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Celebrate Black History Month at library

Magazine exhibit including Ebony, Jet and EM issues to be displayed in meeting room

The Atlantic City Free Public Library's meeting room will take on a new look in February with the arrival of the Jet Black, Brown and Tan magazine exhibit.

Ralph Hunter, the founder and president of the African American Heritage Museum of South Jersey, is

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bringing an exhibit of magazines featuring 125 pieces to the library to be viewed by the public throughout February.

The exhibit will include copies of Negro Digest, Ebony, Ebony Jr,

Jet and EM magazines. Many prominent African-Americans are featured on the covers, including Muhammad Ali, Jackie Robinson, Oprah Winfrey and Michael Jackson.

The magazines range in dates

from 1942, when Negro Digest was first published, to 1999.

Before television, African Americans often got their information from these magazines, which focused on the positive and high-

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Former library employee returns to star in "A Raisin in the Sun"

Cineplay Productions will present Lorraine Hansberry's classic play "A Raisin in the Sun" at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 17, at the Atlantic City Free Public Library.

The performance is free and open to people of all ages.

Following the two-hour performance, the audience will have a chance to discuss the play with the cast.

Leonard Dozier, who worked at the library from 2003-05, founded Cineplay and plays the leading role of Walter Lee Younger.

The play focuses on the working-class Younger family as they dream of leaving behind the run-down tenement apartment where they have lived for many years.



Former Atlantic City Free Public Library staff member Leonard Dozier stars in and serves as producer of "A Raisin in the Sun."

The son, Walter, a chauffeur, dreams of making a fortune by investing in a liquor store but foolishly gives his money to a con

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What happens to a dream deferred? Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun? Or fester like a sore and then run? Does it stink like rotten meat or crust and sugar over like a syrupy sweet? Maybe it just sags like a heavy load...

OR DOES IT EXPLODE!
—Langston Hughes

A RAISIN IN THE SUN

1 P.M. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17
ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
ADMISSION IS FREE

Jazz concert, roundtable talk, blues writing also scheduled

The Atlantic City Free Public Library has planned special programs in honor of Black History Month designed to stimulate your mind and please your ears.

All of these programs are free and registration is not required. They will be held in the Main Library's second-floor meeting room

• **Saturday, Feb. 9, at 11 a.m.: Roundtable discussion** — *Atlantic City Weekly's* Raymond Tyler will lead this roundtable discussion that will include prominent members of the local African-American community. The conversa-

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New online resource provides live homework help

► **Tutors specializing in math, science, social studies and English are available to assist students with their homework online seven days a week.**

Children and teenagers in Atlantic City never have to be stumped by a tough homework assignment again. Students from fourth to 12th grades or in introductory-level college courses can visit the Atlantic City Free Public Library's Web site — www.acfpl.org — to receive on-demand, free help from qualified tutors.

The library now offers Live Homework Help™, an online tutoring service powered by Tutor.com™

that connects students to expert tutors in math, science, social studies and English via the Internet.

This free service allows students to connect to an expert tutor from the Atlantic City Free Public Library's computers, or, if they have a library card, their very own computer. Students can receive homework help from 4 to 9 p.m. seven days a week by visiting www.acfpl.org, clicking on the Live Homework Help link and then entering their grade level and the subject that they need help. Spanish-speaking tutors are available to help students in math and science from 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

Students are connected to a tutor in an Online Classroom for one-on-one help in math (elementary level, algebra, geometry, trigonometry and calculus), science (elementary level, earth science, biology, chemistry, physics), social studies (American and world history, political science) and English (spelling, grammar, essay writing, book reports).

All tutors are certified teachers, college professors, professional tutors, graduate or undergraduate students from across the country.

To find out more information about this valuable resource, please call the Youth Services Department at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050.

THE ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED JAN. 1 AND 21, FEB. 12 AND 18

New Web poll gives customers input over various decisions

► **Customers can visit www.acfpl.org to vote in our poll, and the library will make every effort to provide whatever choice the most people pick.**

The Atlantic City Free Public Library cares about the opinions of its customers, and, as a result, has added a new feature to its Web site.

