What’s going on?
Anniversary tributes to include Motown, Woodstock music

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will recognize some of music’s biggest anniversaries this summer.

Motown 60th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, July 19 — The Main Library will broadcast popular Motown songs over its public-address system throughout the day. Also, the library will show the film, “Standing in the Shadows of Motown,” at 1 p.m. in the second-floor meeting room.

Woodstock 50th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, Aug. 16 — The Main Library will play the music of those performers who played at Woodstock, as well as the songs of that generation, over the Main Library public-address system.

50th anniversary of Apollo 11 moon landing
Library to remember historic moment with coverage of event, exhibit

Man first landed on the moon on July 20, 1969 — and the Atlantic City Free Public Library will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the historic Apollo 11 flight.

Throughout the day on July 20, the library will replay the live CBS coverage, anchored by Walter Cronkite, of the Apollo 11 moon landing. The 42-minute video will be shown on the Main Library’s first floor.

The library — in conjunction with our Film Society — will also show the movie “Apollo 11” on July 20 at 1 p.m. This program is open to all ages. The documentary is rated G and runs 93 minutes.

Exhibit about New Jersey Civil Rights on display at Main Library

The African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey is bringing its exhibit “A Time for Change: Civil Rights in South Jersey” to the Main Library. The exhibit will be located on the Main Library’s first floor for the month of July.

The exhibit is a series of freestanding panels with images and text chronicling some of the key events and personalities that helped define New Jersey’s role in the Civil Rights Movement. It includes explorations of the urban unrest in Camden, Newark and nationally; the struggle to secure voting rights in the South, highlighted by the protests at the 1964 Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City; and panels celebrating the first Miss Black America Pageant, which was staged in Atlantic City in 1968.

This exhibition was made possible by a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.
SUMMER READING PROGRAM SPONSOR

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PROGRAM SERIES
PAWS TO READ WITH SOPHIE THE POODLE
Please call for dates and times.
Children reading to dogs is a program for children who can sign up in 15-minute increments to read to Sophie the Poodle, a certified therapy dog, in a relaxed and fun environment. Participating children should not be fearful of dogs or have pet allergies. Ages 4-10.

MOVIE & BOARD GAME DAY
Fridays at 1 p.m.
July 5, 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
We'll be showing fun movies in the Meeting Room. Those who don't want to watch the movie can hang out in the Youth Services Department and play board games with friends.

TWEEN DAY
Saturdays at 11 a.m.
July 6, 13, 20, 27 and Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Kids are invited to enjoy some gaming: Xbox360, PS3, Nintendo Wii. Participants need a library card in good standing to participate. Ages 9-12.

LEGO CLUB
Saturday at 2 p.m.
July 6, 13, 20, 27 and Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Use our LEGO® bricks and your imagination to create something fantastic! Ages 6-12.

MOON STORYTIME
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
July 9, 30 and Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27
Features stories, songs, finger plays and simple crafts. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Family and siblings are welcome. Library story times are a fun way to help your child develop skills they will need to be ready to read. Ages 3-5.

SPACE WARS
Thursdays at 2 p.m.
July 11, 18, 25 and Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Snapology/Space wars provides interactive robotics and coding programs for children and teens using LEGO® bricks. Students in our robotics programs learn pseudo-coding, coding, robotics and engineering principles. Using fun topics and themes, such as animals, games, space and battle machines, will be covered. This eight-week program provides a great mix of fun and education. Ages 3-14. Please call (609) 345-2269 ext. 3050 to register.

COMIC DRAWING
Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
July 11, 25 and Aug. 15, 29
Marvel/DC Comic illustrator Joe Del Beato will lead a drawing instruction for children and teens. Participants learn how to draw favorite characters. All materials supplied. No experience necessary. Ages 8-17.

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)
Saturdays at 1 p.m.
July 13 and Aug. 17
TAG is our teen volunteering group. Ask about how to apply at the Youth Services desk. Ages 13-18.

