

#### **JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010**

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## **Exciting programs coming for Black History Month**

Grand opening of month-long Club Harlem exhibit Feb. 1

Ralph Hunter, Sr., can still vividly recall the glorious sights and sounds that he experienced as a teenager in the 1950s while strolling down Atlantic City's Kentucky Avenue — a magical street famed throughout the East for its clubs and the incredible performers who regularly played there.

Many of Hunter's fond memories from that special era — when the city was regarded as an entertainment Mecca — came from Club Harlem, *the* most important club between New York City and Washington, D.C., he said.

He remembers the distinctive Club Harlem sign, a legendary landmark for locals and tourists, greeting people as they turned down Kentucky.

And, he can picture people dressed in their finest clothes standing at one end of the club waiting to enter,



Club Harlem (pictured above) was at the center of the incredible nightlife and entertainment scene on Atlantic City's famed Kentucky Avenue.

while the music of such greats as Cab Calloway, Ella Fitzgerald and Duke Ellington could be heard at the opposite end of the building.

The African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey, which Hunter founded, and the Atlantic City Free Public Library will pay homage to the legendary club with a special exhibit "A Pictorial of Club Harlem and the Way We Were." The exhibit will be on display in the Main Library meeting room all of February in celebration of Black History Month.

The exhibit grand opening will be held Monday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m. Hunter will discuss the history of Club Harlem, his memories, the local African American community during that time period and more. Local icon and dance instructor Pattie Harris, who once worked for the club as part of a dance group, is also scheduled to be among the special guest speakers.

There is no charge to view the exhibit or attend the opening.

The exhibit will feature

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### Hip hop culture, comic drawing to be covered in free workshops

The Atlantic City Free Public Library's celebration of Black History Month includes youth workshops.

Atlantic City's Weekly's Raymond Tyler will direct a hip hop writing workshop "Words, Beats and Life" on Wednesday, Feb. 10 and 17, at 6:30 p.m. This program is for teenagers.

Tyler will bring in old school and current hip hop music, magazines and graffiti examples. He will also discuss hip hop's impact.

Also, the library will have comic book drawing lessons every Wednesday in February at 3:30 p.m.

Joe Del Beato will lead these sessions for youth ages 8 to 16. The group will draw African American characters that have been featured in comics, cartoons and graphic novels.

Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, for more information about these programs.



### **Chinese New Year celebration scheduled for Feb. 13**

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will hold a Chinese New Year celebration, featuring entertainment, activities and an informative presentation, on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 1 to 4

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The Greater Philadelphia Minghui School Dance Team will perform traditional Chinese dances.

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p.m.

No registration is required, and all programs are free.

**1 to 2:15 p.m.** — Traditional Music and Dance Program; Martial Arts Demonstration: The Greater Philadelphia Minghui School Dance Team will perform. Founded in July 2007, the Dance Team has performed extensively, including at the Asian Cultural Festival in September 2007, VIP Reception at the Chinese New Year Spectacular in Philadelphia in January 2008, Second annual Women Cultivating Women Awards Ceremony in March 2008 and the Evening of Art event at University of Delaware in March 2008.

Also, the Zhao Changjun Kung Fu Institute of Moorestown will perform a martial arts demonstration. Changjun was a highly decorated Kung Fu master and teacher in his native China.

The Peking Opera will perform songs, dances and martial arts-like movements. The group will wear authentic Chinese costumes, along with distinctive make-up as it relates to the performance. **1 to 4 p.m.** — Hands-on activities: The library will also offer a variety of activities. Attendees can try Chinese calligraphy, paper cutting and brush painting. All supplies will be provided.

**2:30 to 3:30 p.m.** — Chinese Medicine Lecture with Dr. Jingduan Yang: Dr. Yang's topic is "Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine." Dr. Yang will introduce the basic principals of traditional Chinese medicine and how people can apply it to their daily lives. Dr. Yang is a board certified psychiatrist and an international expert on classic forms of Chinese Medicine. He incorporates acupuncture and traditional Chinese herbal medicine with modern medicine in the care of patients with a variety of emotional and physical illnesses. Dr Yang is founder and medical director of Tao Institute of Mind & Body Medicine, and he practices at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

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### Weekly OASIS series provides programs with seniors in mind

The Atlantic City Free Public Library provides a vast array of programs for a wide range of people.

