Smithsonian exhibit visit to Atlantic City begins March 22

Library to host Hometown Teams, A.C. sports exhibit at Noyes Art Garage

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is helping to bring an exciting exhibit created by the Smithsonian Institution to the city for a six-week stay.

The library is one of six organizations in New Jersey selected to host "Hometown Teams" — a traveling exhibition that celebrates American sports and sportsmanship. Atlantic City will be the second stop on the Hometown Teams' 2014 road trip.

The exhibit will be displayed at the Noyes Art Garage Stockton College, located at the Wave parking garage at 2200 Fairmount Ave., from March 22 to May 4. Visitors will be able to view the exhibit from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

The library will hold a ribbon cutting at 2 p.m. March 22 at the Art Garage to kick off the exhibit's visit to Atlantic City.

"We are honored to host an exhibit from a well-known institution such as the Smithsonian in Atlantic City," Library Archivist Heather Halpin Perez said. "We think it will be a great opportunity for residents and visitors to see a national exhibit locally."

The Smithsonian developed this display especially for smaller museums or rural audiences.

As a companion to the Smithsonian exhibit, the Atlantic City Free Public Library will present a new exhibit, "The Atlantic City Experience: Devotion and Determination." This sports-based exhibit, which will also be located at the Art Garage, will showcase some of the people and places that are a part of the fabric of the city's rich sports history. Highlights will include Atlantic City Olympians and all-stars, women sports greats both before and after the enactment of Title IX, and the many venues in Atlantic City where sporting events have occurred.

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Library receives funds for teen Makerspace

The Makerspace, which will open on April 14, 2014, will include an array of tools and technology, including a 3-D printer, digital audio and video recording equipment and sewing machine.

Teenagers who love to make things — whether it's their own clothes, music and movies, video games or inventions — will have the opportunity to do so at the Atlantic City Free Public Library beginning this spring.

Atlantic City teens will be invited to "Make AC: Dream It, Design It, Do It" in the library's Makerspace, which is slated to open with a special ceremony on Monday, April 14, at 2 p.m. The Makerspace will be located inside the Teen Space at the Main Library.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is one of 15 libraries statewide — and the only one in Atlantic County — to be awarded funding by the New Jersey State Library and LibraryLinkNJ, the New Jersey Library Cooperative, to develop its own Makerspace. The library will receive $7,500 in funding and provide a match for a portion of that amount.

The library will provide teens with access to a variety of technology and tools, including a 3-D printer, digital audio recording, photography and video equipment, robotics, sewing machine and fiber arts, and more.

Teen Services librarian Megan England will coordinate the Makerspace project. She worked with the library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG) to create the branding and choose the equipment and programs that will be available.

"The Makerspace will offer teens the opportunity to come up with products and ideas for their own businesses, develop skills that will help them be successful in the workforce or college, and explore crafting and technology techniques for the pure fun of it," England said.

"The contemporary Makerspace movement is really about creating community spaces where people can learn by doing and engage in exploration and creativity using digital and analog technologies. Such spaces can both enrich and empower library users’ lives," said Mary Chute, NJ State Librarian.

Funding for this Makerspace Initiative is provided by the New Jersey State Library and by LibraryLinkNJ, the New Jersey Library Cooperative, whose services are funded by the New Jersey State Library, which is responsible for the coordination, promotion, and funding of the New Jersey Library Network.

FOOD FOR FINES: April 13-19, 2014

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will hold a "Food for Fines" food drive during National Library Week. People can donate non-perishable food items in lieu of paying a fine on overdue materials April 13-19 at both the Main Library and Richmond Branch Library locations. The food will be donated to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey — Southern Branch. For each non-perishable item donated, the accrued fines for one overdue item will be waived.
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View and Discuss: 2001: A Space Odyssey
Saturday, March 15, at 1 p.m.
This 1968 science fiction classic was directed by Stanley Kubrick. It is rated G and runs 160 minutes.

