



NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2005

# Discovery

Connecting People to the World



## Kwanzaa Celebration

Wednesday, December 28, 2005 at 5:30 pm



Once again, The Atlantic City Library will be celebrating Kwanzaa. This annual Library event has become a very popular opportunity for the Community to come together. Join the Atlantic City Free Public Library for their 18<sup>th</sup> annual Kwanzaa celebration on Wednesday, December 28, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. This special free event will feature song, music, poetry and traditional and contemporary dance under the direction of Artistic Director Dr. Patricia Reid-Meritt, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

Kwanzaa is a holiday of African heritage and values and is celebrated from December 26 through January 1.

## Spend time at the Library

### Book Discussion

Sonia Kaplan, Author

Saturday December 3rd at 11:00 am

*"My Endless War and My Shattered Dreams"*

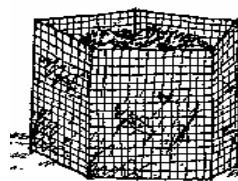
### Fall Gardening

Saturday December 10 at 11:00 am

Phil Cross, Master Gardner

from Rutgers Cooperative Extension

Composting: How To Do It and How to Use It.



### Family Film Day

Saturday November 26, 2005 2:00 pm

*The Polar Express, starring Tom Hanks*

(Subject to Change)

If you have a garden and  
a library, you have  
everything you need.

~Cicero

### Points of Interest

- **What's New**
- **DVDs and CDs**
- **O.A.S.I.S.**
- **Youth Services**

#### Library will be closed

**November 8**

**Election Day**

**November 11**

**Veterans Day**

**November 24**

**Thanksgiving**

**December 24 & 26**

**Closed for Christmas**

These are exciting times for the Atlantic City Free Public Library. The world of libraries is changing rapidly as is true of Atlantic City. One of the most significant mega-trends affecting our society is the increased reliance on electronic communications and electronic commerce. In Atlantic City, our community's continued growth and increasing heterogeneity further accelerate the demand for services in a variety of formats and languages. These changes have required consistent and careful planning by the Board of Trustees and Staff of the Atlantic City Free Public Library to make sure our Library continues to provide responsive library services.

The Library has taken a leadership role in expanding services to benefit Library users by incorporating the new electronic tools and resources now available. Library staff members have been creative and innovative in utilizing these powerful resources to enhance traditional Library services and are constantly seeking ways to improve services.

The Computer Center at the Main Library expanded as well as the public computer facilities in the Youth Services Department and at the Richmond Branch Library. The use of computers at the Main Library and Richmond Branch more than doubled after the new equipment and software were installed. As a result, an internet express area was create.

The Library has become a communication nexus, where residents can electronically connect with information in a variety of formats, with businesses, with schools, with friends and family members around the world. Increasingly, employers, colleges and governmental agencies are requiring online communications to apply for jobs and programs. For many residents, eager to utilize the Internet and Library databases for consumer, health, civic and other questions, the training sessions and ongoing assistance provided by Library staff members are as essential as the equipment needed to access the resources. The Library's role as a community center has never been more vital, with programs for children and adults throughout the year.

People are turning to the Library in increasing numbers for access to this new technology as well as for traditional services such as books, recordings, movies, magazines and newspapers. The circulation of Library materials has increased again in 2005, with the greatest increases in the following areas: computer use increased by 105%; video and DVD circulation increased by 21 % at the Main Library and 33 % at the Richmond Branch Library; and children's magazine use increased by 30%. The foreign language collections of the Library grew with the support of a grant from the New Jersey state Library.

The Library will continue planning to expand access to electronic databases and other Library resources.

## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE LIBRARY HISTORY 2005

## ANNUAL FOUNDATION DINNER A HUGE SUCCESS

Curene Clark Ervin, Governor & Maureen Sherr Frank, Director



We would like to thank all of the guests and sponsors of the Library's 6<sup>th</sup> annual Foundation Dinner for a very successful event. The dinner was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2005 at the Borgata Hotel and Casino and celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Atlantic City Free Public Library. Highlights of the evening included remarks from Pinky Kravitz, Ronald Cash, and Patricia Bailey, the music of the Tony Day Quartet, and singing lead by Marven Hill. Dennis M Ricci did another great job as Master of Ceremonies, and Anne Rosenberg presented the awards to the honorees: Richlyn Goddard, Edythe Green, Mark Menzie and Vergie Jordan.

Special thanks to our sponsors: the Borgata Heart & Soul Foundation, Sam's Club, Art of Flowers, Cooper Levenson, Insurance Management Services, Laureate Press, The Sands Hotel & Casino, Stockton Carnegie Center, Atlantic Cape Community College, Atlantic City Special Improvement District, Atlantic City Surf, Main Street Atlantic City, Metropolitan Business and Citizens Association, and The Postcard Show.com

The members of the Dinner Committee, and the Sponsorship Committee did a great job in planning and organizing the dinner. Funds raised by the Foundation will be used for special equipment and projects to benefit the Atlantic City Free Public Library

## Congratulations to the participants...



Dennis Ricci & Guest Speaker Pinki Kravitz



Curene Clark Ervin Dinner Chairperson



Anne Rosenberg & Richlyn Goddard



Mark Menzie



Edythe Greene & escort



Virgie "Hicks" Jordan & Anne Rosenberg

## ¡PARA SU INFORMACIÓN!

### 52 maneras de usar su tarjeta de la biblioteca (una por cada semana del año)



27. Revise sus inversiones.
28. Lea un periódico de otro país.
29. Lleve prestado un audiolibro para su próximo viaje.
30. Use los recursos de la biblioteca para comenzar un negocio.
31. Vea una exhibición de arte.
32. Sea un tutor voluntario en la campaña de alfabetización.
33. Encuentre una receta nueva.
34. Pida una lista de libros recomendados para sus hijos.
35. Haga copias.
36. Obtenga un libro en préstamo interbibliotecario.
37. Matricule a su hijo(a) en el programa de lectura del verano.
38. Tome una clase de computación.
39. Escuche un recital de poesía.
40. Lleve prestada la última revista de modas.
41. Disfrute de un concierto.
42. Descubra su árbol genealógico.
43. Mire una colección de libros antiguos.
44. Investigue un problema o asunto legal.
45. Averigüe como enviar una queja de consumidor.
46. Póngase nostálgico mirando revistas antiguas.
47. Pida prestada música impresa.
48. Aprenda a usar una base de datos o el catálogo electrónico.
49. Busque las últimas novelas románticas en ediciones de bolsillo o rustic.
50. Recoja los formularios del impuesto a la renta.
51. Obtenga entrenamiento en el uso del Internet.
52. Encuentre un rincón tranquilo, acurrúquese con un libro y disfrútelo.

### 52 Ways to Use Your Library Card cont. (one for each week of the year)



27. Check your stock portfolio.
28. Read a newspaper from another country.
29. Borrow an audio book for your next road trip.
30. Use the library's resources to start a small business.
31. See a new art exhibit.
32. Volunteer.
33. Find a new recipe.
34. Ask for a recommended reading list for your kids.
35. Make photocopies.
36. Get a book from interlibrary loan.
37. Enroll your child in a summer reading program.
38. Take a computer class.
39. Hear a poetry reading.
40. Take out the latest fashion magazine.
41. Enjoy a concert.
42. Trace your family tree.
43. Check out the Heston Collection.
44. Check out a legal question or issue.
45. Find out how to file a consumer complaint.
46. Get nostalgic by looking at old magazines.
47. Borrow some sheet music.
48. Learn how to use a database or computerized catalog.
49. Find the latest romance paperback.
50. Pick up tax forms.
51. Get some Internet training.
52. Find a quiet spot, curl up with a book and enjoy.

