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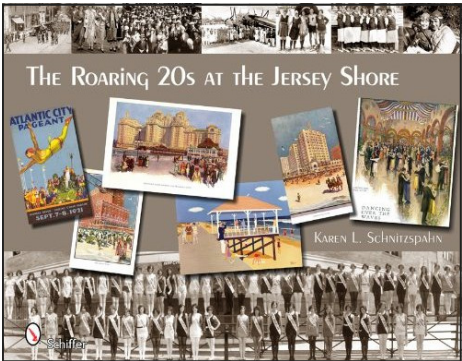
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Boardwalk Empire, Roaring '20s take center stage

Nelson Johnson appearance on Sept. 18 among plans to celebrate HBO series on Atlantic City



Author Karen Schnitzspahn will discuss her book *The Roaring 20s at the Jersey Shore* at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, at the Main Library.

The buzz about HBO's upcoming 'Boardwalk Empire' gets louder as the Sunday, Sept. 19, series premiere grows closer.

To celebrate the series — which is set in Atlantic City at the dawn of Prohibition — the Atlantic City Free Public Library will offer several outstanding programs with that series and that era in city history in mind.

Local historian Nelson Johnson, whose book *Boardwalk Empire: The Birth, High Times, and*

Corruption of Atlantic City inspired the HBO series, will appear at the Main Library at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, for a book talk.

The book talk will be held in the second floor meeting room of the Main Library, located at One North Tennessee Avenue.

Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 6 p.m.: Book talk with Karen Schnitzspahn/flapper dancing by Melanie Brough — Schnitzspahn will discuss her book *The Roaring '20s at the Jersey Shore*. Through

postcards, photos and accounts of real-life experiences, she takes a fascinating look at the events and emerging tourism industry in the 20s. Brough will perform flapper dancing and invite the audience to participate.

Saturday, Oct. 2, at 1 p.m.: An Afternoon with Ed McGinty — The Atlantic City Free Public Library Film Society welcomes special guest Ed McGinty. The

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It's that time of year again! Family Fun Festival returns for third year on Sept. 25

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A local fall tradition will continue when the Atlantic City Free Public Library holds its annual Family Fun Festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, on Tennessee Avenue next to the Main Library.

The festival is free and will be held rain or shine.

This marks the fifth consecutive year the Atlantic City Library has held a fall festival. The library's Arts, Books & Culture Festival was held in 2006-07, and the Family Festival — now in its third year — began in '08.



Free parking will be available in the city's parking lot on Arctic Avenue between Tennessee and South Carolina avenues.

Once again, the festival will feature a variety of fun attractions and entertainment, such as music and dance performances, moon bounces, hands-on kids activities, face painting,

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Atlantic City Free Public Library archivist Heather Perez sets up a book for Jim Sutch (left), the Director of Photography for an HBO promotional documentary about the network's upcoming *Boardwalk Empire* series. She was also interviewed for the documentary titled "Atlantic City: The Original Sin City," which is scheduled to air in mid-September.

Press of Atlantic City, HBO interview library archivist for documentaries about Nucky Johnson, city's history

The Press of Atlantic City documentary, "Boss of the Boardwalk," which focuses on the life of Atlantic City boss Enoch "Nucky" Johnson, premiered on NBC TV 40 in August.

Those who visit the Atlantic City Free Public Library might have recognized a familiar face. Li-

brary archivist Heather Halpin Perez was interviewed and appeared in the documentary.

She also helped facilitate the use of archived photos from the library's Alfred M. Heston Collection and provided insight and direction for the filmmakers.

Perez discussed Atlan-

tic City in the 1920s, the infamous "photograph" featuring Johnson and Al Capone, Johnson's fall from power and his community status, and other topics.

The 45-minute documentary was directed by Dan Good and produced

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The Atlantic City Free Public Library and other local organizations will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the only Grand Army of the Republic Encampment held in Atlantic City. A re-enactment will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Absecon Lighthouse in Atlantic City.

