

# Year of the Dragon

**Saturday, February 3rd, 2024**

Approximately 1,200 attendees circulated East Brunswick Public Library for the 3rd Annual Lunar New Year Event celebrating the Year of the Dragon. Hosted by the East Brunswick Arts Coalition, the East Brunswick Public Library, AAPI of East Brunswick, and Hua Xia Chinese School, the event provided free entertainment, food, mental health resources, and bubble tea! The first 100 guests received a lucky red envelope with a treat inside and families of all different backgrounds and ages arrived wearing traditional attire from Chinese Qipaos to Vietnamese Ao Dai.



Fong's Hung Ga Lion Dance



Storytime with Lynn Bontigao



Sweets by CookieRaq





Baisun Asian inspired flavored candles

At the AAPI of East Brunswick table, attendees were able to alleviate potential stressors by breathing in pure essential oils and learning about the benefits of aromatherapy. In addition, they wrote wishes for the new year on red ribbons to place on a tree similarly to the way it was done with ancient Asian cultures. Our organization hoped to strengthen AAPI voices in the community by aiding in the voter registration process. All purchases of our swag were appreciated as it continues to support our mission and aide in funding high quality programs. Special thank you to our co-hosts, sponsors, vendors, performers, and everyone who came out to ring in the Year of the Dragon with us! On behalf of AAPI of East Brunswick, we wish you good fortune and health through the new year!



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The dragon is a symbol of power, good fortune, unity, wisdom, and strength.

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**Upcoming Events** - Self Defense Clinics 2/18, Vincent Who? Documentary Screening 5/29, Kinnara Food & Music Festival 6/8

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