## LOWES HOW TO CLINICS @ THE LIBRARY CONTINUE

Advanced Registration Required

Call 345-2269 Ext 3075

### Interior Painting

Tuesday, November 1, 2005, 5:30 pm

### Basic Plumbing

Saturday, November 19, 2005, 11:00 am

### Holiday Wreath Decorating

Wednesday, December 14, 2005, 5:30 pm

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



O.A.S.I.S Celebrates  
15 Years of Programming

The Atlantic City Free Public Library's Older Adult Special Interest Series (O.A.S.I.S.) is celebrating 15 years of informational and recreational programming for the community's older adult population.

Each Monday, in the public meeting room, this program presents topics of interest to all adults, but especially our seniors, from the latest in Social Security and Medicare issues to crafts and celebrations of holiday topics.

This program is a great way to not only get information but also spend some time with members of the community over coffee and donuts.

Come join us on Mondays at 10:30am for this hour long program. If there is a topic you would like to suggest for an upcoming program, contact Matt at 345-2269 Ext 3075.

**November 7, 2005**  
Book Discussion  
Sonia Kaplan  
*My Endless War*  
and *Shattered Dreams*

**November 14, 2005**  
Health Screenings  
Atlantic City Health Department

**November 21, 2005**  
Mulch & Mulching  
Phil Cross, Master Gardener  
Rutgers Cooperative Extension

**November 28, 2005**  
Maintain Your Brain  
South Jersey Alzheimer's Association

**December 5, 2005**  
Current Event Discussion  
Atlantic City Library Staff

**December 12, 2005**  
Estate Planning  
Stephen A. Grimmie, ChFC  
Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.

**December 19, 2005**  
The History & Meaning of Hanukkah  
Rabbi Gaber  
Beth Judah Temple

**December 26, 2005**  
CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS



YOUTH SERVICES

Story Time  
Schedule

**Pre-school**  
**Children ages 3 to 5**  
**Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.**  
**November 3, 10, 17**  
**December 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S  
BOOK WEEK

The annual celebration of the written word and its importance for children is happening November 14 through November 20 this year. Reading encourages young people to discover the complexity of the world beyond their own experience through books.

Children  
Grades 1 through 6  
Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

**MYSTERIOUS  
HAPPENINGS!**  
**Detective Needed!**  
**Can you solve the case?**



**November 3, 10 & 17**

WELCOME WINTER



**Stories, crafts and  
a little science**

**December  
1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**

CALLING ALL TEENS

Tuesday, November 15, 2005 @ 6:30 p.m.

**"Your Life is Waiting...  
Don't Put It on Hold"**

A program for young women about self esteem and life choices. Speakers from Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies

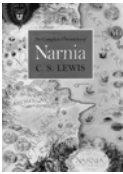


**2005 is a great year for movies  
based on great children's books.**

Earlier this year there was **CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY**, based on the novel by Roald Dahl. The movie version of the fourth J.K.

Rowling novel **HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE** will be opening in theaters in November.

The movie **NARNIA**, based on C.S. Lewis's **Narnian Chronicles** will be opening in December. Check out the books in the juvenile fiction section of the Youth Ser-



COMPUTER CENTER



Rosetta Stone Language  
Learning Software

Members can now access the Rosetta Stone Language Learning Software from home or in the library computer center. This software is a multi faceted learning program that provides an opportunity to learn over 28 languages. Classes to become familiar with the software program as well as classes in ESL (English as a Second Language) will be offered as follows:

