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'A.C. Library Day at the Aquarium' slated for May 21

► Library cardholders are eligible to receive up to two tickets for free admission to the Atlantic City Aquarium on May 21.

Enjoy a day of crafts, face painting, diving and animal shows at the Second annual "Atlantic City Library Day" at the Atlantic



City Aquarium on Saturday, May 21.

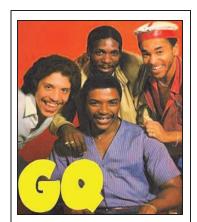
Each Atlantic City Library cardholder may obtain two tickets for free aquarium admission at the Main Library (Youth Services desk) and Atlantic City Library Express locations.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

Live Diver Feeding Show at 11 a.m. — Watch and interact with a diver in scuba gear as he or she hands feeds the stingrays and sharks inside the 25,000 gallon tank.

Arts and crafts from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (or while supplies last) — The ocean has long been an inspiration for artists. Try your hand at creating an ocean-themed masterpiece with sand, shells, reeds, paint and conventional art supplies. You're only limited by your imagination!

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The Bronx, N.Y., group GQ will be one of the headliners at the Atlantic City Summer Concert Series show on June 25.

Richmond Branch Library beginning to take shape

As construction progresses on the new Richmond Avenue School, the Atlantic City Free Public Library moves closer to offering an expanded branch at its familiar Ventnor and Windsor avenue location.

Just as it did at the old Richmond Avenue School, which was demolished in 2009, the Atlantic City Library will offer a Richmond Branch Library at the new school.

The new Richmond Branch Library will be 3,000 square feet, approximately five times larger than the old Richmond Branch.

The steel beams for the new school are in place, and construction is scheduled to be completed this winter, according to construction manager Joseph L. George.

The Atlantic City Library Express, which was created to serve as a temporary location until the new Richmond Branch Library opens, will close later this

Library Director Maureen Sherr Frank described the Atlantic City Library Express as a "wonderful experience."

"We have learned a lot since opening that location," she said. "We have experimented with a new look and floor plan at Library Express — and those are things that will serve us well as we plan our Richmond Branch Li-

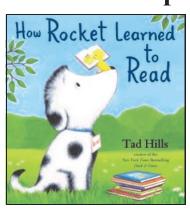


The Atlantic City Free Public Library will offer a larger branch at the new Richmond Avenue School. The Richmond Branch Library will again be located at the corner of Ventnor and Windsor avenues. This photograph was taken March 28, 2011.

"The community responded very positively to Library Express, and we're

looking forward to offering the same type of experience for customers at the new Richmond Branch Library."

Celebrate importance of picture books during first week of May



The award-winning How Rocket Learned to Read will be featured May 5.

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The Atlantic City Free Public Library Time. This program is for ages 5-8. Space is limwill offer special programs in celebration of National Picture Book Week, which is May 1

National Picture Book Week celebrates the power of picture books, which help children fall in love with reading, develop critical reading and thinking skills, and create moments of learning and wonder at an early age.

The programs are free and will be held at the Main Library, located at One North Tennessee Avenue. Also, parents and children are encouraged to check out the library's special display and great selection of picture books.

Seussology on Tuesday, May 3, at 10:30 a.m. - This is a fun, lively and interactive program featuring a very funny and silly cat who causes all types of mischief. Test your knowledge of Seuss Trivia in the Seussology Game Show. Interact with the Cat in the Hat as he teaches the Foot Book Dance during the Seussology Dance Party. Comedy abounds as tongue twisting is taken to the next level during Seussology Rhyming ited and registration is required. Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, to register.

Poem Illustrations on Wednesday, May 4, at 3:30 p.m. - This arts and crafts program will give participants ages 6 to 16 the opportunity to create beautiful illustrations for poems.

Preschool Rhyme Time on Thursday, May 5, at 10:30 a.m. – There will be a reading of the Parents' Choice Award winning picture book How Rocket Learned to Read by Tad Hills. There will also be rhymes, songs and a fun craft activity. Those attending Rhyme Time are invited to share their favorite picture books with the children. This program is intended for children five years of age

Comic Book Drawing on Thursday, May 5, at 3:30 p.m. – Get some drawing tips from comic book illustrator Joe Del Beato. Participants will create their own picture book cover to take home. This program is for kids ages 9 to 16.