Opening Scenes
Monday, March 17, at 5:30 p.m.
This classroom session will focus on the greatest opening moments in movie history.

View and Discuss: Star Wars
Saturday, April 12 at 1 p.m.
This 1977 science fiction classic was directed by George Lucas. It is rated PG and runs 121 minutes.

Movie Entrances
Monday, April 14, at 5:30 p.m.
This classroom session will focus on the greatest character entrances in movie history.

COMPUTER TRAINING
Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3079; or, visit the Help Desk for more information.

Email Setup and Practice
Tuesdays, March 11 and April 15, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 22, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Come to this computer class without a valid email address and leave with one! A valid email address is needed to perform many important tasks, such as applying for jobs online. Learn how to access your email, compose emails, send emails, view your incoming emails, and attach documents.

Microsoft Word Basics
Tuesdays, March 11 and April 15, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Tuesdays, April 8, 29, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Learn how to create, edit, save, and print Word documents by making a resume. Resume templates will be provided.

(Classes are on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendees must bring their Atlantic City Library card to class.

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TEEN PROGRAMS

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

One-on-One Appointments for Teens
Need help using library online resources, e-books or doing research? Get one-on-one help from teen librarian Megan England. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, or email mengland@acfl.org to set up an appointment.

Make it: To Go! – Comic Book Picture Frames
Beginning March 1 (while supplies last)
Take home a kit to make a picture frame that makes you, your friends and your family the stars of your own comic book, complete with sound effects! Pick up your kit in the teen area of youth services. Available for the entire month of March while supplies last. Ages 10-18.

Teen Advisory Group Summit
Saturday, March 8, at 1:30 p.m.
Teen advisory groups from southern New Jersey meet, talk library stuff and have a good time. All TAG members are encouraged to attend.

Teen Art Series – Light-Up Paper Crafts
Sunday, March 9, at 3 p.m.
It's Teen Tech Week – celebrate by making one of our paper craft projects with real working lights! Copper tape and LEDs are used to make a drawing, card, or other paper craft light up with no soldering or wires necessary. Templates will be available for a variety of creative designs.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting
Saturdays at 2 p.m.
March 22 and April 19

TAG is our teen volunteer organization that plans teen events, tells the library what materials we should buy and coordinates volunteer opportunities!

Teen Book Club
Saturday, March 22, at 3 p.m.
Our book club is awesome because we give you a FREE copy of the book to keep. Forever! Grab your copy at the Youth Services desk and join us for snacks, drinks and discussion at our monthly meeting, even if you don't have time to finish the book.

College & Trade School Q&A
Wednesday, March 26 at 6 p.m.
Options for education beyond high school can be really confusing and stressful. Should you go to a community college, four-year university, a trade school? What's the difference between all these things? What is college REALLY like? We'll answer all of your questions about admissions, applying, choosing a school and more.

Make it: To Go! – Magnetic Poetry
Beginning April 1 (while supplies last)
Celebrate National Poetry Month with a take-home kit to make your own magnetic poetry set, using whatever words you want! Pick up your kit in the teen area of youth services. Available for the entire month of April while supplies last. Ages 10-18.

International Tabletop Day
Saturday, April 5, at 1 p.m.
Always been curious about Dungeons & Dragons, Star Wars RPG, or other tabletop games? Join us in the Teen Lounge for a beginner's level adventure that'll teach you the basics. Experienced players welcome, too! Tabletop board and card games will also be available for those who aren't into RPGs.

Teen Art Series: Song Lyric Self Portraits
Sunday, April 6, at 3 p.m., Teen Lounge
No artistic skill is required for these awesome self-portraits, where the outlines are made from lines and passages from your favorite songs, poems, and movies.

The Richmond Branch Library holds story times for children nine years of age and younger on Fridays.

PROGRAMS @ RICHMOND AVENUE

Call (609) 340-0215, for more information.

