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New Richmond Branch Library to open in early 2013

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is inching closer to unveiling its new and improved Richmond Branch Library.

The Richmond Branch Library will be located in the new Richmond Avenue School at Ventnor and Windsor avenues. Construction is expected to be completed in the next few months. The library anticipates opening its doors to the public in early 2013.

The library also had a Richmond Branch Library at the original Richmond Avenue School. Voters approved a referendum in April 2009 to build a new Richmond Avenue school and a Pennsylvania Avenue School.

The Richmond Branch Library closed in July 2009 due to the planned demolition of the original Richmond Avenue School. The new Richmond Branch Library will be 3,000 square feet — five times larger than the previous branch. The in-

creased size will allow the library to offer programs, more computers and an expanded selection of resources.

The library closed its Atlantic City Library Express location in late October 2012. The library opened Library Express as a temporary location while the new Richmond Branch Library was under construction.

Those who need to return items to Atlantic City Library Express book drop can do so through Nov. 24. All library items, including DVDs, can be placed in there. After Nov. 24, all library items should be returned to the Main Library at One North Tennessee Ave.

“We thank the community for its support during the construction of the new Richmond Branch Library,” Library Director Maureen Sherr Frank said. “We were pleased to offer Library Express as a temporary service, and we are looking forward to welcoming people to the new Richmond Branch Library in early 2013.”



The new Richmond Branch Library, shown here in an Oct. 13 photo, will be five times larger than the previous Richmond Branch.

New hours, programs for museum

The Atlantic City Historical Museum has been busy with activity and some changes since the Atlantic City Free Public Library assumed management in August 2012.

Since reopening to the public on Aug. 27 after being closed for nearly a year, the museum has had approximately 1,000 visitors per week.

Some of those visitors have come from tours — including one from South Korea — and college students taking a class, Atlantic City: Past as Prologue, offered by the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. The Stockton students listened to Herb Stern, one of the museum founders, and historian Allen “Boo” Pergament discuss the city’s rich past in a September meeting.

The museum also kicked



The Atlantic City Historical Museum — presented by the Atlantic City Free Public Library — averaged about 1,000 visitors per week after reopening in August.

EDITOR'S NOTE: THE MUSEUM CLOSED TEMPORARILY DUE TO HURRICANE SANDY, JUST BEFORE DISCOVERY WENT TO PRESS

off a regular program series by hosting a discussion — “The Atlantic City Experience: 1920s Atlantic City” — in October. The guest speakers were author Vicki Gold Levi and library archivist Heather Halpin Perez, both of whom are historical consultants for HBO’s Boardwalk Empire. The duo

discussed the biggest names, moments and landmarks synonymous with the decade.

Coming in 2013, the museum will offer a monthly Second Saturday Speaker Series, along with special events.

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Library Board of Trustees VP honored by City Council

Atlantic City Council recognized Curene Clark Ervin, a long-time member of the Atlantic City Free Public Library’s Board of Trustees, at its Oct. 24 meeting.

City Council passed a resolution commending Ervin “for her dedicated service to the Atlantic City community.”

Ervin joined the library board Jan. 1, 2003, and is the Vice President. The resolution cites her service to the library, Venice Park Civic Association, Union Baptist Temple, local chapter of the NAACP, Citizens of Fiscal Responsibility and the Golden Circle.

“Curene is very deserving of this recognition,” Library Director Maureen Sherr Frank said. “We appreciate her dedicated service to the library and the community. We’re honored to have her serve on our board.”



Resources guide for vets available

In honor of the millions of military veterans who re-integrate back into civilian life, the Atlantic City Free Public Library has created a Veterans Resources guide.

The guide provides information about various topics, including: job assistance, education, benefits, health, housing, government re-

sources and more. The guide also lists books and CDs and DVDs of interest.

The Veterans Resources guide is located on the library’s web site — www.acfpl.org — under the Do Research tab.

Please visit the Main Library Reference Desk for more information.



The Afro-One Dance, Drama and Drum Theatre, shown here at last year's Kwanzaa celebration, combines song, poetry and dance into its programs.

Annual Kwanzaa program to be held at 2 p.m. Dec. 1

MORE KWANZAA PROGRAMS ARE LISTED ON PAGE 3 UNDER FAMILY EVENTS SECTION

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will celebrate Kwanzaa with a free performance for people of all ages.

The Afro-One Dance, Drama and Drum Theatre will be the featured performer at the library's 25th annual celebration on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m., at the Atlantic City Free Public Library.

This event combines song, music, poetry and traditional and contemporary dance with an educational element.