Read to Baby Bully on Friday, May 6, at 3:30 p.m. - Trained therapy dog Baby Bully loves picture books, particularly when children read them to him. Children ages 4 to 10 are invited to read their favorite picture book to Baby Bully.

City Summer **Concert Series** returns in June

The City of Atlantic City will once again bring a mix of well-known national recording artists and area favorites to Gardner's Basin for the Atlantic City Summer Concert Series.

The five-show series is co-sponsored by the Atlantic City Free Public Library. Shows begin at 1 p.m. Headliners take the stage at approximately 4 p.m. and play until dusk. The shows are free.

All shows are scheduled for Saturday. The rain date for any postponed show is that Sunday. Please call (609) 347 -5646 for more informa-

Saturday, June 4 — Ted Mills and Blue Magic, and B.T. Express headline the show. Side by Sol, Tony Day and Across the Globe, Judah and Paradise, and American Dirt Band will open

Saturday, June 25 — Manhattans with Gerald Alston and GQ (pictured above) headline the show. B.A.D., David Cedeno and His Latin Orchestra, Essence Pittman, and The Bob Sterling Band will open the show.

Saturday, July 16 — Temptations Revue with Dennis Edwards, Full Force and Chubb Rock headline the show. The Rick Cason Band, Jackie Greggs, and

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Party on June 28 marks start of Summer Reading Program

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will continue its longstanding tradition of offering

Summer Reading Programs for children and teens.

The Summer Reading Program launch party is scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, in the Main Library meeting room.

Children and teens (age 17 and younger) are invited to this party, which will include stories, games, refreshments and special performers.



Youths who sign up for the Summer Reading Program at the party will get to take home a free book to start their summer

> of reading. The children's Summer Reading Program theme is "One World, Many Stories."

> > Also at the launch party, there will be registration for the special Teen Read group. Those who sign up for that group will receive a free copy of a

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Locals highlighted at A.C. Library Author Expo

Thirteen area writers were featured in the first Atlantic City Library Author Expo on Saturday, April 16, at the Main Library. The public had the opportunity to speak with the authors and purchase their books, and network with other book lovers. Pictured are: (front row, from left to right) authors Jackie A. O'Neal, Harriet Diamond, Sandy Warren, Turiya S.A. Raheem, Joy Berke PhD and Dr. Robin L. Moore. (Back row, from left to right) authors Denise Black, Herbert V. James, Marte' King, Diane Hamilton, Thomas Murphy, Cheryl B. Sellers and Raymond Tyler.

Aquarium

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Face painting from 12-3 p.m. — Children are invited to get a sea creature painted on their face for free.

Feeding Time at 12 and 3 p.m. — Hand feed the baby stingrays and bamboo sharks! Bags of food are \$2 (or \$1 for Aquarium members).

Exotic Animal Show at 2 p.m. — Get close to the Aquarium's more unusual inhabitants. Meet the largest species of scorpion and the softest furred mammal in the world.

The library will also have a coloring and information table, which will feature details about library services and upcoming programs.

Free tickets are limited and must be picked up before May 21. Atlantic City Free Public Library cardholders

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must bring their library card to the Youth Services desk at the Main Library, One North Tennessee Avenue, or the Library Express, 3001 Atlantic Avenue, to receive their tickets. This offer is good while supplies last.

The Atlantic City Aquarium is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$5 for children ages 4-12. Children under three are free.

Located in Atlantic City's Historic Gardner's Basin, the Atlantic City Aquarium offers a fun and educational look into more than 100 varieties of fish and marine animals.

For more information on the Atlantic City Aquarium, please call (609) 348-2880 or visit www.acaquarium.com.

For more information on Atlantic City Library Day, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050.



The opening reception for Edythe Greene's watercolor art exhibition will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, at the Main Library.

Greene, New York Ave. students featured artists at two exhibitions

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will showcase the watercolor paintings of local artist Edythe Greene during May.

A special meet-the-artist reception will be held Saturday, May 7, at 2:30 p.m. in the Main Library meeting room. The event is free and open to the public. The paintings will be on display in the meeting room throughout May.

Her paintings focus on the outdoors, including autumn leaves, snow-covered landscapes, pastel skies and wildlife.

