Free weekly job skills lab available to library members

Staff to guide those who need assistance with job-related tasks

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is now offering a free weekly Walk-in Job Skills Lab to library members who need help with job-related tasks. We'll provide refresher tips for your job search. The lab is on Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. in September and October in the Main Library meeting room.

Library members can receive personal assistance from a librarian. Staff members can guide you through the process of searching for jobs on the web, creating an email address, updating your resume, or completing an online employment application, though they won't enter your information. This service is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Also, an online guide that highlights many of the library's job-related resources is available. To view the guide, visit library’s website — www.acfpl.org — highlight the Learn tab and click on Jobs.

One of those resources is Job & Career Accelerator™. Interactive wizards guide users through each step, from exploring suitable occupations and finding available jobs to preparing targeted resumes and improving critical job search skills.

The personalized Job Search Portfolio allows job seekers to plan, tailor and track multiple job searches at the same time. Job & Career Accelerator™ is available at the library; or, those with an Atlantic City Library card can access this great resource from any computer or device with an Internet connection.

For more information about the library’s Walk-in Job Skills Lab or job-related resources, please visit the Main Library Help Desk, call (609) 345-2269 or e-mail reflib@acfpl.org.
City, library create website for kids, teens

Variety of city programs and services listed at ackidsandteens.com

Parents looking for fun and educational activities for their children and teens have a new resource available to them. The City of Atlantic City and Atlantic City Free Public Library have teamed up to create a website — ackidsandteens.com — which is a compilation of many of the programs, events and services offered by non-profit and government organizations throughout the city.

Those who visit the site have the option of browsing the organizations alphabetically or by category, such as after-school programs, educational or sports. The site also features a map for those looking for activities close to home and other great features.

MEET THE AUTHOR PROGRAM: Saturday, Oct. 18

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will hold a Meet the Author program featuring Jane Kelly at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, in the Main Library meeting room. Kelly writes mystery novels, set in New Jersey beach resorts, that have a humorous twist, including “Missing in Atlantic City.” There will be a book signing following the program.

Visit janekellymystery.homestead.com for more information about the author. Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3077, to learn more about the program.
ADULT PROGRAMS
Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112, for more information.

Gaming Events: NFL Kickoff and NBA Tip-Off Tournaments
Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
Sept. 3 and Oct. 29
The library will host an NFL Kickoff Tournament in September and NBA Tip-Off Tournament in October to mark the beginning of those two sports seasons. Participants will compete for library championships. The tournaments will be played on PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360. The events are open to adults 18 and older. Registration is required. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3077.

Flashback Friday Archives: Guided Tour of Atlantic City Historical Museum
Friday, Sept. 5, at 1 p.m., at Atlantic City Historical Museum
Museum staff will lead a guided tour of the Atlantic City Historical Museum and discuss the featured exhibits, which focus on Miss America the 1920s and more.

Saturday Morning Yoga
Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.
Sept. 6, 27 and Oct. 11, 25
Yoga is a great way to begin the day. Awaken your inner consciousness. Come to the library for FREE yoga classes in September and October! Participants are welcome to bring their own mats. Dress comfortably and bring a water bottle with you if you would like.

Open Mic
Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
Sept. 10 and Oct. 8
Come to perform or just listen, relax and enjoy. Sign up at the door. Each person reading in the Open Mic will receive four minutes of performance time. The library reserves the right to cut any performance short due to inappropriate content.

Second Saturday Speaker Series: Early Years of Miss America Pageant
Saturday, Sept. 13, at 11 a.m., at Atlantic City Historical Museum
On the same day as this year’s Miss America Parade, library archivist/museum coordinator Heather Perez will discuss the early years of the pageant.

The Constitution: Lecture and Discussion
Saturday, Sept. 20, at 3 p.m.
(Please see story on page one for details.)

Film Based on the Book Series: The Bone Collector
Saturday, Sept. 27, at 1:30 p.m.
Join us for the film The Bone Collector. A talk about how the movie relates to the book by Jeffrey Deaver will follow. Attendees are invited to read a copy of the book in advance to enhance the discussion but also can stay just for the movie.

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Meet the Author: Jane Kelly
Saturday, Oct. 18, at 3 p.m.
(Please see story on page two for details.)

Film Based on the Book Series: Gone Baby Gone
Saturday, Oct. 25, at 1:30 p.m.
Join us for the film Gone Baby Gone. A discussion about how the movie relates to the book by Dennis Lehane will follow. Attendees are invited to read a copy of the book in advance to enhance the discussion but also can stay just for the movie.
TEEN PROGRAMS

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

One-on-One Appointments for Teens
Need advice about what kind of college to look for, resumes and cover letters, first jobs or career options? Need help using library online resources, e-books, or doing research? You can get one-on-one help from our teen librarian. Call (609) 345-2269 ext. 3050, or e-mail mengland@acfl.org.

