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Library awarded \$40,000 to build 'Teen Space'



The Atlantic City Free Public Library incorporated input from local teens in creating plans for a new Teen Space.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library was selected to receive \$40,000 in funding to create a special Teen

Space as part of the South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative's A+ Teen Space Demonstration Project.

Atlantic City will begin working on its Teen Space immediately with an anticipated grand opening of September 2009.

"We are excited to have this opportunity to expand services for teens in Atlantic City," Atlantic City Free Public Library Director Maureen Sherr Frank said. "We are looking forward to developing a special area

with new technology and educational resources in the Main Library to encourage learning, exploration and creativity."

The 985-square-foot Teen Space, which will be located on the Main Library's second floor, will be comprised of two main sections: The Lounge and Teen Central.

The Lounge will be a

casual, teen-only area for teens to gather, and it will include work stations, modern lounge furniture, space to hold meetings and special programs, a large screen television, video gaming area, computers and CD listening station.

Teen Central will be a quiet area designed for teens

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Black History Month events designed to educate, entertain

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will continue its tradition of offering programs in February in celebration of Black History Month.

Monday, Feb. 2 to Saturday, Feb. 28 — The library, in conjunction with the African-American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey, will present an exhibit, "Gene Hudgins and the Yard," the saga of the Pennsylvania Avenue School Yard and its impact on Atlantic City and the region. Hudgins was a local icon and former pro basketball player with the Harlem Globetrotters. The Atlantic City native mentored future business, civic, political and educational leaders who played basketball at the legendary playground 'Yard.'

Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 5 p.m. — Evolution of Black Dance in

America performance: Youth ages 10 to 17 will give a performance that takes the audience on a journey of dance styles from 1615 to modern day. The youth will be training for this performance in January (Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28) under the direction of instructor Pattie Harris. Those interested in performing can call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3052, to register.

Saturday, Feb. 14, at 12 p.m. — Watch "The Black Candle" and Meet Director M.K. Asante, Jr.: The Black Candle is a landmark, vibrant documentary that uses Kwanzaa as a vehicle to explore and celebrate the African-American experience.

Following the documentary, the audience can meet M.K. Asante, Jr., the movie's director.

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The Greater Philadelphia Minghui School Dance Team will perform at 12 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, for the library's Chinese New Year festivities.

Performance, activities scheduled in recognition of Chinese New Year

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will observe the Chinese New Year with an afternoon full of programs and activities on Saturday, Jan. 17.

The programs — which include music and dance performance, lecture about medicine, flour sculpting and calligraphy are free. No registration is required.

12 p.m. — Traditional Music and Dance Program: The Greater Philadelphia Minghui School Dance Team will perform. Founded in July 2007, the Dance Team has performed extensively, including at the Asian Cultural Festival in September 2007, VIP Reception at the Chinese New

Year Spectacular in Philadelphia in January 2008, Second annual Women Cultivating Women Awards Ceremony in March 2008 and the Evening of Art event at University of Delaware in March 2008.

1 p.m. — Chinese Medicine Lecture with Dr. Jingduan Yang: Dr. Yang's topic is "Acupuncture and the Traditional Chinese Medicine for Your Health."

Dr. Yang will introduce the basic principals of traditional Chinese medicine and how you can apply it to your daily life. Dr. Yang is a board certified psychiatrist and an international expert on classic forms of Chinese Medicine. He

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Meet top urban fiction author Jan. 24

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will hold a Meet the Author program featuring K'wan — one of the biggest names in all of urban fiction — at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, in the Main Library meeting room.

"(K'wan) is the James Patterson of urban fiction."
— Chantél Harvey,
library urban fiction coordinator

The popularity of urban fiction at the Atlantic City Library is immense, accounting for approximately one quarter of all fiction items circulated in 2008 — and K'wan is among the

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Photos needed for exhibit honoring city's military veterans



Female members of the military parade on the Atlantic City Boardwalk in 1945.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library, in conjunction with American Legion Post 61 and the African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey, is looking for photos and other materials featuring military veterans who live or have lived in Atlantic City.

The photos are being requested for a planned exhibit that will be held at the All Wars Memorial Building in Atlantic City in the spring 2009. The pictures should feature the veterans during active service or in uniform. Photos showing veterans from any military branch or era can be submitted for consideration.

Those who submit photos for the exhibit can

choose to donate or lend them to the library. These photos will be available in the future as part of the library's Alfred M. Heston Collection, a growing collection of information and photographs documenting the city's past. People lending photos will have the original copies returned after they are duplicated.