Greene, who volunteers at the Atlantic City Free Public Library, has done several exhibitions in the Atlantic City area.

The library will host another art exhibit — featuring the work of fourth through eighth graders from the New York Avenue School — from June 6-18 in the Main Library meeting room. The opening reception will be 12:30 p.m. Sunday, June 5. The event is free and open to the public.

The exhibit will feature artworks in a variety of forms and media, including acrylics, charcoal, pencil portraits and watercolors. The school's art teacher, Elizabeth Parsons is a graduate of the Richard Stockton College teacher's program and has worked with students of all levels and backgrounds from urban to suburban, kindergarten through 12th grade. The school also had an exhibit at the library last year.

Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115, for exhibit viewing hours or more information.

Archivist shares HBO 'Empire' experience

When researchers for the smash HBO series "Boardwalk Empire" have historical questions about Atlantic City, one of the places they come for answers is the Atlantic City Free Public Library.

The person on the receiving end of those inquiries is the library's archivist, Heather Halpin Perez.

Perez was one of three featured speakers at a special program, the Seventh annual "Americana: Living Archives: Bringing the Past to the Present" held March 7 at the University of Maryland, College Park. Perez is a Maryland alumna.

She spoke to students, faculty and the archival community about the use of archives to create the atmosphere in Boardwalk Empire. She



Heather Halpin Perez speaks about the Atlantic City Free Public Library's role in 'Boardwalk Empire' during an annual archivists program at the University of Maryland. Dr. William Bird from the Smithsonian National Museum of American History listens (photo by Amanda May).

also used photos from the library's Heston Room in her presentation.

Dr. William Bird of the Smithsonian National Museum of American History and Dr. Robert Friedel, professor in the History Department at University of Maryland also spoke at the event.

Concert Series CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Eddie Morgan Rek'd 4 Jazz will open the

Saturday, Aug. 6 — Russell Thompkins (*pictured to the right*) and The New Stylistics, Joe Bataan and The Salsoul Orchestra, and D-Train headline the show. Special Occasion and The Mo'Better Revue, and Motown Revue will open the show.

Saturday, Aug. 27 — Sugarfoot's Ohio Players, Harold Melvin's Bluenotes with Sharon Paige, and Alyson Williams headline the show. Angela Burton and Passion, and Philly Gumbo will open the show.



Russell Thompkins and the New Stylistics will co-headline with Joe Bataan and The Salsoul Orchestra on Aug. 6.

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Tribute to Trees with Arts Forward

Sunday, May 1, at 2 p.m. Participants in this workshop will utilize a combination of found and recycled treebased materials, as well as art supplies, to create original and environmentally friendly artworks that pay tribute to the importance of trees in our lives.

Edythe Greene Watercolor Painting **Opening Reception**

Saturday, May 7, at 2:30 p.m. (See story on page two for details).

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Artist **Nancy Leary**

Sunday, May 8, at 2 p.m. Learn the history of Cinco de Mayo; then, make a hand-painted poncho. All materials supplied. Registration required. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050.

Chinese Paper Cutting Workshop

Sunday, May 15, at 2 p.m. Artist Mr. Yijia Wu, a papercut master, will teach participants traditional Chinese paper-cutting techniques.

A.C. Library Day at the Aquarium Saturday, May 21

(Please see story beginning on page one for details).

Arts Workshop

Sunday, May 22, at 2 p.m. Inspired by the paintings of artist Marc Chagall, join us for a hands-on workshop and create a beautiful and unique work of art. All materials supplied.

Honoring Memorial Day

Sunday, May 29, at 2 p.m. Participants will use a variety of media to create flags to honor those who have served or will serve United States mili-

Atlantic City Summer Concert Series Saturdays, June 4 and 25, at 1 p.m.

(See story beginning on page one for details).

N.Y. Avenue School Art Exhibit Opening Reception

Sunday, June 5, at 12:30 p.m. (See story on page two for details).

Garden Sculptures with Arts Forward Sunday, June 5, at 2:30 p.m.

Participants will view examples of primitive, natural garden sculptures and then craft their own small sculptures using a variety of materials such as wood, paint and fabrics. All supplies are provided. No background in art is necessary. Registration required. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050.

Film: Mao's Last Dancer (PG) Sunday, June 12, at 2 p.m.

