

Discovery

*A Bi-Monthly Newsletter
Connecting People to the World*



Monthly jazz concert series opens May 7

► The scheduled performers for this free series are Brenda Bass, the Hassan Abdullah Quartet, Edgardo Cintron and Azuca, Jazmine and the Michael Pedicin Quintet.

There are many venues throughout Atlantic City that bring in outstanding musical acts on a regular basis – and the Atlantic City Free Public Library is one.

The Main Library's second-floor meeting room will be the site of the Atlantic City Free Public Library Monthly Jazz Concert Series. The concerts, which will run May through September, are free and open to people of all ages.

The library's concert series will feature an outstanding list of popular and seasoned performers: Brenda Bass, Hassan Abdullah, Edgardo



Atlantic City's Hassan Abdullah, center, and his group return to the Main Library on Wednesday, June 4, to perform in the Atlantic City Free Public Library Monthly Jazz Concert Series. The concerts are free.

Cintron, Jazmine with vocalist Rodney Mannsfield and Michael Pedicin, Jr.

The library jazz series is being held in conjunction with the city's First Wednesday promotion. On the

first Wednesday of every month, participating Atlantic City-area businesses present their customers with special offers.

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Library nets NJLA award for Discovery

The Atlantic City Free Public Library has won a 2008 New Jersey Library Association Public Relations Award for its bi-monthly newsletter *Discovery*.

The Public Relations contest was broken into three divisions based on the library's operating budget. The NJLA Honors and Awards Committee selected *Discovery* the best newsletter (less than six pages) among libraries in its division.

The committee judged entries based on effectiveness of message for the target audience, originality, creativity of design and aesthetic appeal.

The library won for its July/August 2007 edition, which included stories that detailed the library's dedication to literacy and providing the community with programs that are culturally diverse, educational and fun.

Library Public Information Officer Don Latham is the editor of *Discovery*. A former sports editor at *The Current Newspapers* and sports copy editor at *The Press of Atlantic City*, Latham joined the library staff in February 2006. He resides in Egg Harbor Township with his wife, Lynn, and daughters Julia

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City, library to present Cinco de Mayo celebration

The City of Atlantic City and the Atlantic City Free Public Library invite you to participate in a Cinco de Mayo celebration from 12-2 p.m. on Monday, May 5, in Police and Firemen's Memorial Plaza, located between City Hall and the Main Library.

Atlantic City Mayor Scott Evans



will begin the festivities by welcoming the crowd and a ceremonial raising of the Mexican flag.

The outside portion of the event will also include traditional Hispanic dance performances, music and Mexican food.

Children and teens can also take part in the celebration from 3:30-5

p.m. in the Main Library's second-floor meeting room.

Participants will have the opportunity to play Mexican games, learn the history of Cinco de Mayo and enjoy festive Mexican music and food.

The holiday of Cinco De Mayo, commemorates the victory of the

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Commerce Bank checks in, makes \$4,000 donation

Commerce Bank Vice President/Retail Market Manager Jeff Dolan, left, and Assistant Vice President/Atlantic City Senior Manager Celest Abdel-Baath, center, presented Atlantic City Free Public Library Board of Trustees President William Cheatham with a check for \$4,000 and the book "Bunny Money" by Rosemary Wells on Tuesday, April 15, at the Main Library in honor of National Library Week. Commerce Bank donated a total of \$200,000 to 50 libraries throughout its eight-state footprint during the week. The Atlantic City Free Public Library was the only library in Atlantic County to receive the donation.



Meet author and Atlantic City native Angeline Bandon-Bibum

Author and former Atlantic City resident Angeline Bandon-Bibum will appear at the Atlantic City Free Public Library at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, to read from her novel, *Sojourner's Dream*.

Bandon-Bibum, who resides in Silver Spring, Md., graduated from Atlantic City High School in 1984 and Howard University in '88.

Her novel is about Sojourner Brown, a shy graduate student, who meets and falls in love with Joseph Kalisa. Joseph is a debonair corporate lawyer who works for a large and prestigious law firm in Washington, D.C. A sweet romance slowly blooms. However, Sojourner and Joseph must confront their past before they can look forward to their

future. Sojourner must also develop the strength she'll need to be Joseph's wife, as Joseph is forced to face rivers of blood and hills covered with the corpses of the innocent in his native land of Rwanda.

This program is free and open to the public.

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

★ FUN DAY SUNDAY EVENTS ★

Spend your Sunday afternoons at the Atlantic City Free Public Library enjoying a movie with friends and family.

The movies are free and begin at 1 p.m.

