A presentation of a film simply entitled “Film Festival” standing room only audiences during the Cape May New Jersey about the life of one woman, Amaleta Moore was shown to family and community. This young filmmaker’s documentary in 1916, looks at her dedication and commitment to a West Cape May African-American woman, born in the small slightest consideration.”

wealth receives the neither rank, office, nor republic of letters, where “ There is not such a a British statesman once observed, “Libraries are not made: they grow.” This has nowhere been more true than here in Atlantic City. The library existed as an institution several years before it had a building to call its own. The Women’s Research Club, a private organization, established the library in 1899. In 1900, a library was opened in the basement of the Rochford Hotel at Mount Vernon and Pacific Avenues with 197 books on the shelves, contributed by the Women’s Research Club members.

Sixteen years earlier, New Jersey had passed an act empowering local government to allocate fund for the establishment of public libraries. Toward the end of the 1900s, the ladies suggested that the city adopt such an ordinance, offering the modest collection as the nucleus for the new public library.

On November 5, 1901 the public library act was submitted to the voters of Atlantic City at the general election and was adopted by a vote of 6062 in favor and 30 opposed. Thus the Atlantic City Free Public Library was conceived.

In 1902, five trustees were appointed by the Honorable Franklin B. Stoy, Mayor of Atlantic City. The library’s first home was on the third floor of City Hall, located at Tennessee and Atlantic Avenues. The early years saw growth and tremendous movement as the library, with the assistance of the Women’s Research Club, hired Miss Rena Somers as its first librarian to work three days a week for up to five months, after which the trustees assumed all expenses. The library now boasted a collection of more than 2,000 volumes and was outgrowing its home.

The trustees, knowing that the room at City Hall was too small, soon moved to acquire two properties at Illinois and Pacific Avenues for the construction of a new Library. At the same time the trustees applied for funds from Andrew Carnegie to build the library. Andrew Carnegie donated $71,000 for the construction. Carnegie, considered the “Patron Saint of Libraries”, insisted that the funds be used for construction only and that any funds for books come from the community. The excitement and anticipation of the new library grew as the cornerstone for the Carnegie Library was laid in 1904.

“Preserving the Past for the Future” is what the “Pop” Lloyd Committee is all about. Established in 1992, the committee continues to celebrate the legacy of “Pop” Lloyd and the Negro League so that the youth of American may benefit from the values engendered by “Pop” and all those that played Negro League Baseball.

The program will consist of a documentary commissioned by the “Pop” Lloyd Committee entitled: “Before You Can Say Jackie Robinson” and a panel discussion, consisting of members of the Negro League.

Meet and listen to Art Dorrington, the first African-American to play professional ice hockey in the United States. Dorrington, a native of Canada, was inducted in to the Nova Scotia Hall of Fame in 1994, 20 year resident of Atlantic City Boardwalk Bullies Hockey Team, as well as, working and the lives of those around him.

Today he spends his time as a consultant for the Atlantic City Boardwalk Bullies Hockey Team, as well as, working with the Art Dorrington Ice Hockey Foundation, a non-profit youth hockey organization based in Atlantic City. For Art it has never been just about hockey, but about the people.

Art will share inspirational stories of his life, his experiences and how being recruited by the New York Rangers, in 1950, affected his life and the lives of those around him.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:
- New Movies/DVDs
- New CDs
- Best Sellers List
- O.A.S.I.S.
- Youth Services

Library will be closed:
Jan 1 - New Year’s Day
Jan 17 - Martin Luther King
Feb 11 - Lincoln’s Birthday
Feb 21 - President’s Day
Preserving the past, providing services for the present and preparing for the future.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is celebrating a milestone in 2005---100 years of service to the Atlantic City community. This milestone comes with a renewed commitment to the community we serve.

The Library mission is to provide library services, resources, programs and activities to meet the diverse educational, informational, and recreational needs of the Atlantic City community. That mission is as strong today as when it was created.

The library has come a long way from our first home at the Carnegie funded library. From a collection of 2000 books when the doors first opened to the public in 1905, we have grown to our current collection of over 125,000 books, magazines, videos, DVDs, and CDs in the Tennessee Avenue location.

The library services feature adult and children's collections that include the latest bestsellers, a variety of foreign languages; African-American studies; educational resources; business information; audio-visual formats and much more. Our highly skilled reference staff can help you find the information you need, and the reference and information areas also include Internet access. This allows anyone to surf the web in the computer center or use your laptop through our wireless network.

Our community programs include O.A.S.I.S: Older Adults Special Interest Series featuring weekly programs on health, current events and other topics of interest; children's story times and much more. The audiovisual department is expanding daily to include ever popular DVDs, books and music on CD and more.

The Richmond Branch Library is located in the Richmond Avenue School and offers the latest books, videos and DVDs for adults and children.

If you haven't visited the library lately, you will be pleasantly surprised at the multitude of services we provide. Come visit us during our 100th anniversary, talk to our dedicated staff and relax with a good book, CD, DVD or magazine.

Maureen Sherr Frank
Library Director

WHAT’S NEW AT THE LIBRARY...

