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Library Card Sign-Up Month

The Smartest Card
Get it. Use it.
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September is Library Card Sign-up Month — a time when the Atlantic City Free Public Library, the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all.

The observance was launched in 1987 to meet the challenge of then Secretary of Education William J. Bennett who said: "Let's have a national

campaign . . . every child should obtain a library card, and use it." Since then, thousands of public and school libraries join each fall in a national effort to ensure every child does just that.

Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

Check it out

The Atlantic City Free Public Library offers books, magazines, CDs, audio and video formats and computers. The Library also offers a variety of programs to stimulate an interest in reading and learning. Preschool story hours expose young children to the joy of reading, while the Homework Center provides computers and assistance to older children after school. The Library's Summer Reading Program keeps children reading during school vacation, helps to avoid the decrease in reading skills that educators refer to as "summer learning loss." Movies and puppet shows are other popular offerings.

For information about obtaining an Atlantic City Free Public Library Card, please contact the Main Library Circulation Department by calling 345-2269 Ext 3070.

Libraries are community treasure chests, loaded with a wealth of information available to everyone equally, and the key to that treasure chest is the library card. I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card.

First Lady Laura Bush

Points of Interest

- **What's Happening**
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- **Youth Services**

Library will be closed
September 5th
October 10th

The early 1980's were challenging years for the library with reductions in staff and hours of operation, but Atlantic City was already on the road to recovery as a result of the approval of the Casino Gambling Referendum in 1976. In 1982 the library's budget felt the positive impact of the growth of the casino industry. By that time, farsighted library board members and staff had presented their case for the need for a new facility, and with the support of Atlantic City officials, planning was already underway. During the early portion of the decade, the library was constructed and the operation was moved to the new facility on Tennessee and Atlantic Avenues in 1985. The years that followed the move were a time of adjustment to the demand of the larger facility and growing use by the public. As the decade closed, the staff and Board of Trustees of the Library were once again actively planning the future and look confidently ahead to the 1990's.

The 90's were a decade of growth, as the library incorporated new technology and began to offer new formats to meet the diverse educational, recreational and informational needs of the community. Library resources and programs were offered which celebrated the rich cultural

heritage of the community. The audiovisual collection expanded to include videos and compact discs, and the Library successfully implemented a major automation project that increased efficiency and expanded access to the world of information. This project was called LION... Library Information Online Network, and automated the Library's catalog, as well as the circulation, acquisitions, and cataloging functions. The first public computing facilities were installed in 1995 and were expanded at the Main Library and Richmond Branch in 2003 with a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. In addition to public Internet access and online databases, the Library's computer centers offered a range of software including word processing.

New technology continues to play a major role in expanding access and information for both staff and the general public. The library has been successful in meeting the challenges of a new era and the needs of the community through classes in computer technology as well as the ever expanding collection and service offerings.



The Atlantic City Free Public Library is pleased to offer free online access to Rosetta Stone, language learning software that provides instruction in 28 languages (including

English for ESL students). Rosetta Stone provides instruction and practice in the four language skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. By matching words and phrases to pictures, users can quickly grasp meanings and usage. The Rosetta Stone's award-winning method uses thousands of real-life images, written text and voices of native speakers.

You can access Rosetta Stone from the computers in the Main Library or Richmond Branch Library, or from work or home using your Atlantic City Free Public Library card, by visiting the library's website, www.acfpl.org.

Hispanic American Heritage Month

Celebrate with us, on September 19th at 3:30pm as we present dance demonstrations by local Folkloric dance groups; a showcase of art and craft from Columbia, Honduras and Mexico; as well as a sampling of Latin music and food. The program will take place in the Main Library Meeting Room.

Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15) In 1968, Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim a week in September as National Hispanic Heritage Week. The observance was expanded in 1988 to a month long celebration (Sept. 15-Oct. 15). During this month, America celebrates the culture and traditions of U.S. residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America and the Caribbean. Sept. 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries - Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, respectively.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE LIBRARY HISTORY FROM 1980 - 2005

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Many cards in your wallet promise rewards but can cost you the world. Only one card – your library card – can bring you the world. That's why it's called "The Smartest Card."

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. What a better time to get a library card? With school back in session, students can use their library cards to get homework help, research their papers or find a title for their next book report. It's no wonder that studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

In this election season, voters can find the information they need to help them make an informed decision about candidates for office and issues of local, state and national importance. Access to information has never been more crucial to the functioning of our democratic society, and the library is the perfect place for making that information available to all people.

From health to history, from food to fundraising, whether it's online or in print, you can find it @ your library. And a library card will get you there. Visit the Atlantic City Free Public Library and sign up for one today. It's your ticket to a world of opportunity and no doubt the smartest card you can own.

Get the smartest card
in Atlantic City...



ANNUAL FOUNDATION DINNER

Curene Clark Ervin, Governor

Reserve your spot... Today!