The deadline to submit items for consideration for the exhibit is Friday, Feb. 15, 2009.

To submit photos, please stop by or call the Heston Collection Room at the Main Library, which is located at One North Tennessee Avenue. Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3062, for more information.

'30 Years, 30 Voices' oral history project audio clips, findings to be shared Jan. 31

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will officially unveil to the public its '30 Years, 30 Voices' oral history project at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31, in the Main Library meeting room.

The project, which began in May 2008, features interviews with 30 people or groups who have witnessed the impact of casinos on Atlantic City and the area since the city's first casino, Resorts International, officially opened on May 26, 1978.

The library interviewed a broad cross-section of the Atlantic City community, including casino employees and executives, city government officials, members of the media, business owners, residents and community leaders.

Audio clips from some of the interviews will be played. The contractor for this project, Dr. James

Karmel, a professional historian, author and associate professor of history at Harford (Md.) Community College, will also discuss the people who were interviewed and some of their remarks, and he will answer questions from the audience.

In addition to the public, the library is inviting all of its narrators to attend the program.

Following the program, transcripts from the oral history interviews will be available in the Alfred M. Heston Collection of Atlantic City history during normal research hours or by appointment. Research hours are Wednesdays from 2-4:30 p.m., and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-4:30 p.m.

For additional information or to set up an appointment, please call Heston Collection archivist Heather Halpin Pérez at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3062.

Black History

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The first feature film on Kwanzaa, *The Black Candle* traces the holiday's growth out of the Black Power Movement in the 1960s to its present-day reality as a global, pan-African holiday embraced by more than 40 million celebrants.

Maya Angelou narrates the film.

Saturday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. — Topics in Politics: The Debt Crisis — The Obama Challenge: Richard Stockton College of New Jersey economics professor Melaku Lakew will examine the financial challenges — such as dealing with the recession and the national deficit — United States President Barack Obama will face while in office.

These programs are free. Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115, for more information.

K'wan

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genre's most read authors.

He hit the scene in 2002 with his debut novel *Gangsta*, under Triple Crown Publications. What started as an argument went on to become a part of urban-lit history and an *Essence* bestseller, as well as drawing rave reviews overseas.

After penning his second novel, *Road Dawgz* (2003), K'wan drew the attention of St. Martin's press. The literary powerhouse quickly signed K'wan to a three-book deal, the first release being *Street Dreams* (2004). K'wan's titles also include *Hoodlum* (2005),

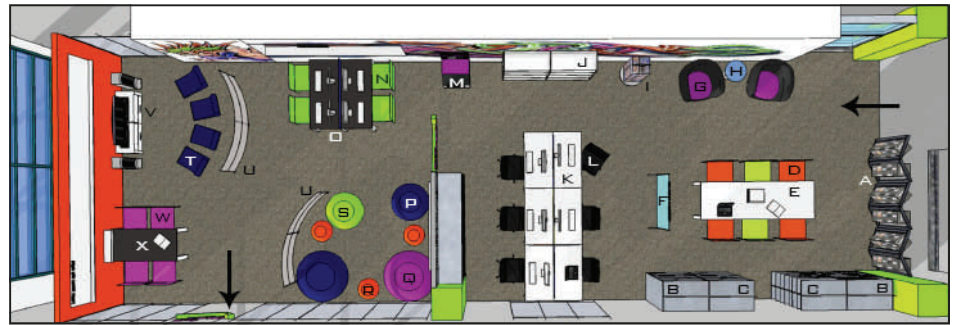
Eve (2006), *Hood Rat* (2006), *Blow* (2007), *Flexin & Sexin* (2007) and *Still Hood* (2007).

With these and several yet-to-be-published *Dark Fantasy* pieces, K'wan has proven himself to be among the literary game's elite.

"He is the James Patterson of urban fiction," said Chantél Harvey, the library's urban fiction coordinator.

K'wan has been featured in *Time Magazine*, *Vibe*, *King*, *Big News*, *Time Out New York*, and *The New York Press*.

For more information, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115. To learn more about Foye, you can visit his website: www.kwanfoye.com.



This image shows the furniture plan for the library's Teen Space.

Teen Space

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to read, study, use a computer and do homework or research. The library's teen collection of books, magazines, movies, games and music will be located in Teen Central — and parents, teachers and others will have access to this area to utilize those resources.

