



The Club

February 2026

President's Message



Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart. -Elizabeth Andrew

Sometimes we as individuals lose our enthusiasm and motivation for volunteering in our community. We sit back and let others volunteer for projects and do the work. There are many different reasons why women join a volunteer organization, like ours, that has a mission to support both organizations and

individuals in need by contributing either time, monetary or in-kind donations. Here is a shortened list of “why people volunteer” from the federation president’s manual.

To feel needed
To share skills
For a change of pace
To get to know a new community
Because a friend of family member pressured them
To keep busy
To make new friends
To do something different than their daily job
To be with people who are different than themselves
For Fun!
Because there is no one else to do it
To have an impact
Because they were asked
To be challenged
To feel proud
As a family tradition
As therapy
To learn something new
To get out of the house.

To demonstrate commitment to a cause or belief

Regardless of the reason, our Club welcomes all who want to join to make a difference in the community. We believe we have something for everyone. Community projects are varied so that members can select one or two where they feel comfortable helping. It's not all work, we plan social activities throughout the year where members make new friends and have fun. We are open to new ideas and suggestions for projects and activities. Come out and participate, the enthusiasm is contagious!

It is time for members to renew their commitment to our Club for another year and to reach out to a friend who has shown interest in volunteering. The membership renewal deadline is the end of March. Bring your dues to the February meeting.

Yours in Federation Friendship

Janet Walker

Calendar of Events

- February 2nd – Monday - 3:00 PM
Rescheduling of Book Discussion
Ann Weissenburger’s Home
Book – Searching for Sylvie Lee by Jean Kwok
- February 10th – Tuesday - 1:00 PM
Woman’s Club Joint Meeting
Denville Town Hall - Community Room
Bring your baked cookies for Operation Cookie
- February 18th – Wednesday - 7:00 PM
Clubs Spelling Bee
Thomas Jefferson Middle School.
- February 18th – Wednesday -
Panera Fundraiser- Denville – Route 10
- February 18th – Wednesday - 11AM – 1PM
NourishNJ - 347 S. Salem Street, Dover
- February 23 -Monday – 3PM
Book Discussion – Book TBA
Ann Weissenburgers Home
- March 4th – Wednesday – 2PM
Dial M for Murder
Centenary Stage Company
715 Grand Avenue, Hackettstown
Contact Michele Cestaro
- March 9th – Monday – 7PM
Woman’s Club Eve Meeting
Denville Community Church
- March 10th – Tuesday – 1PM
Woman’s Club Day Meeting
Denville Town Hall, Community Room
- March 11th – Wednesday – 10 AM
Highlands District Arts Performing Day
Madison Community House,
25 Cook Ave – Madison (Snow date 3/18)
- March 18th – Wednesday – 11 AM - 1PM
NourishNJ - 347 S. Salem Street, Dover
- March 25th – Wednesday – 11 AM - 1PM
NourishNJ – 347 S. Salem Street, Dover



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January Events

January 7th – Wednesday – 11 AM – 1PM- NourishNJ-347 S. Salem Street, Dover New Jersey



(L-R) Dawn Kingshott, Marge Dobbins & (L-R) Sheela McGlone and Michele Cestaro. (L-R) Paula Bass, Janet Ball & Susan Jancerek Lisa Farrell.

As arranged by Val Kenny, nine club members volunteered at Nourish on January 7 for the 11 a.m.-1 p.m. shift. The group was met by a friendly staff who set them up for their tasks of chopping fresh vegetables and assembling/packaging meals of meat/potato/vegetable. The meals were then stored in a large refrigerator for later distribution. By our count, over 400 meals were packed. Staff was very helpful and grateful. All who volunteered commented on a very positive experience. *Susan Jancerak*

January 12th – Monday – 7PM - Woman's Club Eve and

January 13th – Tuesday – 1PM - Woman's Club Day Meeting



(L-R) Karina Calabuig & Susan Richardson
Link to youtube
of Karina Calabuig
talk at Day Meeting <https://youtu.be/xsr4kkj27SQ>



(L-R) Karina Calabuig and Jenn Ireton
In front of collection
photos by Karen Lazur

At our January club meetings Karina Calabuig, the Site Director for Hope House, a Catholic Charities Agency in Dover spoke to our members. She discussed the mission and functions of Hope House. Hope House is an accredited agency that provides services in the areas of Community Support, Homeless Assistance and a Food Pantry for low-income families. Club members brought small sizes of many toiletry items and single size packages of snacks and oatmeal for Karina to take back to Hope House.

