The Library is offering a full array of children’s activities on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons in July as part of the Library’s Summer Reading Program for children in grades one through six. The programs, designed to promote recreational reading to maintain academic skills, will be held in the meeting room of the Main Library, One North Tennessee Avenue. The programs will vary from games and crafts to films, magic shows, visits from a musician, an acting company, and players from the Atlantic City Surf. All are related to the Summer Reading Program theme “Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds.” Programs for younger children, ages three to five, are scheduled for Thursday mornings and programs for teens on Tuesday evenings. See page 3 for a detailed listing of programs for all ages available in the Library.

Summer reading programs are geared for reading for the fun of it. If you can read, thank a teacher. If you love to read, thank a librarian. Summer reading programs are geared for reading for the fun of it. Libraries are in the business of creating a new generation of readers – people who are curious and love to read. Summer library programs take advantage of children’s natural curiosity to introduce new subjects and different genres – things kids might not study in school but are interested in. Librarians are partners with parents and teachers keeping children and teens reading throughout the year.

**Celebrating 100 Years of Service**

**Library History from 1955 – 1980**

The 50’s and the 60’s proved to be a time of change for the Library. The main building underwent a “face lift,” and the staff and various departments were reorganized. The Medical Library was discontinued as a branch of the Public Library and the resources sold to the Atlantic City Hospital.

Atlantic City celebrated its Centennial in 1954, and so did the Atlantic City Free Public Library. A popular exhibit in the display case in the foyer was, “Atlantic City: scenes old and new.”

In 1955 there was a decrease in circulation attributed to a new form of entertainment. Television had gained a foothold in the American home, and therefore, people were watching more television and reading fewer books. The children’s room, reference department, and in particular, the Historical Room, and the Genealogy Room, were quite busy, as was the Government Documents room. In the latter part of the decade, however, television, once the nemesis of library circulation statistics, now aided reading as television programming piqued children’s interest with such shows as Captain Kangaroo, Howdy Doody and the Mickey Mouse Club.

The library was transferred to the Department of Parks and Public Property and began the process of purchasing new equipment that included electric charging systems at the Circulation Desk, coin operated copier, and the staff and various departments were reorganized. The Medical Library was discontinued as a branch of the Public Library and the resources sold to the Atlantic City Hospital.

As the Library’s 75th birthday approached, technological changes were looming on the horizon. Audio-visual formats, especially 33 1/3 record albums, were popular with patrons and new formats were being constantly introduced, such as 8 track tapes. Movies were a regular feature of Library programs. The Library began using computers for some technical functions.

The Library celebrated its 75th year in the Carnegie 1905 building, but had no way to expand on that site. The Library is looking to the past, the Library staff and Board of Trustees were looking to the future. The Library had outgrown the 1905 building, but had no way to expand on that site.
The Atlantic City Free Public Library Celebrated 100 years of service to the Atlantic City Community with a Party in Center City Park on June 25th. A very special thank you to everyone who made the celebration of the Library’s Birthday a huge success especially our partners: Main Street Atlantic City, The City of Atlantic City Special Events Office, Atlantic City Surf, Atlantic City Convention and Visitors Authority, Atlantic City Regional Chamber of Commerce, Atlantic County Department of Culture & Heritage, Atlantic City Free Public Library Foundation, Atlantic City Regional Chamber of Commerce, Atlantic County Department of Culture & Heritage, Special Improvement District, Hispanic Alliance of Atlantic City, The Richard Stockton College Carnegie Library Center, The Atlantic City Rotary Club and Metropolitan Business & Citizens Association.

It was a wonderful day!

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The Library Foundation dinner will be held at the Borgata Hotel and Spa, with the Heart and Soul Foundation as a principal sponsor. You won’t want to miss this exciting evening of celebration.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is pleased to partner with the Atlantic City Surf Baseball Team to present Grand Slam Summer Reading Program. The program is designed to encourage kids to read and participate in the library’s summer reading program “Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds”. This is a great way for kids to earn free Surf tickets and keep up their reading skills during the summer. Visit the Library during Wonderful Wednesdays, Thrilling Thursdays, Fantastic Film Fridays or Surprising Saturdays and you might see a Surf player reading to a group or be surprised by Splash, the surf mascot.

