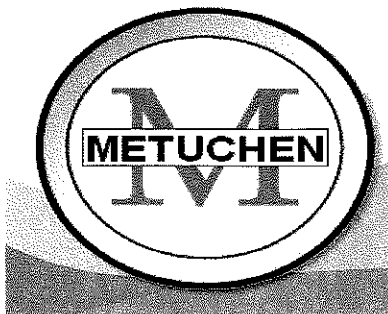


METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

June 2011



TO: All Parents/Guardians

**From: Bruce J. Peragallo
The Office of the Principal**

June Bug Festival – Downtown Metuchen

A number of Metuchen High School musicians will be making an appearance at the 1st Friday, “June Bug” Festival on June 3, 2011. There will be a String Ensemble, a Percussion Ensemble, and the Jazz Band performance at the downtown festival. “June Bug” takes place every Friday night in June from 6:00 – 10:00pm. If you’ve never been, you are in for a treat! There are interactive events, music, film, and visual art flooding the town! Please see the website <http://www.junebugartfest.com> for more information.

MHS Music Awards Dinner

The MHS Music Department will hold its annual awards dinner on Monday, June 6, 2011 at **6:30 pm** in the high school cafeteria.

Senior Sports Banquet – Tuesday, June 7

The Senior Sports Awards Banquet will be held at the Colonia Country Club on Tuesday, June 7, at 6:00pm.

Poetry of Song Final Concert – Wednesday, June 8

The Poetry of Song class will hold their end of the year performance, The Final Asparagus, on Wednesday, June 8 in the high school auditorium beginning at 6:30pm. The concert features performances by Tariq Aly, Doz, Maddie McGrory, Neon Trotsky, Anna Nicholls & Jeremy Zipf, KQ, Quinn Shephard, Zanzibar Buck Buck McFate & The Poetry of Song Class.

That Rep Show:

Dinner Theater Edition, an evening of comic songs and scenes, will be presented by the high school Repertory 2 theater class on Friday, June 10 in the high school cafeteria. Come and enjoy dinner while watching a variety of performances – everything from *The Odd Couple*, to *Avenue Q* and *Saturday Night Live*. Dinner will begin at 6:00, and the performance at 6:30. Admission is \$3.00 for just the show, and \$3.00 for dinner. Andrew Mannino will be performing as well, which in itself is worth the price of admission... *Please note – some of the scenes are rated PG for adult humor/references.*

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Spring Season Athletic Awards – Wednesday, June 15

The Athletic Department and its Director John Cathcart invite all parents/guardians to attend the Spring Season Sports Awards Night. The program will be held on Wednesday evening, June 15, in the gymnasium and start at 7:00 p.m. Athletic awards will be presented to those students who participated in baseball, golf, softball, tennis, and spring track.

Senior Convocation – Friday, June 17

Members of the Class of 2011 who have excelled in the areas of scholarship, sportsmanship, and service to the school/community will be recognized at Senior Convocation on Friday evening, June 17, at **6:00 p.m.** The ceremonies will be held in the auditorium; following the program, the PTO will host a reception in the cafeteria. It should be noted that more than one hundred awards will be presented to deserving seniors. Approximately fifty school and community organizations will participate in presenting the awards, which include trophies, medals, plaques, certificates, and more than \$12,000 in cash, bonds and scholarships.

Graduation Exercises – Class of 2011 – Wednesday, June 22, 2011

The Class of 2011 will hold its Commencement Exercises in the MHS Stadium or the auditorium on Wednesday, June 22, at 6:00 p.m. Please note the starting time for graduation. Please be aware that admission is by ticket only, and an adult must accompany all children under the age of eighteen. Also, senior parents are advised that all graduates who participate in the ceremony must be properly attired under their gowns (boys must wear pants, socks, shoes, and a shirt with a collar—shorts, sneakers, sandals, and t-shirts are not permitted). Graduates are expected to their return caps and gowns immediately after the ceremony. FYI-Pearl Street Cleaners will gladly press any Metuchen High School graduation gown free of charge. Thank you, Pearl Street Cleaners!

