



# Discovery

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## Summer party scene getting hot at library

### Film Society to mark first anniversary with July 16 bash

A first anniversary is a special moment worthy of celebration.

That holds true at the Atlantic City Library, which will throw a Year One Anniversary Party for its Film Society program at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 16, in the Main Library's second-floor meeting room.

All Film Society members are invited. If you are not yet a member but would like to attend, you must pre-register because space will be limited. Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3070, or visit the circulation desk at the Main Library to pre-register.

Now is the perfect time to join the Film Society. Applications are

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### FILM SOCIETY

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available at the Main Library, Richmond Branch Library and online at [www.acfpl.org](http://www.acfpl.org). Membership, which is free, is open to adult Atlantic City Free Public Library members (18 years of age and older) who are in good standing.

Membership in the Film Society has exploded since the group's inception in July 2006, growing from 20 people to 80 over the course of the last year.

The Film Society meets twice per month: once on a Saturday afternoon to watch a film and discuss it, and also on the following

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### Luau @ the Library slated for Aug. 22

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will hold its annual Luau @ the Library as a thank you to its customers on Wednesday, Aug. 22, at the Main Library.

This end-of-the-summer customer appreciation day will include plenty of fun, games for children, live entertainment, movie showings, free giveaways, great prizes and more.

Also, library members will be granted a one-day amnesty on fines. Fines of up to \$3 per item will be waived when the overdue materials are returned.

To learn more details about the luau, please visit [www.acfpl.org](http://www.acfpl.org) in coming weeks or call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112.



Kenneth Coleman won a \$50 gift basket, donated by the Starbucks located at Atlantic City Outlets – The Walk, during last year's Luau @ the Library. Come to the library on Wednesday, Aug. 22, for your chance to win a great prize.

## Mystery, exciting books, fun events part of Summer Reading Program

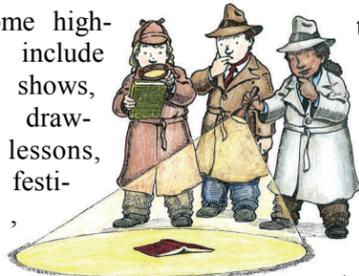
Summer sleuths and daring detectives are invited to participate in the Atlantic City Free Public Library's Summer Reading Programs – "Get a Clue" for children in grades K-6 and "You Never Know" for teens in grades 7-12 – at the Main Library. Children of all reading abilities are invited to participate.

Both mystery-themed reading programs kick off on Thursday, June 28, and will feature books, exciting and educational programs, games and movies.

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Some highlights include magic shows, comic drawing lessons, film festivals, crime scene investigation workshops and appearances by guest storytellers.

Children in grades 4-6 can join our Mystery Book Club. Read great mysteries and discuss the books with



the group.

If children are unable to attend any of the events, they can still participate by keeping a log of the books they have read – the more they read, the more they can win.

Children too young to read can take part in "Read-to-Me," an early literacy component of the Summer Reading Program. An older person such as a parent, guardian, sibling or relative reads aloud with the child and has the child "read" illustrations in picture books.

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



Latin jazz artist Edgardo Cintron (above) will perform with the Azuca Band at the Atlantic City Free Public Library on Wednesday, July 11.

### Cintron, Abdullah concerts on tap for jazz concert series

There are plenty of great musical acts booked to play Atlantic City this summer — and one venue that will be hopping is the Atlantic City Free Public Library.

Popular Latin jazz musician Edgardo Cintron and the Azuca Band will perform in the Main Library's second-floor meeting room from 5-6:30

p.m. on Wednesday, July 11.

The library's jazz concert series continues on Wednesday, Aug. 1 with a performance by another local favorite — the Hassan Abdullah Quartet. That concert is also scheduled for 5-6:30 p.m. in the meeting room.