- Sunday, May 4 – Nancy Drew

- Sunday, May 11 – August Rush
- Sunday, May 18 – Alvin and the Chipmunks
- Sunday, May 25 – Juno (PG-13)
- Sunday, June 1 – The Water Horse — Legend of the Deep

- Sunday, June 8 – The Seeker — The Dark is Rising
- Sunday, June 15 – National Treasure 2 — Book of Secrets
- Sunday, June 22 – Mary Pop-pins
- Sunday, June 29 – I Am Legend (PG-13)

Jazz concerts

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Each concert will last 90 minutes.

Brenda Bass on Wednesday, May 7, at 6 p.m. – An Atlantic City resident, Bass and her five-piece band kick off the series. A classical and jazz trumpeter, Bass has played with Bette Midler and Robert Palmer (performing on his jazz album), Debbie Boone at Carnegie Hall, Chuck Mangione, Steve Gatlin of the Gatlin Brothers and the Temptations. Please visit www.brendabassmusic.com for more information about Bass.



BASS

Hassan Abdullah Quartet on Wednesday, June 4, at 6 p.m. – Abdullah returns to the library after dazzling the audience with his group's performance during last year's concert series. He has performed throughout the world, including Italy, Spain, Cuba, Egypt, Greece, Germany, Puerto Rico, England, Panama, Honduras and Ecuador. A saxophone player and composer, he says his influence comes from John Coltrane, Hank Mobley, Sonny Stitt and Dexter Gordon.

Edgardo Cintron and Azuca on Wednesday, July 2, at 6 p.m. – One of the premier Latin jazz musicians in the region, Cintron and his Azuca Band are immensely popular throughout the area. His resume includes the Cape May Jazz Festival, many Atlantic City casinos, the Chicken Bone Beach Jazz Series, Mohegan Sun and the library's Arts,

Books & Culture Festival.

Jazmine on Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 6 p.m. – Atlantic City Public Library employee Martin Payne will be on bass for Jazmine when it performs here in August. The six-member group, led by vocalist Rodney Mannsfield, will play a mix of ballads, smooth and contemporary music, including tracks by Weather Report, Steely Dan, Stevie Wonder, Miles Davis and John Coltrane.

Michael Pedicin Music Quintet on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 6 p.m. – A tenor saxophonist and composer, Michael Pedicin has performed with giants such as Stevie Wonder, Frank Sinatra, David Bowie, Lou Rawls, The O'Jays, Maynard Ferguson, Dave Brubeck, Peter Erskine, Stanley Clarke, The Funk Brothers and Gino Vannelli.

For more information, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112.



OLDER ADULTS SPECIAL INTEREST SERIES
10:30 A.M. ON MONDAYS

- Monday, May 5**
Stroke Awareness
Guest: Rose Ricapito, AtlantiCare
- Monday, May 12**
Bird Migration: The What, Why and How
Guest: Dr. Ed Bristow, Forsythe Wildlife Refuge
- Monday, May 19**
Eye Diseases and Loss
Guest: Robyn Mayo-Hermansen, Family Service Association
- Monday, May 26**
Memorial Day
Library is closed
- Monday, June 2**
What's Up on Main Street Atlantic City
Guest: Seana E. Grady, Main Street Atlantic City Executive Director
- Monday, June 9**
Living Wills
Guest: Mike Weintraub, Esquire
- Monday, June 16**
A Look at the Atlantic City Lighthouse
Guest: Jean Muchanic, Executive Director
- Monday, June 23**
Electronic Health Records in New Jersey
Guest: Bill O'Byrne, New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance
- Monday, June 30**
Patagonia and Falkland Islands Nature Travel
Guest: Dr. Ed Bristow, Forsythe Wildlife Refuge

COMPUTER TRAINING SCHEDULE

Training will be held in the Main Library meeting room

Tuesday, May 6 Resumes 1 to 2:30 p.m. Online Applications 3 to 4:30 p.m.	Friday, June 6 Using a Mouse 9 to 10:30 a.m. E-mail Accounts 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Friday, May 9 Introduction to Computers 9 to 10:30 a.m. Internet for Beginners 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Saturday, June 7 Introduction to Computers 9 to 10:30 a.m. Internet for Beginners 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 13 Introduction to Word 1 to 2:30 p.m. Introduction to Excel 3 to 4:30 p.m.	Monday, June 9 Resumes 4 to 5:30 p.m. Online Applications 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 16 Resumes 9 to 10:30 a.m. Online Applications 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Tuesday, June 10 Introduction to Word 1 to 2:30 p.m. Introduction to Excel 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 17 Using a Mouse 9 to 10:30 a.m. E-mail Accounts 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Friday, June 13 Introduction to Word 9 to 10:30 a.m. Introduction to Excel 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Monday, May 19 Using a Mouse 4 to 5:30 p.m. E-mail Accounts 6 to 7:30 p.m.	Friday, June 20 Introduction to Computers 9 to 10:30 a.m. Internet for Beginners 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Friday, May 30 Introduction to Word 9 to 10:30 a.m. Introduction to Excel 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Monday, June 23 Using a Mouse 4 to 5:30 p.m. E-mail Accounts 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 31 Introduction to Computers 9 to 10:30 a.m. Internet for Beginners 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Saturday, June 28 Resumes 9 to 10:30 a.m. Online Applications 11 a.m. to 12:30 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.