TOP 3 MOVIES/DVDS TO SEE IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

BY LEONARD DOZIER

Sling Blade-5 bookmarks (Billy Bob Thornton, John Ritter) Billy Bob Thornton directed, adapted, and starred in this haunting, comical, and powerful rural drama about a mentally challenged individual with a violent past who a life altering bond with a young boy trapped in a turbulent present. Thornton's character transformation is one of the finest in the history of cinema.

Seabiscuit-4 bookmarks (Jeff Bridges, Tobey Maguire, Chris Cooper) Jeff Bridges and Tobey Maguire shine in this deeply moving true story of a racehorse that brings hope and excitement to a nation battling with the Depression. By no means is this just a horseracing fan's movie; it's really a tearjerker with an emphasis on the joys of overcoming adversity.

The Magdalene Sisters-(New Release) 4 bookmarks (Geraldine McEwan) A compelling and shocking tale of three sisters cast out society for crimes that they did not commit and condemned to harsh manual labor. In the end their courage would inspire a nation. Based on a true story set in Ireland, this is a monumental portrayal of one of the great tragedies of our time.

Happy New Year!! Winter is officially here and nights are sure to be longer and colder. However, don't despair. This is the most festive yet relaxing time of the year. Getting under those blankets a little earlier will inevitably mean a bombardment of reality shows, season premiers, and nightly news programs. In rebellion, why not bake some cookies, heat up some hot chocolate, and set up shop to enjoy my Top 3 movie picks for January.

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¡PARA SU INFORMACIÓN!

Usted puede manejar su cuenta de miembro de la biblioteca en línea. Cuándo en el Internet, usted puede tener acceso a su información de cuenta a través de la Página web de la Biblioteca en www.acfpl.org.

Siga la pantalla que induce a:

• Averigüe qué artículos que usted tiene fuera.
• Averigüe si usted tiene artículos atrasados.
• Coloque un pedido para un artículo.
• Inscribase para la notificación o recordatorios electrónicos de artículos atrasados.

La Biblioteca tiene sobre 1500 libros en el español.
A good book knows no age limits.

The Youth Services staff knows that each reader is unique and so is what they enjoy reading. That is the reason we do not mark books with a grade level. The same book can be read, re-read and enjoyed by people at many grade levels.

So how is a parent going to find a book that is appropriate for a child in a particular grade? There are several possible answers to that question.

- Ask the child what he or she likes to read.
- Ask a librarian for help.
- Ask the child’s teacher. If the child goes to one of the area schools using the Accelerated Reader Program, the child will probably have a list of books that educators have chosen for that grade level. The Library has most of the Accelerated Reader books although they are not marked with the Accelerated Reader color codes.
- Trust your instincts. Parents are the best judge of a child’s interests. If you think the child will enjoy it, you are probably right.

Services Include

Access to the Internet - Six days a week from 10:00AM daily.

Word Processing with Microsoft Office Suite - Available on all computer workstations. Two stations have dedicated word processors available for an extended time; however, customers are limited to two hours if someone is waiting. Computer workstations may also be reserved by Library members in good standing a week in advance.

Career Center Training - Customers can get assistance with online applications, email, resumes, cover letters & typing. This service is offered twice weekly: every Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 PM and every Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 PM.

Introduction to basic PC operations for first time users

Jan. 22 Saturday 10:00 am – 11:00 am
Feb. 8 Tuesday 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Intro. To MS Word (Word Processing fundamentals)

Jan. 11 Tuesday 10:00 am – 11:00 am
Feb. 19 Saturday 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Internet Basics (For Beginners)

Jan. 24 Monday 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Feb. 28 Monday 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
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In 1904, Andrew Carnegie gave Atlantic City the funds to build the first library. The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA), and the City of Atlantic City collaborated in restoring the historic Carnegie Library Building. The recently renovated and expanded Beaux-Arts building, provides the College with modern facilities in the heart of Atlantic City.

Renamed the Carnegie Library Center, it hosts undergraduate and graduate courses, continuing professional education programming, and special events relevant to the needs of Atlantic City and its surrounding region. A multi-use facility, Carnegie serves the College and the residents of Atlantic City and region as an educational and instructional facility, a meeting place, a conference center, and through community outreach.

Now Available at the Library

New Books on CD

NON-FICTION
The Automatic Millionaire by David Bach
Battle Ready by Tom Clancy
Benjamin Franklin by Walter Isaacson
Big Russ and Me by Tim Russert
Caddy for Life by John Feinstein
Gasping for Air Time by Jay Mohr

FICTION
3rd Degree by James Patterson
Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer
Digital Fortress by Dan Brown
Hidden Prey by John Sandford
In the Moon of Red Ponies by James Lee Burke
Just One Look by Harlan Coben

Bestselling Book Selections

FICTION
London Bridges by James Patterson
The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown
I am Charlotte Simmons by Tom Wolfe
Hour Game by David Baldacci
Metro Girl by Janet Harpencollins
The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom

NON-FICTION
The Daily Show with Jon Stewart Presents America: a citizens guide to democracy in action by Jon Stewart
When Will Jesus bring the Port Chops by George Carlin
His Excellency: George Washington by Joseph J Ellis
How to Talk to a Liberal by Ann H. Coulter
Chronicles by Bob Dylan

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Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, Friday & Saturday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Richmond Branch
Ventnor & Windsor Ave.
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
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Richmond Branch Hours:
Mon., Wed., & Fri.
9:00 a.m. to Noon
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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