"Teens can't be asked to wait, especially in tough financial times, for a fun, free and safe space with access to new and creative technology, room to collaborate, and the kinds of things they want to read," according to Karen Hyman, Director of the South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative, which provided matching funds for the project. "At SJRLC, we are tremendously impressed with the Atlantic City Library and teen community who put together a proposal that really knocked us out."

The Teen Space will have a vibrant, colorful and modern look. One of the most visually dramatic aspects of the space will be a large mural designed by graffiti artist Stephen Stuart-Gibson, who will seek teen input and participation in creating a design. There will also be a wall for a teen art gallery.

The SJRLC's public library members were invited to submit proposals for this project. The SJRLC

will give \$40,000 in funding, including \$10,000 of a special grant for its A+ Project from the New Jersey State Library. The Atlantic City Library will provide a match of \$35,000, bringing the total devoted to this project to \$75,000.

Teen Services Coordinator Jennifer Boyce, who coordinated the project, led the team in preparing the library's submission. She involved local teens throughout the design phase to get their input on what they would like to see the space include. The library contracted with interior designer Shaina Horton, who created designs based on the suggestions and preferences of the teenagers.

"The design objective is to eliminate the notion of the typical library environment and design a space where the teens can be themselves and have fun while learning in the process," Boyce said.

The A+ Teen Space Project was made possible with funding from the Atlantic City Free Public Library, South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative and New Jersey State Library, which is responsible for the coordination, promotion and funding of the New Jersey Library Network.

In addition to the Atlantic City Library, the Camden County Library was also chosen for funding.

For more information, please call Boyce at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3052.

Chinese New Year

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incorporates acupuncture and traditional Chinese herbal medicine with modern medicine in the care of patients with a variety of emotional and physical illnesses.

Dr Yang is founder and medical director of Tao Institute of Mind & Body Medicine, and he practices at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

1 p.m. — Hands-on activities: The library will also offer a variety of activities until 4 p.m. Those interested can try Chinese calligraphy,

paper cutting and craft making. Dr. James Zhao, Wei Huang and Angela Zhao will lead the activity session. All supplies will be provided.

2:30 p.m. — Chinese Flour Sculpting with Catherine Lau: As part of the Chinese culture, flour sculpting can be traced back to the Han Dynasty (206 BC-220 AD) when people kneaded colorful dough into different shapes for head decorations during festivals and rituals. Lau blends the modern cultures of the East and West into her creations.

These programs are free. Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115, for more information.

THE ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED

JANUARY 1 AND 19 AND FEBRUARY 12 AND 16

Library program schedule for January and February 2009

ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FILM SOCIETY

Watch • Listen • Learn • Discuss

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

Those interested in attending these meetings are encouraged to join the Film Society.

View and discuss “An American in Paris”

Saturday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m.
This 1951 classic musical is not rated and runs 113 minutes. It stars Gene Kelly and is directed by Vincente Minnelli.

Did you know?

- This was Leslie Caron's first film role.
- Gene Kelly wanted to shoot on location in Paris, but MGM wouldn't allow it.
- This film won six Oscars, including Best Picture.

Learn about the Life of Gene Kelly

Monday, Jan. 12, at 5:30 p.m.
This classroom session will focus on the life and career of legendary actor/director/choreographer Gene Kelly.

View and discuss “Se7en”

Saturday, Feb. 7, at 1 p.m.
This 1995 crime thriller is rated R and runs 127 minutes. It stars Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman and Gwyneth Paltrow.

Did you know?

- Brad Pitt hurt his arm filming a chase scene and the injury had to be worked into the film.
- This film was voted the eighth scariest movie of all-time by *Entertainment Weekly* magazine.

Learn about DVD transfers

Monday, Feb. 9, at 5:30 p.m.
This classroom session will focus on the process that filmmakers go through to transfer their films to DVD and meet the increasing standards of the home video market.



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

Movie: Cheetah Girls (G)

Sunday, Jan. 4, at 1 p.m.

Chinese New Year Celebration

Saturday, Jan. 17, at 12 p.m.
(See page 1 for story).

Movie: Our Friend Martin (Not rated)

Sunday, Jan. 18, at 1 p.m.

Movie: The Longshots (PG)

Sunday, Jan. 25, at 1 p.m.

Movie: The Express (PG)

Sunday, Feb. 1, at 1 p.m.

Fancy Nancy Tea Party (with costumes)

Sunday, Feb. 8, at 1 p.m.
Dress in your fanciest clothes (or we'll provide some) and enjoy a celebration of all things fancy — crafts, games and food. You will even hear a fancy story. Please RSVP (that's fancy for please call and let us know you are coming) at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050.

