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MARCH / APRIL 2005

# Discovery

Connecting People to the World



National Library Week  
"Something for Everyone"  
April 10 - 16, 2005

Schools, campuses, libraries and communities across the country will celebrate National Library Week, reminding the public about the valuable contribution libraries, librarians and library workers make. There's something for everyone at the library.

Libraries have always been part of the American dream – places for education, self-help and lifelong learning. Today, libraries are at the forefront of the information age, making information accessible in multiple formats to people of all ages.

Libraries offer a world of opportunity just for the asking, but they can't live on love alone. They need your support and National Library Week is a great time to stand up and speak out for your library.

How can you help? Here are just a few ways:

- Attend a ACFPL Foundation function
- Bring young children to the library for story times
- Attend a special event or public program at the library
- Volunteer at your child's school library
- April 12<sup>th</sup> is Library Workers Day, say thanks to those who work so hard to serve you...

It's easy to take our libraries for granted because they are always there for you. National Library Week is the perfect opportunity to join us as we celebrate not only National Library Week, but the Atlantic City Free Public Library's 100 years of service to Atlantic City. We connect you to the world through technology and the written word, so ask about all the exciting programs happening in April.



## Calling all POETS!



The Atlantic City Free Public Library will be hosting its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Poetry Reading on Saturday April 16, 2005 at 2:00 pm in the second floor meeting room. This year's poetry reading will be held in conjunction with National Library Week which takes place April 10<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup> of 2005.

Poets of all ages are invited to submit no more than three poems in the order in which they will be read. The number of entries may limit the number of poems read. All submissions must be typed on 8.5" by 11" standard paper and camera ready for inclusion in the Library's 2005 Poetry Reading Booklet. All poems must be suitable for general audiences.

All submissions should be mailed to: One North Tennessee Ave, Atlantic City, NJ 08401; or dropped off at the second floor Administration Office of the Main Library between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. **The deadline for submission is Wednesday, March 30, 2005.**

So the America I loved still exists, if not in the White House or the Supreme Court or the Senate or the House of Representatives or the media. The America I love still exists at the front desks of our public libraries.

— Kurt VONNEGUT

## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE LIBRARY HISTORY FROM 1905- 1930

The cornerstone of the Atlantic City Free Public Library was laid on January 1, 1904. One year later on January 2, 1905, the new building was dedicated. The program included Dedicatory Exercises and Invocation by Reverend Dr. William Aikman. The Library Board of Trustees were Franklin P. Stoy, Dr. J. B. Thompson, Mrs. Allen B. Endicott, Dr. W. M. Pollard, Alfred M. Heston, Dr. W. E. Darnall and Thomas J. Dickerson.

As the years passed, the Library continued to grow. There were changes and additions in materials, staff and policy. By 1910, the museum room contained the beginning of a collection of objects of local and historical interest. Circulation increased from 32,381 books to 141,905 books. The staff increased steadily from one librarian to a librarian plus eight additional persons heading the Circulation, Reference, and Children's Services departments of the library. In 1912, the library contained 25,347 volumes. The main reading room contained 1200 items, including reference books, pamphlets, magazines, music, pictures and museum articles.

In the coming years the library would undertake a variety of new programs. In 1916, playground libraries were tried despite a general panic following reports of a polio epidemic throughout the region. In 1919, a plan to work with the Board of Education was created. The plan was to have the Board of Education furnish a room in a school with furniture and books in order to meet the demands of school children and adults alike. The formation of actual branches was still in the future.

During World War I, the library became a center for the collection and shipment of books to Fort Dix. In 1917, the library engaged in making story folders and scrap books to be sent to soldiers in the hospital. By 1918, the library had prepared and sent a total of 3,145 books to soldiers. The war work continued well into 1919 when over 75,000 magazines and books were shipped to soldiers. Mailing and freight charges were funded by library patrons.

The 1920's were an era when the library was firmly established in the community, but changes were still to come, including essay contests, saving the shade trees adjacent to the library, and the addition of an assistant librarian. In 1922, there was a problem with censorship. Circulation statistics dropped from the previous year and the decline was attributed to the policy of the Library Board to not purchase what were deemed "questionable" books. Readers turned to bookstores to purchase them for themselves.