You can find out more information at <https://ccpaterson.org/hopehouse>

Karen Lazur



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January Events Continued

January 12th – Monday – 7PM - Woman's Club Eve and Day Continued



<https://youtu.be/mEJtlmr1nul>

Link to Barbara McCloskey NJSFWC update: Upcoming Highlands District Achievement Day (April 8th) and NJSFWC Spring Conference (May 4-6) at the Eve Meeting.

Because our President Janet Walker was out of town, Susan Richardson led our evening meeting and Jenn Ireton led our woman's club day meeting. Thank you to Susan Richardson and Jenn Ireton who led wonderful meetings. The same agenda was followed in both meetings. But different chairs were present at either of these meetings. A detail account of these meetings can be found in the detail minutes taken by our recording secretaries, Susan Wiedaseck & Florence Lucchesi once again

January 14th – Wednesday – 10 AM - District Highland Council Meeting Madison Community House, Madison



It was a great event at the Highlands District Council Meeting, January 14th, at the Madison Community House. Great speakers, wonderful breakfast and lunch, thank you Parsippany Woman's Club for all of that! It was so great to hear what all the other clubs are doing for fundraisers and for their communities! *Kathy Holland (from Woman's Club of Denville Rockaway Facebook)*

(from left clockwise) Ellen Duffin, Michele Cestaro, Barbara McCloskey, Kathy Holland, Susan Jancerak & Ann Weissenburger

I introduced our members and gave a short report from Janet Walker on three programs that our club had enjoyed this past year. The programs were: Guests from Navigating Hope and Family Promise, the Girls Career Institute, and a presentation by Jacqueline Wisner, NJSFWC Legislation Chair. Club members from other Morris County clubs also gave reports about their club programs and some activities that they all enjoyed during the past year. *Ann Weissenburger*

January 22 – Thursday – Acorn Hall – 11AM – 68 Morris Ave, Morristown



11 of us took the tour. The docents explained the history of the house and how its preservation is attributed to Crane-Hone Women including Mary Crone Hone, last family resident of the hall. Since acquiring the property in 1972 from Mary, the Morristown Historical Society has honored this preservation legacy of the Crane-Hone women, placing it on the New Jersey Woman's Heritage Trail. Acorn Hall is listed on the New Jersey State and National Registers of Historic Places. The rooms were beautifully furnished, most of the furnishings being original.

Afterwards, we dined at Grato Restaurant in Morris Plains. *Michele Cestaro*

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GFWC FEDERATION NEWS CORNER

NJSFWC 132 years (created 1894)

**HIGH LANDS DISTRICT PERFORMING ARTS DAY – MARCH 11TH – WEDNESDAY –
(SNOW DATE – MARCH 18) 10AM –MADISON COMMUNITY HOUSE, 25 COOK AVENUE, MADISON
\$5.00 ENTRANCE FEE**

**HIGHLANDS (ACHIEVEMENT DAY) DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE-APRIL 8 – WEDNESDAY – 10AM
HANOVER MANOR- 16 EAGLE ROCK, EAST HANOVER**

NJSFWC CONVENTION-MAY 4TH, 5TH, 6TH - MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

GCI -GIRLS CAREER INSTITUTE- JUNE 1, 2, 3, AND 4TH



Birthday Cards for Age 90 and Above

By **NJSFWC** | December 17, 2025

Did you know that any member celebrating a birthday, 90 years or more may receive a Birthday card from the Federation? Email the member's name, birthday date, age, and address to the NJSFWC Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Levy at levy@njsfwc.org. You may include the age that the member is celebrating.