Cinco de Mayo

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Mexican militia over the French army at The Battle Of Puebla in 1862. The victory was a glorious moment for Mexican patriots, which at the time helped to develop a needed sense of national unity, and is the cause for the historical date's celebration.

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

CLOSED

THE ATLANTIC CITY
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
WILL BE CLOSED
ON MAY 26.



The Atlantic City Free Public Library redesigned the look of its Youth Services Department and audio visual area on the second floor of the Main Library, installing a new carpet and arranging a new layout for its resources. (Top) When you reach the top of the stairs, the compact discs, books on CD, computer center for kids and young adult area are to the right. (Bottom) To the left, there is a special area for young children.



ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
FILM SOCIETY
Watch • Listen • Learn • Discuss

- **Saturday, May 10, at 1 p.m.** — View and discuss “The Ice Storm.” This 1997 drama is rated R and runs 112 minutes. It features an all-star cast, including Kevin Kline, Joan Allen, Tobey Maguire and Sigourney Weaver.
- **Monday, May 12, at 5:30 p.m.** — Costume Design: This classroom session will focus on the job of the costume designer. A history of costume design and an analy-

- sis of the 1970’s costumes used in “The Ice Storm” will be discussed.
- **Saturday, June 14 at 1 p.m.** — View and discuss “The Shining.” This 1980 horror film is rated R and runs 146 minutes. It is directed by Stanley Kubrick and stars Jack Nicholson and Shelley Duvall.
 - **Monday, June 16 at 5:30 p.m.** — Shot-by-Shot Analysis: This classroom session will focus on the orchestration of all the major on-screen components of filmmaking, including framing, lighting and editing. Key scenes from “The Shining” will be used.

Learn key words, phrases at library’s ESL sessions

- The Atlantic City Free Public Library’s English as a Second Language sessions will continue in May.
- The sessions are twice a week and focus on the English people use in their everyday lives.
- The ESL sessions are free and no registration is required. For more information, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3063.
- The class schedule for May is as follows :

- **Monday, May 5, at 2 p.m.** — Dining out
- **Tuesday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m.** — Dining out
- **Monday, May 12, at 2 p.m.** — Asking directions
- **Tuesday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m.** — Asking directions
- **Monday, May 19, at 2 p.m.** — Visiting the doctor
- **Tuesday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m.** — Visiting the doctor

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and Natalie.

Also, education reporter Diane D’Amico of *The Press of Atlantic City* was selected co-winner of the Journalism Award for her story,

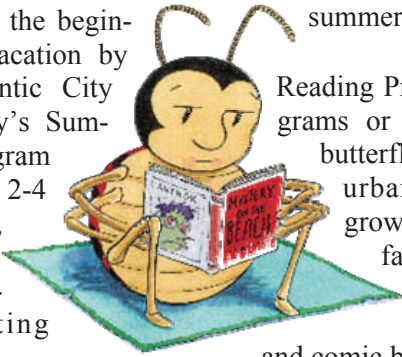
“Hanging in the Stacks,” which centered on a group of teenagers who enjoy visiting the Atlantic City Free Public Library and assisting the youth librarians with special projects.

The award winners were honored at the NJLA Conference on April 30 in Long Branch.

Summer Reading launch party to include fun, games, prizes

Come celebrate the beginning of summer vacation by attending the Atlantic City Free Public Library’s Summer Reading Program kickoff party from 2-4 p.m. on Thursday, June 26, in the Main Library’s second-floor meeting room.

The party will feature entertainment, games, face painting, balloon art, special guest readers, refreshments, prizes and giveaways — including a free book to start your



summer reading fun!

This year’s Summer Reading Program will feature programs or activities that involve: butterfly gardens, gardening, urban environmentalists, growing flowers, insects, ant farms and magicians. There will also be book clubs, movies and comic book drawing.

