



# Discovery

Connecting People to the World



## Summer Reading and Learning for Children

## Cool Programs for Summer Days

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.



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.

Libraries promote the sharing of knowledge, connecting people of all ages with valuable information resources. These dynamic and modern institutions, and the librarians who staff them, add immeasurably to our quality of life.

President George W. Bush

### Points of Interest

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- **O.A.S.I.S.**
- **Youth Services**

**Library will be closed  
July 4th for  
Independence Day**

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.

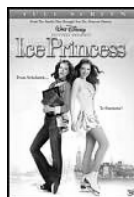
**Saturday July 9, 2005**  
11:00am, Second Floor Meeting Room  
**All You Need to Know About Herbs**  
Master Gardener and Consumer Horticulturalist  
Rutgers Cooperative Research and  
Extension of Atlantic County



**Wednesday, July 20, 2005**  
5:30 pm, Second Floor Meeting Room  
Medicare Update with David Delaney

**Saturday July 30, 2005**  
2:00 pm, Second Floor Meeting Room  
Family Film Day: **Ice Princess**

*Ice Princess* is a fairy tale for girls who dream about what they can be. Casey Carlyle is a physics geek who discovers a mathematical formula for those tricky figure-skating moves and uses it as part of her plan to nab a college scholarship, but Casey decides that in the name of research she should try the jumps herself, and discovers that not only does she have talent, she *likes* figure skating.



**Wednesday August 17, 2005**



5:30 pm, Second Floor Meeting Room  
Everything You Wanted to Know about Immigration  
But Were Afraid to Ask.  
David Alcantara

**Saturday August 27, 2005**  
2:00 pm, Second Floor Meeting Room  
Family Film Day: **Wedding Date**  
Starring Debra Messing & Dermot Mulroney  
is a great movie if you are looking for light-hearted, romantic comedy. The story's about a beautiful woman who buys a date to take her to a friend's wedding, then falls in love.



## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE LIBRARY HISTORY FROM 1955 - 1980

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, evening hours and more. The library was being ushered into the 70's by innovative Library Director Richard Sweeney.

As the Library's 75<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> year in the Carnegie building with a Diamond Jubilee, a year long celebration of service to the community. As the celebration looked 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.

To be continued in the September/October Edition of Discovery.



## PARTY IN THE PARK

Maureen Sherr Frank, Director

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 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!*



## ANNUAL FOUNDATION DINNER

Curene Clark Ervin, Governor



# Save the Date!

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

## 6th Annual Library Foundation Dinner

This year, in celebration of the Library's 100th Birthday, the 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 Library Foundation** is a nonprofit organization formed for the purpose of aiding the Atlantic City Free Public Library. Funds obtained through fundraising are used by the Foundation to help the Library provide special and expanded programs and services.

This year the Library Foundation is honoring: Virgie Jordan, Richlyn Goddard, Edythe Greene and Mark Menzie.

*If you would like to receive an invitation to this wonderful event that has been Sponsored by the Borgata Heart & Soul Foundation, call 345-2269 Ext. 3119 and leave your name and address.*

## ¡PARA SU INFORMACIÓN!

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION!



La biblioteca pública de Atlantic City está orgullosa en asociarse con el equipo de béisbol de los Surf de Atlantic City y de presentar programas

magníficos de la lectura del verano. El programa se diseña para animar a niños que lean y participen en el programa "dragones, sueños y hechos atrevidos" de la lectura del verano de la biblioteca. Esta es una gran manera para que los niños ganen boletos de los Surf gratis y continúen sus habilidades de la lectura durante el verano. Visite la biblioteca durante los miércoles maravillosos, jueves que emocionan, viernes de película fantástica o sábados de sorpresas y usted quizás podrá ver a un jugador de los Surf o ser sorprendido por Splash, la mascota de los Surf.

Sea lo que sea que usted este haciendo este verano, el equipo de béisbol de los Surf y la biblioteca pública de Atlantic City quisieran gratuitamente que usted continuara leyendo.

