



## Help us celebrate National Library Week

► The Atlantic City Free Public Library has special things in store for National Library Week, which runs April 15 through 21.

It's National Library Week – a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide – and the perfect time for our community to come together @ your library.

The Atlantic City Free Public

Library wants you to take part in National Library Week, which will be held April 15 through 21.

“Everyday, libraries in big cities and small towns, colleges and universities, in schools and in businesses help transform their communities,” Library Director Maureen Sherr Frank said.

“At our library, people of all backgrounds can come together for community meetings, lectures and programs, to do research with the

assistance of a trained professional, to get a job or to find homework help.”

Exciting plans have already been made for National Library Week, including:

**Debut of new library card** – The library will introduce its new library card on April 16. As a result of customer requests, the library will also introduce a mini library

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The Atlantic City Free Public Library will introduce its new membership card, above, during National Library Week.



Atlantic City Free Public Library Youth Services Librarian Constance Swanson, left, and Library Director Maureen Sherr Frank, right, present Atlantic City's Lizbeth and Carlos Montoya with a collection of books for their son Brandon on February 2 at the Center for Childbirth at AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, Mainland campus.

## Library's Books for Babies program begins with special gift to Atlantic City newborn

The Atlantic City Free Public Library celebrated the beginning of its Books for Babies program by presenting two-day-old Brandon Montoya with a free book on Friday, February 2, at the Center for Childbirth at AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center (ARMC), Mainland campus. Bran-

don's parents are Lizbeth and Carlos Montoya of Atlantic City.

Each baby born at ARMC and Shore Memorial Hospital in 2007 is eligible to receive a free book from the Atlantic City Free Public Library through its Books for Babies program. The hospitals will give

every new mother a free book coupon, which can be redeemed at the library. Parents will receive *Peek-A-Boo!* – a board book by Roberta Grobel Intrater – or the Spanish version of that book, *Cucú*, for their child.

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## Space options for library to be unveiled to public first weekend in March

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is inviting the public to view preliminary designs showing how the library can better utilize its space at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3 and 1 p.m. Sunday, March 4 in the Main Library's second-floor meeting room.

Providence Associates, a library consulting firm, will conduct a charette to develop a plan detailing new library space options. The library invites the public's input when the preliminary plans are shown on March 3. The plans will be refined before the final presentation on March 4.

The space planning project began last October. Providence Associates conducted a needs assessment,

evaluated the facilities, considered statistical information and received input from focus groups, city officials, staff members and the public.

This project will determine ways to reconfigure existing library space to incorporate technology changes, growth of audio-visual formats, and need for additional space for training and special collections, such as the Heston Collection of Atlantic City history.

The project will also consider how future expansion might take place. The library has two locations: the 30,000-square-foot Main Library and 600-square-foot Richmond Avenue Branch.

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# Learn, have fun on library's new kids Web page

► Youth can read books, learn a language, check out cool Internet sites and even play video games by visiting the library's new Web page designed especially for kids.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is constantly upgrading its Web site — [www.acfpl.org](http://www.acfpl.org) — in an attempt to provide the community with the information that it wants and needs, and to offer it in a way that is very convenient.

The library is striving to do the same for the children and has developed a new kids Web page, which is available by visiting the library site or by going directly to [www.atlanticcitykids.org](http://www.atlanticcitykids.org).

Visitors to the kids site will find a wide range of choices. Stories about upcoming kids programs and events will be a prominent part of



The Atlantic City Free Public Library's kids Web page consists of many great features, including information about upcoming Youth Services programs, a library catalog, Tumblebooks e-books and arcade games.

the site.

Visitors can go under the main menu and learn about Internet safety, peruse the library catalog, check out interesting Web sites and databases that can assist with one's homework, choose an animated and electronic picture book from the TumbleBooks collection and much more.

One of the most interesting features is a selection of arcade games.

Old-school games as Pac-Man, Donkey Kong and Space Invaders are included, along with other games such as Basketball, Super Mario Brothers, Sudoku, Sonic The Hedgehog and Mini-putt.

