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Library unveils 'Atlantic City Experience'

The Atlantic City Free Public Library continues its tribute to the HBO series Boardwalk Empire and that era in city history by presenting "The Atlantic City Experience: 1920s" – an exhibit showcasing the unique history and culture of Atlantic City in the Roaring '20s.

The exhibit, located at the Main Library, consists of three displays:

- *Nucky's Empire*: Pictures and information about former Atlantic City boss Enoch "Nucky" Johnson.
- *The Atlantic City Experience*: Shots of Atlantic City in the 1920s and information about the city.
- *Life in the Roaring 20s*: Photographs and information about 1920s culture in general.

Also, the library is showcasing 1920s-era clothing, including an au-



'The Atlantic City Experience: 1920s' photo display is located near the entrance closest to the atrium.

thentic flapper dress and tuxedo.

The exhibit will be on display until the spring of 2011.

"Boardwalk Empire provides a great opportunity for the Atlantic City Free Public Library to showcase Atlantic City history," library archivist Heather Halpin Perez said. "The 1920s were a vibrant time in American culture, in terms of music, dance, movies and literature."

Those interested in learning more about Atlantic City in the 1920s or viewing photos from that decade can visit the library website — www.acfpl.org.

For more information about "The Atlantic City Experience: 1920s" exhibit, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3066.

Kwanzaa celebration scheduled for Dec. 4

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will celebrate Kwanzaa with a special performance by Afro-One Dance, Drama and Drum Theatre at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, at the All Wars Building.

This 23rd annual event, which is free and open to the public, will feature song, music, poetry and traditional and contemporary dance under the direction of Dr. Patricia Reid-Merritt, artistic director and professor of Social Work and African-American Studies at the Rich-

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McGinty pays visit to Film Society

Boardwalk Empire's Ed McGinty, center, was the special guest at the Oct. 2 meeting of the Atlantic City Free Public Library Film Society. McGinty, pictured with his mother Bernadette and father Ed Sr., is the HBO series' head research advisor and plays the role of Ward Boss Aloysius Boyd.

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Sunday programs blend arts with education

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will offer art and crafts programs that involve more than slapping some paint on a piece of paper or cutting and gluing.

Arts Forward founder Pamela Ward will lead the programs and incorporate an educational element by describing where the various art forms originated, how they are used and more. The programs touch on different cultures and human rights.

The programs are free and open to people of all ages. Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, for more

information or to register.

Totems and Totem Pole Craft Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m. One of the most recognized

artworks of Native American culture is the totem pole. Participants will view examples of totems and then craft their own. Supplies are provided.

Universal Human Rights Movable Mural Workshop

Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m. Mural art has long been utilized by artists to express themselves and to educate communities about issues that affect them. Participants will learn about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, mural art projects, and then will work collectively on a large canvas mural painting

based on the Articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The mural will be displayed at the library when completed. All supplies are provided.

Winter Solstice Celebrations: Holiday Boxes

Sunday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. Many different cultures from around the world celebrate holidays at the Winter Solstice, which in the Western Hemisphere marks the shortest day and longest night of the year. Many of the celebrations involve the exchange of gifts. Participants will learn about the Winter Solstice and decorate boxes with a variety of materials for their own holiday gift giving. All supplies are provided.

New computer training topics offered for members

There are some new computer training options available at the Atlantic City Free Public Library. The sessions are free and are open to adults who have either a library membership or computer card, and are in good standing.

New sessions include creating a blog, managing and sending digital photos, learning how to Tweet and use Facebook, and creating tables in Word.

Also, the library will provide a session

Computer Fundamentals—in Spanish.

And, a special computer introductory course designed especially for seniors will be offered.

In addition to those new topics, the library will continue some of the same classes from the past — such as introductory sessions in Word and PowerPoint.

To register for a computer training session, please visit the Computer Help Desk on the first floor of the Main Library. For more

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Scenes from the 2010 Atlantic City Library Family Fun Festival











The Atlantic City Free Public Library held its Third annual Library Family Fun Festival on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010, on Tennessee Avenue next to the Main Library. More than 2,500 people attended the festival, which featured live entertainment, games, hands-on activities and more. Thank you to those who attended and the organizations that participated for their part in making the event such a success.