Final Exams

Please note that final exams for underclassmen will begin on Thursday, June 16, 2011 through Wednesday, June 22, 2011. Information will be sent out in a separate mailing.

Project Graduation (Class of 2011)

Please see the attached important information regarding Project Graduation – an alcohol and drug free celebration for Metuchen graduating seniors.

2011 Yearbook

You can reserve a copy of the MHS 2011 Yearbook by buying it directly from the high school at a cost of \$120.00. Checks should be made payable to Metuchen High School and should be put in an envelope in Ms. Ruhno's mailbox in the Front Office.

Genesis

In our ongoing effort to strengthen home/school communication, we would like to remind all parents about Genesis. Genesis is a system which will allow you to access your student's grades, attendance, and other important information online. It is designed to be a supplemental way for busy families to track ongoing student progress. Web access to the parent Module is secure. Access is set up for individual families only, and families will have access solely to the record(s) of their children. Please keep your login information confidential. If you have not already done so, you may register for the Parent Module by sending an email to metuchendata@metboe.k12.nj.us.

Genesis (Continued)

The email address that you use to request access will become your username to login to the Parent Module so please be sure to choose the email address that you wish to become your permanent electronic address. Once you are registered in our system, you will receive, via email, instructions and a password. You will have the ability to change your password once you are in the Parent Module.

To register, please send an email to metuchendata@metboe.k12.nj.us. You must provide the following information in the text of that email:

*In the subject line: fill in **“Parent Module Registration”**

*In the body of the email, please provide the following:

Parent(s) Guardian(s) first name, last name

Student(s), first name, last name

Grade level of student(s)

Metuchen High School

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Parent Module, please email us at metuchendata@metboe.k12.nj.us. If you do not have an email address, free email can be obtained through www.yahoo.com or <http://gmail.google.com>.

Senior Survey

Reminder to all Seniors – please make certain that you are registered for Naviance so that you can complete your Senior Survey. If you forgot/or do not have a Naviance id/password, please stop by the Guidance Office and they will assist you in signing up.

Special Senior Exemption from Final Examinations

Parents of senior students are reminded that seniors are exempt from final examinations under certain circumstances. Only seniors who are enrolled in an Advanced Placement course **and** take the Advanced Placement Exam in May **and** have all A's (A+, A, A-) for the four marking cycles and the mid-year examination are exempt from taking the senior final examination in that course in June. However, seniors who are exempt do have the option to take the exam.

The Metuchen Parent Teacher Council

Please see the attached letter from the Metuchen Parent Teacher Council concerning donations to the Scholarship Fund.

Senior Portraits - Class of 2012

Please see attached information concerning Senior Portrait Dates (**for Graduating Class of 2012**) scheduled for August 2011.

Fuce 5K Family Fun Run/Walk

The Fuce 5K is a family-focused run/walk established to raise money for Metuchen families in need, to support the physical development of the borough's youth and to enhance families through a shared experience. A substantial portion of entrance fee will go to the Fuccile Foundation who directs the funds to local families throughout the year. Please see attached flyer for additional information.

Senior BBQ

On Tuesday, June 21, the PTO will hold a BBQ for all seniors between morning and afternoon graduation practice (11:30am – 1:00pm). Please see flyer for additional information.

Sports Physicals

All student athletes are required to have a yearly physical examination. The school physician, Dr. K. Lukenda, will be at the high school on Thursday, June 9. Please see attached for additional information.

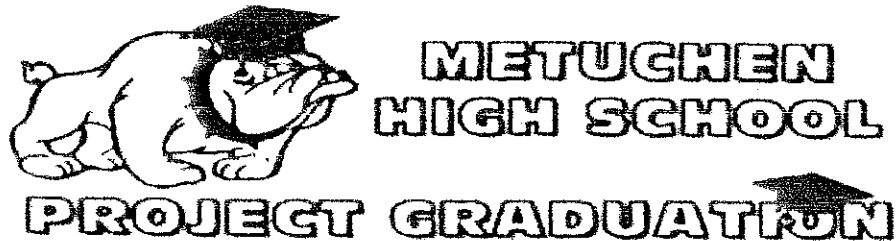
Metuchen Public Library Summer Programs

Please see attached for information concerning summer programs at the Metuchen Public Library.

