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 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.

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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

**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

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 Atkins. The Library Board of Trustees were Franklin P. Sloy, Dr. J. B. Thompson, Mrs. Allen B. Endicott, Dr. W. M. Poland, Alfred M. Heston, Dr. W. E. Darnall and Thomas J. Dickerson.

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At the beginning of 1920, library patrons were asked 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.**
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) 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 that 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.

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.

The Door in the Floor-4 bookmarks (Jeff Bridges, Kim Basinger)

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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
Jennie Ayres Sr., Choreographer
The Dancin’ Divas

April 4, 2005
The Ins & Outs of Reverse mortgages: Protect Yourself from Predatory 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

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

Happy 101st Birthday Dr. SEUSS
Thursday
March 3rd at 3:30

Hans Christian Andersen’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.

YOUTH SERVICES

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 Karen 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.

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. She can be reached at 345-2269 Ext. 3050 or by e-mail at kstreng@acpl.org.

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
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

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

NOW AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY

Bestselling Book Selections

FICTION

The Broker by John Grisham

Chainfire by Terry Goodkind

Honeymoon by James Patterson

Twisted by Jonathan Kellerman

State of Fear by Michael Crighton

By Order of the President by W.E.B. Griffin

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

We are on the Web! www.acfpl.org

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?

FREE PARKING
Ask for Details

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.
6. There are more public libraries than McDonald's.
7. There are 1,307 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. 9.144
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 438,409
15. 14 county libraries.