One of the library's longest running programs is OASIS — Older Adults Special Interest Series.

The weekly series focuses on topics that not only interest older adults, but those that can benefit them as well. The library brings in people who are experienced in particular fields to serve as special guests each week.

The programs, which are free, are held at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays and last 60 to 90 minutes. Programs where supplies are needed are free and supplied by the library, unless it calls for participants to use a personal item from home (i.e. a photograph).

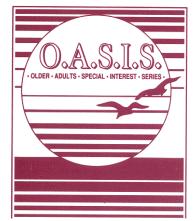
The OASIS schedule appears in Discovery, the library's bimonthly newsletter, on the library website at www.acfpl.org, and on flyers available at the library. Another option is simply to call OASIS coordinator Sandy Davis-Neff at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3119, or Public Information Officer Don Latham at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112.

Listed is the schedule for January and February: **Fleece Scarf** 

Monday, Jan. 4, at 10:30 a.m. Guest Speaker: Jackie Caplan, Local Arts and Crafts Instructor The group will make a soft, warm scarf made from fleece; fleece in different colors will be provided and participants will just knot the fringe and end with a beautiful and warm scarf to be used all winter. Supplies are free, and the fleece scarf is yours to take home with you.

Getting Organized for Tax Time

Monday, Jan. 11, at 10:30 a.m.



Guest Speaker: H&R Block Consultant

Come and join us as we learn how to get organized before filing income taxes. Bring in returns from previous years. In some cases, reviewing past filings uncovers miscues that require amending or ways to trim the tab that may have been overlooked. Be sure to set aside time to rummage through your personal records, including last year's returns, checkbooks, credit-card statements, receipts, appointment calendars and bills, looking for forgotten deductions.

Library closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, Jan. 18

#### Can I Afford To Retire?

Monday, Jan. 25, at 10:30 a.m. Guest Speaker: John Kelley, Wachovia Bank, Atlantic City Calling all baby boomers: learn how to protect your retirement. The transition to retirement can be full of challenging financial decisions. For years, those nearing retirement have been urged by financial experts to "save, save, save" and pay down debt. But after the nest egg is built come some complicated questions:

• Is that nest egg big enough to retire now? How much can I spend each month? Should I convert some savings into an annuity?

#### Heart Frames

Monday, Feb. 1, at 10:30 a.m. Guest Speaker: Jackie Caplan, Local Arts and Crafts Instructor The group will make heart frames for Valentine's Day. Participants will paint and/or decorate the frames with their keepsake photo inside. All supplies are free, and the Valentine Day heart frame is yours to take home with you.

#### Tai Chi Easy

Monday, Feb. 8, at 10:30 a.m. Guest Speaker: Curtis Read, Institute of Integral Qigong and Tai Chi Certified Facilitator

Come and learn about Tai Chi, a fitness and stress management program based on traditional Chinese medicine. The Tai Chi movements are easy and simple to do and provide health benefits for everyone regardless of age.

#### Library closed - Presidents Day

Monday, Feb. 15

#### Soup's On

Monday, Feb. 22, at 10:30 a.m. Guest Speaker: Loretta Geary, Caterer.

Soups are an inexpensive, healthy option for everybody, and they're certainly a good budget stretcher. Participants will learn some new recipes and get to taste them.

### **Starting and Growing Business** workshop series continues Jan. 20

The Atlantic City Free Public Library and Richard Stockton College Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will continue the "Starting and Growing Your Business" workshop series in January.

The free, two-hour sessions will be held at 6 p.m. in the meeting room of the Main Library, located at One North Tennessee Avenue. Those interested in these sessions are encouraged to register at (609) 347-2174.