Dr. Patricia Reid Merritt directs Afro-One. 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, colleges and universities, businesses and corporations, conferences, Kwanzaa celebrations, weddings, rites of passage, local festivals and community events. Their past per-



formances 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. 3112, for more information.

A.C. Experience study presented to public

The Atlantic City Experience® Museum Feasibility Study – prepared for the Atlantic City Free Public Library – was presented to the public Oct. 22 at Atlantic City Council Chambers.

The Atlantic City Experience® is the library's proposed world-class museum and research center dedicated to preserving the city's rich history and multicultural heritage.

The library's Board of Trustees selected Mills+Schnoering Architects, LLC (M+Sa), in 2011 to conduct this preliminary economic study, which provides: parameters related to the size and location of the museum, a needs assessment, financial analysis, a building program and engineering description, and information about implementation and sustainability.

The study will be made available on the library web site — www.acfpl.org — and Atlantic City Experience web site — www.atlanticcityexperience.org following review and approval by the Board of Trustees of the Atlantic City Free Public Library.

M+Sa led a research team that included financial feasibility studies expert The Eisen Group, Langan Engineering, cost consultant Becker & Frondorf and museum exhibition planner/design consultant Van Sickle and Roller Ltd.

M+Sa is a full-service architec-



tural firm based in Princeton with broad experience in planning, design and historic preservation. Its areas of expertise include cultural facilities, courthouses, campus planning and design, and the preservation, restoration and adaptive use of historical buildings and sites. The firm is currently working with the National Park Service to design Life Safety Improvements for the Statue of Liberty. Locally, M+Sa's portfolio includes the redesign of the Alton Auditorium at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library, a service of the City of Atlantic City, houses the Alfred M. Heston Collection – an extensive collection of published and unpublished materials related to Atlantic City history, including photographs, newspaper articles, city directories, yearbooks, maps and memorabilia. Many of these resources are available on the library's Atlantic City Experience® website — www.atlanticcityexperience.org. The library also manages the Atlantic City Historical Museum on Garden Pier.



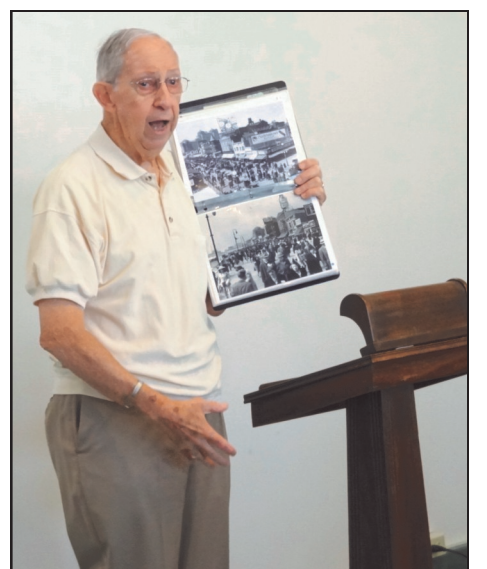
Herb Stern (above) and Allen "Boo" Pergament (below) discussed the city's history with a Richard Stockton College of New Jersey class, Atlantic City: Past as Prologue, on Sept. 14 at the Atlantic City Historical Museum.

Museum

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torical Museum is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. seven days a week. Visitors can enjoy exhibits of Atlantic City in the 1920s, Mr. Peanut, Kentucky Avenue and Miss America – plus vintage photographs and local artifacts.

Editor's note: the museum closed temporarily — right before this edition of Discovery went to press — due to damage suffered from Hurricane. To get updates about the museum reopening, please visit the museum's Web site at www.atlanticcityexperience.org.



THE ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED NOV. 12 AND 22, AND DEC. 24 AND 25.

PLEASE VISIT THE ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ON THE WEB AT WWW.ACFPL.ORG



**OLDER ADULTS
SPECIAL INTEREST SERIES**

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3119,
for more information

Arts & Crafts: Making a Floral Hanging

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

Library is closed for Veterans Day

Monday, Nov. 12

Senior Wellness: Influence of Nutrition on Alzheimer's Disease

Monday, Nov. 19, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest: Steven Chang, Pharmacist

Atlantic County Animal Shelter

Monday, Nov. 26, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest: Kathy Kelsey, Manager of Atlantic County Animal Shelter

Arts and Crafts: Edible Holiday Tree

Monday, Dec. 3, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest: Jackie Caplan

Planning for Living

Monday, Dec. 10, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest: Michael Weinraub, Certified Elder Law Attorney

Senior Wellness: Digestive Health

Monday, Dec. 17, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest: Steven Chang, Pharmacist

Library is closed for Christmas Eve

Monday, Dec. 24

To be announced

Monday, Dec. 31, at 10:30 a.m.