Those who visit www.acfpl.org will now find a poll called "You Want It, You Got It."

The goal of this poll is simple — to find out exactly what you want so we can provide it to you.

The multiple-choice poll will ask a wide range of library-related

questions. Some possibilities might include: what classroom topic should the Film Society cover at an upcoming meeting; would you prefer an author book talk or jazz concert to be scheduled next at the library and what food choices would you prefer at the next OASIS meeting.

The library will make every effort to provide the selection that was chosen by most voters.

"The poll is another way for us to not only learn what our customers want, but for us to give them what they want," Library Director Maureen Sherr Frank said. "We encourage all of our customers to visit our

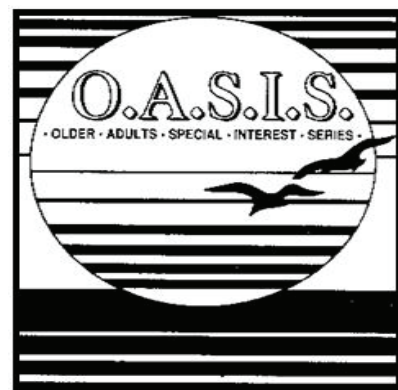
Web site and vote on the poll question."

The voting process is very quick. The poll can be found at www.acfpl.org, and only one question will be asked at a time. You do not have to provide any personal information.

The poll question for early January is:

What movie should the library show for "Fun Day Sunday" on Feb. 24?

- A) Evan Almighty
- B) Bridge to Terabithia
- C) Underdog



**OLDER ADULTS
SPECIAL INTEREST
SERIES**

10:30 A.M. ON MONDAYS

Jan. 7, 2008

DASH Diet

Guests: Amalia Kramvis, Kathy Gesler, City of A.C.'s WIC Division

Jan. 14, 2008

Hearing Loss

Guest: Alan Cook,
Total Hearing Care

Jan. 21, 2008

Martin Luther King Day

Library is closed

Jan. 28, 2008

Senior Fraud & Identity Theft

Guest: Bob Howie,
Atlantic County Department of
Consumer Affairs

Feb. 4, 2008

Saving on Winter Heating Bills

Guest: Atlantic City Electric
representative

Feb. 11, 2008

Sweet Valentine Treats

Guest: Loretta Geary, Caterer

Feb. 18, 2008

Presidents Day

Library is closed

Feb. 25, 2008

Buying Long Term Care Health Insurance

Guest: Phillip Carbine, Certified
Financial Advisor

COMPUTER TRAINING SCHEDULE

Training will be held in the Main Library meeting room

Friday, Jan. 4

Introduction to Excel 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Introduction to PowerPoint 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 7

Introduction to Computers 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Internet for Beginners 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 18

Introduction to Computers 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Resumes/Online Applications 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 26

Internet for Beginners 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Introduction to Word 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 28

E-mail Accounts 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Resumes/Online Applications 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 1

Introduction to Excel 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Introduction to PowerPoint 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 4

Introduction to Computers 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Internet for Beginners 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 15

Introduction to Computers 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Resumes/Online Applications 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 23

Internet for Beginners 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Introduction to Word 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 25

E-mail Accounts 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Resumes/Online Applications 6 to 7:30 p.m.

**You must pre-register by visiting the
Computer Help Desk at the Main Library.**

**You may sign up for each session
a maximum of two times in a six-month period.**

ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FILM SOCIETY

Watch • Listen • Learn • Discuss

The Atlantic City Free Public Library Film Society has planned its January and February meetings.

Adult library members in good standing are invited to join the Film Society. Applications are available at the Main Library, Richmond Branch and www.acfpl.org.

• **Saturday, Jan. 12, at 1 p.m.** — The Film Society will view and discuss "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." It is rated PG and 135 minutes long.

