

Mulberry Street Library eNewsletter – May 2012

Mayday! Mayday! May 1st is International Workers Day, May 5th is Cinco de Mayo, and on May 19th there will be a fascinating talk on [Chinese Civilization through Dance and Music](#) at the Mulberry Street Library.

Also check out Math Gaming – [Chess and Tangrams for Teens](#), and a cool science program for children aged 3 - 6 about the [animals of the Australian Outback](#). Hop like a Kangaroo!

And now for the upcoming programs!

Adults

Classical Guitar Performance with Nylon Wound

Wednesday May 2nd @ 5:30pm

Nylon Wound is Gregory Askins and Joseph Parisi, a musical duo dedicated to promoting the classical guitar. They perform original compositions and arrangements for two guitars in addition to a classical guitar repertory. Music will include Brubeck, Satie, Ponce, Parisi, Gianoncelli & A. Adam.

Movie Screening – Life as We Know It

Wednesday May 9th @ 5:30pm

Life as We Know It is a series of short films by Canadian director Cameron Tingley that consider the excessiveness and wastefulness of modern society. Pollution, television violence, and the day-to-day stresses of modern life are brought to life on screen with a humorous eye.

**Meet the Author @ NYPL presents David Evanier –
Biographer of Tony Bennett**

Wednesday May 16th @ 5:30 pm

All the Things You Are: The Life of Tony Bennett

Award-winning biographer David Evanier reveals Tony Bennett's impoverished New York City childhood through his first chart-topping hits, from liberating a concentration camp to his civil rights struggles, from his devastating personal and career battles and addiction in the 1970's to his stunning comeback and emergence as a musical statesman.

**Introduction to Chinese Dance – 5000 Years of Chinese
Civilization**

Saturday May 19th @ 2pm

In this program the presenter will focus on Chinese history and provide a brief overview of key dynasties, classic stories and fascinating characters from Chinese literature, and classical Chinese dance and Chinese musical instruments. He will explain how Chinese culture uses dance to express Chinese civilization and its' values.

Book Discussion Group – *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad

Wednesday May 30th @ 6pm

We will be discussing Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*. The novel deals with English colonialism in Africa, and Conrad's stance that evil lurks predominantly in the hearts of all men, despite the trappings of civilization. You can pick up a copy at the

Information Desk, or reserve your copy [here](#).

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Teens

Teen Crafternoon

Tuesdays May 1st, 8th and 22nd @ 4pm

Get your craft on! Friendship bracelets, origami, and more surprises. Materials will be provided. For teens and tweens!

Game On!

Thursdays May 10th, 17th, and 24th @ 4pm

After a stressful day at school, challenge your friends or the librarian on the Nintendo Wii or Playstation. Note: if you challenge the librarian your chances of winning are very high!

Math Gaming – Chess and Tangrams

Tuesday May 15th @ 4pm

Go beyond formulas and proofs! See how patterns build your check faster in chess. Create works of art through tessellations, and discover the hidden shapes of the tans with tangrams. No homework, no grades - find the fun side of math. All materials will be provided.

Teen Live @ NYPL with Jermaine Browne

Wednesday May 23rd @ 5pm

Join us for a live talk with performer and fashion impresario -
[Jermaine Browne!](#)

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Children

Book Babies

Tuesdays May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th @ 10:30 & 11:30 am

Simple stories, songs, rhymes, and fingerplays for babies and their caregivers, followed by a short playtime. Space is limited to 25 children per session. Please arrive promptly to pick up a ticket. For ages 0-18 months.

Toddler Time

Thursdays May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st @ 10:30 & 11:30 am

Simple stories, songs, rhymes, and fingerplays for toddlers and their caregivers, followed by a short playtime. Space is limited to 25 children per session. Please arrive promptly to pick up a ticket. For ages 18-36 months.

Kids' Crafts

Friday May 4th @ 4:00 pm

Seasonal crafts in the Children's Room for all ages.

Pre-School Science Programs, sponsored by the Children's Museum of Manhattan

Mondays May 7th, 14th, and 21st @ 4pm

Children ages 3 – 6 are encouraged to attend these hands-on science programs! May 7th is about the Australian Outback and Kangaroos, May 14th is about the Caribbean Coral Reef, and May 21st is about Bats and Nocturnal Animals! See you there!

Kids Can Cook!

Friday May 18th @ 3:30pm

Make your own tasty treat to eat at the library! First come, first served. Supplies are limited, so please arrive promptly to work on your delectable creation. For all ages.

R.E.A.D with Mudge

Monday May 21st @ 4pm

Children read aloud to a registered therapy dog and licensed handler. Space is limited to three children and pre-registration is required. Please sign up at the Children's Desk or call 212-966-3424 to reserve a 20 minute session for your child