Black History Month Program: Watch “The Black Candle” and Meet the Director M.K. Asante Jr. (Not rated)

Saturday, Feb. 14, at 12 p.m.
(See Black History Month story on page 1).

Mardi Gras Crafts Celebration

Sunday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m.



OLDER ADULTS SPECIAL INTEREST SERIES

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3119, for more information

Inside/Outside Boxes

Monday, Jan. 5, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Jackie Caplan, Arts and crafts instructor
Attendees will decorate a wooden box that they can take home and fill with jewelry or miscellaneous items. Supplies will be provided, but magazine donations to make the collages are welcome.

Gentle Golden Yoga

Monday, Jan. 12, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Susan R. Cramer, Certified Natural Health Professional
Gentle Golden Yoga is for anyone and everyBODY! These movements are gentle and release the right amount of energy into every vital part of the body.

Martin Luther King Day

Monday, Jan. 19
The library is closed.

30 Years, 30 Voices Oral History Project

Monday, Jan. 26, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Dr. James Karmel, Associate Professor of History at Harford Community College, Bel Air, Md.
The library's oral history project features interviews with 30 people or groups who have witnessed the impact of casinos on since the city's first casino, Resorts International, opened on May 26, 1978.

Woven Placemats

Monday, Feb. 2, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Jackie Caplan, Arts and crafts instructor
Come and learn to make beautiful, practical placemats that you can take home.

Gentle Golden Yoga

Monday, Feb. 9, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Susan Cramer, Certified Natural Health Professional
See Jan. 12 listing for OASIS.

Presidents Day

Monday, Feb. 16
The library is closed

Tax Law Changes

Monday, Feb. 23, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Representative from H&R Block
Learn about tax law changes that may affect you and ask a tax advisor questions for free!



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

Topics in Politics Series: President Obama — Dreams vs. Reality

Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m.
This program recaps the United States presidential election and will cover challenges that await Barack Obama. Richard Stockton College professor Dr. Alan Arcuri will lead the discussion.

Meet the Author: Urban Fiction Author K'wan Foye

Saturday, Jan. 24, at 1 p.m.
(See page 1 for story).

Library's 30 Years, 30 Voices Oral History Project Update

Saturday, Jan. 31, at 2 p.m.
(See page 2 for story).

Topics in Politics Series: The Debt Crisis — The Obama Challenge

Saturday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m.
(See Black History Month story on page 1).

Youth Services Department

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, for information or when registration is required

(The program descriptions give the age groups these programs are designed for).

Atlantic City Teen-azine Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 3, at 1 p.m.

If you are between the ages of 13 to 17, you can help us launch a new magazine designed and meant for teens in Atlantic City. Whether you are good at photography, illustrating, writing, organizing or are just full creativity, we can use your help. Refreshments will be provided.

Feeling Good in the New Year

Saturday, Jan. 3, at 2 p.m.

Get your year off to a healthy start. Join us for an afternoon of yoga and delicious fruit smoothies. This program is for youth ages 12 to 17.

Homework Help

Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25
We'll help you find the resources you need to do your homework or get ahead. This is for children ages 12 and younger.

Arts and Crafts

Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25
Children ages 6 to 12 can spend time creating projects with seasonal themes.

Afternoon Wii

Wednesdays at 3 p.m.

Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25
After school is done, come chill at the library and play some Wii with other kids. This is for kids ages 9 and up.

Evolution of Black Dance in America

Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4
Youth ages 10 to 17 are invited to take part in an interactive journey of dance styles and music through the ages. Learn about dance's evolution from 1615 until today. The dance series will culminate with a special performance on Feb. 4 in recognition of Black History Month. Each class builds upon the next, so participants are encouraged to attend as many sessions as possible. Please call to register.

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26
Join us for a fun and entertaining story, followed by an educational activity. This is for children ages 3 to 5.

Baby Bounce

Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26
Join us for stories, songs, nursery rhymes and more! This event is best for infants ages 0-22 months. One child per parent or caregiver please.

Comic Book Drawing

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26
Illustrator Joe DelBeato will lead drawing instruction for kids ages 8 to 16.

Coming Attractions Book Club

Saturdays, Jan. 10, and Feb. 21 at 3 p.m.

This new book club will give youth a chance to “read it before they see it” by exploring the stories that inspire the movies you see at the theater. On Jan. 10, the group will meet and enjoy refreshments while they discuss *Tale of Despereaux*. This meeting is suitable for children in grades 3 to 8. At the Feb. 21, the group will talk about the book *Coraline*. This meeting is suited for children in grades 4 to 8. Please call to register for the book club.