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Reminder #1 – Senior Exams will begin on Thursday, June 9 and end on Wednesday, June 15, 2010. Information was posted on the MHS website as well as sent to the email addresses we have in our system.

Reminder # 2 – Please note that Thursday, June 23, is now the last day of school due to the use of an inclement weather day. However, graduation exercises will still take place on Wednesday, June 22, at 6:00pm.



Dear Class 2011,

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! You have so much to look forward to in the months and years to come. Celebrate your achievements by attending PROJECT GRADUATION 2011. Enclosed you will find information about this remarkable event.

Don't miss this celebration!

Project Graduation is an alcohol and drug free celebration for all Metuchen graduating seniors. The Metuchen-Edison YMCA, the Mayor's Youth Service Board and local business, organizations, as well as volunteers from the community have supported this event for 40 years!

PROJECT GRADUATION has been a free activity for Metuchen seniors since 1970!

PROJECT GRADUATION will have ice-skating, unlimited laser tag, a hypnotist, basketball, a magician, and a variety of arcade games, music, food, and more for your enjoyment all evening.

To be eligible to attend, just complete the permission form on the back of this letter and **return it to the Main Office by June 3, 2011.**

Everyone attending will board buses to Bridgewater Sports and Ice Arena on Wednesday, June 22nd. Please arrive at the High School at 9:30pm to check in. Buses leave the high school at 10:15pm.

Please read over the enclosed material with your parent/guardian. Complete and return the permission form on the back of this letter.

Any questions, please feel free to call Doris Salmon at 732-906-6576 or Patti Klimashousky at 732-549-7356.

Sincerely,

Project Graduation Committee 2011



**METUCHEN
HIGH SCHOOL**

PROJECT GRADUATION

PROJECT GRADUATION PERMISSION SLIP

PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2011 TO THE MAIN OFFICE

I give permission for (student's name) _____ to attend Project
(Please Print)

Graduation event at The Bridgewater Sports and Ice Arena in Bridgewater, NJ, leaving the High School on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 10:15pm and returning on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at approximately 5:30am.

This is an alcohol, substance and tobacco free celebration for the graduating seniors.

It is understood that the students are under the jurisdiction of the school during the event. Parent chaperones will be attending the celebration. The Metuchen Board of Education and the Project Graduation Committee and its chaperones will not be liable in the event of an accident.

Please note: A parent's signature is required even if the student is 18 years of age.

I consent to my son/daughter's participation and understand that he/she is bound by the rules as outlined in the attached letter.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

The phone number where I can be reached the night of Graduation, Wednesday, June 22, 2011. _____

Emergency phone number _____

Please advise the Project Graduation Committee of any medications or medical conditions that would be necessary in the event of an emergency: This is a necessity!
All information will be treated as confidential.

The Metuchen Parent Teacher Council Scholarship Committee

Spring, 2011

Dear Friends,

The Scholarship Committee of the Metuchen Parent Teacher Council is seeking donations for its scholarship fund. We will award scholarships in two categories. The first category is the Academic Merit Scholarship, awarded to graduating seniors who have consistently demonstrated academic excellence.

The second category is the Verice Mason Community Service Scholarship, awarded to the graduating seniors who have volunteered a significant amount of time to our community, and whose efforts often go unnoticed.

Please help us with our scholarship efforts by making a tax-exempt donation to our scholarship fund. Donations received by June 1st are greatly appreciated, but we will gladly accept donations at any time.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of the students of Metuchen.

Please make checks payable to:

Metuchen Parent Teacher Council
The Metuchen Board of Education
16 Simpson Place
Metuchen, NJ 08840

Note: Please add "Scholarship Fund" in check memo line

With Sincere Appreciation,

Marci Berger and Geri Verlaque, Chairpersons

May 2, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians of Metuchen High School Seniors of the **Class of 2012**,

The time has come to plan for the **2012** yearbook at Metuchen High School. This year we have made arrangements for Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch to take our Senior portraits. Seniors will be sent an appointment card through the mail. It will state the specific day, time and location that each student will be photographed. It is the responsibility of each Senior to reschedule his/her appointment if the day and time is not convenient.