Story Time Fridays
Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11, 25
Includes stories and finger plays for children. Families and siblings are welcome. Best for ages 9 and younger.

Crafty Tuesdays
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
March 11, 25 and April 8,22
Kids ages 6-14 will use their imaginations to make and take home crafts with seasonal themes.

All children under 9 must to accompanied by an adult or guardian.
CHILDREN'S 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 with a librarian for personalized assistance in using library resources.

Tween Days in the Teen Lounge
Saturdays at 11 a.m.
March 1, 15 and April 12, 16
Kids ages 9-12 are invited to enjoy gaming in the Teen Space: Xbox360, PS3, Nintendo Wii. Participants need a library card in good standing to participate.

LEGO Club
Saturdays at 2 p.m.
March 1, 15, 29 and April 12, 26
Use our LEGOos and your imagination to create something spectacular. Ages 6-12.

The Pre-school Rhyme Time on March 6 will be dedicated to Dr. Seuss. Seussology is a fun and interactive program that includes trivia and plenty of laughs.

Pre-school Rhyme Time
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 17, 24
Features stories, songs, finger plays and crafts. Library story times are a fun way to help your child develop skills they will need to be ready to read. Ages 2-5.

Baby Bounce and Play Group
Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.
March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 17, 24
This program is designed to introduce infants (ages 0-24 months) to the world of sounds and stories.

Comic Drawing
Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 17, 24
Marvel/DC Comics Illustrator Joe Del Beato will lead the drawing instruction. Female characters featured in comics and cartoons will be the focus in March in honor of Women's History Month. Ages 9-17.

Creative Crafts
Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.
March 11 and 25
Kids use their imagination to make crafts with seasonal themes. Children less than 9 years of age must be accompanied by an adult/guardian. Ages 6-12.

Children Book Club
Saturdays at 3 p.m.
March 15, 29 and April 12, 26
Share a great book then learn how to make an interactive poster about it with graphics, video, sound and text. Any child who joins the program also receives a free copy of the book to keep. Refreshments and crafts included. Registration required. Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050. Best for ages 8-11.

Special Story Time: Lead Awareness
Thursday, April 10, at 10:30 a.m.
This presentation of the Sesame Street Lead Poisoning Film is sponsored by the Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative and includes information on how to receive a Free Wipe Out Lead Home Testing Kit and Coloring pages.

ESL CLASSES:
English as a Second Language

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3079; or, visit the Help Desk for more information.

Intermediate ESL
Mondays from 1 to 3:30 p.m.
March 3, 10, 17, 31 and April 7, 21, 28
Listen, read, practice conversation, learn writing techniques, new vocabulary, pronunciation and proper grammar. All levels are welcome to attend.

Advance registration is required
Those interested in attending English as a Second Language classes must register. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Classes are open to adult Atlantic City Library members. Applications are available at the Help Desk at the Main Library. All sessions take place in the Main Library meeting room.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON APRIL 18 AND 20
FUN DAY SUNDAY:
Programs for the whole family

Registration is required. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, to register. Programs start at 2 p.m. Nobody will be admitted after 2:15 p.m.

Mardi Gras Masks
Sunday, March 2, at 2 p.m.
Participants will learn about this holiday and make their own masks to take home.

Windspinners
Sunday, March 9 at 2 p.m.
Windspinners are fun and decorative, great for the month of March winds. Learn how to make your own in this session.

Yarnspinners Party
Sunday, March 16, at 2 p.m.
Storyteller and TrashPunk artist Megan Hicks spins tales about some famous fiber artists — Spider Anansi and Arachne, to mention a couple. Then we'll work some magic and make yarn with a drop spindle and a cloud of fleece. And next, we'll create “found yarn” from recycled clothes, and turn it into fashion accessories for participants to take home and enjoy.

Learn the Exquisite art of Marbleizing Paper
Sunday, March 23, at 2 p.m.
Make colorful one-of-a-kind marbleized birds using paper marbleizing. Similar to tie-dying, marbleizing is easier and more exquisite. Learn both the technique and the fascinating history of this ancient art. Then, use your birds to create a colorful ribbon door hanger to enchant your guests when they arrive at your home.