GAR encampment anniversary in A.C. to be recognized Sept. 25

From September 19 to 24, 1910, Civil War veterans and their families reunited in Atlantic City for the only Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Encampment ever held in New Jersey. During the encampment, the GAR paraded along the Boardwalk, conducted meetings concerning the future of battlefields and monuments, and elected their officials. In all, more than 30,000 people attended the encampment.

This year, the 100th anniversary, a committee of local organizations and volunteers will meet to honor the veterans on Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Absecon Lighthouse. There will be a re-

enactment of the encampment.

Among the local organizations participating in the commemoration is the Atlantic City Free Public Library. The library's Alfred M. Heston Collection of Atlantic City history has a very unique collection of photographs from the 1910 encampment. These photographs depict the campsite from the African American point of view in 1910. Many African American veterans attended the encampment with their families.

These photographs, along with other organizations' items from the 1910 encampment, will be featured at the Atlantic City Arts Center in September 2010.

Doo wop, soul dance party coming Sept. 18

The Second annual Doo Wop/Soul Dance Party will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Atlantic City Aquarium at Historic Gardner's Basin.

This show is presented by the Atlantic City Historical Waterfront Foundation, Chicken Bone Beach Historical Foundation, Inc.,

and the Atlantic City Free Public Library.

The concert is free and open to the public.

The performances will be presented by The Rhythm & Blues Foundation.

Please call the Atlantic City Aquarium at (609) 348-2880, for more information.

Documentaries

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by Michael Clark, both of whom are Press reporters. It is scheduled to appear on NBC TV 40 on Friday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 18 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 19 at 3 p.m. The Press also plans to make the documentary available on its website, according to Good.

And come September, Perez could find herself appearing before a larger audience discussing

the life and reign of Johnson, development of Absecon Island and Atlantic City history.

Representatives from HBO were in town in August to interview local historians – including Perez – for a documentary that will promote the Sept. 19 debut of the cable network's highly anticipated series Boardwalk Empire.

The promotional documentary is tentatively scheduled to run the week before the Boardwalk Empire premiere, according to the HBO representatives.

A.C. Holocaust Memorial finalists displayed at library

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will showcase the 13 finalists in the running to serve as the design for the Atlantic City Boardwalk Holocaust Memorial (ACBHM).

These entries can be viewed from the atrium of the Main Library, which is located at One North Tennessee Avenue. They are available for public viewing 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday from Sept. 1 to 28 – exceptions are Sept. 6, 7, 20 when the library is closed.

The memorial will be located at the Boardwalk pavilion between New York and Kentucky avenues. ACBHM, Inc., received 715 entries from 55 countries vy-

ing for the right to create the memorial, which is intended to commemorate the Holocaust in a way that is universal and enduring. The organization seeks to inspire a vivid and continuing awareness of the terrible loss of humanity, history and culture which the Holocaust represents.

The public can vote for its favorite finalists in the atrium during public viewing hours. The winner will be chosen by a jury of six judges who are Holocaust and architectural experts on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

For more information about the exhibit, please visit www.acbhm.org or call the library at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115.

Roaring '20s

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Atlantic City native will discuss his career and work as a production consultant on the HBO series Boardwalk Empire. This is open only to Film Society members. Registration is required. Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112.

Saturday, Oct. 9, at 2 p.m.: 1920s Atlantic City, An Interactive Seminar by Atlantic City historian Allen "Boo" Pergament — In addition to a historical overview and discussion, Pergament will display photos and memora-

bilia featuring the 1920s Atlantic City history.

Saturday, Oct. 23, at 2 p.m.: 1920s Jazz Concert and Lecture with the Shenole Latimer Quartet — The history of jazz is reviewed from the early 1900s to today. Many jazz artists are explored through a balanced combination of live performance, lecturing, and prepared examples of recordings from icons such as Miles Davis and John Coltrane. Special emphasis will be on 1920s era.

To learn more about Latimer, please visit www.shenolelatimer.com.