Wednesday, September 21, 2005
6th Annual Library Foundation Dinner

This year, in celebration of the Library's 100th Birthday, the Foundation dinner will be held at the Borgata Hotel and Spa, with the Heart and Soul Foundation as a principal sponsor. You won't want to miss this exciting evening of celebration.

This year the Library Foundation is honoring: Virgie Jordan, Richlyn Goddard, Edythe Greene and Mark Menzies.

As of this printing, our sponsors are: The Borgata Heart & Soul Foundation; Laureate Press; Art of Flowers; The Sands Casino Hotel; Cooper Levenson; Insurance Management Services / NIA Group; MBCA Metropolitan Business & Citizens Association; Main Street Atlantic City and the Stockton Carnegie Center.

If you would like to support the Foundation via an ad or sponsorship or to receive an invitation, call 345-2269 Ext. 3119 and leave your name and address.

¡PARA SU INFORMACIÓN!

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

La Tarjeta Más Inteligente
Consíguela. Úsala.
@tu biblioteca.

1. Conozca a su bibliotecario, la mejor máquina de búsqueda en su biblioteca
2. Visite sus sitios favoritos en el Internet
3. Planee su próxima vacación
4. Encuentre una lista de centros de cuidado infantil en su área
5. Infórmese sobre los candidatos a puestos públicos
6. Reciba información sobre cómo registrarse para votar
7. Reserve la última novela de misterio
8. Llévese un video casete o DVD
9. Escuche un disco compacto de música clásica
10. Participe en un foro comunitario
11. Descubra cómo navegar el Internet
12. Prepare su resumé o currículum vitae
13. Obtenga nuevas ideas para decorar su casa
14. Obtenga una lista de organizaciones en su comunidad
15. Atienda una conferencia o taller
16. Escuche la lectura de su última novela por un autor local
17. Únase a un grupo de discusión de libros
18. Atienda con su niño(a) la hora del cuento para pre-escolares
19. Reciba ayuda con las tareas de la escuela
20. Encuentre toda clase de información sobre la salud
21. Investigue la manera de comprar un auto
22. Visite otro planeta con una novela de ciencia-ficción
23. Llame al escritorio de consultas si tiene una pregunta
24. Haga investigación para su reporte
25. Aprenda la historia de su ciudad o pueblo
26. Decida cuál computadora comprar usando una guía del consumidor

FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

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

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1. Get to know your librarian, the ultimate search engine @ your library®.
2. Browse your favorite Web site(s).
3. Plan your next vacation.
4. Find a list of childcare centers in your area.
5. Learn about local candidates for office.
6. Pick up voter registration information.
7. Reserve the latest mystery.
8. Pick up a video.
9. Listen to a classical CD.
10. Participate in a community forum.
11. Find out how to navigate the Internet.
12. Prepare your resume.
13. Get new ideas for redecorating your house.
14. Get a list of community organizations.
15. Attend a lecture or workshop.
16. Hear a local author reading his/her latest novel.
17. Join a book discussion group.
18. Attend preschool story hour with your child.
19. Get homework help.
20. Look up all kinds of health information.
21. Research the purchase of a new car.
22. Trek to another planet in a Sci-Fi novel.
23. Call the reference desk if you have a question.
24. Research your term paper.
25. Learn about the history of your city or town.
26. Decide which computer to buy using a consumer guide.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Andrea Tarr to Display Art @ the Library

Diversity is at the heart

of Andrea Tarr's Artwork.

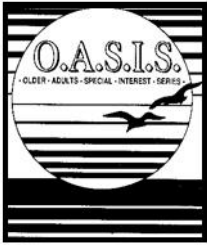
Tarr, a freelance graphic artist, said she's made countless presentations on graphic design and digital photography for various groups. So it was a natural marriage when Tarr, a SCAN — Senior Citizens Activity Network — Learning Center computer instructor, began to incorporate techniques learned through her freelance graphic design business into her photography.

The Library exhibit will include photographs of her garden along with photos taken over 14 years of baseball stadiums and baseball memorabilia collected by her partner, Fred Burg, and Tarr's photographs of stadium scoreboards.

"In 1992, I attended the All-Star Game in San Diego," she wrote in the notes that accompany the show. "At the time, I admit to not having much appreciation for the game of baseball." Today, Tarr, a West Long Branch resident, has acquired the taste. Having traveled across far and wide to visit major-league and minor-league stadiums, she professes an affinity for scoreboards.

The exhibit will be on display the entire month of October.

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



September 5
Library Closed
Labor Day

October 10
Library Closed
Columbus Day



September 12
What's New in Trenton?
Assemblyman Francis Blee

September 19
Atlantic County Utilities Authority
Michele Bellinger

September 26
Medicare Update
Social Security Administration
Dave Delaney

October 3
Fall Gardening
Rutgers Cooperative Extension
Mona Bawgus

October 17
Elder Fraud
New Jersey Department of Law
and Public Safety
August Longo

October 24
Health Topic
Atlantic City Health Department

October 31
Bone Health
Dr. Ira Stein. M.D.