NJSFWC CONNECTION

December 17, 2025. Barbara McCloskey, NJSFWC President. Together in Service, United in Friendship



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ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

GFWC WOMEN'S CLUB OF THE DENVILLE/ROCKAWAY AREA

Please fill out this form and return it with your Cash or Check made payable to:

"GFWC Women's Club of the Denville/Rockaway Area".

Dues Amount: \$40.00 (no later than 3/31/2026)

Dues must be paid in full for the 2026/2027 Club Year (April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027)!

The information on this form will be used for the Club's yearbook. Please make sure we have your correct address, email, phone number and birthday!

You may bring this form and your dues to the February or March meetings or mail this form with your payment to:

Cathy Zollo – 39 Magnolia Ave., Denville, NJ 07834

(Please print)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CELL: _____ **HOME:** _____

TELEPHONE: (which one do you prefer) **Cell:** _____ **or Home:** _____

BIRTHDAY MONTH _____ **DAY** _____

Thank you and we look forward to your continued membership!

**IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO CONTINUE WITH THE CLUB FOR THE 2026/2027 YEARS,
PLEASE CONTACT CATHY ZOLLO at cztz4@aol.com, via text at 973-626-2841 or via mail to
Cathy Zollo, 39 Magnolia Ave., Denville, NJ 07834 – Thank you!**



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Bake. Brunch. Build Community.

Women Raise the World: A Galentine's Baking and Brunch Gathering

Grab a friend (or make a new one!) and join us on February 14th for a joyful Galentine's morning!

By baking together and sharing a meal, you'll help support neighbors facing food insecurity while building community and awareness.

What to Expect

- Hands-on baking in the nourish.NJ kitchen, 347 S. Salem St., Dover
- A delicious brunch shared together
- Sweet treats to take home
- Cookies lovingly packaged for our neighbors

Cost: \$35 per person

Space is limited to 14 spots per session. RSVP by February 11th.

Sign Up to Attend this Event!

nourish.NJ

More than Meals
FOOD, HOUSING, HOPE



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The Woman's Club of Denville Rockaway On-line Cookbook Benefit



Our Denville Rockaway On-line Cookbook Committee (Geraldine Baillod, Louise Sassano, Florence Lucchesi and Ruth Gimbel) would like to start acquiring your favorite recipes for our Online Cookbook 2026 Woman's Club Benefit.

We would like you to include with your recipe one or more of the following:

1. The family member or friend who gave you this recipe and what wonderful memories you have of your loved one
2. The wonderful memories you conjure from this recipe
3. For what occasion was this recipe prepared for.
4. What is this recipe's cultural background.

This recipe could be in memory or tribute of someone

This recipe could be:

an appetizer, tapas or any other starter

entre (meat, seafood, pasta, casseroles, vegetarian and more)

desserts, breads, muffins, breakfast foods like pancakes or waffles, omelets, quiches and more

And all that I did not think of. You can add vegetarian or gluten free recipes

You may email your recipe(s) to Ruth Gimbel rgbutterfly777@gmail.com or

If you have desserts you may email your recipe(s) to Louise Sassano. louisesassano419@gmail.com

Or you may bring one of your recipes to our February 2026 Woman's Club Joint Meeting.

We are planning to include wonderful extra info, for you, in this recipe book.





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February is

American Heart Association.



National Wear Red Day – February 6, 2026

<https://www.goredforwomen.org/en/get-involved/give/wear-red-and-give>

Get ready to GO RED in support of women's cardiovascular health by wearing red, sharing information and resources, and donating to support research and education.

The Nation Goes Red in February

From landmarks to online communities, neighborhoods to news anchors, this annual groundswell unites millions of people for a common goal: saving more women's lives. Cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer of women. Wear red to be seen, to be counted, to be heard, and to make an impact. Together, we are stronger than heart disease and stroke.

American Heart Month



<https://www.heart.org/en/american-heart-month>

Did you know more than 23,000 children experience cardiac arrest outside of the hospital each year?

Learn CPR today so you can be ready and become a part of the Nation of Lifesavers. Because no one, especially our most precious ones, should face a life-changing moment alone.