Festival

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stilt walker, balloon animal artist, library book sale and games.

Please check the festival site — www.atlanticcityfestival.org — in coming weeks to get festival updates. Also, get your updates by finding the Atlantic City Free Public Library on facebook.

The festival is sponsored by the Atlantic City Free Public Library and City of Atlantic City. As of press time, partners were the Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority and Special Improvement District. Los Amigos is also contributing.

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

***FESTIVAL SCHEDULE**

11 a.m.
Festival kickoff with DJ Dave

11:30 a.m.
Drum Line from
Sovereign Avenue School

12 p.m.
Agostino Arts
Presents Transformations!

1 p.m.
Magical Chad

2 p.m.
DJ Dave;
Capoeira demo by Freestyle
Martial Arts Academy of Northfield

2:30 p.m.
Island Jam Luau Show

4 p.m.
Festival ends

**Schedule subject to change*

THE ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS ON: MONDAY, SEPT. 6 AND MONDAY, OCT. 11

THE MAIN LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FOR CITY FURLOUGH DAYS ON: TUESDAY, SEPT. 7, MONDAY, SEPT. 20, FRIDAY, OCT. 1, TUESDAY, OCT. 12 AND MONDAY, OCT. 25

THE ATLANTIC CITY LIBRARY EXPRESS WILL BE CLOSED FOR CITY FURLOUGH DAYS ON: TUESDAY, SEPT. 7, TUESDAY, SEPT. 21, FRIDAY, OCT. 1, TUESDAY, OCT. 12 AND TUESDAY, OCT. 26

FAMILY EVENTS

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

Movie: Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG)
Sunday, Sept. 5, at 2 p.m.

Danny and the Dinosaur Party
Sunday, Sept. 12, at 2 p.m.

This family event is best for ages 3 to 10. We'll read the book, munch on snacks, dig for fossils, create cool crafts and have a dyno-mite time!

Hispanic Heritage Month Craft Program with Artist Donna Bridy
Sunday, Sept. 19, at 2 p.m.

Library Family Fun Festival
Saturday, Sept. 25, at 11 a.m.
(Please see story on page one for more information).

Craft Program: Make South American Rainsticks with Nancy Leary for Hispanic Heritage Month
Sunday, Sept. 26, at 2 p.m.
Participants will make rainsticks, which are hollow tubes filled with beans/beads that make a rainstorm-like sound when they are upended.

Clave: The Rhythm Heard Round this World Hispanic Heritage Month
Sunday, Oct. 3, at 2 p.m.
In this hands-on workshop, participants will explore the roots of Latin music using a variety of instruments, while learning about the origins of Latin instruments and rhythms, and the countries where they originated. Instruments provided. Pam Ward and Michael Hoebler will lead this program.

Movie: The Black Cauldron, Anniversary Edition (PG)
Sunday, Oct. 10, at 2 p.m.

Movie: The Karate Kid (PG)
Sunday, Oct. 17, at 2 p.m.

Mask Making with Pam Ward of Arts-Forward
Sunday, Oct. 24, at 2 p.m.
Using ordinary materials found around the house, participants will create their own mask designs. All supplies provided.

Halloween Treats: Candy and a Movie
Sunday, Oct. 31, at 12 to 2 p.m.
Children ages 12 and younger who come to the library in a costume will receive a bag of treats. A short Halloween movie will be shown at 12:15 p.m.

Egyptian Mummy Craft
Sunday, Oct. 31, at 2 p.m.
Create Egyptian mummy cases using drawings, jewels, gold and other colorful markers. Also learn about hieroglyphics, King Tut, and the 3,000-year-old process of mummy making.

Computer training schedule to be released in September

The Atlantic City Public Library's computer training schedule for September and October was being finalized as this edition of *Discovery* was being printed.

Please check the Main Library (at the Computer Help Desk or literature rack located inside the atrium doors), Library Express circulation desk or our online calendar at www.acfpl.org for the training schedule.