The library welcomes feedback and will consider all suggestions on how it can improve the kids page. Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050 to speak to a librarian in the Youth Services Department.

## Adult programs to include poetry workshop

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is never lacking for a wide range of programs, and March and April are no different.

In addition to the regularly scheduled programs and special National Library Week features (see page 1), the Main Library's second-floor meeting room will be the site of interesting adult programs.

These programs are free and open to the public.

**Saturday, March 17**  
**2-4 p.m.**  
**Poetry Workshop with Emari DiGiorgio & Irish Tea**

Richard Stockton College of New Jersey faculty member Emari DiGiorgio will lead this poetry workshop. Join us for some tea and cookies as we read and analyze some of the great works of Irish poets, as well as those of workshop participants. Learn to create powerful poems through careful word choice and the study of other poets' work.

If you choose, you can submit your poetry for our annual poetry anthology (see story on page 3). For the first time, poems will be published both in a chapbook and online. Use this workshop to fine-tune your poetry for submission.

A southern New Jersey native, DiGiorgio completed her MFA in Poetry from New York University in May 2003 and was both a Gold-

water and Starworks Fellow while a graduate student. She has taught poetry and creative writing to disabled adults at Goldwater Hospital and to children at Weill-Cornell University Medical Center. DiGiorgio teaches Rhetoric and Composition, College Writing, Creative Writing and Why Poetry Matters. DiGiorgio is also a visiting poet-in-the-schools through the New Jersey State Council for the Arts.

**Thursday, April 26**  
**10 a.m.**  
**Preparing Advance Directives: Living Wills and Health Care Decisions**

Melanie Wilson Silver, Ph.D., from the Bacharach Institute will offer a program on preparing advance directives. Advance directives, which include living wills and a document to appoint a health care representative, have been recognized by New Jersey courts for more than a decade. By preparing an advance directive, people have the means to express their own wishes should they become unable to make their own health care choices.

The talk will last approximately 30 minutes and will include advance directive forms and information, as well as suggestions about how to discuss questions and feelings about health-care decisions with family and physicians or a spiritual advisor.

cial collection of 10 baby books. Each of the Montoyas also received a library card.

Books for Babies is funded by the Foundation of the Board of Trustees of the Atlantic City Public Library with the support of United Way of Atlantic County, ARMC and Shore Memorial Hospital.

## Babies

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lic Library Director Maureen Sherr Frank presented Brandon, who was born on January 31, with his free book. As the first Books for Babies recipient, Brandon received a spe-

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## FILM SOCIETY

Watch • Listen • Learn • Discuss

The Atlantic City Free Public Library Film Society has planned its March and April meetings.

• **Saturday, March 24, at 1 p.m.** — The Film Society will view and discuss "Tunes of Glory," a 1960 military drama starring Alec Guinness and John Mills. It is not rated and runs 106 minutes.

• **Monday, March 26, at 5:30 p.m.** — Classroom session: Movie Set Jargon. This session will cover the slang terms and lingo used by working movie professionals.

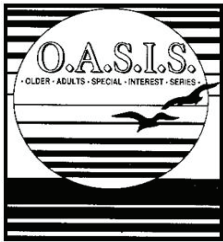
• **Saturday, April 14, at 1 p.m.** — The Film Society will watch and view "Alien," a 1979 science fiction classic starring Sigourney Weaver. It is rated R and runs 117 minutes.

• **Monday, April 16, at 5:30 p.m.** — Classroom session: Special Effects Basics. This meeting will focus on the basic history and the practical use of special effects.

## O.A.S.I.S.

OLDER ADULTS SPECIAL INTEREST SERIES  
JOIN US MONDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30 A.M.