**Computer training
for library members**

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

Computer and Internet Fundamentals

Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 1 p.m.
Review mouse techniques, learn basic computer concepts, terminology and how to get around on the Internet to find those web sites that you want to visit.

Introduction to Word

Saturday, Nov. 17, at 1 p.m.
Learn the skills needed to create, edit and save Word documents; also, learn move and copy techniques and basic formatting skills to enhance and improve the look of your files.

Job Applications and Resumes

Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 22, at 10 a.m.
Job applications are now processed online. Learn how to complete online job applications, but also create a resume of your work and educational history.

Creating Spreadsheets with Excel

Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m.
Excel is a spreadsheet program that organizes, calculates and analyzes information. Learn the basics to see how to track values to create a simple budget.

Registration is required. Visit the Computer Help Desk at the Main Library to register. Classes are only for Atlantic City Free Public Library adult members.

FAMILY EVENTS

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, for more information or to reserve a spot.
Nobody will be admitted after program begins at 2 p.m.

Ceramic Cookie Skulls

Sunday, Nov. 4, at 2 p.m.
On El Dia de los Muertos (the Day of the Dead), is a Mexican celebration in honor of family and friends who have departed from this world. In this workshop, participants will learn about Day of the Dead celebrations, view images of the spectacular skull art designs, and then create beautiful ceramic skulls.

Diwali — Festival of Lights

Sunday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m.
Participants will create their own Rangoli painting in celebration of the Diwali Festival. This year, Diwali is from Nov. 13-17. Diwali celebrates the victory of the Good over the Evil and Light over Darkness. Rangoli is the art of drawing images and motifs on the floor and walls of one's home using different color powders. Designed with a beautiful combination of colors, the Rangoli images create an enchanting piece of art. A rangoli image stands for a sign of welcome.

Marbleized Thanksgiving Decorations

Sunday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m.
Learn the beautiful ancient form of Ebru, better known as marbleizing paper, in this interactive program. Similar to tie dying, marbleizing is easier and more exquisite. Learn both the technique and the fascinating history of this ancient Turkish art. This session will focus on making Thanksgiving crafts such as cornucopia and turkey centerpieces.

Native American Mosaic

Sunday, Nov. 25, at 2 p.m.
Learn the beautiful ancient form of Ebru, better known as marbleizing paper, in this interactive program. Similar to tie dying, marbleizing is easier and more exquisite. This session will focus on making Thanksgiving crafts such as cornucopia and turkey centerpieces.

Kwanzaa Celebration

Saturday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m.
(See story on page 2)

Holiday Ornaments

Sunday, Dec. 2, at 2 p.m.
Decorate a gingerbread house, Santa Claus, dradle and other symbols of Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa.

Lanterns

Sunday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m.

Holiday Card Tree

Sunday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m.
Make a holiday tree using pictures from holiday cards. Cut, staple and stack pictures from holiday cards to make your own personal tree for the holidays. Cards supplied by instructor or participants can bring their own favorites. All supplies are provided.

Holiday Cupcake Decorating

Sunday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m.
Registration is required for this program, which is for ages 6-17, by calling (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050. Participants decorate cupcakes using a variety of strange and exotic ingredients. Cupcakes will be judged on creativity, presentation and tasting by a panel of judges.

Kwanzaa Craft: Making a Mkeka

Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 2 p.m.
Participants will create their own mkeka. It is a mat that is symbolic of African tradition, history and culture. The mkeka represents a foundation on which to build. Kwanzaa symbols are placed on it.

Kwanzaa Film: The Black Candle

Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 6 p.m.
This landmark, vibrant documentary that uses Kwanzaa as a vehicle to explore and celebrate the African-American experience. Narrated by renowned poet Maya Angelou.

New Year's Eve Decorative Craft

Sunday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m.
Coffee filter snowflakes can be painted colorful and strung to hang as garland for your home or New Year's Eve festivities.

ESL classes

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

American Media

Fridays from Nov. 2-Dec. 28 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
This listening-based course will introduce students to the fascinating and diverse world of American media. Explore popular television shows, talk shows, news broadcasts, music, books, and more while honing all-important listening skills.

Intermediate Class

Mondays, Nov. 5, 19-26 and Dec. 3-17, 31, from 1 to 4 p.m.
Students will listen, read and practice conversation, while learning writing techniques, vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar. This course has it all! While the

level of instruction is intermediate, all English language learners are encouraged to attend.