(Denville Township has installed Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) at several of its parks and playing fields to enhance safety for residents and athletes such as Gardner Field Fieldhouse, Veterans Field Fieldhouse, Knuth Field, VFW Field on Ford Rd, and Pocono Field.)



Forbes

Black History Month

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/dougmelville/2026/01/05/2026-marks-the-100th-anniversary-of-black-history-month---a-brief-history/>

Happy 100th Birthday!

2026 marks a milestone of both progress and persistence in the United States, the 100th anniversary of federal recognition for Black Americans. What began as a singular week of learning and recognition called Negro History Week in 1926 [has grown into](#) an overall cultural observance of Black History throughout the month of February.

The architect of this movement was Dr. Carter G. Woodson. A historian and educator, he also holds the distinction of being the second African American to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard University, following W.E.B. Du Bois. As the son of formerly enslaved parents, Dr. Woodson understood that denying people of their history denies them of their humanity. "Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history," he wrote.

To combat that, he launched Negro History Week (NHW) to coincide with the February birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (who issued the Emancipation Proclamation) and Frederick Douglass, (African American abolitionist) the two figures whom he felt were symbolically tied to African American freedom.



Association for the Study of African American Life and History

<https://asalh.org/black-history-month/about/>

When Carter G. Woodson, as director of the Association, established Negro History Week....he set the themes and provided materials to illustrate the contributions people of African descent had made to the movement of history and modern culture. On February 10, 1976, during the United States Bicentennial, President Gerald R. Ford became the first president to issue a message recognizing Black History Month. Then in 1986, Congress passed Public Law 99-244 designating February as Black History Month. [Link to video by ASALH](#)

<https://asalh.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Black-History-Month-Timeline-General-Branding-1.mp4>



Check out Denville Voices for Racial Justice Facebook for daily historical posts on Black History Month during February <https://www.facebook.com/DenvilleVoices/>

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February is (continued)

National Children's Dental Health Awareness Month



<https://www.ada.org/resources/community-initiatives/national-childrens-dental-health-month>

A national health observance to promote the benefits of good oral health, brought to you by the ADA.

More than a month

Every day should be about children's dental health. That's why the American Dental Association offers free materials to celebrate and promote children's dental health, not only during the month of February, but all year long.

The materials for 2026 continue from 2025, with a plan to introduce new designs for 2027. Posters are available for digital download in two designs and two sizes: 8.5"x11" and 11"x17". Matching coloring sheets in two designs are offered in 8.5"x11". All materials are available in English and Spanish.

In addition, the ADA's 2026 [Brushing Calendar](#) is available for digital download. This 12-month calendar is valuable year-round for promoting healthy behaviors like brushing twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste to help prevent dental disease. (*How can I not report this event, my husband, Craig, having been a Dentist for almost 30 years, loved especially by his patients that were children and their parents*)

Random Acts of Kindness Day (February 17th) and week (February 14th-20th 2026)

EMPOWER - <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/>

Organized by the [Random Acts of Kindness Foundation](#), this annual event encourages everyone to perform small, thoughtful gestures to spread positivity, offering resources and ideas for schools, workplaces, and individuals to participate and make kindness a year-round habit.

Take Kindness into your own hands. Here you'll find simple, meaningful ways to make kindness the norm. Whether you're looking for quick ideas or deeper inspiration, we've got you covered. Download a 2026 calendar with daily ideas for Random Acts of Kindness, for you, another individual and community.

https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/printables/calendars/2026_RAK_kindness_calendar.pdf



Project Kind
Love one another

Project Kind

<https://projectkindcares.com/>

Project Kind: A Global Reach on a Local Scale

Since its inception, Jenny DePaul, the visionary behind Project Kind, has been dedicated to aiding the less fortunate. The journey began by distributing peanut butter & jelly sandwiches in Newark, NJ. By incorporating "Notes of Kindness" inside each sandwich bag, she not only provided nourishment but also a tangible reminder of their inherent worthiness of love, resonating long after the sandwiches were savored. Through the generous support of sponsors and global affiliates, Project Kind's reach has expanded, now encompassing initiatives addressing the urgent requirements of individuals facing homelessness and aiding individuals navigating through challenging circumstances. This unwavering commitment ensures that Project Kind continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need.