The portrait dates are scheduled for:

August 10th from 9 am – 2 pm

August 11th from 8 am – 2 pm

August 12th from 8 am – 2 pm

To confirm or modify your senior portrait session, please utilize the company's online scheduling website located at: <http://www.photoappointment.com>
(The appointment card mailed to you will contain your confirmation number)

In the interest of uniformity and quality, all Senior portraits that will appear in the 2012 yearbook must be taken by Prestige Portraits.

The yearbook-required poses will be taken at the portrait session. Additional portraits in various poses may be purchased at the session for a nominal fee. You will also have the opportunity to purchase portrait packages, but are under no obligation to do so. If you would like a cap and gown photograph, please make sure to notify the photographer at your scheduled time.

After the portraits are taken, proofs will be mailed to you from Prestige Portraits and you will be asked to select which pose you would like submitted to the yearbook. The required yearbook pose is a vertical head and shoulder pose, just above the waist, with a blue background. Boys will wear a tuxedo and girls will wear a drape. These items are provided for your use. A pose with hands, hats, close ups or one showing unusual attire is not acceptable as formal yearbook portraits.

There will be an additional portrait session arranged in November if your Senior cannot meet the August appointment, but please encourage your Senior to attend this August date to ensure his/her choice of a yearbook pose. If a student waits until November, a pose will be chosen by the yearbook advisor.

Thank you for your support!
Sincerely,

Adam Levy
Yearbook Advisor

Bruce Peragallo
Principal

About Mike

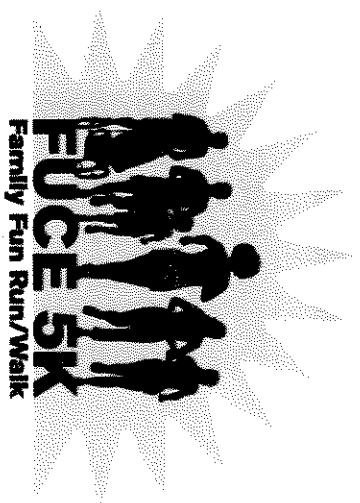
The third annual Fuce 5K Family Fun Run/Walk is dedicated to one of Metuchen's own, Mike Fucille, who touched all of our lives and inspired families to participate in an active family lifestyle.



Mike with his wife Nancy and three children - Jack, Brooke, and Michael

On September 4th 2008, Mike, 36, was killed on his way to work in Jersey City where he served as a chief compliance officer for Merrill Lynch, leaving behind his wife of ten years, Nancy, and three children, Michael, 9, Jack, 7, and Brooke, 5. Mike was actively involved in our community and his passion for family, sports and active lifestyle was an inspiration to all of us. To learn more about Mike, visit our website at fuce5.com

The Fucille Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization aiming to keep Mike's spirit alive by giving back to our community by supporting families in need. If you know of a local family who could benefit from such support, please contact us



Metuchen, NJ

Saturday, June 18, 2011

Run/Walk begins 8:30 a.m.
from Downtown Metuchen



For more information:

Telephone: 732.90-FUCES (732.903.8235)

Email: fucillefoundation21@gmail.com

FUCILLE FOUNDATION

PO Box 453
Metuchen, NJ
08840-0453

Phone: 732.90-FUCES (732.903.8235)

E-mail: fucillefoundation21@gmail.com

Fuce 5K Metuchen Family Fun Run



The Fuce 5K Metuchen Family Fun Run/Walk will once again hit the streets of Metuchen for 2011 to have a great time while raising money for local families in need.

- The race will feature
- Custom Fuce 5K T-Shirts (while supplies last)
 - Prizes for the top finishers
 - Refreshments, snacks and music before and after the race
 - Race packets
 - Free parking downtown

We look to provide families and friends of Metuchen an event where they can exercise together and raise money for residents in need.

