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Library news July 13, 2026

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July 13, 2026

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

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

Carol Bove at the Guggenheim Museum



March 5–August 2, 2026

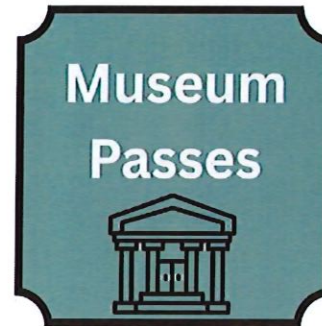
Carol Bove is the first museum survey of the work of Carol Bove (b. 1971, Geneva, Switzerland; lives and works in New York). The exhibition fills the Guggenheim's spiral rotunda, tracing pivotal shifts in the artist's career across more than 25 years. Bove's inventive practice ranges widely, from assemblages of paperback books and intimate paper collages to towering steel sculptures. She explores the workings of perception through ongoing experiments with surface, color, scale, and space, inviting viewers into moments of heightened imaginative awareness.

[Click here for more information and to reserve tickets](#)

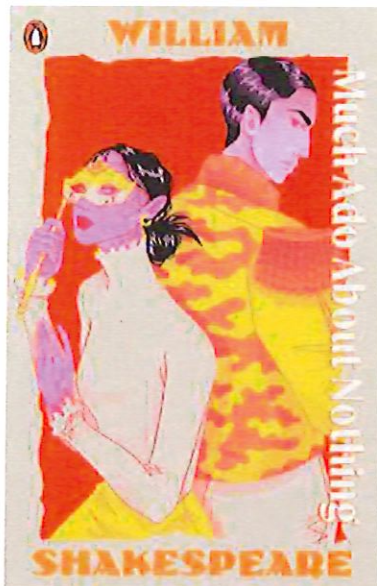
[You can borrow the library pass to the Guggenheim to see this and other exhibits. Contact the library for more information.](#)

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

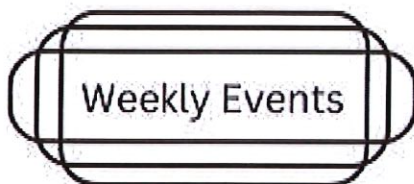


Adult Book Club

Wednesday, July 15 3pm

[Much Ado About Nothing](#) by William Shakespeare

There is no meeting in August - read [The Black Tulip](#) by Alexandre Dumas for September



Monday

10-11:30am- Advanced ESL

Conversation

7-8pm - Tech Help

Wednesday

1-2:30pm- Advanced ESL Conversation

6-7 pm Yoga/Meditation

Thursday

10-11:30am - 1 to 1 ESL Tutoring

12:30-2pm - Knitting and Craft

4:30pm - Zumba on Zoom

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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PROGRAMS FOR JULY 20 - 24

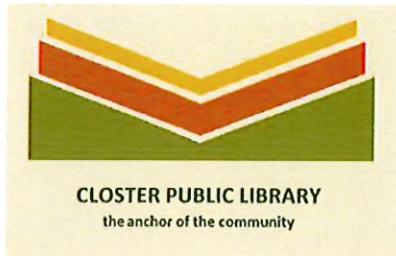
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Children and Young Adult Newsletter



SUMMER PROGRAMS JULY 20 - 24

☀️ WEEK OF JULY 20 ☀️

Summer Adventures Continue at the Library!

Join us for another fun-filled week of stories, music, learning, and creativity. There's something for everyone! Please stop by and join in the fun!

📖 Monday, July 20

🎵 Miss Mandi

🕒 10:00 AM

💬 Discuss Your Thoughts Program (7th & 8th graders)

🕒 4:00 PM



Tuesday, July 21



Math for Fun



2:00 PM



Wednesday, July 22



Miss Bee



10:00 AM



Playtime with Mr. Jon



10:00 AM



3:00 PM



Thursday, July 23



Storytime & Craft with Miss Vida



3:00 PM



Every visit to the library is another summer adventure!
We can't wait to see you this week!

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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NJSCOTUS Variance Decision, State Aid Payments, SHBC Rates

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Weekly Roundup <njleague@njlm.org>

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Weekly Roundup

July 15, 2026

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State Issues

NJ Supreme Court Reconsiders Use Variance Standard

On July 13, the New Jersey Supreme Court released its unanimous decision in *Monarch Communities, LLC v. Township of Montville*, a significant win for municipalities. In *Monarch*, the Court considered the issue of a use variance application.