Fruit and Vegetable Mosaics
Sunday, March 30, at 2 p.m.
Participants will explore the benefits of fruits and veggies and will use the vibrant colors and textures of fruits and veggies to create an artistic mosaic ... then we will eat and enjoy our creations!

Trihexaflexagons
Sunday, April 6, at 2 p.m.
Flexagons are flat models made from folded strips of paper that can be flexed to reveal a number of hidden faces. We will be making one of the simplest types, called a trihexaflexagon, which can reveal six unique patterns.

Science Kits for Kids
Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m.
In anticipation of our Makerspace opening, people of all ages are invited to experience our new science and technology crafting kits. Build a doll house with working lights and fans, hook bananas up to a computer to make a piano, and more!

Our Marine Mammals and Sea Turtles
Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m.
Discover what makes a marine mammal different than a fish, which types of marine mammals and sea turtles come to New Jersey and the dangers they face while they are here. Learn how and why the Marine Mammal Stranding Center helps our marine friends.

ADULT PROGRAMS
Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112, for more information.

Monthly Crafts for Adults: Mardi Gras Masks
Monday, March 3, at 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate Carnival Season by decorating a festive Mardi Gras mask

Film Based on the Book Series: The Book Thief
Saturday, April 26, at 1 p.m.
Join us for the film "The Book Thief" followed by a discussion of how the movie relates to the book by Markus Zusak.

Film Based on the Book Series: Celebrating James Patterson's Birthday
Saturday, March 22, at 11 a.m.
Join us for the first two films in the Alex Cross Series: "Along Came a Spider" and "Kiss the Girls." A book discussion will follow regarding how the books relate to the movies.

Monthly Crafts for Adults: Easter Egg Craft
Monday, April 7, at 10:30 a.m.
Enjoy the arrival of spring by joining us for a sequined Easter egg craft.
Hometown Teams
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The theme of the Hometown Teams exhibition is the ongoing cultural processes that have made America such a celebrator of sports, through teamwork, leadership and team pride. Through a selection of photographs, artifacts and memorabilia, the Hometown Teams exhibition explores various aspects of sports and teams, from how and why we play these games to what makes us fans and why we root for our home teams. The story is full of surprises about familiar games, histories of our teams and sports traditions, and how sports and teams have become such an integral part of American society.

The library will receive funding from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities for programming related to the exhibit. The programs will be held 6 p.m. Thursdays at the Art Garage. They will focus on various Atlantic City sports topics, with local sports figures serving as guest speakers.

"Atlantic City is an American sports story," Atlantic City Historical Museum Coordinator Beth Ryan said. "From Boardwalk Hall to the beaches, from the basketball courts to the baseball diamonds, we have many stories to tell. The Smithsonian exhibit will allow us the opportunity to bring these Atlantic City stories to light with special programming that visitors and residents of all ages can enjoy."

Hometown Teams has been made possible in Atlantic City by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. Hometown Teams is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institute and State Humanities Councils nationwide. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

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Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3064 for more information about Hometown Teams.
A.C. Library teens chosen for ALA panel

Atlantic City Free Public Library Teen Advisory Group members Nazifa Chowdhoury, Mahmuda Haque and Mahfuza Haque participated in the American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Meeting on Jan. 25 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia.

The trio, accompanied by Teen Services Librarian Megan England, served on a 50-teen feedback panel selected to help an ALA committee narrow down the list of nominees in the 2014 “Best Fiction for Young Adults” category.

Mahfuza Haque, librarian Megan England, Nazifa Chowdhoury and Mahmuda Haque met author Matthew Quick, whose book “Forgive Me, Leonard Peacock” was named to the Best Fiction for Young Adults 2014 list. The library’s teens highly recommended Quick’s book to the selection committee.