(Site gives where to contact to volunteer, donate and needed items).

Check out Project Kind's Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/loveinaction123/>

(Our Woman's Club invited Jenny DePaul to give us an on-line- presentation during COVID.

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Upcoming Events and Activities

BOOK DISCUSSION RESCHEDULED - FEBRUARY 2ND – MONDAY – 3PM – ANN WEISSENBURGER’S HOME

SEARCHING FOR SYLVIE LEE- BY JEAN KWOK

WOMAN’S CLUB JOINT MEETING - FEBRUARY 10TH – TUESDAY- 1PM - DENVILLE TOWN HALL- COMMUNITY ROOM
BRING YOUR BAKED COOKIES FOR OPERATION COOKIE/CANDY. PLEASE BRING SMALL BAKED COOKIES WITHOUT NUTS, PEANUT BUTTER OR ICING. CONTACT JOAN CHIARAVALLOTTI OR LYNDA GRONEMANN TO TELL ONE OF THEM YOU ARE BRINGING COOKIES (IF YOU DID NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON LIST) OR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. A PRESENTATION ON AARP IS BEING ORGANIZED.

WOMAN’S CLUB SPELLING BEE – FEBRUARY 18TH – 7PM – THOMAS JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL, ROCKAWAY BOROUGH

PANERA FUNDRAISER – FEBRUARY 18TH – SHOPS AT UNION HILL- ROUTE 10- DENVILLE

NOURISHNJ – FEBRUARY 18TH - 347 S. SALEM STREET – DOVER, NJ

EVE BOOK DISCUSSION – FEBRUARY 23RD – MONDAY – 3 PM – ANN WEISSENBURGER’S HOME TO BE ANNOUNCED

FRIDAY WALKING CLUB- WALKING OUTDOORS OR INDOORS- IF INTERESTED CONTACT BARBARA MCCLOSKEY.



January 2nd, 2026
Rockaway Mall
(L-R) Kathy Holland
Michele C., Barbara M.
Janet Ball, Karen L.,
& Susan Jancerak

January 16th 2026
Rockaway Mall
(L-R) Susan J.
Kathy H., Barbara M.
& Michele C.,

January 23rd 2026
Rockaway Mall
(L-R) Karen Lazur,
Kathy Holland
Michele Cestaro & Susan Jancerak



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Sunshine Corner



Congratulations to Elizabeth Weigand and family on the birth of her grandchild.

Congratulation to Cathy Zollo, husband and family a on the birth of their twin granddaughters