LOWES HOW TO CLINICS
@ THE LIBRARY

Remodel Using Crown Molding and Paneling
Wednesday, September 14, 2005, 5:30 pm

Decorative Painting Techniques
Saturday, September 24, 2005, 11:00am

Installing Ceramic Tile
Tuesday, October 4, 2005, 5:30 pm

Installing Flooring Hardwood and Laminate
Saturday, October 22, 2005, 11:00am

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

Story Time
Schedule

Pre-school
Children ages 3 to 5
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
September 22 — October 27

Children
Grades 1 through 6
Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
September 22 and 29
Tales from the Hacienda
(Hispanic Stories)
October 6, 13, 20, 27
Tales from the First People
(Native American)



Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Saturday, September 17, 2:00pm
They will be deciding on events
and activities for the coming year.

Teen Film

September 3, 2:00pm *Ten Things I Hate About You*
A movie set in a modern high school.

Teen Read Week is October 17-25

Tuesday, October 18 we will celebrate with a
speaker discussing teen life in Japan and the
importance of graphic novels. Teens will also view
our display of the 2006 Garden State Teen Book
Award nominees and vote for their favorites.

Local Teens Exhibit Art Work

October 7 until November 4: Mark Menzies'
"A Day in the Life of a Future Fashion Designer."
RECEPTION: Tuesday October 11 @ 6:30pm

September 28 until November 1
Manga by illustrator Keith Clack



Family Film Days

Saturday
September 24 @ 2pm
Lilo and Stitch 2



Saturday, October 29th
Harry Potter Movie Marathon
10 am Sorcerer's Stone
Noon Chamber of Secrets
2 pm Prisoner of Azkaban

COMPUTER CENTER

The Atlantic City Library is now offering Really Simple Syndication (RSS) Feeds. RSS Feeds are a fairly new computer technology that will send you the latest information or breaking news about a particular subject or set of subjects that you choose. Internet sites such as the BBC are offering RSS Feeds. You can use one of the Library's RSS Feed for information including "What items do I currently have checked out and when are they due?"; "What items do I have on hold?"; "What upcoming Events are scheduled at the Library?". You need to have RSS Feed software or Internet Browsers such as Mozilla Firebird, Mozilla Thunderbird or Opera installed on your computer. RSS Feeds will not work with Microsoft Internet Explorer. Many of these RSS software packages are free to download on the Internet. For more information and instructions visit the Library Webpage at <http://www.acfpl.org/rss.htm>.

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

Sept. 13 Tuesday 10:00 am – 11:00 am
Oct. 29 Saturday 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Intro. To MS Word

(Word Processing fundamentals)

Sept. 24 Saturday 10:00 am – 11:00 am
Oct. 11 Tuesday 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Internet Basics

(For Beginners)

Sept. 26 Monday 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Oct. 31 Monday 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Learn-a-Test

(Online Database of practice tests)

MOUSE SKILLS REQUIRED!

Sept. 22 Thursday 10:00 am – 11:30 am
Oct 17 Monday 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

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Coming to Atlantic City



Richmond Avenue School and home of AC Public Library Branch

Danitra Brown, Class Clown

Written by Nikki Grimes & Illustrated by E. B. Lewis

The irrepressible Danitra Brown, and her best friend Zuri Jackson, are back again in *Danitra Brown, Class Clown*. This time around, the focus is on the ins and outs, and ups and downs of school. From breaking in the new teacher, to breaking down the mysteries of math, Danitra and Zuri learn that the best way to get through the new school year is with each other.

E.B. Lewis, an Atlantic County resident, has an attachment to the Richmond Avenue School and its students. So much so, he used the students as models for this project. Illustrations "make the book come to life," Lewis often tells eager audiences.

To find out more about the upcoming school program, contact Mariann Storr at 609-266-7980.



**atlantic city
free public library**

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.

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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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The Osbournes: the first season	Beyond the Sea
Alexander the Great	National Treasure
Pilates complete for everyone	Coach Carter
The Hostage	Be Cool
Because of Winn Dixie	Incredibles
Mulan II	Pokemon Heroes the Movie
Pooh's Heffalump Movie	The Sandlot 2
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	

Book Selections

Top 5 at a Glance

FICTION

LIFEGUARD by James Patterson and Andrew Gross
THE HISTORIAN by Elizabeth Kostova
THE INTERRUPTION OF EVERYTHING by Terry McMillan
UNTIL I FIND YOU by John Irving
THE KITE RUNNER by Khaled Hosseini

NON-FICTION

BLINK by Malcolm Gladwell
THE WORLD IS FLAT by Thomas Friedman
THE FAR TAX BOOK by Neal Boortz
GUNS, GERMS, AND STEEL by Jared Diamond
NATURAL CURES "THEY" DON'T WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT by Kevin Trudeau

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