Computer training

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information, visit the Help Desk or call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3066.

The November and December training schedule is:

Tuesday, Nov. 9 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Job Applications and Resumes the 21st Century Way

Tuesday, Nov. 16 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Everybody Emails: How to Set Up Your Own Email Account

Friday, Nov. 19

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Creating Spreadsheets with Excel

> Saturday, Nov. 20 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. So You Want to Tweet and

Join Facebook?

Monday, Nov. 29

1 to 4 p.m. Computer Fundamentals

Monday, Nov. 29 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Word Beyond The Basics: Tables

Monday, Dec. 6 1 to 4 p.m. Beginning Word (in Spanish) Tuesday, Dec. 7 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Beginning Word

Tuesday, Dec. 14 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Computer Fundamentals

Friday, Dec. 17 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Professional Presentations with PowerPoint

Saturday, Dec. 18 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Creating Your Own Blogs and Wikis

Tuesday, Dec. 21 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Creating Your Own Blogs and Wikis

Library opening hours to change in Jan. 2011

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will usher in the new year with new opening hours for the Main Library.

Beginning Monday, Jan. 3, 2011, the Main Library — located at One North Tennessee Avenue — will open to the public at 9:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

While providing a more consistent opening time, the Main Library will remain open the same number of hours.

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ard Stockton College of New Jersey. Dr. Reid-Merritt has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the NAACP Freedom Award.

Afro-One was founded in 1974 and emphasizes

dance, drama, and music in the African-American arts. Afro-One has performed at schools, colleges and universities, businesses and corporations, conferences, Kwanzaa celebrations, weddings, rites of passage, local festivals and community events. Their past performances include presentations at Rutgers University, Essex College, Monmouth University, Penn State University, Burlington County College, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Philadelphia Zoo, African American Historical Site



The Afro-One Dance, Drama and Drum Theatre was founded in 1974.

at Boston, University Museum of Pennsylvania, The College of New Jersey, Richard Stockton College, Conference on Black Families in Urban America, Bell Labs, U.S. Air Force at McGuire Air Force Base and U.S. Army at Fort Dix.

Kwanzaa is a holiday of African heritage and values and is celebrated from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1.

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

ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS AS OF JAN. 3, 2011

MAIN LIBRARY

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

*Thursday, Friday, Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday 12 to 5 p.m.

LIBRARY EXPRESS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, I Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

> Sunday, Monday Closed

* Please note that the Main Library's opening time for Monday through Saturday will change to 9:30 a.m.

ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FILM SOCIETY

Watch • Listen • Learn • Discuss

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

View and discuss "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest."

Saturday, Nov. 13, at 1 p.m.

The 1975 Academy Award winner stars Jack Nicholson and was directed by Milos Forman. It is rated R and runs 133

Did you know ...

- It was the second film in history to win all five of the major categories at the Academy Awards.
- It helped to change the way mental institutions were run.

Page-to-Screen: Fiction

Monday, Nov. 15, at 5:30 p.m.

This class session will focus on how novels are adapted into films and the changes that are made. Passages and scenes from "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest" will be analyzed.

View and Discuss: Casablanca

Saturday, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m.

This 1942 classic stars Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, and it is considered to be one of the greatest films ever made. It is not rated and runs 102 minutes.

Did you know ...

- The film won Academy Awards for Best Picture, Director and Screenplay.
- The film was based on a play called "Everybody Comes To Rick's" that was never produced.

Film Dialogue

Monday, Dec. 13, at 5:30 p.m.

This class session will focus on great speeches, monologues and dialogue. Scenes and specific script pages from "Casablanca" will be analyzed.

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



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

Totems and Totem Pole Craft

Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m.

See arts story on page 1 for description.

Native American Craft: Bandannas

Sunday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m.

Create bandannas in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

Make a Thanksgiving Centerpiece

Sunday, Nov. 21, at 2 p.m.