Story hour continued to grow and two branch libraries were opened in 1923 – one at the Madison Avenue School and the second at Richmond Avenue School. In 1924, the West Side Branch was opened. In 1926, there were several noteworthy events: The library joined the Chamber of Commerce, and the Genealogy collection was beginning to grow. The medical collection was moved to the hospital. The year 1927 saw the opening of the New Jersey Avenue Branch, where a majority of registered users were children. The library staff had continued to expand, now consisting of the librarian and 20 staff members.

To be continued in the May / June Edition of Discovery.

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- New Movies/DVDs
- New CDs
- Best Sellers List
- O.A.S.I.S.
- Youth Services
  - **Library will be closed**
  - **March 25th for Good Friday**
- **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
  - April 3rd



## LOOKING BACK AT 2004

Maureen Sherr Frank, Director

Computer services, electronic information, DVD's and CD's could not be imagined when the Atlantic City Free Public Library first opened a century ago, yet they are an integral part of Library services today. Not only has the library adapted to these new technologies and media formats, but the library is also acknowledged as a leader in implementing them.

A major focus in 2004 has been to expand access to electronic information within the Library, as well as from home or work. A visit to the Library's website ([www.acfpl.org](http://www.acfpl.org)) allows card holders to search the online catalog, access a variety of electronic databases, and join an online book club. In the Library, wireless Internet access was added in 2004, with additional training assistance provided at the Computer Center.

The Library continues to offer far more than the latest technology. More than 300,000 people entered the Library in 2004, to check out over 150,000 books, magazines, CD's, videos and DVD's, and get answers to over 35,000 questions. The rich cultural heritage of our community was highlighted throughout the year with programs and additions to the library's collections.

Children were invited to *Discover New Trails @ the Library* at the summer reading program and over 4,000 children attended a total of 144 programs held throughout the year.

Connections have always been of primary importance to the Staff and the Board of Trustees of the Atlantic City Free Public Library. One hundred years ago library staff members connected people with the information and resources located in the Library. Today, the information available reaches far beyond the doors of the Library and we are proud to continue this tradition by connecting people to the world.



Come see how much we've changed!

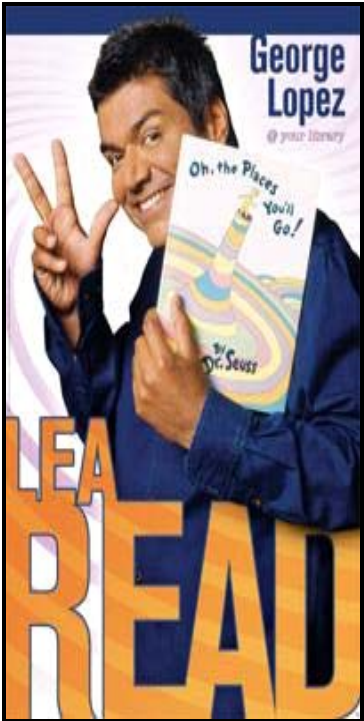
**NOW MORE  
FREE VIDEOS & DVDS**

PLUS...MORE  
7 DAY LOANS

In response to your requests, the Library has greatly expanded the collections of video and DVDs available for a longer borrowing period at no cost. Now, with the exception of the items in the new collection, all other entertainment, information and international videos can be borrowed for one week for free! Only the newest videos and DVD's have a \$1.00 fee and a one day loan period at the Main Library and the Richmond Branch. Adults may continue to borrow two videos or DVD's from the adult collections and two more from the juvenile collection, and children may borrow two items from the juvenile collections.

## ¡PARA SU INFORMACIÓN!

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION!



### Tenga acceso a la Biblioteca desde su casa o oficina.

Como miembro de la Biblioteca, usted tiene acceso a grandes recursos de base de datos por vía del Internet. Acceso a bases de datos como EBSCOhost desde su casa o su trabajo visitando la pagina Web de la Biblioteca: [www.acfpl.org](http://www.acfpl.org).