- Part One Rosetta Stone for Beginners** (Computer Center)  
Wednesday, November 9 from 10am-11am
- Part Two ESL (English as a Second Language)** (Meeting Room)  
Wednesday, November 9 from 11am-1pm
- Part One Rosetta Stone for Beginners** (Computer Center)  
Wednesday, November 16 from 10am-11am
- Part Two ESL (English as a Second Language)** (Meeting Room)  
Wednesday, November 16 from 11am-1pm
- Part One Rosetta Stone for Beginners** (Computer Center)  
Tuesday, December 6 from 10am-11pm
- Part Two ESL (English as a Second Language)** (Meeting Room)  
Tuesday, December 6 from 11am-1pm
- Part One Rosetta Stone for Beginners** (Computer Center)  
Tuesday, December 13 from 10am-11pm
- Part Two ESL (English as a Second Language)** (Meeting Room)  
Tuesday, December 13 from 11am-1pm

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**  
609-345-2269 Ext. 3066

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 processing, 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

Nov. 15	Tuesday	10:00 am – 11:00 am
Dec. 17	Saturday	10:00 am – 11:00 am

Intro. To MS Word  
(Word Processing fundamentals)

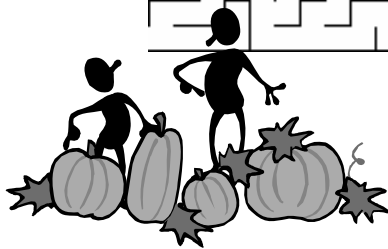
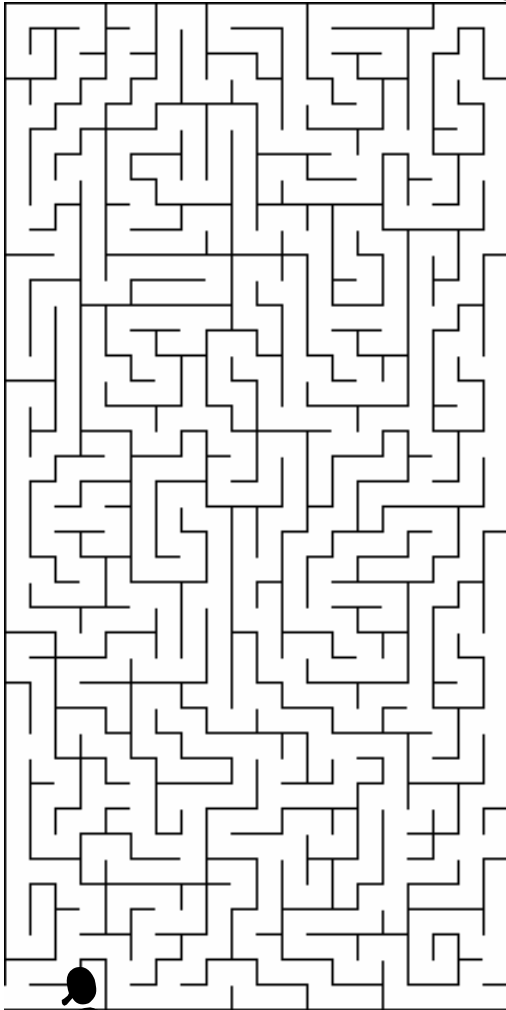
Nov. 19	Saturday	10:00 am – 11:00 am
Dec 13	Tuesday	10:00 am - 11:00 am

Internet Basics  
(For Beginners)

Nov. 28	Monday	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Dec. 19	Monday	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm



Can you get the pumpkin  
to the pumpkin patch?



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KICKING & SCREAMING

UNLEASHED

BATMAN BEGINS

CINDERELLA

BEWITCHED

### *Book Selections*

Top 5 at a Glance

#### FICTION

THE MARCH, by E. L. Doctorow

A BREATH OF SNOW AND ASHES, by Diana Gabaldon

SON OF A WITCH, by Gregory Maguire

SCHOOL DAYS, by Robert B. Parker

GOODNIGHT NOBODY, by Jennifer Weiner

#### NON-FICTION

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS 2006

THE CITY OF FALLING ANGELS, by John Berendt

WHY DO MEN HAVE NIPPLES? by Leyner and Goldberg

YOUR BEST LIFE NOW, by Joel Osteen

WHAT REMAINS, by Carole Radziwill