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Dear Friends,

We hope you and your families are staying healthy and safe during these unsettling and unpredictable times. Though the Library is closed due to the pandemic and some of our events are on hold, we still have much to share with you. Your membership and support means so much to us, and we are happy to send you this e-newsletter to let you know what's new with Friends of the Hoboken Public Library.

We found this post meaningful and hope it resonates with you too. Enjoy!



Conversations will not be cancelled. Relationships will not be cancelled.
LOVE will not be cancelled. **Songs** will not be cancelled. **Reading** will not be cancelled. Self-care will not be cancelled. **Hope** will not be cancelled.

May we lean into the good stuff that remains.

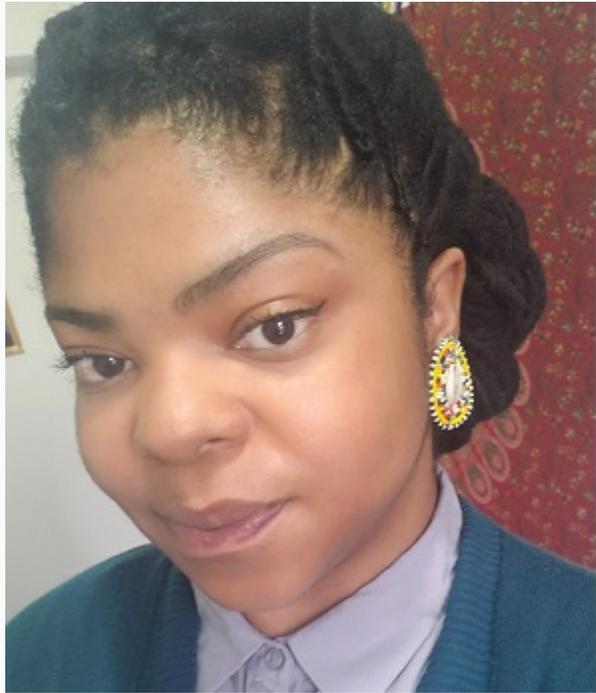


ESL students enjoy an international feast to celebrate the end of the semester

ESL CONVERSATION CLASSES - PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Semester's end celebrated with an international feast catered by students

The free ESL conversation class, sponsored and run by Friends of the Hoboken Public Library, ended its Winter Session with a delicious international feast on March 11, 2020. Students and tutors brought dishes and treats from their native countries to share with each other and used their newly gained English conversational skills to describe what they had brought. Everything was beautiful to look at and even better to taste. It was a truly festive evening!



Jade Mapp, Literacy Coordinator

Jade Mapp, the new Hoboken Public Library literacy coordinator, joined the party and talked with students about the exciting opportunities available for them at the Library. Jade has an extensive background in ESL instruction and is TESOL-certified. She has been providing programs for Library patrons of all ages at all three HPL locations. During this period when Library locations are physically closed, Jade is offering English classes for beginner and advanced students via Zoom on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Check the Library's [website](#) or connect with Jade at jade.mapp@bccls.hoboken.org.



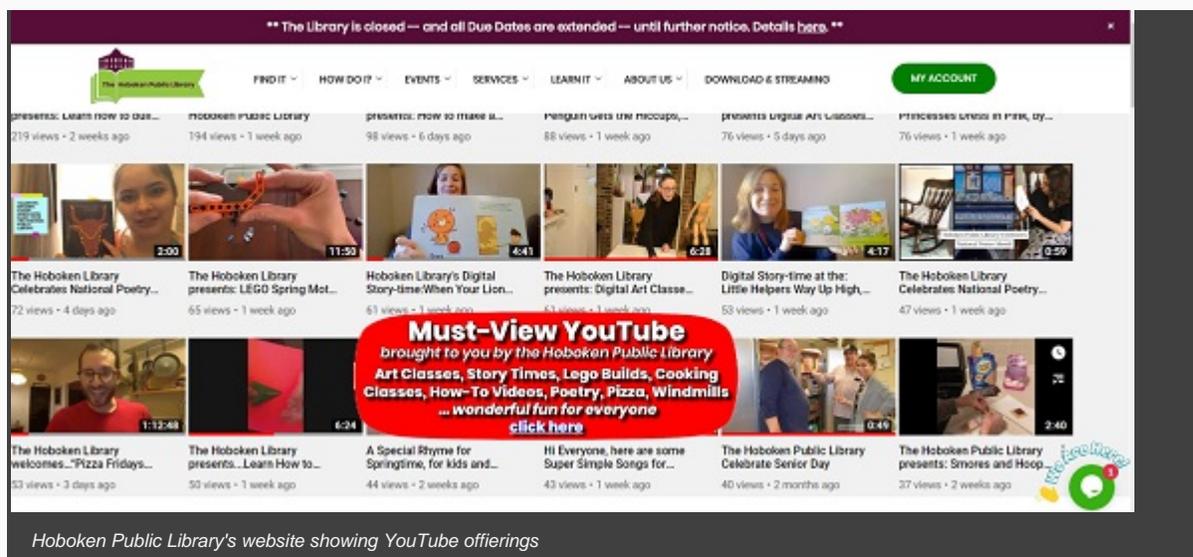
Volunteers get up close and personal with animal visitors on Family FUNday

FAMILY FUNDAY WITH ANIMAL EMBASSY

Hoboken kids meet members of the animal kingdom at the Library

On Saturday, March 7, exotic animals delighted nearly 75 Hobokenites — children and adults alike — at the Library's **Family FUNday**, a program sponsored by Friends of the Hoboken Public Library. For one hour, attendees of the Animal Embassy session left their ordinary habitats to convene with a large snake, a parrot, a rabbit, a baby fox, a turtle, and the crowd favorite, a wild boar. This entertaining creature engaged all by performing tricks and responding to the handler's commands. According to Children's Librarian Ashley Hoffman, "Family FUNday is really popular, because siblings of various ages can attend together with parents on the weekend." Older kids stayed after the show to interact with and learn more about the visiting animals.

The next program — **Family FUNday with DinoMan** — will take place live on Zoom on May 2 at 11 a.m. and features magic, science, and many fossils. Parents and kids of all ages can partake. Register online on the Library's [event page](#).



Hoboken Public Library's website showing YouTube offerings

HOW TO GET YOUR MUSEUM FIX

So many online opportunities, including some from the Library

While the Library is temporarily closed, and patrons cannot access the free museum passes that are sponsored by Friends of the Hoboken Public Library, there are still plenty of ways to get your cultural fix online. [Google Arts & Culture](#) has partnered with numerous venues to bring you virtual tours of sites including [Australian National Surfing Museum](#), [Art Institute of Chicago](#), and 10 incredible [libraries from around the world](#). There are lots of cool thematic programs like how to [Turn Your Coffee Into Art](#) and [Find Out Which Artwork Looks Like You](#). Visit our [Facebook page](#) for more ideas.

And make sure to check out the many online offerings from the [Hoboken Public Library](#). Staff has pulled out all the stops to offer programs for every age group on multiple platforms.

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