SUMMER SCI-FI BOOK CLUB
Tuesdays at 5 p.m.
July 16 and Aug. 13
The club is for teen and adult Atlantic City Library members. Registration required at Main Library Help Desk. The club will discuss “Dune” by Frank Herbert on July 16 and Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury on Aug. 13. Read the novel or watch the movie adaptation prior to the meeting.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS
FRANKLIN INSTITUTE SPACE SHOW
Tuesday, July 16, at 10:30 a.m.
To boldly go where no man has gone before … well, actually, we have been venturing into space since the late 1950s. Along the way, we have experienced the special challenges and opportunities of space travel. In this show, we discuss the force of gravity and use Newton’s third law of motion to launch a rocket. Once in space, we learn about freefall and microgravity. As we orbit, we explain how satellites help the spacecraft communicate with mission control. We will enlist a student to do some work in a simulated microgravity environment. We will discuss the many functions of the space suit, and we’ll even let one lucky volunteer try on “The World’s Cheapest Space Suit.”

SCIENTE Tellers
Thursday, July 18, at 10:30 a.m.
Scient tellers will make things fly, spin, move and soar while telling a series of stories! Kids will experience the science of power and energy through hands-on experiments! Ages 9 and older.

CHOO CHOO CHARLIE
Tuesday, July 23, at 10:30 a.m.
Choo Choo Charlie will take you on a magical adventure with train effects, magic and comedy. Ages 5-9

NOTE: Children less than 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver age 14 or older at all times in the Library.
Program schedule subject to change. Call Youth Services at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050 to confirm dates and times.

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, JULY 4
PRESENTING YOUR ELEVATOR PITCH

Tuesday, July 23, from 1 p.m.

Have you perfected your two-minute elevator pitch? Are you ready to discuss what problem your business solves, your target market, projected sales revenue and profits, and all other information necessary to communicate what you do and why?

BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW

Tuesday, July 16, from 1-2 p.m.

Part II: Waties will review your business plan following the Business Plan 101 Seminar.

TEEN ENTREPRENEUR SERIES

Conducted by Carol Waties, Director of the Small Business Development Center at Stockton University.

BUSINESS PLAN 101

Tuesday, July 9, from 1-2 p.m.

Are you interested in starting a business? Join us to learn about entrepreneurship and how to write a business plan, as well as creating your marketing and financial plans. A business plan is an essential roadmap for business success.

BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW

Tuesday, July 16, from 1-2 p.m.

Part II: Waties will review your business plan following the Business Plan 101 Seminar.

CRAFTING A WINNING ELEVATOR PITCH

Tuesday, July 23, from 1-2 p.m.

An elevator pitch is an ideal method to create a positive impression, generate conversations and contribute to your brand.

PRESENTING YOUR ELEVATOR PITCH

Tuesday, July 30, from 1-2 p.m.

Have you perfected your two-minute elevator pitch? Are you ready to discuss what problem your business solves, your target market, projected sales revenue and profits, and all other information necessary to communicate what you do and why?

ADULTS

ESL Language Conversation Club

Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m.

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28

Self Defense for Women

Fridays at 12 p.m.

July 5 and Aug. 2

Introduction to Tai Chi and Qigong

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Sci-Fi Book Club: Discuss “Dune”

Tuesday, July 16, at 5 p.m.

Third Thursday Concert Series:

Kingsley Ibenneche (Hip hop, folk, experimental soul)

Thursday, July 18, at 5 p.m.

Motown’s 60th Anniversary: View “Standing in the Shadows of Motown”

Friday, July 19, at 1 p.m.

View Live CBS Coverage of Apollo 11 Moon Landing (Main Library first floor)

Saturday, July 20 (all day)

Film viewing: “Apollo 11”

Saturday, July 20, at 1 p.m.