Race Details

- Race will be held Saturday, June 18, 2011
- Starts at 8:30am (Rain or Shine!)
 - Same day registration from 7:00 -- 8:00am
 - Race begins at Pearl Street Parking Lot Corner of New Street & Pearl Street in Downtown Metuchen, NJ

To guarantee a race tee, complete an online registration at fuce5.com

Benefit

- The Fuce 5K is a family-focused run/walk established to:
- Raise money for Metuchen families in need
 - Support the physical development of the borough's youth
 - Enhance families through a shared experience

A substantial portion of your fee will go to the Fucille Foundation who directs the funds to local families throughout the year.

Entrance Fee

- \$25 before May 15, 2011
- \$30 after May 15, 2011
- \$5 registration discount for children between 5 and 18
- FREE for children younger than 5

Third Annual Fuce 5K Family Fun Run/Walk

Entry Form (one per participant please):

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Gender _____ DOB _____

Adult T-Shirt Sizes (S) (M) (L) (XL)

Youth Sizes (M) (L)

Make Checks Payable to Fucille Fund.
Send checks to PO Box 453, Metuchen NJ 08840

Participant Signature _____

Signature of Parent/ Guardian if under 18 _____

Waiver: In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I hereby for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against Fuce 5 Fund and its affiliates, the Borough of Metuchen, the state of New Jersey, and the sponsors, race officials, organizers, and volunteers associated with this event for any injury that may occur as a result of my participation in this event. Additionally, the fund and its affiliates may use your email address to communicate

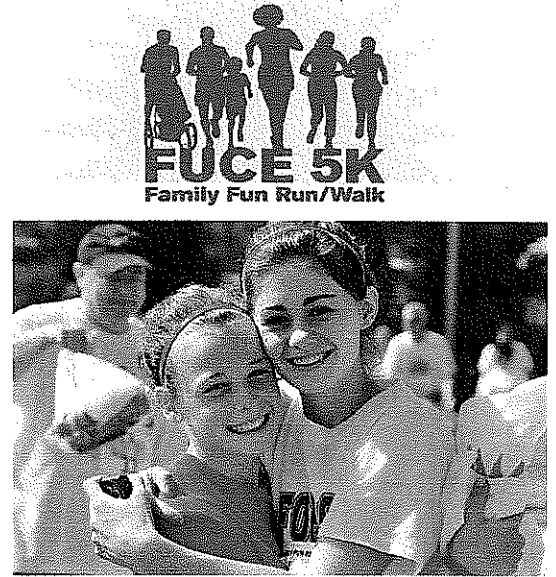
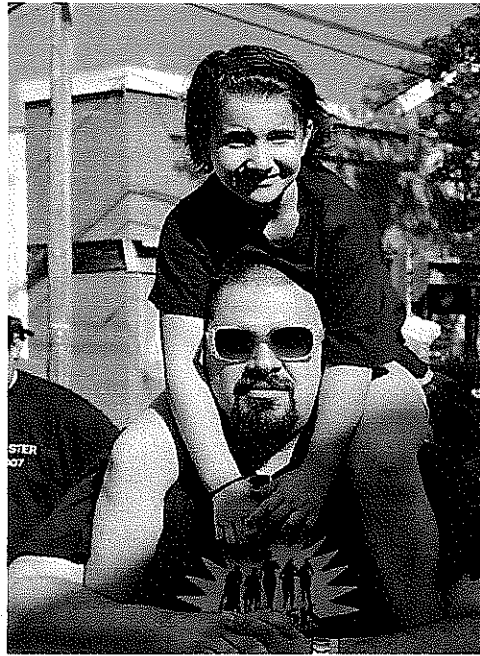
DATE : June, 18 2011

Start of race: 8:30
Same day registration
takes place from 7:00
to 8:00 at the
Metuchen Senior
Center

Register online
www.fuce5.com

FUCE 5K WALK / RUN

Use your feet to lend a helping hand



**This event is a great time to exercise
with friends and family.**

You can help raise money for The Fuccile Founda-
tion by carb-loading for the event.

