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Library to hold 24th Kwanzaa show Dec. 3

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will continue a long-standing tradition by celebrating Kwanzaa with a special performance.

The Afro-One Dance, Drama and Drum Theatre, under the direction of Dr. Patricia Reid Merritt, will be the featured performer at the library's 24th annual celebration on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m., at the All Wars Memorial Building, located at 1510 Adriatic Ave.

This free event, which is open to people of all ages, will combine song, music, poetry and traditional and contemporary dance with an educational element.

A professor of Social Work and African-American Studies at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Dr. Reid-Merritt has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the NAACP Freedom Award.

Afro-One was founded in 1974 and emphasizes dance, drama and music in the African-American arts. Afro-One has performed at schools,



The Afro-One Dance, Drama and Drum Theatre will perform at the Atlantic City's Free Public Library's 24th annual Kwanzaa program on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. at the All Wars Memorial Building. Dr. Patricia Reid-Merritt (far right) founded the group in 1974.

colleges and universities, businesses and corporations, conferences, Kwanzaa celebrations, weddings, rites of passage, local festivals and community events. Their past performances include presentations at Rutgers University, Monmouth University, Penn State University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Philadelphia Zoo, African American Historical Site at Boston,

University Museum of Pennsylvania, The College of New Jersey, Richard Stockton College, Conference on Black Families in Urban America, Bell Labs, McGuire Air Force Base and Fort Dix.

Kwanzaa is a holiday of African heritage and values and is celebrated from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1.

Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115, for more information.

Computer training for job seekers offered in Nov.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is offering four-hour computer classes in November for job seekers looking to improve their computer and job search skills. The classes will focus on the essential computer skills needed in today's job market.

These free classes, which will be held in the Main Library meeting room, are for Atlantic City Library members 18 years of age and older. Since seating is limited, advanced registration is required. To register for any of these classes, please visit the Computer Help Desk on the first floor of the Main Library, located at One North Tennessee Ave.

The training is part of a \$5.1 million National Telecommunications and Information Administration American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant to support the New Jersey State Library's Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP). The program's goal is to make New Jersey libraries strategic job-creating facilities by adding computer workstations, upgrading Internet connectivity, and providing job search assistance and workforce development programs.

Basic Job Readiness, MS Windows on Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 1 to 5 p.m. – Gain a basic understanding of the PC components and operations in the Microsoft Windows environment, including proper start-up and shut-down of the Windows operating system, running application programs, managing and organizing files/folders and printing.

Basic Job Readiness, Internet on Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 1 to 5 p.m. – A hands-on class that will cover how to navigate the World Wide Web using the address bar and search engines. Learn how to effectively research information on the Internet and protect the computer from viruses. The content of this class will center on job searches using select websites for career opportunities and interview skills.

Basic Job Readiness, Email on Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 1 to 5 p.m. – Learn how to create and send an email with an attachment, how to properly forward an email and other email etiquette essentials. Setting up an address book will also be covered. At the end of this class, participants will be able to communicate with customers and colleagues quickly and easily.

Basic Job Readiness, MS Word on Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 1 to 5 p.m. –



¡Celebración!

The Atlantic City Free Public Library and La Casa Dominicana presented a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on Sept. 21, in the courtyard between the library and City Hall. The event included singing and dance performances, and a proclamation from City of Atlantic City Mayor Lorenzo T. Langford.

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Librarian makes *New York Times*

Want your child to become a reader? Get the ball rolling with Baby Bounce

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." — Emile Buchwald

Do you want your child to become a good reader at a young age, and to gain the enjoyment and confidence that comes from being able to read?

It is NEVER too early to lay that foundation and help your child develop the skills they will need when learning to read.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library has a weekly reading program for infants called Baby Bounce, which is held at 11:30 a.m. on most Thursdays in the Main Library's meeting room.

Caregivers are invited to bring their infant for stories, songs, nursery rhymes and more. Baby Bounce is best suited for infants ages 0 to 18 months. The library asks that there is one caregiver per child.

Studies have shown that language skills and intelligence are related to how many words an infant



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hears each day. Reading to your baby also helps strengthen the bond between parent and child.

"The repetition of rich language, rhyme and song shared in a warm, loving environment is one of the greatest gifts a baby can receive," Atlantic City Library Children's Services Coordinator Maureen Moffit said.