Make a Thanksgiving cornucopia centerpiece by marbleizing paper.

Movie: Toy Story 3 (G)

Sunday, Nov. 28, at 2 p.m.

Kwanzaa Celebration

Saturday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m.

See story on page 1 for description.

Universal Human Rights Movable Mural Workshop with Arts Forward

Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m.

See arts story on page 1 for description.

Make a Holiday Tree Using Pictures from Holiday Cards

Sunday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m.

Cut, staple and stack pictures to make your own personal tree for the holidays. Cards supplied by instructor Nancy Leary or bring your own.

Winter Solstice Celebrations: Holiday **Boxes**

Sunday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m.

See arts story on page 1 for description.

Movie: Fantasia 2000 (G) Sunday, Dec. 26, at 2 p.m.



OLDER ADULTS SPECIAL INTEREST SERIES

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

Arts and Crafts Program

Monday, Nov. 1, at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker: Jackie Caplan, Arts and Crafts Instructor

Make fall and holiday wreaths.

Memory and Mental Fitness Monday, Nov. 8, at 10:30 a.m.

Guest speaker: Dr. Jessica Fleck, Stockton Assistant Professor of Psychology and Certified Mind Alert Trainer

Stimulate your mind and enhance your memory through various mental exercises.

Senior Wellness: Osteoporosis

Monday, Nov. 15, at 10:30 a.m.

Guest speaker: Steven Chang, Pharmicist/Certified Clinical Nutritionist Learn what steps can be taken to help prevent osteoporosis and what natural

supplements can help treat it. Your Legal Rights as a Renter

Monday, Nov. 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Guest speaker: A Local Housing Attorney What can you do if your apartment needs repairs? The renter's rights will be discussed. The program will also cover potential problems a renter might face, such as bed bugs, heating problems, drafty windows, etc.

Tai Chi

Monday, Nov. 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Guest speaker: Xiu E. Yao, International Tai Chi Qi Gong Master

Learn how to perform traditional Tai Chi moves, which can help to reduce stress and promote energy.

Arts and Crafts Program

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

Design and decorate a greeting card.

Holiday Concert

Monday, Dec. 13, at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker: Bud Noble, Pianist Local favorite Bud Noble will play some holiday classics.

Senior Wellness: Healthy Eating

tion" as a tool for food choices.

Tai Chi Qi Gong Master

Monday, Dec. 20, at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker: Steven Chang, Pharmicist/Certified Clinical Nutritionist Discuss the concepts of "rainbow nutri-

Tai Chi

Monday, Dec. 27 at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker: Xiu E. Yao, International

Learn how to perform traditional Tai Chi moves, which can help to reduce stress and promote energy.

Computer training for library members

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

See story beginning on page 1 for computer training schedule.

> **ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Vouth Services Programs

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





Teens can make their mark at the Atlantic City Free Public Library by joining the Teen Advisory Group (TAG). TAG members were instrumental in the development of the library's innovative Teen Space and Lounge in 2009. The group meets twice a month to discuss what programs and resources they would like to see offered, prepare for college and potential careers and earn valuable volunteer time they can list on their college applications and resumes.

Need Homework Help?

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

'Day of the Dead' Sugar Skull Decorations and Scary Snacks

Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 3:30 p.m.

Day of the Dead is a Mexican celebration in honor of family and friends who have departed from this world. On this day in Mexico, the streets near the cemeteries are filled with decorations, flowers and candy calavera (skeletons and skulls). Participants will learn about Day of the Dead and make and decorate traditional Sugar Skulls, as well as some fun and scary snacks. All supplies are provided. No background in art is necessary. Kids 17 and younger can participate.

Creative Craft Wednesdays

Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 and Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Children ages 6 to 12 use their imaginations to make and take home crafts with seasonal themes.

Pre-school Rhyme Time

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Nov. 4, 18 and Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Features stories, songs, fingerplays and simple crafts for ages 3 to 5. Family and siblings are welcome to attend. Library story times are a fun and great 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. Nov. 4, 18 and Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

This program is designed to introduce infants (ages 0-18 months) to the world of sounds and stories. Stories, songs,

rhymes and movement help build prereading skills for our littlest library lovers. An informal playgroup immediately follows this story time.