## Grand Slam Summer Reading Program



From left to right: Connie Swanson, Youth Service Librarian & Francis (Summer Reading Program Mascot); Mel Rosario, Catcher AC Surf; Raul Marvel, Infielder, AC Surf; Patricia Bailey, President Library Board of Trustees; Maureen Sherr Frank, ACFPL Director

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.



## WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY...

### The Atlantic City Library Events Calendar:

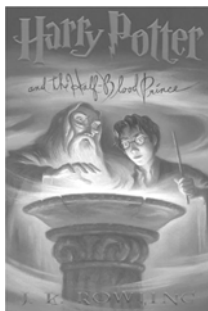


The Library would like to draw your attention to the Library Calendar of Events. This Calendar can be accessed via the Internet using your favorite Internet Web Browser. Just enter the following Internet address in the browser location field:

<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?



## POTTERMANIA!

Yes, it is official. *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince*, the next volume in the ongoing saga of the world's most famous young wizard will be hitting the shelves of bookstores and libraries on July 16<sup>th</sup>. The Youth Services Department of the Library is planning a Harry Potter Party to celebrate the new novel. Potter fans are invited to join the celebration at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 16, 2005 in the second floor meeting room of the Main Library. Children under the age of nine must be accompanied by a supervising adult.

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM GRAND FINALE MEDIEVAL FAIRE

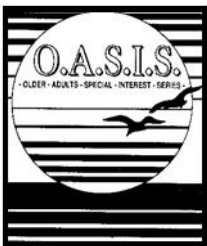
Wednesday, August 3, 2005 is the grand finale of this year's Summer Reading Program. We will be holding a Faire at which children can see what it might have been like to live in the Middle Ages.

Sign up in the Youth Services Department





O.A.S.I.S.  
OLDER ADULTS SPECIAL  
INTEREST SERIES  
JOIN US  
MONDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30AM



July 4th, 2005  
Library Closed for  
Independence Day

July 11, 2005  
Kim Butler, General Manager  
Atlantic City Outlets  
What's New at the Walk

July, 18, 2005  
James R. Karmel, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of History  
Harford Community College  
Atlantic City in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

July, 25, 2005  
Rich & Patti Lewis  
Medi-help  
Informative session on how to  
handle medical billing after an illness  
or hospital stay.

August 1, 2005  
Atlantic City Health Department  
The FAQs of Arthritis

August 8, 2005  
Lisa Rosner, Ph.D.  
Richard Stockton College  
An Oral History of Atlantic City

August 15, 2005  
David Delaney, Public Affairs Specialist  
Social Security Administration  
Social Security Online

August 22, 2005  
Summer Film

August 29, 2005  
Michelle Dawn Mooney  
NBC TV40 Anchor

TERRIFIC TEEN TUESDAYS

June 28, 2005 6:30 p.m. Joust Read Players  
Attention all ham actors! Whether you sing, dance, have  
a special talent, or just like to help out, join the  
"Joust Read" players.

July 12, 2005 6:30 p.m. Make a coat of arms  
What do the symbols mean in a coat of arms?  
What do the colors mean? Find out more...

July 19, 2005 6:30 p.m. Make rose petal bread  
Have you ever heard of the phrase "the upper crust"?  
These upper crusts were decorated with rose petals, violets,  
herbs and spices "painted" onto the bread before it was baked.

July 26, 2005 6:30 p.m. Make stained glass  
Tonight make your own "stained-glass"-like project.

August 2, 2005 6:30 p.m. Make a beeswax candle  
Roll a candle to bring light and warmth into your castle!

August 3, 2005 2:00 p.m.  
Joust Read Players perform for wee lads and lasses  
at our Medieval Faire!

August 6, 2005 2:00 p.m.  
Taking Care of the Skin You're In and Summer Reading Finale.  
The group will be making moisturizer and toner.  
Please bring a 10 oz. bottle and a small jar.



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.

Story Times  
Pre-school:  
Thursdays at 10:30am  
July 7 — August 4

Wonderful  
Wednesdays

June 29 2:00 pm  
Crafts: Calligraphy  
July 6 2:00 pm  
Crafts: Dragons  
July 13 1:30 pm  
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 & Helms  
July 21 2:00 pm  
Knightly Knews: A play  
July 28 2:00 pm  
One-upon-a-Time Stories



Fantastic Film  
Fridays  
at 2:00 p.m.