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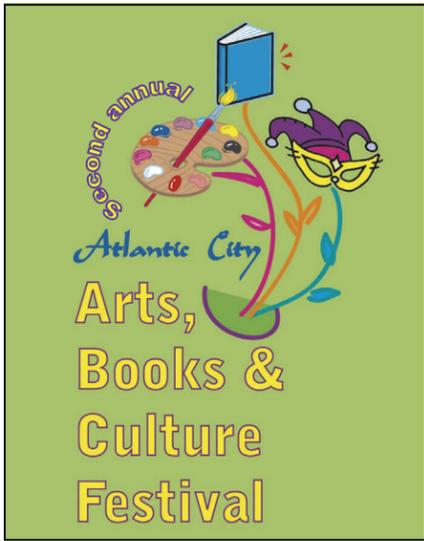
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## A.C. Arts, Books & Culture Festival returning Sept. 29

► The festival will include live dance and music, hand-crafted art and author appearances.

The Second annual Atlantic City Arts, Books & Culture Festival, presented by the Atlantic City Free Public Library and Main Street Atlantic City, will be held 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29, at Center City Park, located on Atlantic Avenue between North Carolina and South Carolina avenues.

This festival is a celebration of the community's diversity and will feature the arts, books, music and dance of many cultures. African, Polynesian, Greek and Latin music and dance groups are already slated to perform.

This festival will also include author appearances, artists selling hand-crafted items, a book sale, face painting, games, free giveaways and much more.

Also, there will be storytelling and poetry readings to entertain festival-goers.

Admission is free, and free parking is available nearby.

If you are interested in performing, displaying or selling your books or hand-crafted art, please contact Seana Grady at (609) 344-8338 or Don Latham at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112.

Please visit [www.atlanticcityfestival.org](http://www.atlanticcityfestival.org) or [www.acfpl.org](http://www.acfpl.org) for more details about this festival.



Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble, pictured during last year's Atlantic City Arts, Books & Culture Festival, is scheduled to perform at the festival again.

## Sisters' hobby on display in Heston Collection

Everyone has hobbies and interests that fill up free moments. Francis and Merlyn Brisco, sisters and teachers at local schools, were no different. Long-time residents of Atlantic City, the sisters enjoyed attending Atlantic City Sea Gulls hockey games and theater productions. Their collection of programs and Miss America dolls are part of the Alfred M. Heston Collection of Atlantic City history, at the Atlantic City Free Public Library.

Francis Brisco was a 1921 graduate of Atlantic City High School. She taught social studies for more than 40 years, starting at West Side School, and then at Indiana Avenue and Central Junior High Schools. Her sister, Merlyn, was a 1923 graduate of Atlantic City High School, and she also taught social studies — first at Indiana Avenue School and, later, at Central Junior High School.

Over the years, the Briscos collected programs from the Sea Gulls games they attended. At least one of the ladies was a member of the Sea Gulls' Booster Club. The programs date from 1937-42 and include biographical information about the players, photographs, league statistics and game scores.

In addition to ice hockey, the Briscos attended theater productions at some of the old Atlantic City theaters — Nixon's Apollo Theatre, Globe Theatre and the Garden Pier Theater. One of the sisters even noted on the programs which actors they had seen in other shows and which actors went on to do other famous plays and movies.

Marven Hill, a former member of the Atlantic City Free Public Library's Board of Trustees, donated the



Former Atlantic City Free Public Library Board of Trustees member Marven Hill donated a variety of items — including these Atlantic City Sea Gulls programs and photograph — to the library for its Heston Collection.

collection of programs, playbills, along with Miss America vintage dolls and plates, to the library.

Merlyn Brisco taught both Hill and his wife, Devolia. Marven Hill later worked with the Briscos from 1959-67 at Central Junior High.

The Brisco family papers are available for research or browsing. Those interested may view them in the Heston Room during research hours (2-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 9:30 a.m.-noon and 2-4:30 p.m. Thursdays) or make an appointment with special collections Reference staff by calling (609) 345-2269, ext. 3062.