**March 5, 2007**  
**Life in the Peace Corps**  
Lori Kintz,  
Former Peace Corps volunteer



**March 12, 2007**  
**Making Paper Crafts**  
Janet Bodoff

**March 19, 2007**  
**Birdwatching in Atlantic County**  
Margaret Attack,  
Atlantic County Parks

**March 26, 2007**  
**Book Talk: My Endless War ... And My Shattered Dreams**  
Sonia Kaplan,  
Author

**April 2, 2007**  
**The Meaning of Passover**  
Atlantic City Public Library staff

**April 9, 2007**  
**New Developments at Library; Library Card Sign-ups**  
Janet Marler,  
Atlantic City Free Public Library

**April 16, 2007**  
**Self Defense for Seniors**  
Larry Horn,  
Atlantic City Police Dept. Officer

**April 23, 2007**  
**Sharing Poetry with Kids**  
Children from a local daycare center will participate

**April 30, 2007**  
**View documentary "Goodwill" about aviator Emilio Carranza**

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTER

### TRAINING SCHEDULE

What's This? Introduction to Basic PC Operation (For first time users)			
March 13	Tuesday	10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.	
April 7	Saturday	10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.	
Introduction to MS Word (Word processing fundamentals)			
March 24	Saturday	10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.	
April 17	Tuesday	10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.	
Internet Basics (For beginners)			
March 19	Monday	6 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.	
April 23	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			



# Attention poets: Share your work at annual poetry reading April 21

Also, former ACHS English teacher Peter Murphy will read his poetry

The Atlantic City Free Public Library has plenty of poetry planned for April, which is National Poetry Month.

Poet Peter Murphy, a former English and Creative Writing teacher at Atlantic City High School, will read his poetry at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, in the second-floor meeting room in the Main Library, which is at 1 North Tennessee Avenue.

Immediately following Murphy's reading, the library will open up the microphone for its 14th annual Poetry Reading, which will also be held in the meeting room. Poets of all ages are invited to participate.

Murphy was born in Wales and grew up in New York City. His poetry has appeared in many journals, including *The Atlantic Review*, *Commonweal*, *The New York Quarterly* and *The New York Times*. His essays and reviews have appeared in *The American Book Review*, *The Shakespeare Quarterly* and elsewhere.

He is a consultant to the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation's poetry program and has been an educational advisor to five PBS television series on poetry. He is the founder and director of the Winter Poetry & Prose Getaway, held annually in Cape May.

Murphy recently retired from Atlantic City High School and continues to teach others through Murphy Writing Seminars, which is based in Ventnor.

Those who want to participate in the library's poetry reading are required to submit their poems by Saturday, March 31.

Each person is invited to submit up to three poems.

All submissions must be typed and single spaced on 8.5" x 11" paper and camera ready so it can be included in the library's 2007 Poetry Reading Chapbook. All poems must be suitable for people of all ages.

To submit your poems, mail them to: Atlantic City Free Public Library, ATT: Poetry Reading, 1 North Tennessee Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401; or, you can drop them off at the Administrative Office, located on the second floor of the Main Library, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All poets who participate will have their poems published on the library's Web site — [www.acfpl.org](http://www.acfpl.org).

Those who want to brush up on their poetry skills before submitting their work might want to consider attending the library's poetry workshop with Richard Stockton College professor Emari DiGiorio on Saturday, March 17 (see page 2 for more details).

National Poetry Month was established by the Academy of American Poets as a month-long, national celebration of poetry. The concept was to increase the attention paid by individuals and the media to the art of poetry, living poets, our poetic heritage and poetry books and magazines. In the end, the goal was to achieve an increase in the visibility, presence and accessibility of poetry in our culture. National Poetry Month has grown over the years into the largest literary celebration in the world.

The goals of National Poetry Month are to:

- Highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets.
- Introduce more Americans to the pleasures of reading poetry.
- Bring poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative ways.
- Make poetry a more important part of the school curriculum.
- Increase the attention paid to poetry by national and local media.
- Encourage increased publication, distribution and sales of poetry books.



## Wendy Martelli to join library for musical story time March 22

Certified Kindermusik instructor Wendy Martelli will present a special musical story time at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 22 at the Atlantic City Free Public Library.

The program, which is for children ages 3 to 5, will be held in the second-floor meeting room of the Main Library, which is at 1 North Tennessee Avenue.