July 1 Pete's Dragon  
July 8 Time Bandits  
July 15 Pete'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!  
A Harry Potter Party  
July 23  
You Can Do It



COMPUTER CENTER

Reserve Your Own Computer With the  
New PC Reservation Software

The new hours for the Computer Center are:  
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10AM-7:45PM  
Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9:15AM-4:45PM

The Library is now using a PC Reservation System, which  
allows our customers to make their own appointments.  
We decided to use this software because the Internet is  
such a popular resource and this software allows us to  
make computers available to more people.  
With PC Reservation, you can now reserve an hour per  
day for Internet Access or two hours per day for  
Microsoft Office.

Library Cardholders, in good standing, are able to reserve  
computers in advance by calling the Computer Center at  
345-2269 x3066 or by just stopping in.

It's easy to do! Just type in your surname. You will then  
be asked if you want to use Internet Access computers  
or Microsoft Office computers. Choose which computers,  
and, then, click "Make a Reservation." You have reserved  
your time on the computer.

TRAINING

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

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 process-  
ing, and online research. Space is limited.

Computer Center Hours:  
MON., TUE., WED. 10:00AM – 7:45PM  
THU., FRI., SAT. 9:15AM – 4:45PM

To Register for Training:  
609-345-2269 Ext. 3066

GENERAL TRAINING SESSIONS

Introduction to Basic PC operations for first time users			
July 12	Tuesday	10:00 am – 11:00 am	
August 20	Saturday	10:00 am – 11:00 am	
Intro. To MS Word (Word Processing fundamentals)			
July 23	Saturday	10:00 am – 11:00 am	
August 16	Tuesday	10:00 am - 11:00 am	
Internet Basics (For Beginners)			
July 25	Monday	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	
August 29	Monday	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	

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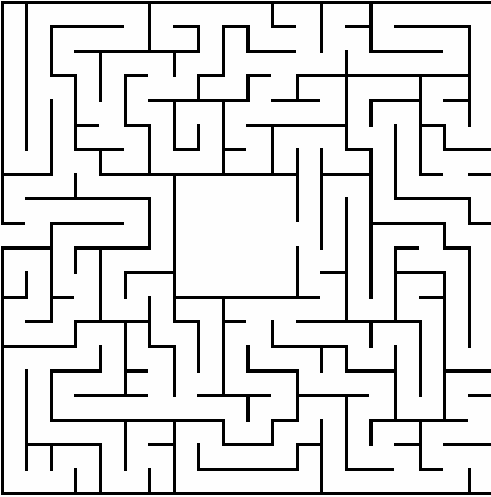
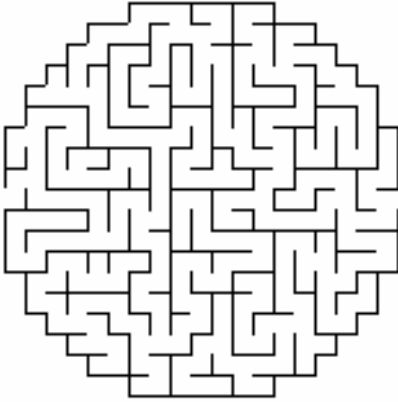
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# Mazes Just for Fun!



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## Main Library

1 North Tennessee Avenue  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401  
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Fax: (609) 345-5570

Free Parking  
Ask for Details

## Main Library Hours:

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

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## Richmond Branch

Ventnor & Windsor Ave.  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401  
Phone: (609) 347-1902

## Richmond Branch Hours:

Mon., Wed., & Fri.  
9:00 a.m. to Noon  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Summer Hours Vary

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## 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

Kinsey

Wedding Date

Hitch

The Notebook

Unvisited Guest

Be Cool

Coach Carter

The Phantom of the Opera

Tarzan

### 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 VINCI 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. Dunbar  
YOU: THE OWNER'S MANUAL, by Michael F. Roizen  
THE PURPOSE-DRIVEN LIFE, by Rick Warren

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OF SERVICE TO ATLANTIC CITY!**