The library is always interested in adding to and enhancing the collection. Please consider donating your Atlantic City materials to the Heston Collection.

## What's new in the Heston Collection

The following items are new to the Atlantic City Free Public Library's Heston Collection, either donated or purchased in the past two months. Please visit the Heston Room during research hours (2-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 9:30 a.m.-noon and 2-4:30 p.m. Thursdays); or, inquire at the Reference Desk for information on how to see these wonderful additions or to donate your Atlantic City historical items.

- Atlantic City High School manuals, blueprint, teachers' guides and directories: donated

by Anthony Panico

- Atlantic City Air Show 2006 (DVD): donated by Chris Hartney

- Wedding anniversary photograph at Hackney's, 1960: donated by Helen Hanna

- Casino Connection* and *Global Gaming Business*: missing issues from 2005-2007 donated by *Casino Connection International*

- Boardwalk Memories* by Emil R. Salvini

- Suburban Xanadu* by David Schwartz

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTER

### TRAINING SCHEDULE

#### What's This? Introduction to Basic PC Operation (For first time users)

July 10	Tuesday	10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Aug. 14	Tuesday	10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

#### Introduction to MS Word (Word processing fundamentals)

July 21	Saturday	10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Aug. 11	Saturday	10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

#### Internet Basics (For beginners)

July 23	Monday	6 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
Aug. 27	Monday	6 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

#### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Please call 345-2269, ext. 3066, to register

ALL TRAINING WILL BE  
IN THE SECOND FLOOR MEETING ROOM

## Film Society

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Monday evening to learn about a particular aspect of filmmaking, such as special effects and movie set jargon.

In addition to the anniversary party, the Film Society has other meetings planned:

- Saturday, July 14, at 1 p.m.** — The Film Society will view and discuss "Heist," a 2001 crime thriller. The movie is rated R and runs 109 minutes.

- Saturday, Aug. 11, at 1 p.m.** — The group will watch and discuss "All That Jazz." This 1979 autobiographical musical is rated R and runs 123 minutes.

- Monday, Aug. 13, at 5:30 p.m.** — Classroom Session: Hollywood musicals. Learn about the history and impact of this genre.

Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3070, for more information.

## Jazz concerts

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The concert series is free and open to the public.

Cintron, a former Grammy nominee who has been featured in *Billboard* magazine, and Azuca have performed through the region — including many times at the Cape May Jazz Festival and Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut.

Abdullah and his group, which will include singer Angela Burton, will honor the jazz legends of the tenor sax in his concert. A saxophone player and composer, Abdullah says his influence comes from such jazz greats as John Coltrane, Hank Mobley, Sonny Stitt and Dexter Gordon.

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

## Teen poetry workshops to include performance at library's festival

► **Atlantic City Weekly** columnist **Raymond Tyler** will direct a weekly poetry workshop that will culminate in a reading at the **Atlantic City Arts, Books & Culture Festival on Saturday, Sept. 29.**

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is giving teens who love to write poetry and performing before a crowd the opportunity to do both.

The library is bringing back popular *Atlantic City Weekly* columnist Raymond Tyler to run a series of teen poetry workshops beginning on

Saturday, Aug. 18. Tyler and the teens will work on a collaborative poem that they will perform at the Second Atlantic City Arts, Books & Culture Festival, which will be held Saturday, Sept. 29, at Center City Park (see page 2 for related story).

The workshops will run one and a half hours each and will begin at 12 p.m. on the following dates: Aug. 18 and 25, and Sept. 1, 15 and 22.

More than 500 people attended the festival in 2006 — and that number is expected to increase significantly this year. This workshop is the perfect chance for teens to improve their writing un-

der the tutelage of Tyler and share their talent with the community. Teens who are interested in working on their poetry but not in performing are still invited to attend the workshops.