- Seleccione la articulación de la información que busca
- Seleccione Las Bases de datos de la Biblioteca
- Seleccione de las varias listas de bases de datos
- Ingrese su número de tarjeta valido de la Biblioteca

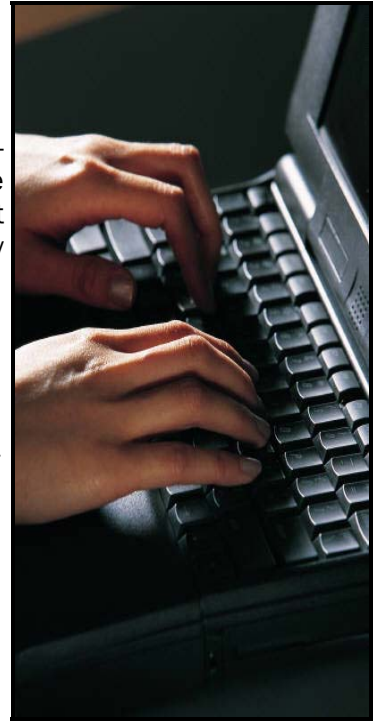
Estos recursos están disponibles 24 horas al día, 7 días a la semana.

### Access the Library from your home or office.

As a member of the Library, you have access to powerful database resources via the Internet. Access databases like EBSCOhost at home or at work by going to the Library web page: [www.acfpl.org](http://www.acfpl.org).

- Select the looking for information link
- Select Library Databases
- Select from the lists of various databases
- Enter your valid Library card number.

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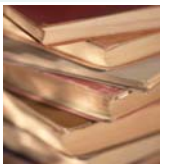


## WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY...



### TOP VIDEOS/DVDS AND BOOKS TO CHECK OUT TODAY BY LEONARD DOZIER & THERESA HAWKINS

\* 5 is the maximum bookmarks a movie or book can receive. 5 bookmarks is equivalent to a perfect film or book\*



**The Door in the Floor-4 bookmarks (Jeff Bridges, Kim Basinger)** Jeff Bridges and Kim Basinger light up the screen in this John Irving adaptation about an opulent married couple still mourning the tragic loss of their sons. Ultimately, their unhappiness results in the most daring infidelity to be witnessed on screen. Although this infidelity is riveting in itself, it is upstaged by a deeply disturbing sub-plot that involves a teenager, hired by this couple for the summer season, who becomes entangled in their web of destruction. This, undoubtedly, is the best kept secret of 2004!

**The Terminal-3 ½ bookmarks (Tom Hanks)** Over the years, Steven Spielberg has given us profound, memorable stories that continually reinforce the beauty, magic, and power of cinema. True to his trade, *The Terminal* centers around a Russian visitor (Hanks) stuck at a major airport because of bureaucratic issues that deny him access to the United States and, paradoxically, his own native land. While his plight is rather disheartening, the film is light-hearted and delicate. It teaches profound lessons about determination, patience, fortitude, and reminds us all that America, despite her flaws, is the most selflessly liberating country on earth.

**How to Organize Just About Everything by Peter Walsh; Free Press-3 ½ bookmarks**

With over 500 step-by-step guides on how to do anything from organizing your linen closet to organizing a prison break, this thick instruction book really does touch on the "just about everything" in its title. Don't let the heft of it put you off, however, because the author makes it easy to read by using general categories such as "Storage Solutions" and "The Unexpected". The only problem with this book is that it is too general and has no illustrations. You will need to refer to a more specific book if you are interested in a particular subject, but don't pass up the chance to read the final instructions on the most important topic of all—how to be happy.

**Cary Grant by Marc Eliot; Harmony Books - 5 bookmarks**

Even though over a half-dozen major biographies have already been written about the legendary movie star, this is the best version by far. It is so well-researched and well-written that the author actually provides detailed evidence that contradicts and corrects his peers' earlier assumptions about Grant's life, especially his complex relationships with both men and women. Focusing equally on Grant's personal and professional lives—without using the psychoanalytical or gossiping tones usually associated with a celebrity book – this is a must-read for anyone who enjoys an intricate and revealing biographical study.