Whatever you’re doing this summer, the Surf and the Atlantic City Free Public Library want you to keep on reading.

The Atlantic City Library Events Calendar:

The Library would like to draw your attention to the Library Calendar of Events. This Calendar can be accessed via the Internet using your favorite Internet Web Browser. Just enter the following Internet address in the browser location field:

http://www.acfpl.org:5051/month.php

The calendar lists Library events for all age ranges Older Adult, Adult, Youth and Children. You can choose to view the calendar by day, week, month and year. You can even perform key word searches to find the specific date and time for the event you wish to attend. Events are also listed by categories so if you are only interested in Library programs for children you can choose to see just those calendar dates.

The Calendar also lists most major United States Federal and State Holidays. Did you know that ‘Pioneer Day” falls on Sunday, July 24, 2005 this year?

The City of Atlantic City Special Events Office, Atlantic City Convention and Visitors Authority, Atlantic City Regional Chamber of Commerce, Atlantic County Department of Culture & Heritage, Atlantic City Free Public Library Foundation, Atlantic City Regional Chamber of Commerce, Atlantic County Department of Culture & Heritage, Special Improvement District, Hispanic Alliance of Atlantic City, The Richard Stockton College Carnegie Library Center, The Atlantic City Rotary Club and Metropolitan Business & Citizens Association.

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Free Email Training - Every Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 PM.

General Training Sessions—Offered monthly and require sign-up in advance. These general sessions last about one and a half hours and cover introductions to computers, Internet, email, word processing, and online research.

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Thursday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

To Register for Training:
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YOUTH SERVICES

Summer Reading Program Schedule

Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds
A variety of activities for children and teens will be presented related to the theme of the Library’s Summer Reading Program “Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds.” The activities and presentations associated with the summer program are designed to get children excited about reading. By working with a broad based theme like “Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds,” young readers will be introduced to many kinds of books far beyond the obvious fantasy titles. “Dreams and daring deeds” may lead a young reader to adventure books, careers, biographies, poetry, or history.

Wonderful Wednesdays
June 29
Crafts: Calligraphy
July 6
Crafts: Dragons
July 13
Magical Chadakazam
July 20
3:30 pm
Magician Brian Richards
July 27
2:00 pm
Crafts: Shields

Thrilling Thursdays
June 30
2:00 pm
Medieval Games
July 7
1:00 pm
Sooz on Sax
July 14
2:00 pm
Crafts: Hats & Helmets
July 21
2:00 pm
Knightly Knows: A play
July 28
2:00 pm
One-upon-a-Time Stories

Fantastic Film Fridays at 2:00 p.m.
July 1
Pet’s Dragon
July 8
Time Bandits
July 15
Pet’s Dragon
July 22
Dragonslayer
July 29
Willow

Surprising Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.
July 2
We Won’t Tell
July 9
It’s a Surprise
July 16
Pottermania!
July 23
A Harry Potter Party

INTRODUCTION TO BASIC PC OPERATIONS FOR BEGINNERS

July 12
Tuesday
10:00 am – 11:00 am

August 20
Saturday
10:00 am – 11:00 am

INTRO TO MS WORD

July 23
Saturday
10:00 am – 11:00 am

August 16
Tuesday
10:00 am – 11:00 am

INTERNET BASICS

July 25
Monday
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

August 29
Monday
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
NOW AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY

**Hot DVDs & Videos**
- Sideways
- In Good Company
- The Assassination of Richard Nixon
- Vera Drake
- Suspect Zero
- The Aviator
- National Treasure
- The Pacifier
- Hook

**Book Selections**
Top 5 at a Glance

**FICTION**
- THE MERMAID CHAIR, by Sue Monk Kidd
- 4TH OF JULY, by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro
- TRUE BELIEVER, by Nicholas Sparks
- The DA VINICI CODE, by Dan Brown
- A LONG WAY DOWN, by Nick Hornby

**NON-FICTION**
- 1776, by David McCullough
- THE WORLD IS FLAT, by Thomas L. Friedman
- FREAKONOMICS, by Steven D. Levitt & Stephen J. Dubnar
- YOU: THE OWNER’S MANUAL, by Michael F. Roizen
- THE PURPOSE-DRIVEN LIFE, by Rick Warren