For more information, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3066.

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

View and Discuss Romero
Saturday, Sept. 11, at 1 p.m.
The group will view and discuss this 1989 biopic (PG-13) and runs 102 minutes. It stars Raul Julia and Richard Jordan.

Learn about Biopics
Monday, Sept. 13, at 5:30 p.m.
This classroom session will focus on the history and influence of this sub-genre of films. Movies based on the true life of an individual or group will be discussed.

An Afternoon with Ed McGinty
Saturday, Oct. 2, at 1 p.m.
Special guest Ed McGinty will discuss his career and work as a production consultant on the HBO's Boardwalk Empire. This event is open only to Film Society members. Advanced registration is required.

View and Discuss The Roaring Twenties
Monday, Oct. 4, at 5:30 p.m.
View and discuss this 1939 gangster classic starring James Cagney and Humphrey Bogart. The film is not rated and runs 104 minutes.

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



OLDER ADULTS
SPECIAL INTEREST SERIES

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

Library is closed for Labor Day
Monday, Sept. 6

Senior Wellness: Diabetes
Monday, Sept. 13, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest speaker: Steven Chang, Pharmacist/Certified Clinical Nutritionist
Learn tips on how to maintain near normal blood sugar levels through food choices, simple physical activities, self-monitoring and various nutrients.

Library is closed for city furlough day
Monday, Sept. 20

Tai Chi
Monday, Sept. 27 at 10:30 a.m.
Guest speaker: Xiu E. Yao, International Tai Chi Qi Gong Master
Learn how to perform traditional Tai Chi moves, which can help to reduce stress and promote energy.

Seasonal arts and crafts
Monday, Oct. 4, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest speaker: Jackie Caplan, Arts and Crafts Instructor
Participants can put their creativity to the test and make beautiful arts and crafts with a fall theme.

Library is closed for Columbus Day
Monday, Oct. 11

Senior Wellness: Blood Pressure
Monday, Oct. 18, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest speaker: Steven Chang, Pharmacist/Certified Clinical Nutritionist
Chang will discuss natural alternatives, such as different food combinations and lifestyle changes, to reduce reliance on medications that control blood pressure. .

Library is closed for city furlough day
Monday, Oct. 25

Youth Services Programs

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

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

Creative Craft Wednesdays
Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27
Children ages 6 to 12 use their imaginations to make and take home crafts with seasonal themes.

Pre-school Rhyme Time
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
September 16, 23, 30
October 7, 14, 21, 28
Features stories, songs, fingerplays and simple crafts for ages 3 to 5, accompanied by an adult. Family and siblings are welcome. Library storytimes 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.
September 16, 23, 30
October 7, 14, 21, 28
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 storytime. Best suited for infants to age 2 with a caregiver.

Comic Drawing After School
Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28
Marvel DC Comic Illustrator Joe Del Beato will lead drawing instruction for children and teens ages 9 to 16. Learn how to draw your favorite characters. All materials supplied. Study and draw Hispanic superheroes to honor Hispanic Heritage Month.

Paws to Read with Baby Bully
Fridays at 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 10, 24 and Oct. 8, 22
"Children reading to dogs" is a program for children ages 4 to 10 who can sign up in 15-minute increments to read to a certified therapy dog in a relaxed and fun environment. The program is designed to increase reader confidence. Participating children should not be fearful of dogs or have allergies to pets.

Lego Club
Saturday, September 4 at 3 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 16, at 1 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30, at 3 p.m.
Help us build a boardwalk.

Coming Attractions Book Club
Saturday, Oct. 2 at 3 p.m.
Guardians of Ga'hoole: The Capture by Kathryn Lasky
Participants read and discuss the books that inspire the movies. Any child who joins the program also receives a free copy of the book to keep. Refreshments and crafts included. Best for ages 8 to 12. To register, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050.