Baby Bounce will be held on the following Thursdays: Nov. 3, 10, 17 and Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. The program is free, and no registration is required. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, for more information.

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Archivist's letter about libraries' transformation appears in New York Times

Atlantic City Free Public Library reference librarian and archivist Shannon O'Neill wrote a letter that appeared on the op-art page of *The New York Times* on Sunday, Oct. 16.

O'Neill wrote about whether libraries, due to the difficult times they are currently facing, will disappear (she says libraries will persist). Here are some excerpts from her letter:

"Libraries are always in a state of transformation: as the means of information production and consumption change, so do libraries. We exist to help you navigate complex systems of information, whether it's the bureaucracy of

the welfare system or a pile of dusty boxes filled with archival documents. This is an increasingly necessary service in a society that is ever more reliant upon data."

O'Neill said one constant change has been the appearance of libraries:

"The way the library looks today is drastically different from the way it did 50 years ago. Many of the visual cues of library-ness are vanishing. When we moved to automated and integrated library systems, we no longer had a need for iconic items like card catalogs or

stamps for due dates."



The Times also included photos that O'Neill took of older library staples, such as a library due date stamp and microfilm.

"I have chosen these items not only because I am already a little nostalgic for them, but also because I know that their passing marks an important shift in the role and functions of the library.

"Who knows? One day, the shiny new scanner that sits on my desk may join their ranks."



Special library events bring back Roaring '20s

The Atlantic City Free Public Library celebrated the season two premiere of HBO's *Boardwalk Empire* with a series of special programs. The series included a live performance, *The Music and Dance of the Roaring '20s*, on Sept. 24 at Kennedy Plaza. The performers were (clockwise from the top) the Jersey Rhythm Devils, flapper dancer Melanie Vigue, and Jim Craine and the Atlantic City All-Star Band. The library also scheduled a book talk with author Jim Waltzer and panel discussion featuring historians Nelson Johnson, who authored the *Boardwalk Empire* book, Ralph E. Hunter, Sr., and Allen "Boo" Pergament. To learn more about 1920s Atlantic City, visit the Atlantic City Experience® at www.atlanticcityexperience.org.



Convention Center to transform into Winter Wonderland for city, library event

The City of Atlantic City and Atlantic City Free Public Library will hold a Winter Wonderland celebration for the public on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 1-4 p.m. at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

Admission to this event is free and open to people of all ages. Children must be accompanied by a parent.



The event will include moon bounces, face painting, refreshments, giveaways, entertainment and special appearances.

Please call the City of Atlantic City's Recreation/Community Affairs Department at (609) 347-5643 for more information. Also, visit the library's website — www.acfpl.org — in coming weeks for more details.

Computer training

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Learn how to create and revise basic Word documents. The content of this class will center on using Word to create a resume for job searches and career opportunities. In this workshop, participants will create and save simple documents, use automatic text features for entering text, access online help, make changes to an existing document using a variety of editing techniques, create and enhance tables, and use Word's templates and wizards.

The library will also hold a variety of computer training sessions for Atlantic City Library card holders in December. Listed below is that schedule:

Selling Items on eBay on Friday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Job and Career Accelerator/Intro to a Premium E-Resource on Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Computer Fundamentals on Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Managing and Sending Digital Photos on Friday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Seniors and Computers on Tuesday, Dec. 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Computer Fundamentals (in Spanish) on Wednesday, Dec. 28, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3066, for more information.

Need a job or want to improve your career? Check out library's e-resource

A powerful career guidance tool is available to help Atlantic City Free Public



Library customers faced with the daunting task of searching for a new job or advancing their career. The library's website — www.acfpl.org — features Job & Career Accelerator™ from LearningExpress, the industry's most comprehensive online job search system.

Job & Career Accelerator™ integrates everything one needs to conduct a successful job search, all in one easy-to-use online application. Interactive wizards guide users through each step of the process, from exploring suitable occupations and finding available jobs to preparing targeted resumes and improving critical job search skills. The personalized Job Search Portfolio allows job seekers to plan, tailor and track multiple job searches at the same time.

- Out of work? Search for the latest local and national job listings.
- Need to change career direc-

tions? Find detailed information (including average salaries and future growth projections) for more than 1,000 occupations.

- Just starting out with your career search? Take the job preferences assessment to find careers that meet your interests.

