

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES MERCER HUB Issue 2.1

Ongoing and Upcoming Events

Parent Zen

At NJ4S, we understand the importance of educating and helping to raise the next generation, but what about families and parents? That's where Parent Zen program comes in.

Led by our amazing Prevention Consultant, Ms.
Falose Andre, Parents Zen aims to give parents the break they need and the community they deserve.
Ms. Andre, the proud parent of two young children, draws from her own experiences to guide the program.

Come, relax, and connect with other parents as you navigate parenthood.

Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 am
Cadwalader School, 501 Edgewood Avenue
Trenton, NJ (*Please use Door 3*)



Young Writers Workshop

The Young Writers Workshop with Taj Bewley is steadily becoming a creative safe space where aspiring writers come together each week at the Trenton Free Public Library.

Here, students begin their journey into the vast and ever-expanding world of storytelling. While our focus this year has been on short screenwriting, we have been blessed with amazing young writers from all walks of life. Our students are encouraged to dabble in all forms of writing, from short stories and

poetry to graphic novels and beyond. Our workshop is a place where imagination knows no bounds, allowing each young writer to fuel their passions, experiment with genre blending, and develop and forge their own legacy in storytelling.

Tuesdays 5 to 6 pm Trenton Public Library 120 Academy Street Trenton, NJ 08608





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Truth in Text

Join us for our thoughtprovoking discussion group, where we analyze and explore Ta-Nehisi Coates' groundbreaking article, "The Case for Reparations." Within this piece Coates delves into the centuries-long history of racial injustice in America.

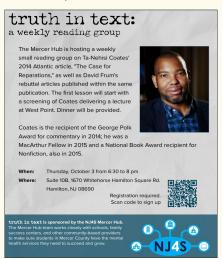
Led by NJ4S HUB Director
Michael Lovaglio, the group
examines the ever-lingering
effects of slavery, segregation,
and discriminatory practices,
and how they continue to impact
the Black community as a whole.

Through personal narratives and historical context, Coates seeks to make a compelling argument for reparations—not so much from a financial standpoint, but from the lens of moral and social responsibility in addressing enduring inequalities.

Debate within this space is encouraged as we seek to engage and grapple with these powerful ideas, foster critical conversations, and consider how we, as a diverse community often pitted against each other based on race, religion, and orientation, can contribute to the

healing of still-festering historical wounds.

Next Group: Thursday, Feb. 6th Suite 10B, 1670 Whitehorse-Hamilton Square Road Hamilton, NJ



Ordinary People Change the World

This ongoing workshop is a fun and inspiring program aimed at fueling the passion for reading in young and developing minds.

Sessions are held every other Wednesday and children, from Pre-K to 3rd grade are invited to explore the stories of legendary figures who have made a profound impact. Through reading about icons such as Dolly Parton, Frida Kahlo, and John Lewis, young readers truly learn how ordinary people can achieve extraordinary things. These stories offer a lot more than just history and facts; they reveal the heart of their subjects and

how traits such as resilience, kindness, and determination can move the world forward.

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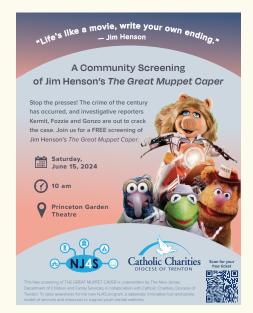
Community Screenings

Last year saw the beginnings of NJ4S' Community Screening events. These FREE movie days, offered at AMC at Princeton Market Fair and The Princeton Garden Theater, have become fast favorites.

We've enjoyed the continued adventures of the sea-trekking Moana in *Moana 2* and the growth and development of Riley and her expanding

complex emotions in Inside Out 2. Past showings have also included: Chicken Run, Trolls, and The Great Muppet Caper.

Our Community Screenings draw dedicated and jubilant crowds. Don't miss your chance to get out with family and friends while experiencing the magic of cinema in a welcoming community setting, all while saving yourself a little money.













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Relaxation Through Art

Painting and Calm with Clay

NJ4S's Painting Workshops and Calm with Clay events are where creativity and relaxation meet, all under the expert watch of Ms. Helene Lodge.

These programs are designed with fun in mind as well as creating a calming experience that allows children the perfect opportunity to unwind while learning the fundamentals of different art mediums.

Helene is a skilled and passionate artist with over 30 years of knowledge and experience. Watch as she guides participants through



engaging paint sessions and hands-on sculpting projects, fostering both expression and emotional well-being.

Whether exploring color theory or shaping their imagination with



clay, these workshops provide the necessary environment for nurturing budding artists while helping them build confidence, reduce stress, and develop essential skills for growth in numerous aspects of life. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity where children create, relax, and have fun!

Stay tapped in with your school's ClassDojo and keep your eyes peeled for flyers around the Mercer area. When that time comes, mark your calendars and come be part of the action. We can't wait to see you there!

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