Deborah Harrington – February 5th

Barbara McCloskey – February 9th

Susan Wiedaseck – February 9th

Randy Shapiro – February 12th

Marge Dobbins – February 17th

Phyllis Duddy – February 17th

Maureen Hartman – February 19th

Lynda Gronemann – February 26th

~~~ Birthday Month Get Togethers ~~~

Feel free to share your birthday with other members that have their Birthdays the same month as yours with a get together, a walk in the park, lunch or afternoon tea.

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Welcome to our new members

Cheryl Knudsen, Adeline Terwilliger, Patricia Fairman and Deborah Harrington.

Thank you to all our new members who have already contributed so much to
our Woman's Club of Denville/ Rockaway



EVE BOOK DISCUSSION

February 2nd – Monday- 3PM (rescheduled)

“Searching for Sylvie Lee”.

by Jean Kwok

Location –Ann Weissenburger’s Home

Contact: Ann Weissenburger at 973-627-2509 or aweissenburger@yahoo.com



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** Ongoing Club Collections **

Updated 2/2024

All items can be brought to our meetings and given to the person collecting
**We are still collecting cell phones, ink cartridges and eyeglasses – Joan Bowling.*

- It takes a very long time to accumulate enough cell phones to redeem and we don't know the redemption value until they are sent back. The company does provide prepaid labels, so it doesn't cost us anything to recycle them.
- We no longer have contact with a company who will pay us for the ink cartridges, but we are recycling them so instead of tossing them in the trash give them to Joan Bowling.
- The eyeglasses are given to the Lion's Club who work with groups that send eyeglasses to third world countries. In our mission to reduce, reuse and recycle we are trying hard. Please bring these items to a meeting and give them to Joan Bowling.

***Greeting Cards** – *Nancy Levy*. Collecting the fronts of any type of greeting card.

***Birthday Bags** – *Joanne Chiaravalloti*. The Birthday Bag items consist of cake mixes, frosting, small birthday design plates and napkins, candles and a birthday gift bag. Joanne puts them together and gives them to Social Services for children.

***Small Toiletries** – *Nancy Levy*. These items, small and trial size, are needed for the care bags that are given to social services and other local organizations. They include: shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant and lotion.

FOOD COLLECTION.... For ROCKAWAY FOOD CLOSET Presbyterian Church, 35 Church St., Rockaway

This small pantry serves approximately 300 families a year.

Non-Perishables (Breakfast cereal, tuna, peanut butter, canned veggies, ramen, soup, crackers, drinks, desserts, cookies, canned fruit, canned meals, pasta, mac and cheese, beans, rice, snacks, etc.)

Health & Beauty Products (soap, bath gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, laundry detergent etc.)

Paper goods are a constant need too- paper towels and toilet paper.

Also shampoo, toothpaste, soap, laundry detergents.

Donations can be dropped off:

the Food Closet- Presbyterian Church,

35 Church St.,

Rockaway, NJ. 07866

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:30-12:30. And

Tuesday 4-6 pm. Go around back door by cemetery.

If you make a donation, estimate the cost and

send to Pat Bomus at bomusp@msn.com who will put together a report for this project

If someone prefers to make a monetary donation, they can make check payable to:

Rockaway Food Closet. Janet Walker and Pat Bomus

Just a heads up! The Rockaway Food Closet at the Presbyterian Church, 35 Church Street, Rockaway Borough is continuously in need of food donations but they know their hours of operation are limited. Now you can drop food off at the main branches of the Rockaway Township and Rockaway Borough Libraries when they are open.

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Rockaway & Denville Township Public Libraries Update - February 2026

Check the websites to see what the library policies are and what are the latest updates

Rockaway Township Library: <http://www.rtlibrary.org> Tel: 973-627-2344

Rockaway Borough Library Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Library/Rockaway-Borough-Public-Library-117410801674019/> Tel: 973-627-5709

Denville Library <http://www.denvillelibrary.org> Tel: 973-627-6555

Denville Library Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/denvillelibrary/>.

Both Denville and Rockaway Township continue to have virtual programs. Check out their websites for what these wonderful libraries continue to offer. Register for these virtual programs on their websites.

Check out this new complementary digital media service offered by Denville and Rockaway Libraries. Requires your library card. Download the App. "Hoopla" and "Libby"

DENVILLE LIBRARY EVENT DETAILS – CHECK ON WEBSITE.

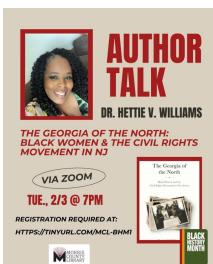


The Denville Library has passes to the following Museums.

Please check the museum's website to plan your visit.

- Brooklyn Botanical Garden (Brooklyn, NY)
- Children's Museum of Manhattan (New York, NY)
- Fosterfields Living History Farm (Morris Township, NJ)

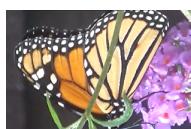
- The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum (New York, NY)
- Montclair Art Museum (Montclair, NJ)
- Morris Museum (Morristown, NJ)
- The Museum of the American Revolution (Philadelphia, PA)
- The New York Transit Museum (Brooklyn, NY)
- Newark Museum of Art (Newark, NJ)
- Storm King Art Center (New Windsor, NY)
- USS Constitution (Charlestown, MA).



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