• **Monday, Jan. 14, at 5:30 p.m.** — Classroom session: Screenplays, Part II, Story Structure. This ses-

sion will focus on how a script is formulated and the importance of plot points and other narrative devices.

• **Saturday, Feb. 9, at 1 p.m.** — The Film Society will watch and discuss the comedy "Broadcast News." It is rated R and 133 minutes.

• **Monday, Feb. 11, at 5:30 p.m.** — Classroom session: Screenplays, Part III, Script Analysis. Analyze script of "Broadcast News." Plot, theme and other story elements will be discussed.

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112 for more information.

February programs

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tion will focus on the moments and icons that have been important to African Americans.

The audience will have the opportunity during the program to ask the panelists questions or to share their opinions.

The discussion focused on Black History Month is the first in a series of roundtables that Tyler will lead. He will also direct discussions and cover other topics in March and April.

• **Friday, Feb. 15, at 2:30 p.m.: Write Your Blues Tune** — The International House of Blues will take you on a journey through the evolution of the blues, from its roots in West African drumming to its influence on contemporary musical forms. This workshop contextualizes music in history, with a focus on the African Americans who created the art form.

Using drums, piano, guitar and a variety of found instruments, participants will develop their own blues tune based on blues forms developed by W.C. Handy and other blues musicians through the years.

• **Saturday, Feb. 16, at 1 p.m.: Tony Day Orchestra Jazz Concert** — The four-piece Tony Day Orchestra will perform a 90-minute concert, playing a wide range of jazz music.

"We are going to cover a lot of genres," Day said. "We'll be doing some Latin jazz, blues, funk and swing. We feature a lot of good improvisational solos."

Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112, for more information about these programs.

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WWW.ACFPL.ORG

Kids Corner

Homework help

3:30 p.m. Tuesdays
Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29
Feb. 5, 19, 26

**After-school arts
and crafts**

3:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27



**Pre-school
story times**

10:30 a.m. Thursdays
Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

**Comic Drawing
with Joe Del Beato**

3:30 p.m. Thursdays
Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

Heston Collection includes records of Seashore Home and Sanitarium

Fay-Mor-Wee, Home for the Aged and Infirmary, Inc. was established in Atlantic City in the late 1890s. Originally established by Drs. Walter B. Fayerman and S. Leroy Morris in a rental home at 132 North Delaware (Bay) Avenue with only a few beds, it was known as the Seashore Home for Aged Colored People or the Seashore Home and Sanitarium.

In 1918, the Home was incorporated as the Colored Old Folks Home of Atlantic City. It was re-named Fay-Mor-Wee Home for the Aged and Infirmary in 1960 to honor the two original founders and a president of the Board of Directors,

Mr. Ulric Weekes.

As the need expanded, the Home moved in 1906, to 806 Arctic Ave.; in 1919, to 416 North Indiana Ave.; and in 1957, to a building on the Black Horse Pike in Cardiff.

With other options available for long-term eldercare facilities, the Board of Directors voted in January 1971 to close Fay-Mor-Wee.

To learn more about Fay-Mor-Wee Home, please visit the library's Heston Collection during research hours (Wednesdays 2-4:30 p.m. and Thursdays 9:30 a.m.-noon, 2-4:30 p.m.) or call (609) 345-2269, and then press 15, to make an appointment.



Sensational!

The Universal African Dance & Drum Ensemble gave a scintillating performance at the Atlantic City Free Public Library's 20th annual Kwanzaa Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 15, dazzling spectators with its spirit and energy.

ESL sessions teach English of everyday life

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will once again offer ESL (English as a Second Language) at the Main Library, which is located at 1 North Tennessee Avenue.

The sessions are scheduled for Mondays and Tuesdays. Monday sessions will be held 2 to 3 p.m., and Tuesday sessions will be held 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. These sessions focus on the English language a person might use in their everyday life

All sessions are free and no registration is required.

