Hall of Fame. The Mayors' Hall of Fame is seeking nominations for 2026 inductees. These nominees must be serving as mayor and have at least 10 years of mayoral service to be inducted at the silver level, at least 20 years of mayoral service to be inducted at the gold level, and at least 30 years to be inducted at the platinum level.

Submit nominations for the Elected Officials' Hall of Fame. The Elected Officials' Hall of Fame is now accepting nominations of local municipal governing body members, active and retired, who have served for 20 or more years as a governing body member.

Due Date for Halls of Fame applications: November 5.

Also of Interest

Municipal Motors: Scotch Plains' Unique New Vehicle Aids in Storm Recovery

Local governments can get very creative rolling out vehicles that meet the specific needs of their towns and counties. Recently, Scotch Plains' new amphibious SHERP vehicle proved invaluable during the summer storm's recovery. 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.

Share Your Success!

New Jersey Municipalities magazine is seeking articles, news items, columns, and op-eds for upcoming issues, particularly by mayors, council members, and municipal professionals. Interested? [Email editor Amy Spiezio](#) to reserve your space.

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