Comic Drawing After School

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

Nov. 4, 18 and Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Marvel DC Comic Illustrator Joe Del Beato will lead drawing instruction for children and teens ages 9 to 16. Learn how to draw your favorite characters. All materials supplied.

Movie: How To Train Your Dragon

Friday, Nov. 5, at 1 p.m.

Paws to Read with Baby Bully

Fridays at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 5, 19 and Dec. 3, 17

"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. The program is designed to increase reader confidence. Participating children should not be fearful of dogs or have pet allergies.

RockBand Saturdays

Saturdays at 11 a.m.

Nov. 6, 20 and Dec. 4, 18

Youths ages 9-17 are invited to rock out in the Teen Space. Participants must have a library card to participate.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Saturdays, at 2 p.m.

Nov. 6, 20 and Dec. 4, 18

Teenagers 13-18 and still in high school are invited to be part of a volunteer group at the library. Get involved and have something to say about teen programming, books, magazines, music ... learn how to write reviews, get ready for college and/or career opportunities. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3052, if you have questions. Candidates must attend a meeting prior to beginning participation.

Lego Club

Saturdays at 3 p.m.

Nov. 6, 20 and Dec. 4, 18 Help us build a boardwalk. Supplies are provided. The finished project will be displayed in the Youth Services Department.

Coming Attractions Book Club

Saturdays at 3 p.m.

Nov. 13, 27 and Dec. 11

Participants read and discuss the books that inspire movies. Any child who joins the program also receives a free copy of the book to keep. The group will discuss "The Mouse and The Motorcycle" in November and "Polar Express" in December. Refreshments and crafts included. Best for ages 8 to 12. To register, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050.

Celebrate Rosa Parks Day

Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 3:30 p.m.

There will be a special reading of "If A Bus Could Talk: The Story of Rosa Parks." A craft program will follow..

Holiday Cookie Decorating

Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 3:30 p.m. Want to make some delicious looking cookies ... and then eat them? Supplies are provided.

Movie: Black Candle

Friday, Dec. 31, at 1 p.m.

The library will show Black Candle, a documentary about Kwanzaa. The Black Candle is a landmark, vibrant documentary that uses Kwanzaa as a vehicle to explore and celebrate the African-American experience. Dr. Maya Angelou narrated the documentary.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

THE ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS ON: TUESDAY, NOV. 2; THURSDAY, NOV. 11; THURSDAY, NOV. 25; FRIDAY, DEC. 24; SATURDAY, DEC. 25

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Main Library Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Library Express

3001 Atlantic Avenue Atlantic City, NJ 08401 Phone: (609) 340-0215 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Did You Know?

The library began service in 1902 on the third floor of City Hall

In November of 1901, a plan for a public library was embraced by Atlantic City residents in a landslide referendum, with 6,062 voters in favor and only 30 opposed. As a result, the Atlantic City Free Public Library was established, using as its nucleus 1,000 books from a small, privately run library opened a few years earlier by the Women's Research Club.

The Library's first quarters were in the third floor of the former City Hall, located at Tennessee and Atlantic avenues, where service began on April 3, 1902. The Library formally opened its doors on Jan. 1, 1903, in a wood frame house at Illinois and Pacific Avenues. The

land at this site

had been recently

purchased to be

the Library's per-

manent location

and became the

Library's home.

Subsequently An-

donated \$71,000

for the construc-

for this structure

Carnegie

Dedication

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Carnegie donated money for the construction of the Atlantic City Free Public's Library's former Illinois and Pacific Avenue location.

took place on Jan. 2, 1905.

Plans for the current home of the Library began in 1981. The groundbreaking for the new building, located at Tennessee and Atlantic Avenues, took place on January 28, 1982. This modern two-story building, dedicated on July 31, 1985, has a capacity of 135,000 books, CDs, DVDs and magazines. The locations also features free public computers and computer training, educational and entertaining programs, a special area just for teens and much more.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is a service of the City of Atlantic City.



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