Make It To Go: Giant Collage Letters
September (while supplies last)
Take home a kit to make a giant decorated letter to hang on a wall or door. Pick up your kit in the teen area of youth services. Available while supplies last. Ages 10-18.

Teen Advisory Group and New Volunteer Training
Saturday, Sept. 6, at 2 p.m.
(New volunteers should arrive at 1 p.m. on Sept. 6)
Saturday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m.
TAG is our teen volunteering group, where teens ages 13-18 can help plan teen events, tell the library what materials to buy, and get volunteer hours. Free pizza is included with every meeting!

STEM Saturdays: Tasty and Musical
Saturday, Sept. 6, at 3 p.m.
Once a month, join us for a STEM-related project! This month we'll learn about thermodynamics while playing catch with homemade ice cream, then make a tiny electronic musical instrument out of an Arduino microcontroller.

Teen Book Club
Saturdays at 2 p.m. in Teen Lounge
Sept. 20 and Oct. 18
The first 10 teens to sign up get a free copy of the book. Pick up your copy any time before the program, then join us for discussion, refreshments, and a creative response. September's book is Little Brother by Cory Doctorow. October's book is Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

Teen Gaming Club
Saturdays at 3 p.m. in Teen Lounge
Sept. 20 and Oct. 18
Play video and tabletop games, analyze how they work, and make your own! Every meeting of the gaming club will include a Game of the Month, lessons about game design, and free play time. We will begin planning and designing our own collaborative game at this meeting.

The Fault in Our Stars Movie Night
Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m.
Join us in watching the new DVD release of The Fault in Our Stars, based on the YA book by John Green.

Anime & Manga Club
Monday, Sept. 29, at 6 p.m.
Join us for the first meeting of our new Anime and Manga Club! We'll talk favorites, decide what we want to read and watch, throw on an episode, and eat pocky. Also, there will be door prizes!

Teen Read Week Celebration
October
Drop into the library's teen section for YA books dressed in costumes and a take-home book craft, then participate online in our Instagram and Facebook challenges. Prizes will be awarded at the end of Teen Read Week (Oct. 12-18).

Make It! To Go: Recycled Book Crafts
October (while supplies last)
Take home a kit to make 5+ different crafts from recycled book pages in honor of Teen Read Week! Ages 10-18. Pick up your kit in the teen area of youth services. Available while supplies last.

STEM Saturdays: Blinking and Coding
Saturday, Oct. 4, at 3 p.m. in Teen Lounge
We'll make light up paper circuits and learn to program the Arduino microcontroller to blink, spell names, tell time, tweet and more.

Free Practice SAT
Saturday, Oct. 11, from 12-4:30 p.m.
Registration is REQUIRED for this SAT Practice Test, administered by Kaplan. Please see a youth services staff member if you need help creating an e-mail address. Study materials are available from the library both in person and online. Please e-mail mengland@acfl.org or call (609) 345-2269 ext. 3050 to sign up. This is the full four-hour SAT practice test. There is no fee to participate.

Teen Space 5th Anniversary Party
Saturday, Oct. 18, at 1:30 p.m.
(Please see page three for details.)

Teen Anime & Manga Club Halloween Party
Monday, Oct. 27, at 6 p.m.
Join us for a 10-minute construction paper cosplay contest, talk costumes and conventions, then watch a creepy anime and have themed snacks! Costumes optional, but encouraged.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON SEPT. 1 AND OCT. 13
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 homework and information literacy help.

Creative Craft Tuesdays
Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 2, 16, 30 and Oct. 14, 28
Kids ages 6-12 use their imagination to make and take home crafts. There will be a special emphasis on Hispanic inspired crafts in September and October. Children less than 6 must be accompanied by an adult/guardian.

Pre-school Rhyme Time
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Features stories, songs and simple crafts for children, accompanied by an adult. Family and siblings are welcome. This is a fun way to help your child develop skills they will need to be ready to read. Ages 3 to 5.

Baby Bounce and Play Group
Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.
Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
This program introduces infants (ages 0-18 months) to the world of sounds and stories. Stories, songs, rhymes and movement help build pre-reading skills. An informal playgroup follows.

Comic Drawing
Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Marvel/DC Comics illustrator Joe Del Beato will lead drawing instruction for children and teens. In September, Del Beato will lead free workshops focusing on Hispanic characters featured in comics, cartoons and graphic novels. Ages 9 to 17.

Tween Days in the Teen Lounge
Saturdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sept. 13, 27 and Oct. 11, 25
Kids are invited to rock out in the Teen Space. This is your chance to enjoy gaming: Xbox360, PS3, Nintendo Wii. Participants need a library card in good standing to participate. Ages 9 to 12

LEGO Club
Saturdays at 2 p.m.
Sept. 13, 27 and Oct. 11, 25
Use our LEGO’s and your imagination to create something great! Ages 6 to 12.