RockBand Saturdays
Saturdays at 11 a.m.
Sept. 11, Oct. 9 and 23
Youths ages 9-17 are invited to rock out in the Teen Space. Participants must have a library card to participate.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)
Saturdays, at 2 p.m.
Sept. 11, and Oct. 9 and 23
Teenagers ages 13-18 and still in high school are invited to be part of a volunteer group at the library. Get involved and have something to say about teen programming, events, books, magazines, music ... learn how to write reviews, get

ready for college and/or career opportunities. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3052, if you have any questions. All candidates must attend a meeting prior to beginning volunteer participation.

MAC Mondays
Mondays at 6 p.m.
Sept. 13, 27, and Oct. 4, 18
Want to learn how to use all the cool computer applications on the MAC computers in the Teen Space? Then join us on Mondays in September and October to learn how to design a manga character, make a movie or photo album, create a standout research paper, plus much, much more! This is open to teenagers ages 13-18. Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3052, with questions and to sign up.

Design Your Own One Stop Video Movie
Wednesdays at 4 p.m.
Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27
Design and create a 1-3 minute film. Using the latest technology, learn how to plan, write, lay out and edit your own mini movie. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050 or 3052 with any questions.

Adult programs

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

Atlantic City Boardwalk Holocaust Memorial Exhibit (in atrium)
Mondays through Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Sept. 1 to 28 (except Sept. 6, 7, 20 when library is closed)
(Please see story on page two for more information).

Hispanic Heritage Celebration
Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 12 p.m.
At Police and Firemen's Plaza between City Hall and the Main Library.
The library and City of Atlantic City are sponsoring this event, which will feature music, dance, food, a proclamation by the Mayor, flag raising and more.

Art Exhibit by Brazilian Artist Vilza Barbosa de Souza
Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 2:30 p.m.
Using water color, oil, wood, paper and clay, Vilza Barbosa de Souza has exhibited her works nationally and internationally including Germany, Spain and Brazil. This exhibit will be held in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Meet the Author: Karen Schnitzspahn and Flapper Dancing Demonstration by Melanie Brough
Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 6 p.m.
(Please see page one for more details).

Doo Wop/Soul Dance Party
Saturday, Sept. 18, at 1 p.m.
(Please see page two for more details).

Meet the Author: Nelson Johnson
Saturday, Sept. 18, at 2 p.m.
(Please see page one for more details).

Zumba Fitness with Merly Bunch
Tuesdays at 6 p.m.
Sept. 28, Oct. 5
Get in a great cardiovascular workout with Zumba, which fuses Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves.

Art Exhibit by Brazilian Artist Vilza Barbosa De Souza
Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 6 p.m.
(Please see Sept. 15 art exhibit listing above for details).

1920s Atlantic City: An Interactive Seminar
Saturday, Oct. 9, at 2 p.m.
(Please see story on page one for more details).

1920s Jazz Concert and Lecture
Saturday, Oct. 23, at 2 p.m.
(Please see story on page one for more details).



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Atlantic City, NJ 08401
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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
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10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



We are on the Web!
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LIBRARY FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL SEPT. 25, 2010



Island Jam (left), magician Chad Juros (center) and the Freestyle Martial Arts Academy (right) of Northfield are among the returning performers for the 2010 Atlantic City Library Family Fun Festival on Saturday, Sept. 25. See story on page one for more information.

Did You Know?

September is Library Card Signup Month

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Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month in September

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and the Atlantic City Free Public Library wants to make sure that all children in Atlantic City have the smartest card of all – a library card.

Public library programming and books for children make a difference in the lives of students. By providing school-age children with engaging programs and amazing collections, students backgrounds become excited and enthusiastic readers.

Membership applications are available at the Main Library (One North Tennessee Avenue), the Library Express (3001 Atlantic Avenue) and online at www.acfpl.org. Children and young adults 18 years of age and younger must have a parent or guardian's signature on the membership application.

For more information on how to sign up for a library card, visit the Atlantic City Free Public Library at One North Tennessee Avenue, call (609) 345-2269 or visit the library online at www.acfpl.org.

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