- **Monday, Jan. 7** – Social English.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 8** – Social English.
- **Monday, Jan. 14** – Daily activities.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 15** – Daily activities.
- **Monday, Jan. 21** – No session. The library is closed.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 22** – Job fair; practicing job interviews.
- **Monday, Jan. 28** – Expressing feelings.

- **Tuesday, Jan. 29** – Expressing feelings.
- **Monday, Feb. 4** – Personal information.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 5** – Personal information.
- **Monday, Feb. 11** – Visiting the doctor.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 12** – No session. The library is closed.
- **Monday, Feb. 18** – No session. The library is closed.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 19** – Visiting the doctor.
- **Monday, Feb. 25** – Asking for help.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 26** – Asking for help.

Please call Reference Department Supervisor Julie Senack at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3063, for more information.

FUN DAY SUNDAY EVENTS

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will show movies and host a play on "Fun Day Sunday" in January and February.

The movies begin at 1 p.m. at the Main Library.

- **Sunday, Jan. 6** – Arctic Tale
- **Sunday, Jan. 13** – High School Musical 2
- **Sunday, Jan. 20** – Hair Spray
- **Sunday, Jan. 27** – The Simpson Movie
- **Sunday, Feb. 3** –

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

- **Sunday, Feb. 10** – Charlotte's Web
- **Sunday, Feb. 17** – A Raisin in the Sun (see page 1).
- **Sunday, Feb. 24** – TBA — The movie will be determined by a poll listed on the library Web site, www.acfpl.org (see page 2 for related story).

Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112, for more information.

Just for Teens

Retreat and Renewal — Learn relaxation techniques, make body lotion from fruits and vegetables, plus learn the basics of yoga and qigong.

- Jan. 5 at 2 p.m.

Creative writing workshops with Atlantic City Weekly columnist Raymond Tyler – Local writer and radio host Raymond Tyler will instruct a month-long workshop in January and another in February. The workshops will focus on short stories, poetry and a teen newsletter. The culminating activity for each workshop will be a coffee house, which will give participants the oppor-

tunity to share their talent.

During February, Tyler and the library will collect work from teens for a literary magazine to be published in the spring.

- Jan. 9 at 6 p.m.; Jan. 16 at 6 p.m.; Jan. 19 at 2 p.m.; Jan. 23 at 6 p.m.; Jan. 26 at 2 p.m.
- Feb. 2 at 2 p.m.; Feb. 6 at 6 p.m.; Feb. 13 at 6 p.m.; Feb. 16 at 3:30 p.m.; Feb. 20 at 6 p.m.

Coffee House — Students will have a chance to share their work in a public setting. Bring your poems, songs, short stories or visual art to share on this night of teen art recognition. Refreshments will be served.

- Jan. 30 at 6 p.m.

- Feb. 27 at 6 p.m.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG) — Join this group for teens who have a say in what goes on at the library. Discuss programs, books, magazines, CDs and DVDs. We also have monthly projects. Lunch will be served.

- Jan. 26 at 2 p.m.
- Feb. 23 at 2 p.m.

Celebrate Chinese New Year — Celebrate Chinese New Year by enjoying traditional foods and making crafts.

- Feb. 6 at 3:30 p.m.

Please call the Youth Services Department at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, for more information.

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artist. His sister, Beneatha, a college student, tries to find her identity and embraces the back-to-Africa philosophy of a Nigerian friend,

Joseph Asagai. The family's matriarch, Lena, dreams of buying a home and does so with money from her late husband's insurance policy, but the house is in an all-white neighborhood. Their future neighbors send one of

their members, a man named Karl Lindner, to try to buy them out to prevent the neighborhood's integration.

Walter, suffering the reverses of having been swindled, initially contem-

plates taking the money, but ultimately refuses to be intimidated or bought out.

The play captures the moment in African-American history when the civil rights movement was about to kick into high gear

in the 1960s.

"A Raisin in the Sun" was the first play by an African-American woman to be produced on Broadway.