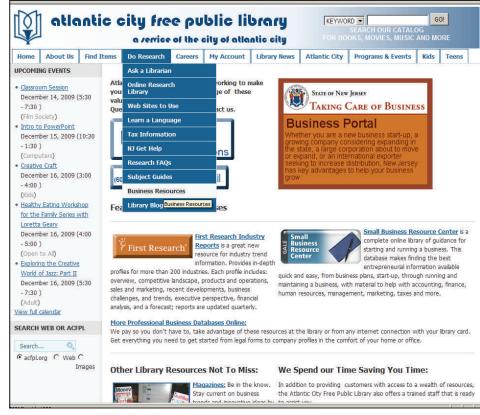
Wednesday, Jan. 20 — Accessing Capital for Small Businesses: Access to capital is one of the most challenging parts of owning, operating, or starting a small business. The "micro loan" is a popular funding option for individuals and businesses to assist the growth and development of their business. This session will give participants an understanding of the micro loan, eligibility, and the application process. The SBDC will be on hand to discuss the importance of a creating a solid business plan both as part of your growth strategy and when seeking external funding

and start-ups frequently ask Atlantic City Free Public Library staff members about the best places to find things such as small business research, demographics, industry data and competitor information. One of those places is the library, which offers a wealth of free resources that are very easy to use. Participants will learn about the information and many services available to them at the library and on the library's business portal (see image to the right).

Wednesday, March 24 - Marketing Your Business: The Basics: This seminar covers the basic principles and elements of marketing to start and grown your business. Learn some key strategies and the best ways to apply them.

Joseph Molineaux, director of Stockton's SBDC, Harriet Diamond, local business consultant and author, and Atlantic City Library staff members will facilitate the seminars.

Molineaux has owned his own small business and worked for numerous organizations in southern New Jersey. He is responsible for overseeing the daily operation of the SBDC, including consultations, orga-



The Atlantic City Free Public Library's website - www.acfpl.org - features a business portal, which includes a resource center with information about how best to start and run a business, industry reports, legal forms, helpful links and more. To access the business portal, highlight the Do Research tab on the library website and click on Business Resources.

nizing group seminars and helping mond Associates, a management and small business owners prepare their communication training and consulting company that she led for 20 years. She has written seven business and writing books.

Wednesday, Feb. 24 - Free Information at the Library for Small Businesses: Small business clients financial information for possible loans.

Harriet Diamond founded Dia-

### **Club Harlem exhibit**

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approximately 110 photos - 80 from Hunter's museum and 30 more from the library's Alfred M. Heston Collection of Atlantic City history.

The photos date back to 1944 and include shots of the A-list entertainers who made Atlantic City and Club Harlem a must-stop while touring the East and key members of the

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local African-American community.

The club's stuffed leather doors - which feature paintings of club owner Leroy "Pops" Williams and Sammy Davis, Jr. - will be part of the exhibit.

And, for the opening, the original Club Harlem sign will be displayed. For more information, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115.

Home-school families can tour library, learn about services available at Jan. 12 program

The Atlantic City Free Public Library invites families with homeschooled children to a special meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 10:30 a.m. in the Main Library's second-floor meeting room.

Librarians from the Youth Services Department will discuss the various programs, resources and special services offered at the library. This workshop includes discussions about: online resources, Internet access, Live Homework Help, research strategies, literature programs and more.

This will also be an opportunity for parents to network with other parents who home school their children. Supervised activities for children are available during the workshop.

Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3051, for more information.

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

(The program descriptions give the ages these programs are designed for)

#### Got Homework?

Make a reservation to spend time with one of our Youth Services librarians who will help you find information and resources on our many homework-related topics and databases, including Tutor.com. Call Youth Services (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, to make an appointment for personalized homework help.

#### **Rock Band Saturday**

Saturdays, Jan. 2 and Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. Teens ages 13 to 18 are invited to play Rock Band in the Teen Lounge. Teens must be a member of The Lounge. Teens can apply for a free membership to The Lounge if they are an Atlantic City Library member in good standing.

#### Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Saturday, Jan. 2 and Feb. 6, at 2:30 p.m. Teens, let us know what you want and need at your library. Your opinion counts.

#### **Creative Craft Wednesdays**

Wednesdays at 3 p.m.

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 The library brings the supplies and children bring their imaginations to "Make and Take Home" crafts with seasonal themes. For ages 6 to 12.