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Read more: [NJ Supreme Court Reconsiders Use Variance Standard](#)

Division Issues Local Finance Notice on State Aid Payments

The Division of Local Government Services has issued Local Finance Notice 2026-10 summarizing the State Aid payment program for CY2026 and SFY2027 municipal budgets.

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

Read more: Division Issues Local Finance Notice on State Aid Payments

2027 SHBC Rate Renewal Meeting Held

The State Health Benefits Commission (SHBC) met on Wednesday, July 8, on the proposed Plan Year 2027 renewal rates, which included significant rate increases.

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Read more: 2027 SHBC Rate Renewal Meeting Held

Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park Master Plan Public Hearings

A series of public hearings have been scheduled on the Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park Master Plan. The five public hearings will discuss and gather input as the D&R Canal Commission updates the 1989 Master Plan.

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Read more: Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park Master Plan Public Hearings

DEP Heat Hub Offers Resources to Help Communities Prepare for Extreme Heat

In response to longer periods of extreme heat in the state, the NJ DEP has launched the New Jersey Heat Hub to serve as a centralized digital resource designed to assist with all things related to extreme heat in New Jersey.

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Read more: DEP Heat Hub Offers Resources to Help Communities
Prepare for Extreme Heat

New Jersey Attorney General Proposes Major Updates to OPRA Rules

The New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety has issued a new rule proposal that would bring its government regulations into compliance with the Open Public Records Act.

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Read more: New Jersey Attorney General Proposes Major Updates to
OPRA Rules

BPU Establishes Summer Termination Program by Rulemaking

The NJ BPU has issued proposed amendments and new rules to existing rules at N.J.A.C. 14:3. The proposal establishes a Summer Termination Program pursuant to P.L. 2025, C.145.

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Read more: BPU Establishes Summer Termination Program by
Rulemaking

Federal Issues

Senate Committee Releases Bipartisan WRDA Bill

Last week, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee released a bipartisan bill on WRDA and reauthorization of EPA drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater programs.

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

Read more: Senate Committee Releases Bipartisan WRDA Bill

21st Century ROAD to Housing Act Becomes Law

On July 10, the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act became law. Please read the League's previous writeups and the National League of Cities 10 Items to know about the new law.

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Read more: 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act Becomes Law

Conference Connections

Learn and Connect at 2026 League Conference Events

This year, the League will once again celebrate local government and those who serve with the Mayors' Lunch Briefing and the Women in Municipal Government Networking & Awards Event on Wednesday and the League Delegates Luncheon on Thursday. Due to renovations at the Sheraton Hotel, these events will be held in the AC Convention Center.

Join your peers at the League's networking events. Three events occur during the week offering an excellent opportunity to honor peers, connect with others, and have face-to-face conversations with local and state leaders. An event ticket and Conference badge is required to enter each event.

Mayors' Lunch Briefing. Wednesday, November 18, 12:15 p.m.-1:45 p.m., **AC Convention Center, Hall A.** This event is specific to Mayors and two guests. On Wednesday afternoon, join mayors from around the state. Honor your peers for their achievements in the League's Hall of Fame and the

Innovation in Governance awards and build a dialogue with the directors of State agencies. Lively discussions during the event provide information not only from the speakers but also from the audience. **Fee: \$30**

Women in Municipal Government Networking & Awards Event.

Wednesday, November 18, 5:15 p.m.-6:30 p.m., **AC Convention Center, Hall D.** On Wednesday evening, after Conference sessions have concluded, gather with other elected officials and local government enthusiasts to celebrate the accomplishments of outstanding women in New Jersey government. **Fee: \$35**

League Delegates Luncheon. Thursday, November 19, 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., **AC Convention Center, Rooms 402/403.** On Thursday afternoon, delegates gather for this sit-down lunch which puts them in the room with League and State leadership and creates a learning opportunity to start 2027 strong. The League Delegates Luncheon is a gathering of local government officials and those who support their work. Whether a longtime member or newly elected, it is an inspiring way to wrap up your Conference week. **Fee: \$45**

Purchase tickets when you [register for the Conference](#). If you are already registered, [login to your existing registration to purchase](#).

Also of Interest

NJ Municipalities: Write for the Magazine!

New Jersey Municipalities magazine is seeking articles, news items, columns, and op-eds for the October, November, and December issues and beyond. We are particularly seeking pieces authored by mayors, council members, and municipal professionals with stories from your communities to inform and inspire your peers around the state. Want to write but you're not sure how to get started? [Consider this week's blog on the topic, complete with subjects and writing tips.](#)

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](#).

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NJ GMIS Cybersecurity Mini Conference
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