- Want to create or update your resume? Use the resume builder; just fill in your information and end up with a professional looking resume.

ESL schedule for November, December announced

The Atlantic City Free Public Library has scheduled its English as a Second Language (ESL) topics and dates for November and December.

Registration is open to Atlantic City Library cardholders and will be held from 12-1 p.m. on Mondays at the Main Library, located at One North Tennessee Ave. All sessions are free.

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115, for more information.

- Don't know what a cover letter should look like? Use the cover letter builder to create a winning cover letter; there are also sample cover letters.

Job & Career Accelerator™ is available at the library; or, those with an Atlantic City Free Public Library card can access this great resource 24/7 from any computer or device with an Internet connection.

Stop by the Main Library reference desk, e-mail reflib@acfpl.org or call (609) 345-2269 for more information.

ESL Basic English Grammar on Nov. 4, 18, 25 and Dec. 2, 9, 16 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. — This basic grammar and writing course will provide an introduction to the basics of American English grammar. Students will review the basic English structure in the form of nouns, verbs, prepositions, adjectives and adverbs.

ESL Intermediate Class on Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, and Dec. 5, 12, 19, from 1-4 p.m. — This is a general English learning class for intermediate level students. The class will include instructions for grammar, listening, vocabulary, reading, writing, reference and quizzes.

FAMILY EVENTS

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

Day of the Dead Program

Sunday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m.
Create ceramic skulls adorned with marigold flowers and other symbols representing a loved one. All materials supplied. Accommodates up to 25 participants. This program is for age 5 through adult.

Honoring Native American Heritage Month

Sunday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m.
Enjoy a fun interactive program with your family making and baking a Shrinky Dinks craft. This program is for age 6 through adult.

Totems and Totem Poles

Sunday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m.
The totem is usually an animal, natural figure or symbol that represents a person or group of related people such as a family. One of the most recognized artworks of Native American culture is the totem pole. In this workshop, participants will view examples of totems in Native American art and then craft their own small totem poles using a variety of materials such as wood, paint and fabrics. All supplies are provided. The program is for age 8 through adult.

Make a Holiday Tree Using Pictures from Holiday Cards

Sunday, Nov. 27, at 2 p.m.
Cut, staple and stack pictures to make your own personal tree for the holidays. Cards supplied by instructor or participants can bring their own. All supplies are provided. This program is for age 6 through adult.

24th annual Kwanzaa Celebration

Saturday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. at All Wars Memorial Building (1510 Adriatic Ave.)
Please see story on page one for details.

Painted Votive Table Wreaths

Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m.
The festival of Santa Lucia is a Scandinavian celebration that is considered a gateway to the Christmas holiday season. Like many holiday celebrations surrounding the winter solstice, it is a festival of lights. In this workshop, participants will hand paint glass votive candles to form their own holiday table wreath. All supplies are provided. All ages.

City of Atlantic City's Winter Wonderland

Saturday, Dec. 10, at 1 p.m.
Please see story on page two for details.

Create an Origami Christmas Ornament

Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m.
Make and take home a beautiful origami ornament for the holidays. All ages.

Making Mkeka

Sunday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m.
The African-American celebration Kwanzaa features a number of principals and symbols, including the Mkeka (em-KEH-kah), a mat on which a Kwanzaa centerpiece is arranged. In this workshop, participants will use materials to create their own Mkeka, decorated to reflect the Seven Principals and other symbols important to the Kwanzaa celebration. This program is for age 8 through adult.

Computer training for library members

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3066, for more information

Please see story beginning on page one for complete November/December computer training schedule.

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FILM SOCIETY

Watch • Listen • Learn • Discuss

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112; or, e-mail Film Society coordinator Theresa Hawkins at thawki@acfpl.org for more information

(Those interested in attending are encouraged to join the Film Society)

View and Discuss: Glengarry Glen Ross

Saturday, Nov. 12, at 1 p.m.
This 1992 drama is rated R and runs 106 minutes.

All About Jack Lemmon

Monday, Nov. 14, at 5:30 p.m.
This classroom session will focus on the life and legendary acting career of Jack Lemmon. *Note: The November meetings were originally scheduled for October.*

View and Discuss: Road to Perdition

Saturday, Dec. 10, at 1 p.m.
This 2002 crime drama is rated R and runs 117 minutes.