#### Your Words, Your Life — A Writing Workshop with Raymond Tyler

Wednesday, Jan. 6 and 13, at 6:30 p.m. This is a creative writing class focused on teen introspection. Teens will be given prompts to describe different things about themselves and incorporate the writing into a creative biography.

#### Warm Up with a Good Book Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Feb. 3, 10

Teens, are you up to the challenge of reading two books in a six-week span and discussing them? Those who complete the mission will earn prizes. The "Warm Up" part of this program's title comes from the refreshments that will be served at these meetings: hot chocolate and warm treats. Teens have the choice to read what books they want. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3052, to register.

#### **Preschool Story time**

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 Join us every week for a fun and entertaining read-aloud story, followed by a simple craft to take home. This is best for children ages 3 through 5 and their parents or caregivers. This program is limited to 25 children.

#### Baby Bounce

Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 Join us for stories, songs, rhymes and movement that help build pre-reading Things Are by Maurice Sendak in January and The Fantastic Mr. Fox by Raold Dahl in February. The club is free, and any child who joins the program also receives a free copy of the book to keep for their own. These books are best suited for children ages 8 to 11.

#### Home-school Happenings Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 10:30 a.m.

Please see story on page two.

#### Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 3:30 p.m.

To honor the great work of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., children participating in this program will express their dreams for a better world — whether it be in the form of a poem, essay, picture or something else. All materials will be provided. This program is suitable for children of all ages. Work will be displayed in the Youth Services area.

#### **Chocolate Festival**

#### Saturday, Feb. 6, at 1 p.m.

Youth ages 10 to 17 can enjoy a Chocolate Festival in celebration of Valentine's Day. Try all kinds of chocolate treats: hot chocolate, fondue, candy. While enjoying the treats, participants can play games such as Heartbreakers and Mancala.

#### Presidents Day

Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 3:30 p.m. What would you do if you were President? Join us as we learn what it means to be the President of the United States of America. We will read *Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope* by Nikki Grimes. Crafts and refreshments follow.

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Learn more about movies by visiting GALE VIRTUAL REFERENCE LIBRARY, available at www.acfpl.org under the Do Research tab

#### View and Discuss "Roman Holiday"

Saturday, Jan. 9, at 1 p.m.

This 1953 romantic comedy classic is not rated and runs 118 minutes. It stars Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn.

Did you know?

• This was Audrey Hepburn's first film.

• Gregory Peck was so impressed with Audrey Hepburn's performance that he insisted that she share top billing with him.

• Screenwriter Dalton Trumbo won an Oscar for this film, but could not accept his award because he was blacklist.

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Monday, Jan. 11, at 5:30 p.m.

list"

This classroom session will focus on this dark period in movie history. The documentary "Trumbo" will be shown.



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

#### Holiday Origami with Donna Bridy Sunday, Jan. 3, at 1 p.m.

Teabag folding is a form of origami. It uses small square pieces of paper bearing symmetrical designs that are folded in such a way that they interlock and produce a 3-D design. Use the designs made in class to decorate a greeting card or hang as an ornament once you get home.

Documentary: The Courage to be Free with Dr. King

Sunday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m.

Movie: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (G)

Sunday, Jan. 17, at 1 p.m.

### Teen Anime Café Movie: Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind (PG)

Sunday, Jan. 24, at 1 p.m. Teens and adults can watch the Teen Anime Café movie Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind. After the movie, teens are invited to stick around and discuss it.

Movie: The Hip Hop Project (PG-13) Sunday, Jan. 31, at 1 p.m.

A Pictorial of Club Harlem and the Way We Were Exhibit Grand Opening Monday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m.

Please see story on page one for program description.

Documentary: This Is It — The Michael Jackson Documentary (PG) Sunday, Feb. 7, at 1 p.m.

Words, Beats and Life Hip Hop Workshop with *Atlantic City Weekly*'s Raymond Tyler

Wednesday, Feb. 10 and 17, at 6:30 p.m. *Please see story on page one for program description.* 

Marbelizing Valentines Day Program with Nancy Leary

Sunday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m.

Students will create stationary, note cards and small gifts using this ancient method of crafting.