A native of Atlantic City, Tyler is a veteran writer whose work has appeared in many publications, ranging from *The Courier Post* and *The Philadelphia Weekly* to *Vibe*, *The Source*, *XXL* and *Essence*. He directed a popular series of workshops at the library in May.

Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050 for more information.

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM SCHEDULES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

### "Get a Clue" Children's Reading Program (grades K-6)

**Thursday, June 28, at 2 p.m.** – Summer Reading Program Kickoff: This fun-filled event will include storytelling, games, a free book for each child, and refreshments. Hazel Levy, the wife of Atlantic City Mayor Robert W. Levy, Sr., will read to the children. Atlantic City Surf mascot Splash will also make a special appearance.

**Every Thursday at 2 p.m. (from June 28 – Aug. 2)** – Draw Comics: Artist Joe Del Beato will teach children how to draw comics ranging from super heroes to anime and manga. NOTE: The July 12 program will begin at 10:30 a.m.

**Every Friday at 2 p.m. (from June 29 – Aug. 3)** – Friday Film Fest and Family Fun: The whole family can get together to watch a mystery film, such as "Harry Potter" or "Goonies," at the library. Refreshments will be provided.

**Thursday, July 5, at 10 a.m.** – Rug hooking: Children ages 10-16 are invited to discover the world of rug hooking with Sally Hayes. Supplies and refreshments will be provided. Hayes will take you on a journey using recycled clothing, a little history and a lot of fun as you learn a new creative skill.

**Thursday, July 5, at 3:45 p.m.** – Magic show with Jim Vagias: Magic Jim and his trusty sidekick puppet dog, Clue, take you on an adventure-filled mystery trip using biographies of famous Americans.

**Tuesday, July 10, at 10:30 a.m.** – Snakes-N-Scales: Children can meet live reptiles, touch them and learn all about them.

**Thursday, July 12, at 1 p.m.** – Collage workshop with author/illustrator Dar Hosta: This is a special and fun opportunity for children ages 10-16 to express their creativity by designing collages and learn how books are made. Space is limited. Call 345-2269, ext. 3050, to pre-register.

**Monday, July 16, at 2 p.m.** – Ollie's Adventure Puppet Show: Join Oliver and his "puppets with personality" for a high-energy program that includes adventure, storytelling, music, song and interactive fun.

**Tuesday, July 17, at 1 p.m.** – Percussion workshop with International House of Blues Foundation group Roots of Rhythm: Students will learn about the history of percussion, make their own percussion instruments and participate in a drum circle facilitated by instructors from House of Blues. Space is limited. Please register in advance at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050. This is for children ages 8-15.

**Tuesday, July 24, at 10:30 a.m. (for children ages 5-8) and 11:30 a.m. (for children ages 9-14)** – Children ages 5-8 will have a chance to meet a member of the Atlantic Fire Department, the department's fire dog and see an actual fire truck. Children ages 9-14 will learn tips about fire prevention and also about arson investigations.

**Tuesday, July 24, at 1 p.m.** – Visual Arts workshop with International House of Blues Foundation: Students will get a hands-on experience with folk art history while designing their own sweet mud sculptures. Using a variety of materials, the students will create their own piece of folk art. Space is limited. Please register in advance at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050. This is for children ages 8-15.

**Thursday, July 26, beginning at 10:30 a.m. (preschool children), 1 p.m. (children ages 5-8) and 3 p.m. (children ages 10-16)** – Jersey Devil and Atlantic City Folklore: Author/storyteller S.E. Schlosser will captivate children with spooky stories about the Jersey Devil and urban legends surrounding Atlantic City.

**Tuesday, July 31, at 10:30 a.m.** – Magical Shoppe of Wonders Show: Wizards and wands make the magic happen in this traveling shoppe of mystery and enchantment.

