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Library news September 28, 2026

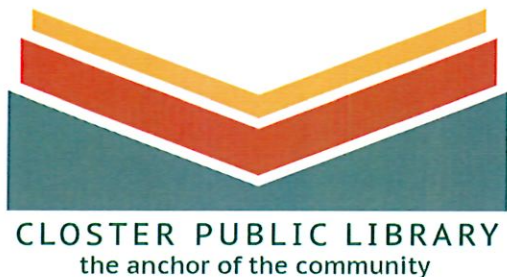
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September 28, 2026

CELEBRATE OUR COUNTRY

Betsy Ross

Presented by character actor Alisa Dupuy

Tuesday, September 29 6-7:30pm

Betsy Ross, aka Elizabeth Claypoole, was a flag maker, seamstress, upholsterer, wife, mother, and Quaker. Learn about her contributions to American independence and her connections to America's Founding Fathers as we celebrate America's 250th birthday with character recreator Alisa Dupuy. Huzzah!



Tim Adriance



Closter: Rich in History

Saturday October 3, 2-3pm

During the Revolutionary War history momentous events took place within the Closter's current 3.3-square-mile area. But did you know that Closter, in the 1700s and 1800s, was a much larger region?

Within this larger area, other significant events occurred. And they are recorded as having happened in Closter. Not taking this into account has led to misunderstandings, especially about the "Closter Horseman," who he was, and where

his ride began. (He was a real person.)

Tim Adriance, a historical consultant and historic restoration expert for towns in North Jersey, will discuss his paper [Where was Closter?](#) and Closter's role in Revolutionary history.

ADULT ART PROGRAM

We need your input



Please fill out our survey.

We're exploring the possibility of offering an art class for adults at the library, taught by local artist Barry Shiff, whose work is currently on display on the Belskie Art Wall. Barry has shared a couple of class options, and we'd like to hear which one interests you most. Please take a few moments to complete our short survey and let us know how likely you would be to participate. Your

feedback will help us choose a class that appeals to our patrons and plan a program that you'll enjoy.

[Click the picture to fill out the Survey.](#)

RESOURCES

Core Memory by Peggy Weil at MoMA

Through October 4

Core Memory brings two of Peggy Weil's "underscapes" to the immersive 24-foot screen in MoMA's lobby. From the youngest snow to the oldest ice, 88 Cores descends two miles and 110,000 years through Greenland's ice sheet, where time is preserved in vertical bands of ice, air, and gas. In 18 Cores, Weil shifts from polar cold to geothermal heat, assembling images of rock cores extracted from California's Salton Sea between 1985 and 1986. This film reveals a subterranean landscape of shales, siltstones, and

sandstones dating to the Pleistocene era. Through these vertical time capsules, Weil makes the physical evidence of environmental shifts perceptible and undeniable.



REGULAR PROGRAMS

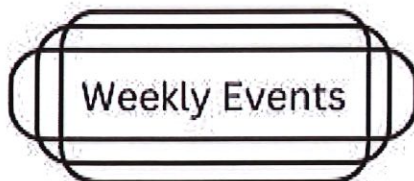


First Friday Flicks

Friday October 2, 1pm

The Sheep Detectives

Every night a shepherd (Hugh Jackman) reads aloud a murder mystery, pretending his sheep can understand. When he is found dead, the sheep realize at once that it was a murder and think they know everything about how to go about solving it.



Monday

10-11:30am- Advanced ESL - [Click here to register.](#)

Conversation

7-8pm - Tech Help

Tuesday

10-11:30pm - 1to1 ESL tutoring

12-12:45pm - Chair Pilates

Wednesday

6-7 pm Yoga/Meditation

Thursday

10-11:30am - 1to1 ESL tutoring

12:30-2pm - Knitting and Craft

Saturday

1:30-2:30 - Intermediate ESL - [Click here to register.](#)

2-3pm Tech Help

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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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Housing Plan, School Funding, Aquaculture Definition

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Weekly Roundup

September 30, 2026

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State Issues

Governor Sherrill Announces Comprehensive Housing Plan

On September 29, at the Governor's Conference on Housing and Economic Development, Governor Sherrill announced a five-pillar plan to accelerate housing production and bring down costs.