Teen Anime Café

Sundays, Jan. 11 and Feb. 22 at 2 p.m.
Teenagers are invited to watch and discuss movies with others who love anime. The movies will be Next Avengers: Heroes of Tomorrow (PG) on Jan. 11 and Hulk Vs. (PG-13) on Feb. 22.

Inauguration Celebration: A New Birth of Freedom

Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 3 p.m.

Join us to celebrate the inauguration of the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama. You can write the Obama family a special message to welcome them to the White House, make crafts and enjoy special treats. This program is open to children of all ages.

Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance

Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 3:30 p.m.

To honor the great work of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we ask you to express your dreams for a better world with a poem, essay or picture. All materials will be provided. This program is for children of all ages.

Coffee House/Open Mike

Wednesdays, Jan. 28 and Feb. 25, at 6 p.m.

Join a great group of people as we share poems, stories, songs, music and art. Raymond Tyler hosts the evening with funny stories, prizes and great food. This is for youth 13 years and older.

This is the House that Lincoln Built

Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 3 p.m.

Listen to stories about former United States President Abraham Lincoln and use Lincoln logs to create your own log cabin. This is for ages 3 to 10.

For the Love of Chocolate

Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m.

Youth ages 12 to 17 are invited to this program, which will include a chocolate tasting, love poems and games such as Heartbreakers and Madlibs.

Computer training for library members

Registration is required.

Visit the Computer Help Desk at the Main Library to register

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

Introduction to the Internet/E-mail

Monday, Jan. 5, at 4:30 p.m.

Introduction to PowerPoint

Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to Word

Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 10:30 a.m.

Job Searching: Resumes, Job Applications, Cover Letters and Tips

Friday, Jan. 16, at 9:30 a.m.

Introduction to Word

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

Introduction to Excel

Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to the Internet/Email

Saturday, Jan. 24, at 9:30 a.m.

Introduction to the Internet/Email

Monday, Feb. 2, at 4:30 p.m.

Introduction to Word

Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to PowerPoint

Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 10:30 a.m.

Job Searching: Resumes, Job Applications, Cover Letters and Tips

Friday, Feb. 13, at 9:30 a.m.

Introduction to Word

Friday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m.

Introduction to Excel

Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to the Internet/Email

Saturday, Feb. 21, at 9:30 a.m.

NOTE: All classes are three hours long. Classes begin with 30 minutes of mouse and keyboarding skills.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

THE MAIN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK ! OPEN LIBRARY

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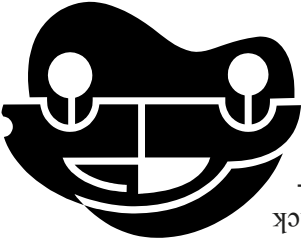


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One North Tennessee Avenue
Atlantic City, New Jersey

Did You Know?

You can park for free when you visit the Atlantic City Free Public Library



Those who need a little more time might want to consider the New York Avenue Parking Garage located on South New York Avenue between Atlantic and Pacific avenues. The library offers free validation for one hour. Be sure to bring you parking ticket to the library so we can validate it.
Also, there is metered parking spots on the streets surrounding the Main Library.
On the weekends, library customers can park at the City Hall parking lot, which is located at Arctic and South Carolina avenues. You must park in an unmarked spot or one marked for visitors. The City Hall lot is just a few hundred feet from the Main Library.

Whether you come by foot, bicycle or car, the Atlantic City Free Public Library's home at One North Tennessee Avenue is conveniently located.
The Main Library is a short walk from the Boardwalk, bus station and various bus and jitney stops.
The mode of transportation for many of our customers is a bicycle. There is a bicycle rack outside of our Tennessee Avenue entrance for you to lock up your wheels.
If you decide to drive to visit us, there are some nearby places for you to park. Though the library doesn't have its own parking lot, there are excellent alternatives for you to choose from:
If you are making just a quick stop, there is a 15-minute parking area on Tennessee Avenue right next to the library. This is a great option if you need to return materials or pop in just for a moment or two.



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free public library

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Atlantic City, NJ 08401
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Thursday, Friday & Saturday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Monday, Wednesday & Friday
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SCENES FROM RECENT LIBRARY PROGRAMS



Author Felicia Pride visited the Main Library on Nov. 21 to discuss her book, *The Message: 100 Life Lessons from Hip Hop's Greatest Songs*.