This year we have two great restaurants that will
donate a portion of your check to the foundation.
Helping a good cause never tasted so good!



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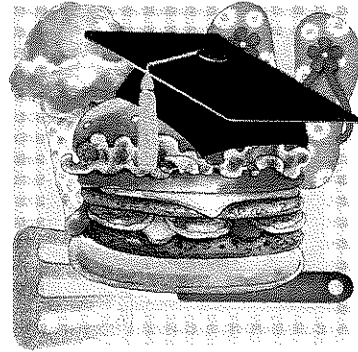
**PLEASE JOIN US FRIDAY NIGHT JUNE
17TH, DINE IN OR TAKE OUT.**

**TWO GREAT NIGHTS OF DINING AND
FUND RAISING JUNE 6TH AND JUNE
13TH DINE IN OR TAKEOUT.**

Present this flyer to your server on one of the above dates. Valid for dine-in or take out.



Senior BBQ



June 21, 2011

11:30am- 1:00pm between graduation practices

Lunch will be served

Please send a baked or store bought dessert in with your senior

If you are available to help us that day, it would be appreciated!

Questions- please call Dawn 732-549-7887

TO: PARENTS/GUARDIANS
FROM: M.Kazelesky R.N.
RE: SPORTS PHYSICALS

All student athletes are required to have a yearly physical examination. Dr. K. Lukenda, school physician, will be at the High School on Thursday, June 9 starting at 9:00 a.m. for sports physicals. Students must make an appointment with the nurse if they wish to have a physical at that time. Students may obtain the required physical forms and make appointments at the nurse's office until Monday, June 6. Parents may not make appointments; students must personally see the nurse.

Students who wish to have physicals by their own physician may do so at their expense. However, all physicals must be completed using the state-approved forms available at the nurse's office.

Sports physicals for Edgar School will be held on Tuesday, June 7.

Please contact Mrs. Billik R.N. for forms and appointments .



SUMMER EVENTS

This summer, the YA Department will offer a variety of free programs for Metuchen residents who are entering grades 6-12. Young adults will have the opportunity to explore something different, to learn a new skill, develop an old one, join a book club, and work with others on community service projects. Registration for all programs opens on Saturday, June 4. Call, visit, or write Kliss@Lmxc.org to sign up.

As always, the Friends of the Metuchen Library will sponsor a YA Summer Reading Contest where teens can earn raffle tickets to win free books and gift cards by reading or attending YA programs. Teens can sign up for the contest once school is out. For more details about the contest, ask at the front desk of the Library.

So mark your calendars! We'll kick off the Library's 2011 Summer Events with *A Visit with Author Wendy Mass* on Tuesday, June 28 at 7:30 PM. Ms. Mass has written many novels for teens and tweens, including *Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* (scheduled to be released as a film in 2011) and the award-winning *A Mango-Shaped Space*. Join us for this evening of fun for the whole family!

PROGRAMS (Gr. 6-12)

Babysitter Safety Training and Certification

Class: A healthcare professional will conduct a hands-on workshop that includes childcare lessons and safety training for the middle-school-aged babysitter.

Date: Wednesday, June 29 **Time:** 1-4 PM

Stitches: It's as easy as 1, 2, 3 afternoons! Learn to crochet, to follow a pattern and to make a simple project.

Dates: July 5, 6, and 12 **Time:** 1-2 PM

Theatre Games: Youth Stages will lead an evening of improvisations and theatre games.

Date: Tuesday, July 12 **Time:** 7-8:45 PM

Cupcake Decorating 101: Make frosting from scratch and learn to pipe icing to decorate cupcakes. Students take home cupcakes, recipes, decorating tips, etc.

Date: Wednesday, July 13
Time: Choose from two sessions,
 A. 10:30 AM-Noon B. 2PM-3:30 PM

Write Your Own Adventure: Join Alex Dawson, author and owner of the Raconteur, for a 3-session fiction-writing workshop.

Dates: Thursday, July 14, 21 and 28
Time: 7PM-8:30 PM

Songwriting Workshop: The group will write, rehearse and record an original song with songwriter Kathy Moser.