Comic to Screen

Monday, Dec. 12, at 5:30 p.m.
This classroom session will focus on how comics and graphic novels are adapted to the big screen. The history of these films and the iconic characters featured in them will be discussed.



OLDER ADULTS SPECIAL INTEREST SERIES

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Arts and Crafts: Thanksgiving Centerpiece

Monday, Nov. 7, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest: Jackie Caplan

Estate Planning (presented by Richard Stockton College's SCOSA)

Monday, Nov. 14, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest: Michael D. Weinraub, Esq.

Senior Wellness: Carbs and Exercise

Monday, Nov. 21, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest: Steve Chang

Tai Chi

Monday, Nov. 28, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest: Xiu E. Yao

Arts and Crafts: Christmas Ornaments

Monday, Dec. 5, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest: Jackie Caplan

Loss, Grief and Holidays: Finding a Glimmer of Light

Monday, Dec. 12, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest: Dr. Christina Gayda,

Senior Wellness: Coping with Stress and Review of Medicare Drug Program

Monday, Dec. 19, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest: Steve Chang

ESL classes

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115, for more information

ESL Intermediate Class

Mondays from 1-4 p.m.
Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, and Dec. 5, 12, 19

ESL Basic English Grammar

Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Nov. 4, 18, 25 and Dec. 2, 9, 16

Please see story on page two for class description and information about registration.

Youth Services Programs

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

Homework Help

Need Homework Help? Call Youth Services (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, to make an appointment with a librarian for personalized homework and information literacy help.

Pre-school Rhyme Time

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
Nov. 3, 10, 17 and Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Features stories, songs, finger plays and simple crafts for ages 3-5. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Other family members and siblings are welcome. Library story times are a fun way to help your child develop skills they will need to be ready to read.

Baby Bounce and Play Group

Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.
Nov. 3, 10, 17 and Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
This program is designed to introduce infants (ages 0-18 months) to the world of sounds and stories. Stories, songs, rhymes and movement help build pre-reading skills for our littlest library lovers. An informal playgroup immediately follows this story time. Best suited for infants to age 2 with caregiver.

Comic Drawing

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 3, 10, 17 and Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Marvel DC Comic Illustrator Joe Del Beato will lead drawing instruction for children and teens ages 7 to 17. Learn how to draw your favorite characters. All materials supplied.

Creative Craft Fridays

Fridays at 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 4, 18, 25 and Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Kids ages 6-16 use their imagination to make and take home crafts with seasonal themes. November is Native American Heritage Month. Children less than 9 years of age must be accompanied by an adult/guardian. All materials supplied.

Teen Advisory Group Meeting

Saturdays at 2 p.m.
Nov. 5 and Dec. 3
We want your ideas to make your library rock! Teen Advisory Group meets monthly to discuss volunteer projects, changes to the library, teen programs, and much more! Pizza and soda included. Ages 13-17.

Teen Filmmaker's Club

Saturdays at 3:15 p.m.
Nov. 5 and Dec. 3
Actors, directors, camera operators, makeup artists and film enthusiasts work together to create book trailers, short films, and other video projects. Ages 13-17.

Paws to Read with Baby Bully

Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 9, 30 and Dec. 7, 21
"Children reading to dogs" is a program for children ages 4 to 10 who can sign up in 15-minute increments to read to Baby Bully, a certified therapy dog, in a relaxed and fun environment. Participating children should not be fearful of dogs or have pet allergies.

Children's Book Club

Saturdays at 3 p.m.
Nov. 12, 26 and Dec. 10
Combine technology and reading in a special book club experience. Share a great book, then learn how to make an interactive poster about it with graphics, video, sound and text. Any child who joins the program also receives a free copy of the book to keep. The program is best suited for ages 8 to 11. Refreshments and crafts included. To register please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050

Crafty Teen: Creative Card Making

Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 3:30 p.m.
Use your creativity to turn our tired old cards into cool new ones! Create cards from recycled materials for the holidays

or any special occasion. Register by calling the Youth Services Desk at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050. Ages 13-17.

Origami Club

Fridays at 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 18 and Dec. 16
New to origami? Learn the basics! Already a pro? Help teach your friends! Ages 13-17.