Father's Day Craft Nancy Leary

Sunday, June 19, at 2 p.m. Say thank you to your father or a father figure by making him a special craft.

School's Out! What's Next?

Sunday, June 26, at 2 p.m. Learn about library programs, educational events and camps that are free or very low cost.

Adult program

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Meet the Author: Sung J. Woo

Saturday, May 28, at 2 p.m. Sung J. Woo's debut novel, "Everything Asian" (2009), has been praised by The Christian Science Monitor, Kirkus Reviews (starred review), Chicago Sun-Times, and it won an Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature. His short story "Limits" was an Editor's Choice winner in Carve Magazine's 2008 Raymond Carver Short Story Contest.



OLDER ADULTS SPECIAL INTEREST SERIES

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115, for more information

Arts and Crafts: Decoupage Vase

Monday, May 2, at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker: Jackie Caplan, Arts and Crafts Instructor

Power of Positive Thinking

Monday, May 9, at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker: Dr. Christine Gayda, Psy-

Senior Wellness: Skin Care

Monday, May 16, at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker: Steven Chang, Pharma-

Tai Chi

Monday, May 23, at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker: Xiu E. Yao, International Tai Chi Qi Gong Master

Library is closed: Memorial Day Monday, May 30

Arts and Crafts: Mosaic Trays

Monday, June 6, at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker: Jackie Caplan, Arts and Crafts Instructor

Aging with Dignity and Complementary Alternative Medicine (CAM)

Monday, June 13, at 10:30 a.m. Guest speakers: Terre Mirsch and Tara Pietrowitz. Atlantic County Healthy Living Coalition-Palliative Care division

Senior Wellness: Maintaining a **Healthy Weight**

Monday, June 20, at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker: Steven Chang, Pharmacist

Tai Chi

Monday, June 27, at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker: Xiu E. Yao, International Tai Chi Qi Gong Master

ESL classes

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115, for more information

Basic Grammar and Writing Workshop Mondays from 1-4 p.m.

May 2, 9, 16, 23 and June 6, 13, 20, 27 This course will provide an introduction to the basics of English grammar and writing. The course will also cover reading comprehension and vocabulary.

Spelling and Vocabulary Building

Fridays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. May 6, 13, 20, 27 and June 3, 10, 17, 24 This course will teach students how to avoid misspellings by recognizing spelling errors quickly. Students will review the basic rules of spelling as well as the most common spelling "trouble spots" (commonly missed words and word patterns). This course also introduces ways to learn new vocabulary.

Path to the U.S. Citizenship Class

Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. May 17, 24, 31 and June 7, 14, 21 Students will learn about becoming a U.S. citizen while building civic knowledge. Students will be able to answer civics questions, read and write simple sentences in English and participate in a conversation based on information supplied in their naturalization application.

Club ESL

Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. May 25 and June 29

This computer-aided language learning program offers software and online learning tools, as well as support and individual help from your friendly librarians.

Youth Services Programs

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

Need Homework Help?

Call Youth Services (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, to make an appointment for personalized homework and information literacy help.

National Picture Book Week events May 1-7

(See story on page one for details).

Creative Craft Wednesdays

Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1, 8, 15, 22,

Kids ages 6-16 are invited to make and take home crafts with Asian themes. Children less than nine years of age must be accompanied by an adult/guardian.

Pre-school Rhyme Time

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 2, 9, 16, 23,

Features stories, songs and simple crafts for ages 3 to 5. Library story times are a fun way to help your child develop skills they will need to be ready to read.

Baby Bounce and Play Group

Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 2, 9, 16, 23,

This program is designed to introduce infants (ages 0-24 months) to the world of sounds and stories. Stories, songs, rhymes and movement help build prereading skills for our littlest library lovers.

Comic Drawing After School

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Marvel DC Comic Illustrator Joe Del Beato will lead drawing instruction for children and teens ages 9 to 17. In May, Del Beato will focus on Asian themes in honor of Asian Pacific Heritage Month.

Paws to Read with Baby Bully

Fridays at 3:30 p.m.

May 6, 20 and June 3, 17, 24

"Children reading to dogs" is a program for children ages 4 to 10 who can sign up in 15-minute increments to read to Baby Bully, a certified therapy dog, in a relaxed and fun environment.