#### Fancy Nancy Tea Party with Costumes Sunday, Feb. 21, at 1 p.m.

It's a glorious family affaire! This program is for children ages 5-10 and their parents/guardians. Dress in your fanciest clothes (or we'll provide some for you) and enjoy a celebration of fancy crafts, games, food and a story. Please RSVP — that's fancy for please let us know if you are coming — by calling (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050.

#### Rainsticks Project Crafts of West Africa with Nancy Leary

Sunday, Feb. 28, at 1 p.m.

Participants will make rainsticks, which are hollow tubes filled with small baubles (such as beads or beans), that make a rainstorm-like sound when they are upended and the baubles fall to the other end of the tube.

## Computer training for library members

Registration is required.

Visit the Computer Help Desk at the Main Library to register Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3066, for more information

Job Searching: Resumes, Job Applications, Cover Letters and Tips Saturday, Jan. 16, at 9:30 a.m.

**Introduction to the Internet/Email** Saturday, Jan. 16, at 1 p.m.

Introduction to Word Monday, Jan. 25, at 1 p.m.

**Introduction to PowerPoint** Monday, Jan. 25, at 4:30 p.m.

Introduction to Excel Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 10:30 a.m.

Job Searching: Resumes, Job Applications, Cover Letters and Tips Saturday, Jan. 30, at 9:30 a.m.

**Introduction to the Internet/Email** Saturday, Jan. 30, at 1 p.m.

Job Searching: Resumes, Job Applications, Cover Letters and Tips Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to the Internet/Email Saturday, Feb. 20, at 9:30 a.m.

Introduction to Word Monday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m.

Introduction to PowerPoint Monday, Feb. 22, at 4:30 p.m.

Introduction to Excel Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 10:30 a.m.

Job Searching: Resumes, Job Applications, Cover Letters and Tips Saturday, Feb. 27, at 9:30 a.m.

**Introduction to the Internet/Email** Saturday, Feb. 27, at 1 p.m.

**NOTE:** All classes are three hours long. Classes begin with 30 minutes of mouse and keyboarding skills.



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

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Fleece Scarf Monday, Jan. 4, at 10:30 a.m.

skills! This event is best for infants (ages 0-20 months). One child per caregiver.

#### **Comic Drawing after School**

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 *Please see story on page one for program description of February's sessions.* 

#### **Paws to Read with a Therapy Dog** Fridays at 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 8, 22 and Feb. 12, 26

"Children Reading to Dogs" is a program for children ages 4 to 10 who can sign up to read to a certified therapy dog in a relaxed environment. The program is designed to increase reader confidence.

#### **Coming Attractions Book Club**

Saturdays at 3 p.m.

Jan. 9, and Feb. 6

The Coming Attractions Book Club will meet, enjoy refreshments and chat about books and movies. To register for the book club or to find out more information, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050. The group will discuss *Where the Wild* 

### View and Discuss "Enter the Dragon" Saturday, Feb. 6, at 1 p.m.

This 1973 martial arts classic is rated R and runs 110 minutes. It stars Bruce Lee in his only Hollywood film.

#### Did you know?

• This was the last film that Bruce Lee completed filming before his death.

• This was the first Hollywoodproduced martial arts film.

• The film was originally going to be called "Han's Island."

#### Learn about Actor Bruce Lee

Monday, Feb. 8, at 5:30 p.m.

This classroom session will focus on the influence of one of the most famous movie stars of all time. The documentary "How Bruce Lee Changed The World" will be shown.

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

## Adult programs

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

#### Small Business Workshops

Wednesday, Jan. 20 and Feb. 24, at 6 p.m.

Please see story on page one for program description.

### English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes

Tuesday, Jan. 19 through March 23, at 4:30 p.m.

Free ESL classes will be held on Tuesday nights for Atlantic City Library members. The classes are three hours long and are free. Registration for this ESL semester is closed, but call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115, about future registration periods and class sessions. Getting Organized for Tax Time Monday, Jan. 11, at 10:30 a.m.

#### Library closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, Jan. 18

#### Can I Afford To Retire? Monday, Jan. 25, at 10:30 a.m.

#### Heart Frames

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