**O.A.S.I.S.  
OLDER ADULTS SPECIAL  
INTEREST SERIES**

JOIN US  
MONDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30AM



**March 7, 2005**  
**Checking Account Bank Fraud**  
Patty Ferry, Assistant Vice President  
Ocean City Home Bank

**March 14, 2005**  
**President Bush's 2nd Term Agenda**  
Alan Arcuri,  
Professor of Political Science  
Richard Stockton College

**March 21, 2005**  
**Bring Spring Into Your Home**  
Becky Duer  
Art of Flowers

**March 28, 2005**  
**Internet Health Resources  
for Seniors**  
Martin Payne,  
Principal Library Assistant  
Atlantic City Free Public Library

**April 4, 2005**  
**The Ins & Outs of Reverse  
Mortgages: Protect Yourself from  
Predator Lending**  
Ron Steller, Branch Manager  
Anne Scotland, Loan Officer  
Gateway Funding

**April 11, 2005**  
**Line Dancing  
Demonstration & Instruction**  
Jennie Ayres Sr., Choreographer  
and the Dancin' Divas

**April 18, 2005**  
**Re-energize with Yoga: Techniques  
of Stretching & Breathing**  
Amy Stephanik,  
Certified Massage Therapist &  
Yoga Instructor

**April 25, 2005**  
**Spring Crafts**  
Ali Finkbeiner, Librarian  
Atlantic City Free Public Library

**Check it out...  
New Programs...Just for Teens**



**Teen Advisory Group**

TAG will meet the first Saturday of each month at 2pm in the meeting room. Teens interested in exploring books, movies and more are welcome.

**March 5th at 2pm in the Meeting Room**  
Mystery Movie & Popcorn....why a mystery?  
Because *you the teens will choose the movie...*

**April 2nd at 2pm in the Meeting Room**  
"Tell us what's on your mind?" This is an opportunity to let us know what programs, books, movies and more you would like to share with each other.

**April 12th at 6:30pm in the Meeting Room**  
"ONE BOOK NEW JERSEY" come read and discuss  
**Dunk** by David Lubar.

**April 16th Annual Poetry Reading**  
Ask the Youth Services Librarian for details.

**Teen Book Discussion Group**



**March 16th & April 20th at 5pm in the Meeting Room** This program is facilitated by Koren Martin and will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 5pm to 6pm. Participants will pick a book to read and discuss at the following meeting.

**SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS**

**YOUTH SERVICES**

**SPECIAL STORYTIME**

**Happy 101st Birthday  
Dr. SEUSS**

Thursday  
March 3rd at 3:30

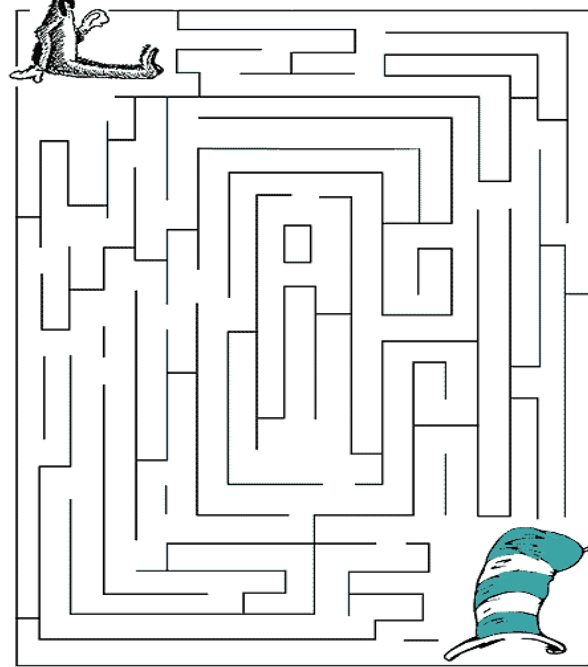
**Celebrate  
Hans Christian Anderson's  
200th Birthday**



Saturday, April 2nd, 2005



The Cat in the Hat has lost his birthday hat.  
Help him find it by showing him the way.



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**NEW LIBRARIAN IN  
YOUTH SERVICES**



Kim Strenger joined the staff in January as a Young Adult Librarian specializing in library services to teens. During the first few months of 2005, she will be meeting with teens and interested adults to plan programs for the year. Among the ideas she will be starting work on are: a survey of area teens to see what types of programs they would like to see in the Library; a Teen Advisory Group to help plan and implement programs for teens.