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Read more: Sherrill Announces Comprehensive Housing Plan

League Participates in School Funding Stakeholder Meeting

The League participated in the first statewide steering committee meeting for the School Funding Outreach. Presentations were made on the current funding formula, national standards, and potential accomplishments.

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Read more: [League Participates in School Funding Stakeholder Meeting](#)

Aquaculture Definition Legislation Passes Assembly

At the September 24 Assembly Session, A-4994 was set to modify the definition of “aquaculture” in various State laws to clarify that the term aquaculture includes the construction of facilities and appurtenant structures that might otherwise be regulated pursuant to any State or federal law or regulation.

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

Read more: [Aquaculture Definition Legislation Passes Assembly](#)

Plan Design Committee Holds September Meeting

On Wednesday, September 23, the State Health Benefits Commission Plan Design Committee (PDC) held its regularly scheduled September meeting and heard presentations from Horizon and Optum.

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

Read more: [Plan Design Committee Holds September Meeting](#)

Governor Signs Legislation for Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment

Governor Sherrill signed S-3739 into law, establishing certain electric vehicle supply equipment development processes and standards.

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Read more: Governor Signs Legislation for Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment

Governor Vetoes Bill on Temporary Use of Open Space Funds

On September 28, Governor Sherrill vetoed S-4513/A-5348, which would permit Municipal Open Space Trust Funds to be transferred to a municipality's general fund in certain circumstances.

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Read more: Governor Vetoes Bill on Temporary Use of Open Space Funds

Federal Issues

Census Comment Period on Proposed Residence Criteria

The Census Bureau has published a Proposed Rule and requested comments by October 13 defining "usual residence" and inclusion of demographic information that affects reapportionment.

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

Read more: Census Comment Period on Proposed Residence Criteria

Verizon Copper Retirement Application Not Automatically Granted

Earlier in September, we noted that Verizon was seeking approval to discontinue copper landline service. The FCC requires additional

information, and this will not automatically become effective.

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Read more: [Verizon Copper Retirement Application Not Automatically Granted](#)

Conference Connections

Don't Miss Your Chance for Awards & Recognition

The deadlines for several awards and recognition programs are arriving shortly. Please use these remaining days to fill in your applications and participate in Annual Conference events celebrating the great work in the municipal building and beyond.

Awarding Innovation: Due October 3

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and NJLM will again acknowledge and promote [Innovation in Governance through our annual recognition program](#). This is a great opportunity to showcase innovative solutions and new approaches in any department of municipal government from June 1, 2025 to October 1, 2026. Award certificates will be presented at the Mayors' Lunch Briefing during the Annual League Conference and featured in an upcoming *NJ Municipalities* magazine.

Served in the Military? We Want to Salute Your Service: Due October 6

The League will be featuring a video photo album of local government elected and professional officials who have proudly served or are currently serving in the U.S. military. This recognition will be featured as part of the League's celebration of the United States' 250th year during the Annual Conference. [Municipal officials with current or previous military service are invited to complete the participation form by October 6](#) for inclusion in the exhibit at this year's event.

Also of Interest

NJ Municipalities Magazine Blog: Union County's Four Centuries in A Weekend

The celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the United States continues at this year's Four Centuries in a Weekend at more than 30 historic sites throughout Union County.

[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.

DOJ Treatment Court Grants Available

DOJ is offering grants to help local governments establish or enhance adult and juvenile treatment courts addressing substance use disorders and related needs. Applications are due in October and November.

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

Read more: DOJ Treatment Court Grants Available

USDA Agriculture Innovation Center Grants Available

USDA is offering \$2.5 million to help eligible organizations operate Agriculture Innovation Centers that assist producers with developing and marketing value-added products. Applications are due January 31, 2027.

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Read more: USDA Agriculture Innovation Center Grants Available

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