Children of all ages are invited to participate. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, for more information.

Catch the Reading Bug at the Atlantic City Free Public Library!

New Teen Anime Club to meet May 28

Are you among the growing number of teens who is into anime — or are you interested in learning about it? If so, the Atlantic City Free Public Library invites you to attend the first meeting of its new Teen Anime Club from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28.

The club will meet once a month to view anime films and discuss

books and other topics.

The May 28 meeting will include a viewing of the movie “Spirited Away.”

The Anime Club is also scheduled to meet from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11.

Kids ages 12-17 are eligible to join the club, but you must register at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050.

Upcoming programs give youth opportunity to make presents for parents, showcase talent

- Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** — Join this teen group which has a say in what goes on at the library. Discuss programs, books, magazines, CDs and DVDs. The group also has monthly projects. Lunch will be served.
- May 3 at 2:30 p.m.
 - June 14 at 2:30 p.m.

- Mother’s Day Arts and Crafts Project: Container Gardens** — Kids will design their own container garden filled with flowers to give to their moms for Mother’s Day. There is a limit of 15 children, so please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, to register. This program is free and open children ages 7-17.
- May 7 at 3:30 p.m.

- Remembering Our Veterans** — For Memorial Day, children can make thank you cards for those who are serving or have served in the military. You may give your card(s) to a veteran you know; or, we can send them to the All Wars Memorial Building.
- May 21 at 3:30 p.m.

- Journal Writing Workshop: “Your Words, Your Life”** — *Atlantic City Weekly* columnist and radio talk show host Raymond Tyler will instruct these workshops for kids ages 12-18.
- May 21 at 4 p.m.
 - June 18 at 4 p.m.
- Open Mic Night** — Come share your poems, songs and stories with your friends, family and the community. *Atlantic City Weekly* columnist and radio talk show host Raymond Tyler will help direct the program. The program is open to kids ages 12-18. The public is invited to attend this program and enjoy the talent of the community’s youth.
- May 28 at 6 p.m.
 - June 25 at 6 p.m.

- Father’s Day Arts and Crafts Project: Homemade Picture Frames** — Make a beautiful picture frame for your dads using decoupage, collage and your creativity. This program is free and for children ages 7-17.
- June 11 at 3:30 p.m.

Kids Corner

Homework help
4 p.m. Tuesdays
May 6, 13, 20 & 27
June 3, 10 & 17

Pre-school story times
10:30 a.m. Thursdays
May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
June 5, 12, 19 & 26

After-school arts and crafts
3:30 p.m. Wednesdays
May 14 & 28
June 4, 18 & 25

Comic drawing with Joe Del Beato
3:30 p.m. Thursdays
May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
June 5, 12, 19 & 26

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WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY

DVDs

- Atonement
- I Am Legend
- Love in the Time of Cholera
- Kite Runner
- Enchanted

CDS

- Little Voice by Sara Bareilles
- Taylor Swift by Taylor Swift
- Sleep through the Static, Jack Johnson

Fiction

- Remember Me? by Sophie Kinsella
- 7th Heaven by James Patterson
- Change of Heart by Jodi Picoult
- Dead Heat by Dick and Felix Francis
- The Appeal by John Grisham
- Non-fiction**
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- Playaways (Non-fiction)**
- The God Delusion
- Relaxation and Meditation
- The 48 Laws of Power
- A Short History of Nearly Everything
- Seabiscuit
- Become a Better You

Did You Know?

Nearly HALF A MILLION people entered the Main Library in 2007

If you get the impression that the Atlantic City Free Public Library always seems to be bustling with activity, your observation is on the money.

The library was busier than ever in 2007 — particularly after adding Sunday hours, making all DVD rentals free and increasing the number of DVDs a person could take out at one time. As a result of these changes and other factors, the number of resources checked out by library users increased a remarkable 40 percent.

- Here is a look at some of last year's statistics:
- People who entered the Main Library: 427,749
 - Items borrowed by customers: 222,357
 - DVDs customers are now allowed to borrow at one time: Five
 - Computer sessions scheduled by children, teens and adults: 123,506
 - Reference books available through library Web-site from home, work, school or the library: 800
 - Programs offered by Youth Services Department: 147

- Children and young adults attending the Youth Services programs: 2,534
- Children and young adults attending Summer Reading Programs: 1,520
- Requests for information that staff responded to: 28,974
- Reference staff responses to requests for local information and information about Atlantic City history: 3,489
- New books, CDs, magazines, newspapers and DVDs that were acquired and catalogued: 12,000
- Issues of newspapers and magazines processed for customers: 15,752

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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

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