Tween Days in the Teen Lounge

Saturdays at 11 a.m.

May 14, 28 and June 11, 25 Youths ages 9-12 who have a library card are invited to play video games in the Teen Space Lounge.

Children's Book Club

Saturdays at 3 p.m. May 14, 28 and June 11

Read Rodrick Rules from the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series. Any child who joins the program also receives a free copy of the book to keep. The program is best suited for ages 8 to 11. Please call (609) 345.2269, ext. 3050, to register.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Saturdays at 2 p.m. May 28, June 25

Get involved and have something to say about programming, books, magazines, music, get ready for college and career opportunities. Become a library volunteer, if you'd like. Candidates must attend a meeting prior to beginning participation.

Last Days of School Treat

Wednesday, June 22, at 3:30 p.m. Decorate — and, of course, eat — cup-

cakes at the library. Learn all about the upcoming Summer Reading Program.

Summer Reading Program Launch

Tuesday, June 28, at 2 p.m. (See story on page two for details). ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FILM SOCIETY

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Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112; or, e-mail Film Society coordinator Theresa Hawkins at thawki@acfpl.org for more information

View and Discuss: The Night of the Hunter

Saturday, May 14, at 1 p.m.

This 1955 cult classic stars Robert Mitchum and Shelley Winters, and it was directed by Charles Laughton. It is not rated and runs 93 minutes.

Film Criticism

Monday, May 16, at 5:30 p.m.

This classroom session will focus on the history of film criticism and specific film critics. Essays on "The Night of the Hunter" and other films will be analyzed.

View and Discuss: Ip Man

Saturday, June 11, at 1 p.m.

This 2008 biographical martial arts film stars Donnie Yen as the Wing Chun master who taught Bruce Lee. It is rated R and runs 106 minutes.

Martial Arts Films

films will be discussed.

Monday, June 13, at 5:30 p.m. This classroom session will focus on the history and influence of this sub-genre of

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

action films. Different types of martial arts

Computer training for library members

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3066, for more information

Computer Fundamentals Monday, May 2, at 4:30 p.m.

Computer Fundamentals in Spanish Saturday, May 7, at 10 a.m.

Everybody Emails: How to Set Up **Your Own Email Account**

Wednesday, May 11, at 10 a.m.

Computer Fundamentals Friday, May 20, at 1:30 p.m.

Seniors and Computers: Perfect Together

Tuesday, May 24, at 10 a.m.

Beginning Word

Wednesday, May 25, at 10 a.m.

Job Applications and Resumes Monday, June 6, at 4:30 p.m.

Everybody Emails: How to Set Up **Your Own Email Account** Wednesday, June 8, at 10 a.m.

Computer Fundamentals

Tuesday, June 14, at 10 a.m.

Managing and Sending Digital Photos Wednesday, June 22, at 10 a.m.

Computer Fundamentals Friday, June 24, at 1:30 p.m.

Selling Items on Ebay Saturday, June 25, at 10 a.m.

NOTE: All classes are three hours long. Pre-registration is required. Register at the Computer Help Desk on the first floor of the Main Library.

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Did You Know?

Nearly 2,000 people entered the library on 'Snapshot Day'

The Atlantic City Free Public Library was one of many New Jersey libraries to participate in Snapshot Day. This is a chance to show a day in the life of a library — and the library's importance to the community it serves — through statistics, photos and stories.

These statistics are from Tuesday, April 12, and they are the combined totals from the Main Library and Atlantic City Library Express.

- · People who entered the library: 1,827
- · Books checked out: 398
- · CDs, DVDs and videos checked out: 1,216
- · Newspapers/magazines used: 505





Scenes from Snapshot Day at the Atlantic City Free Public Library.





Main Library

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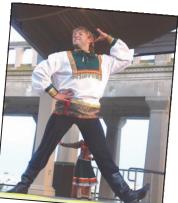
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at Kennedy Plaza



SUMMER READING PROGRAMFun events held throughout July and August at Main Library



CHICKEN BONE BEACH JAZZ
Thursdays in July, August
at Kennedy Plaza

LOOK FOR SCHEDULES OF THESE EVENTS IN THE JULY/AUGUST EDITION OF DISCOVERY!