Film Society Year 13 Anniversary Party

Tuesday, July 23, at 4:30 p.m. (Film Society members only)

Information table: South Jersey Medical Center (near Main Library Help Desk)

Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

July 31 and Aug. 14

Summer Sci-Fi Book Club: Discuss “Fahrenheit 451”

Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 5 p.m.

Third Thursday Concert Series: Geri Oliver (jazz)

Thursday, Aug. 15, at 5 p.m.

Woodstock 50th Anniversary: View “Woodstock” Three Days that Defined a Generation

Friday, Aug. 16, at 1 p.m.

Film Society: View and Discuss “This Gun for Hire”

Saturday, Aug. 17, at 1 p.m.

Prize Drawing for Adult Summer Reading Challenge Participants

Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 10 a.m.

Film Society Classroom Session: Actor Alan Ladd

Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 4:30 p.m.

Ex-staff member turned author to discuss debut book

Former Atlantic City Teen Services Librarian M.K. England returns to Main Library on Monday, Aug. 5, at 1 p.m., to discuss her debut book, “The Disasters,” a Young Adult sci-fi adventure described as “The Breakfast Club meets Guardians of the Galaxy.” Please call (609) 345-2269 ext. 3050 for more information.

In the book, hotshot pilot Nax Hall has a history of making poor life choices. So it’s not exactly a surprise when he’s kicked out of the elite Ellis Station Academy in less than 24 hours. But Nax’s one-way trip back to Earth is cut short when a terrorist group attacks the Academy. Nax and three other washouts escape, but they’re also the sole witnesses to the biggest crime in the history of space colonization. And the perfect scapegoats.

Full of high-stakes action, subversive humor, and underdogs becoming heroes, this book is a page-turning thrill ride that anyone can fully enjoy.

Third Thursday Concert Series runs all summer

The Atlantic City Free Public Library began the third season of its Third Thursday Concert Series with a performance by Driftwood Soldier (right) on June 20. All shows are free and begin at 5 p.m. at Main Library. The next two shows will be Kingsley Ibeneneche on July 18 and Geri Oliver on Aug. 15. Ibeneneche delivers a range of dynamic tones, and explores hip-hop and folk beats. Oliver is a vocalist making her way across the Philadelphia jazz scene, wooing and wowing audiences and musicians with her sultry sound. Visit thirdthursdaydayac.org for more information about this series.
New Adult Craft Club gets started in July

Adults 18 years of age and older are invited to join the Atlantic City Free Public Library’s new Craft Club.

Join us and learn how to make crafts in this fun and relaxed class. The class is free, and most supplies will be provided.

Space is limited, so registration is required. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3075, to register.

Paper Beads on Wednesday, July 24, at 3 p.m. — Make creative paper beads from recycled magazines and books.

Basic Macrame on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 3 p.m. — In honor of the 50th anniversary of Woodstock, learn the basic macramé knots used to create bracelets, necklaces and more.

Paper flowers on Wednesday, Aug. 28, at 3 p.m. — Use recycled book pages to create beautiful paper roses.

Happy retirement!

Atlantic City Free Public Library staff member Sandy Ross retired in June 2019.

Sandy worked at City Hall as an Administrative Assistant for the Director of Planning and Development from 1982-2004. She joined the library staff as an Administrative Office Clerk in 2008.

“I loved my time here,” she said “I was always happy to come to work because I loved my job and the people here.”

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address system. The library will show the film, “Woodstock: Three Days that Defined a Generation,” at 1 p.m. in the second floor meeting room.

The next issue of Discovery will include details about the library’s plans to recognize the 40th anniversary of the release of “Rapper’s Delight” in September.

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During July and August, the library will display NASA space memorabilia from the personal collection of librarian Ben Pensiero. The exhibit is located in the display cases near the Main Library Help Desk.

Included in the collection are several photographs autographed by Apollo astronauts, including the first man to walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong, and three other astronauts who walked on the surface of the moon: John Young, Charlie Duke and Gene Cernan.

The collection originally belonged to Nicho-