Anyone between the ages of 12 and 18 who would like to be part of the program planning process should contact Mrs. Strenger in the Youth Services Department during. She can be reached at 345-2269 Ext. 3050 or by e-mail at [kstren@acpl.org](mailto:kstren@acpl.org).

**Story Times**  
**Pre-school:**  
**Thursdays at 10:30am**  
**☺ ☺ ☺ ☺**  
**Children grades 1-6**  
**Thursdays at 3:30pm**

**COMPUTER TRAINING CENTER**

**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

**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. Space is limited to 6. All candidates must provide a phone number for emergency contact should the session be cancelled.

**Computer Workstations (1-14) have "How To Use" training programs for self-learners.**

**Computer Center Hours:**  
MON., TUE., WED. 10:00AM - 7:30PM  
THU., FRI., SAT. 10:00AM - 4:30PM

**For Additional Information:**  
609-345-2269 Ext. 3066

**TRAINING SCHEDULE**

		<b>Introduction to basic PC operations for first time users</b>	In-
March 15	Tuesday	10:00 am - 11:00 am	
April 23	Saturday	10:00 am - 11:00 am	
		<b>Intro. To MS Word (Word Processing fundamentals)</b>	
March 19	Saturday	10:00 am - 11:00 am	
April 19	Tuesday	10:00 am - 11:00 am	
		<b>Internet Basics (For Beginners)</b>	
April 25	Monday	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	
		<b>Electronic Research &amp; Databases (Mouse Skills Required)</b>	
March 23	Wednesday	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	
March 24	Thursday	10:00 am - 11:00 am	

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is an independent municipal library funded and operated by the City of Atlantic City and governed by a Board of Trustees.

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# Library Trivia

1. How many libraries are there in the United States?
2. How many public libraries are there in New Jersey?
3. What is the oldest public library in New Jersey?
4. What was the first municipal library established in New Jersey?
5. What was the first county library established in New Jersey?
6. Are there more McDonald's or public libraries in the United States?
7. How many certified librarians are working in New Jersey public libraries?
8. Do Americans spend more money on school library materials or on video games?
9. What is the average price paid per volume for a book purchased by a New Jersey public library?
10. What percentage of the population has access to the Internet at home or office?
11. How many public libraries in New Jersey serve a population of less than 7,499?
12. What municipal library in New Jersey serves the smallest population?
13. How many books were purchased by New Jersey public libraries in 1995 (latest figure available)?
14. What library serves the largest population?
15. How many county library libraries are there?

## ANSWERS

1. 15,872 public libraries
2. 312
3. Burlington City Library established under a charter by King George II
4. Paterson Public Library established in 1884.
5. Burlington County Library established in 1920.
6. There are more public libraries than McDonald's.
7. There are 1,387 certified librarians working in New Jersey's public libraries.
8. Americans spend nine times as much on home video games (1.5 billion) as they do on school library materials for their children.
9. \$14.67
10. Only 40% of the public. Where do the other 60% get their information?
11. 86 public libraries
12. The Milford Public Library in Hunterdon County serves 1,365 people.
13. 1,563, 481 books
14. Morris County Library serves the entire county population of 438,469
15. 14 county libraries.

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Main Library  
1 North Tennessee Avenue  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401  
Phone: (609) 345-2269  
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.



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

### Books on CD

- NON-FICTION**  
Against All Enemies by Richard A. Clarke  
Good to Great by Jim Collins  
Excuse Me Your Life is Waiting by Lynn Grabhorn  
The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership by John C. Maxwell  
Dr. Phil Getting Real by Dr. Phil McGraw  
How to Get Rich by Donald Trump

### Bestselling Book Selections

- FICTION**  
White Hat by Sandra Brown  
The Broker by John Grisham  
Kiss Me While I Sleep by Linda Howard  
Blue Dahlia by Nora Roberts  
Northern Lights by Nora Roberts  
The Notebook by Nicholas Sparks
- NON-FICTION**  
Hallelujah! The Welcome Table:  
A Lifetime of Memories with Recipes by Maya Angelou  
His Excellency by Joseph Ellis  
102 Minutes by Jim Dwyer & Kevin Flynn  
Winning the Future by Newt Gingrich  
America by John Stewart



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