Date: Tuesday, July 19 **Time:** 2-4PM

Registration begins June 4
 To sign up for all programs,
 visit or call the Library
 732-632-8526
 or write Kliss@Lmxc.org

You Are Here

at the Library
 Summer 2011

Young Adult (YA) Department
 Metuchen Public Library
 480 Middlesex Avenue
 732-632-8526



Metuchen Library Teens

Join us on facebook from

www.metuchenlibraryteens.org

PROGRAMS (Gr. 6-12)

The Midas Touch: Explore the medieval art of illuminations that uses gold to embellish letters, words and illustrations. Then create your own modern day illumination with Mickey Waring, director of the Westerhoff School.

Date: Tuesday, July 26 **Time:** 7-8:30 PM

Robotics Workshop: In this hands-on session, you'll learn the language of robots, how to teach them commands and to run a maze.

Date: Thursday, July 28 **Time:** 1-3:30 PM

Teen Advisory Board Meeting (TAB): Try out a meeting to see if you'd like to join the group that plans YA programs, selects media for the library, and publicizes YA events. Visit www.metuchenlibraryteens.org to learn more about the TAB.

Date: Weds, Aug. 3 **Time:** 7:30-8:30 PM

Pasta and Pesto: Mrs. B. returns, this time to teach you how to make homemade pasta and pesto sauce (nut-free). Hands on: students will take home pasta to cook, along with the pesto and recipes.

Date: Thursday, Aug. 4 **Time:** 1-2:30 PM

FILMS

The TAB's 2011 Sci-Fi Film Fest begins this summer. Registration is not necessary. Free snacks. More films to be announced later in 2011.

Back to the Future

Date: Thursday, June 30 **Time:** 2 PM

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Date: Tuesday, August 30 **Time:** 2 PM

BOOK CLUBS

Each book club will meet twice and once online between meetings. A free copy of the book will be given out at the club's first session.

The High School Book Club (suggested for Gr. 9-12) will read the National Book Award-winning *Waiting for Snow in Havana* by Carlos Eire. In 1962, the author's world changed forever when he and his brother were among the 14,000 children airlifted off the island of Cuba.

In this memoir, Eire reveals an exotic, magical Cuba and his eccentric but loving family. Written like a novel, this account of Eire's early life on the island is enlightening, often funny and certainly thought provoking.

Dates: Weds, July 6 and July 20

Time: 7:30 -8:30 PM

The Tween Book Club (suggested for Gr. 6-9) will read *Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* by Wendy Mass, who'll be our guest author on Tuesday evening, June 28. The novel is a coming-of-age story that's set in present day New York City. It follows Jeremy Fink and his neighbor Lizzy Muldown as they attempt to retrieve four keys that unlock a wooden box delivered one month before Jeremy's 13th birthday.

Dates: Fri, July 22 and August 5

Time: 1-2 PM

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Community Service Projects are open to residents in grades 8-12. Have fun, gain experience and earn service credit hours for your time!

BOOK FRIENDS

Read to a beginner reader and they'll read to you . . . for the mature teen who would enjoy spending time with a 1st or 2nd grader in a supervised program with varied and fun activities included! (An application is required. Ask when you sign up!)

Date: Tues., July 5 (mandatory training)

Dates: Tues., July 19, 26 and August 2

Time: 10:45 AM-Neon

PHOTOJOURNALISM PROJECT

Learn the art of photography while documenting our town for future generations. The Photo-J Project is dedicated to creating an archive of photographs and film in order to preserve present day Metuchen. The Project's work will be kept in a special collection, housed in the Library. Participants need to bring a digital camera.

Dates & Times: Thurs., July 14 and July 21 (2-3:30 PM) and Weds., July 27 (7-8:30 PM)

END OF SUMMER BASH

Raconteur Radio presents a family event . . . The War of the Worlds, a staged production of the 1938 radio show that sent millions of listeners into a panic when they "learned" that Martians had landed in New Jersey!

After the show, refreshments will be served and the winners of the YA Summer Reading Contest will be announced.

Date: Weds., August 24 **Time:** 7:30 PM