Children’s Book Club
Saturdays at 3 p.m.
Sept. 13, 27 and Oct. 11, 25
Combine technology and reading in a special book club experience. Share a great book then learn how to make an interactive poster about it, plus join our book club blogging group. 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. Ages 8 to 11.

Homeschool Open House
Friday, Sept. 26, at 10 a.m.
Learn how to get the most out of your public library! Drop by to meet the Youth Services staff, and find out about new materials and programs the library has to offer homeschoolers. Also, it’s a great opportunity to network with other homeschooling families. Children are welcome. Reservations required. Please call (609) 345.2269, ext. 3050.

STEAM Friday
Friday, Sept. 26, at 3:30 p.m.
Using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math, children will enjoy experimenting, designing, building, computing and crafting on the last Friday of each month thru December.

ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FILM SOCIETY
Watch • Listen • Learn • Discuss

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

View and Discuss: The Departed
Saturday, Sept. 13, at 1 p.m.
This 2006 Martin Scorsese film stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon and Jack Nicholson. It is rated R and runs 151 minutes.

Death Scenes
Monday, Sept. 15, at 5:30 p.m.
This classroom session will focus on the greatest death scenes in movie history.

View and Discuss: It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World
Saturday, Oct. 4, at 1 p.m.
This 1963 comedy classic was directed by Stanley Kramer and features an all-star cast. It is not rated and runs 163 minutes.

Title Sequences
Monday, Oct. 6, at 5:30 p.m.
This classroom session will focus on the greatest opening title sequences in movie history.
COMPUTER TRAINING

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

Microsoft Word Basics
Tuesday, Sept. 23, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 27, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Learn how to create, save and print Word documents by making a resume. Resume templates will be provided.

Walk-in Job Skills Lab
Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m.
Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24 and Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
(Please see page one for details.)

Basic Internet and Typing Skills
Monday, Sept. 8, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 30, from 5 to 7:30
Learn the basics of the Internet and typing. Learn how to visit different websites and position your hands on the keyboard and which fingers to use for which keys. Practice in class under an instructor’s guidance, and discover a free online typing program to practice on your own.

Email Setup and Practice
Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 6, from 1 to 3:30 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.

Smartphone Basics
Monday, Sept. 22, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Would you like some tips on using your smartphone? We will cover the basics of using an Android smartphone such as Samsung, LG, ZTE, and Huawei. Learn how to do the following: set up and check voicemail, add new contacts, send and receive text messages, connect to a WiFi network, browse the Internet, and manage apps.

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

ESL CLASSES:

English as a Second Language

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

Intermediate ESL
Tuesdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and Oct. 7, 14, 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 ESL 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.

FUN DAY SUNDAY

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

Fun Day Sundays
Sundays at 2 p.m.
Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26
Every Sunday is a celebration of families at the Atlantic City Free Public Library. Enjoy a unique array of special programs and events for the whole family to enjoy including crafts with seasonal themes and family films. All materials supplied.

No background in art is necessary. Each activity accommodates up to 25 participants.

The September activities will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. The October activities will highlight the Fall, Columbus Day, Halloween and Diwali (Hindu Festival of Lights).
You’re invited to a party: Atlantic City Library’s Teen Space is turning 5

October 2014 marks the fifth anniversary of the opening of the Atlantic City Free Public Library’s popular Teen Space — and the library will celebrate the occasion with a party Saturday, Oct. 18, at 1:30 p.m.

The library welcomes people of all ages to attend the party to learn how teens can become a Teen Space member, check out some of the space’s new features or simply to hang out.

The Teen Space was one of the few library spaces of its kind in New Jersey when it opened. The 985-square-foot area, designed specifically for teens, features computer workstations with a variety of multi-media applications, graffiti art mural painted by local youth, large screen television and video gaming area and modern lounge furniture. The Teen Space has provided a safe and fun environment that responds to both the likes and needs of teenagers living in the 21st century.

The A+ Teen Space Project is funded by the Atlantic City Free Public Library, a service of the City of Atlantic City, the South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative and the New Jersey State Library, which is responsible for the coordination, promotion and funding of the New Jersey Library Network.

(Top left) The Atlantic City Free Public Library transformed a section of the Main Library’s second floor into its Teen Space (top right) in 2009. The library updated The Lounge section of the Teen Space by adding a Makerspace (bottom right) earlier this year.

The library enhanced the Teen Lounge section of the Teen Space in April 2014 by adding a Makerspace, where teens are invited to “Make AC: Dream It, Design It, Do It.” The space gives teens 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.

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.
Film Society still going strong

The Atlantic City Library Film Society celebrated its Year Eight Anniversary with a party for its members July 14. Theresa Hawkins is the coordinator of the Film Society, which is open to adult library members in good standing. The group meets twice a month: on a Saturday to watch and discuss a film, and on a Monday for a classroom session focused on a movie topic.