For more information about the play, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050.

Exhibit

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lighted the contributions of other African Americans, Hunter said.

"You have the older people who knew these magazines and were raised with them before the television came out," he said. "You have the middle age group (35-50) who saw these magazines in their homes growing up and can identify some of the covers. The younger kids recognize some of the people on the covers, such as Bill Cosby from his days as Dr. Huxtable on the 'Cosby Show' and Michael Jackson. Then you have the younger, younger kids who knew nothing about Ebony Jr, but

they learn that it was something that their parents or grandparents could read."

The exhibit is a tribute to the late John H. Johnson, who is credited with producing the first successful magazines by African Americans for African Americans. He launched his publishing empire in 1942 with the introduction of Negro Digest.

Hunter founded the AAHMSJ in 2002. The museum celebrates African American history and the legacy of African Americans in southern New Jersey, throughout the United States and the world.

Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, to learn what hours the exhibit will be available for public viewing or for other details.

Atlantic City, New Jersey

One North Tennessee Avenue



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AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCES IN HESTON

Magazine, Black News and Events and The Network News (periodicals).

- 101 Women Plus scrapbooks, pictures and video.
- Black History of Atlantic City: An audio profile of 90 prominent leaders, department heads and citizens of Atlantic City.
- Photograph collections of African-American churches, library Kwanzaa and Black History Month celebrations, Apex Country Club and Club Harlem.

Federal Writers Project: New Jersey Ethnic Survey, African Americans in Atlantic City.

- Negro Baseball League materials: *The Negro Baseball Leagues: A Photographic History* by Phil Dixon and *Shades of Glory: The Negro Leagues and the Story of African-American Baseball* by Lawrence Hogan.(books), Vvrious materials from The Committee to Restore Pop Lloyd Stadium.

Please visit the Alfied M. Heston Collection during research hours (Wednesdays 2 to 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., 2 to 4:30 p.m.) or call the Reference Department at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3062, to make an appointment.

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New additions to collection include latest albums of Alicia Keys, Jay-Z

Did You Know?

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is always looking to add the latest books, DVDs and CDs — and usually several copies of each title — to our collection to better serve you. Box after box filled with bestsellers, blockbuster movies or smash albums arrive at the library at a fast and furious pace.

Thanks to the great behind-the-scenes work of our Technical Services staff, which quickly processes the huge volume of new items, and Circulation Department, which spends considerable time getting those additions out on the floor for you to enjoy, our collection is always improving and very up to date.

The hot new arrivals are easy to find too. They are conveniently located in displays just feet from the circulation desk.

Lists of our bestsellers and newest additions can be found on www.acfpl.org.

Nonfiction bestsellers — *I Am America (and So Can You)* by Stephen Colbert; *Boom!* by Tom Brokaw; *Clapton by Eric Clapton; You, Staying Young* by Michael Roizen; *Deceptively Delicious* by Jessica Seinfeld.

Fiction bestsellers — *Double Cross* by James Patterson; *The Choice* by Nicholas Sparks; *Playing for Pizza* by John Grisham; *Stone Cold* by David Baldacci; *The Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett.

CDs — *As I Am* by Alicia Keys; *Call Me Irresponsible* by Michael Buble; *The Altar and the Door* by Casting Crowns; *American Gangster* by Jay-Z; *Winsin & Yandel: Los Extraterrestres* by Winsin & Yandel.

DVDs — *Ratatouille; Pirates of the Caribbean: at World's End; Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix; High School Musical 2; Bourne Ultimatum; Shrek 3.*



atlantic city
free public library

Main Library

1 North Tennessee Avenue

Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Phone: (609) 345-2269

Fax: (609) 345-5570

Free Parking

Ask for Details

Main Library Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Friday & Saturday

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday

12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Richmond Branch

Ventnor & Windsor Avenues

Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Phone: (609) 347-1902

Richmond Branch Hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

9 a.m. to noon

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Summer hours vary

We are on the Web!

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