Tween Day in the Teen Lounge

Saturdays at 11 a.m.
Nov. 19 and Dec. 17
Kids ages 9-12 are invited to rock out in the Teen Space. This is your chance to enjoy gaming: Xbox360, PS3, Nintendo Wii. Participants need a library card in good standing. Ages 9-12.

Service Buddies

Saturdays at 2 p.m.
Nov. 19 and Dec. 17
Teen volunteers will help younger children do service projects to help their community. Register by calling the Youth Services Desk at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050. Ages 13-17.

Rock Band Battle of the Bands

Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 2 p.m.
Join a band and show off your skills during our Rock Band Battle of the Bands (for Wii). The top 16 contestants in our qualifying round will compete for a prize and the respect of gamers everywhere. Register by calling the Youth Services Desk at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050. Ages 9-17.

Crafty Teen: Melted Crayon Art

Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 3:30 p.m.
Make a bold, colorful canvas by melting recycled crayons. Register by calling the Youth Services Desk at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050. Ages 13-17.

Crafty Teen: Cookies in a Jar

Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 3:30 p.m.
We'll supply all of the dry ingredients for tasty cookies and you'll measure them, add the recipe card with a ribbon and viola! – one sweet gift. Register by calling the Youth Services Desk at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050. Ages 13-17.

Cupcake Wars

Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 3:30 p.m.
Decorate cupcakes using a secret ingredient. Cupcake-designers ages 9-12 and 13-17 with the most votes will get a prize. Cupcakes will be judged on creativity, presentation, and taste. Register by calling the Youth Services Desk at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050. Ages 9-17

Gamer's Paradise: Open Gaming

Friday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m.
Get active at the library with the Nintendo Wii or Xbox360 Kinect and board games like Twister. Snacks and drinks included. Ages 13-17.

Crafty Teen: Flip animation

Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 3:30 p.m.
Create a comic and bring it to life with flip animation. Whether you can create detailed characters or like to draw stick figures, you can bring your creation to life with a few simple techniques. Register by calling the Youth Services Desk at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050. Ages 13-17.

Teen Drop-in Movie

Thursday, Dec. 29, at 1 p.m.
The library will show Black Candle, a documentary about Kwanzaa. The Black Candle is a landmark, vibrant documentary that uses Kwanzaa as a vehicle to explore and celebrate the African-American experience. Dr. Maya Angelou narrated the documentary. All ages.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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Did You Know?

Sixty percent of adults in the U.S. have public library cards

The role of libraries is always changing and never more important than it is today. Did you know that 513,111 people entered the Atlantic City Free Public Library in 2011 alone?

Here are some interesting facts about United States libraries:

- Americans go to school, public and academic libraries nearly three times more often than they go to the movies.

- Reference librarians in the nation's public and academic libraries answer nearly 5.7 million questions weekly. Standing single file, the line of questioners would span from Long Island, New York, to Juneau, Alaska.

- A 2009 poll conducted for the American Library Association found that 96 percent respondents agreed that public libraries play an important role in giving everyone a chance to succeed because it provides free access to materials and resources.

- There are more public libraries than McDonald's in the United States — a total of 16,604, including branches.

- Americans spend more than twice as much on candy as they do on public libraries.

- Americans check out an average of more than seven books a year.

- Public libraries are the number one point of online access for people without Internet connections at home, school or work.

- 98.7 percent of public libraries provide public access to the Internet.

- More than 65 percent of public libraries provide services for job seekers.

* *Facts about nation's libraries compiled by American Library Association in 2009.*



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Thursday, Friday & Saturday

9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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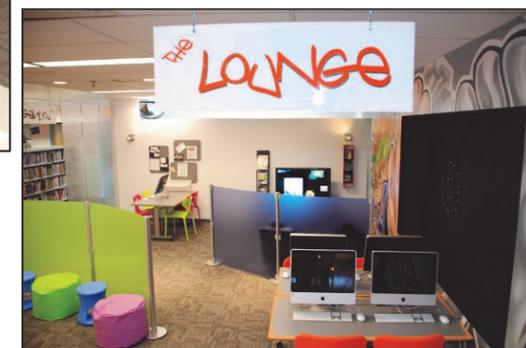
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Teen Space a dream space

Top-of-the-line computers, video game systems, graffiti art, the hottest books ... sounds like what one might find in a teenager's dream room. Such a space does exist at the Atlantic City Library. Come see it for yourself on the Main Library's second floor.



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A WEEK!**