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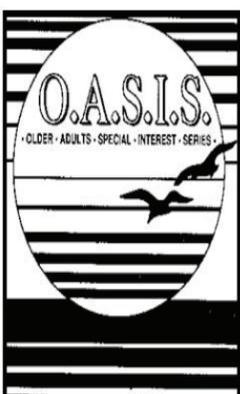
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### Older Adults Special Interest Series • 10:30 a.m. Mondays at the Main Library

**July 2, 2007**  
Investments for  
Older Adults  
Tony Blum, Raymond James  
Financial Services

**July 9, 2007**  
Facts about  
Social Security  
Dave Delaney,  
Social Security Administration

**July 16, 2007**  
Highlights of Downtown  
Atlantic City Revitalization Plan  
Alex Marino,  
Main Street Atlantic City Steering  
Committee

**July 23, 2007**  
Sun Safety  
Dr. Ira Stein,  
Leonard Erber Medical Center

**July 30, 2007**  
Tracing Your Family's Roots  
Heather L. Halpin, Atlantic City  
Free Public Library

**August 6, 2007**  
Learn about the Foster  
Grandparent Program  
Leonard Dozier,  
Foster Grandparent Program

**August 13, 2007**  
Birds of the World  
Dr. Ed Bristow, Audubon Society

**August 20, 2007**  
Generations On-Line  
Atlantic City Public Library staff

**August 27, 2007**  
Container and Indoor Gardening  
Mona Bawgus, Rutgers Extension

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# Did You Know?

**There is no longer a charge to borrow new DVDs**

The Atlantic City Free Public Library's members asked for more DVDs and videos and fewer borrowing fees — and the library responded by instituting a new DVD/video policy, effective June 1, 2007.

All DVDs — including new titles — and videos are now free. Previously, there was a borrowing fee of \$1 per new DVD. Also, the number of DVDs that a member can borrow at one time has increased. Members are now permitted to take out up to five DVDs (a maximum of two new DVDs). Prior to the new policy, customers could borrow two DVDs/videos from the adult collection and two from the children's collection.

The overdue fines remain the same — \$1 per day for new DVDs and 10 cents per day for all other DVDs and videos. Members who want to see what DVD titles the library carries can visit us on the Web at [www.acfpl.org](http://www.acfpl.org). Under the Your Library Card tab, you can choose DVDs ... Just Arrived or New DVD Releases. Once you have made a selection, you can then click on the movie title to see the movie's availability.

Another option is to go under the Library Catalog tab and then choose Search the Library Catalog. There you can type in the movie that you are looking to borrow. Once you have found your movie, click on the title to see if it's at the library or when it's due back.

And, if you are interested in borrowing a movie that the library doesn't carry, you can make a request through the library's Web site. A Wish List Request Form can be found under the Your Library Card tab. Only library members in good standing can make requests.



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Main Library

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Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Friday & Saturday

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Ventnor & Windsor Avenues

Atlantic City, NJ 08401

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Richmond Branch Hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

9 a.m. to noon

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Summer hours vary

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## WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY

### Nonfiction bestsellers

*A Woman in Charge: The Life of Hillary Rodham Clinton* by Carl Bernstein

*Jesus of Nazareth* by Benedict XVI

*Rickles' Book* by Don Rickles with David Ritz

*The Assault on Reason* by Al Gore

*The Reagan Diaries* by Ronald Reagan

*Too Late to Say Goodbye* by Ann Rule

### Fiction bestsellers

*A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini

*Invisible Prey* by John Sandford

*On Chesil Beach* by Ian McEwan

*The Bourne Betrayal* by Eric Van Lustbader

*The Good Guy* by Dean Koontz

*The Harlequin* by Laurell K. Hamilton

*The Navigator* by Clive Cussler with Paul Kemperecos

*The Overlook* by Michael Connelly

*The 6th Target* by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro

### DVDs

*Afro Samurai*

*Best of the Chappelle Show*

*Hammibal Rising*

*Hollywoodland*

*Rocky Balboa*

*Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls*



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