A professional voice and piano teacher, Martelli has sang with icons such as Luciano Pavarotti, Jose Carreras, Sarah Brightman and Paul Anka.



## Earl delivers captivating performance

Calvin Earl performed his informative and entertaining program about African-American spirituals, "Gifts From My Ancestors," at the Atlantic City Free Public Library on February 3. Through storytelling, music and dance, Earl detailed how this music was used by Africans enslaved in America to secretly communicate, record their history and heal their pain.

## Library Week

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card that you can attach to your keychain.

**Free new DVD rentals** – The \$1 fee for new DVD rentals will be waived during National Library Week. However, new DVDs must be returned to the library the following day, or customers will incur the usual \$1 per day fine.

**Food for Fines** – The library will accept non-perishable food donations during National Library Week in lieu of fines for overdue materials at both its Main Library and Rich-

mond Branch Library locations. For each non-perishable item donated, the accrued fines for one overdue item will be waived. The food will be donated to a local food bank.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

For more information, visit the Main Library at 1 North Tennessee Avenue, call (609) 345-2269 or see the library's Web site at [www.acfpl.org](http://www.acfpl.org).

## Third National Library Workers Day scheduled for Tuesday, April 17

One of the highlights of National Library Week is the third annual National Library Workers Day, which will be held on Tuesday, April 17.

National Library Workers Day is the time to honor the great contributions of all library workers, including librarians, support staff and others who make library services possible.

Library workers are responsible for a wide variety of services that patrons come to expect from their libraries. They are in charge of more than just checking books in and out of the library. Library workers catalog and shelve materials; handle requests and send them to other libraries; answer phone calls and e-mails; organize programs and events; administer computer networks; update the library's Website; select and obtain books, CDs, videos, and databases; and much more.

**Pre-schooler story times**  
Thursdays  
at 10:30 a.m.

**March 8, 15, 29**  
**April 5, 19, 26**



**Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.**  
**For children ages 6-12**

**Spring Stuff: Crafts and More!**  
March 8, 15, 29

**Easter Egg Mania!**  
April 5

**For children ages 10-18**  
**Make Your Own Comic Book!**  
April 19, 26

**NOTE: Children under nine must be accompanied by a supervising adult.**

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is an independent municipal library funded and operated by the City of Atlantic City and governed by a Board of Trustees.

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The library produces a brochure called Atlantic City Facts in Brief

1. When did the Atlantic City Boardwalk first open?

2. Was Atlantic City's Boardwalk the first ever constructed in the United States?

3. When did the Atlantic City-Brigantine Connector tunnel open?

4. Who was Atlantic City's first African American mayor?

5. What was the Miss America Pageant called when it originated in 1902?

6. The first public train ride from Camden to Atlantic City was on July 1, 1854. How long did the train take to arrive?

7. What year was Convention Hall dedicated?

8. How many square miles is Atlantic City?

9. When was Atlantic City incorporated?

10. Do more males or females live in Atlantic City?

One North Tennessee Avenue  
Atlantic City, New Jersey



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## WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY

### Nonfiction bestsellers

About Alice by Calvin Trillin

Born on A Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant by Daniel Tammant

Death by Black Hole: And Other Cosmic Quandaries by Neil DeGrasse Tyson

Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything by Steven D. Levitt, Stephen J. Dubner

I Feel Bad About My Neck: And Other Thoughts on Being a Woman by Nora Ephron

Power, Faith and Fantasy: America In the Middle East: 1776 to Present by Michael B. Oren

### Fiction bestsellers

Bad Blood by Linda Fairstein

Deep Storm by Lincoln Child

Exile by Richard North Patterson

For One More Day by Mitch Albom

Hannibal Rising by Thomas Harris

The Hunters by W.E.B. Griffin

The Boleyn Inheritance by Philippa Gregory

### DVDs

An Inconvenient Truth

Catch a Fire

Employee of the Month

Open Season

Saw III



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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.

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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

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www.acfpl.org