Pronunciation for ESL Learners

Wednesdays, Nov. 7-14, 28 and Dec. 5-19 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.
You will become conformable using the online ESL resources tools provided by the library. You will also learn how to effectively use the Internet and various software programs such as Microsoft Office. A portion of each class will be spent on intensive pronunciation.

(These training sessions are open only to Atlantic City Free Public Library members.)

Registration is required at the Main Library. Please visit the Reference Desk to register. For more information, call (609) 345-2269 and ask for Reference.



View and Discuss: The 400 Blows

Saturday, Dec. 8, at 1 p.m.
This 1959 French classic is the first feature film directed by Francois Truffaut. It is not rated and runs 99 minutes.

French New Wave

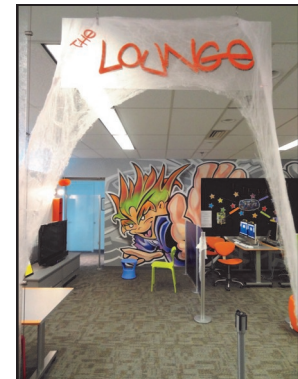
Monday, Dec. 10, at 5:30 p.m.
This classroom session will focus on this historical movement in cinema. The films of the period will be discussed.

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



Youth Services

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



Members of the Teen Space Lounge are invited to a special party 2 p.m. Dec. 1. Please see details below.

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. 1, 8, 15, 29 and Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27
Features stories, songs, finger plays and crafts. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Library story times are a fun way to help your child develop skills they will need to be ready to read. Ages 3-5.

Baby Bounce and Play Group

Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.
Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29 and Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27
This program is designed to introduce infants to the world of sounds and stories. Stories, songs, rhymes and movement help build pre-reading skills. An informal playgroup immediately follows this story time. Best suited for infants 0-24 months.

Comic Drawing

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29 and Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27
Marvel DC Comic Illustrator Joe Del Beato will lead the drawing instruction. In September, the sessions will focus on Hispanic characters who have been featured in comics, cartoons and graphic novels. All materials supplied. Ages 9-17.

Creative Craft Fridays

Fridays at 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 2, 16 and Dec. 7, 21
Kids use their imagination to make and take home crafts with seasonal themes. Children less than 9 years of age must be accompanied by an adult/guardian. All materials supplied. Ages 6-16.

Tween Days in the Teen Lounge

Saturdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Nov. 10, 24 and Dec. 8, 22
Kids are invited to rock out in the Teen Space. This is your chance to enjoy gaming: Xbox360, PlayStation3, Nintendo Wii. Participants need a library card in good standing. Ages 9-12.

Children's Book Club

Saturdays at 3 p.m.
Nov. 10, 24 and Dec. 8, 22
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 receives a free copy of the book. Refreshments and crafts included. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, to register. Ages 8-11.

Rock Out Teen Lounge Party

Saturday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m.
Members of the Atlantic City Teen Space Lounge are invited to a party. It will be held to celebrate the Teen Space's third anniversary and to welcome the library's new teen librarian. Reservations are requested. Please visit the Youth Services Department or call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050.

ALL PROGRAMS SUBJECT
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Did You Know?

Almost 1,000 people visited the Main Library on 'Snapshot Day'

The Atlantic City Free Public Library participated in Snapshot Day: One Day in the Life of New Jersey Libraries on Oct. 24. Snapshot Day is a project of the New Jersey Library Association and New Jersey State Library.

Some of the statistics from Snapshot Day included:

- People who visited the Main Library (988) and Library Express (290) combined: 1,278
- Library card applications/cards issued: 22
- Materials checked out at Main Library: 1,210



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Main Library

1 North Tennessee Ave.
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
Phone: (609) 345-2269



Free parking — ask for details

Main Library Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday, Friday & Saturday
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday
12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR SANDY VICTIMS

Those impacted by Hurricane Sandy may be eligible to receive financial assistance from FEMA.

Whether applying online from your computer or smartphone, or over the phone through a FEMA call center, you should have a pen and paper and the following information ready:

- Your Social Security number
- Current and pre-disaster address
- A telephone number where you can be contacted
- Insurance information
- Total household annual income
- A routing and account number from your bank (only necessary if you want to have disaster assistance funds transferred directly into your bank account).
- A description of your losses that were caused by the disaster

After you've completed your application for assistance, you will receive a FEMA application number. Write down this number and keep it for future reference.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING FOR
ASSISTANCE AND WHAT ITEMS ARE COVERED, VISIT
WWW.DISASTERASSISTANCE.GOV



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- Apply by phone: (800) 621-3362
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