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(From left) Atlantic City Free Public Library Director Maureen Sherr Frank, Teen Space project coordinator Jennifer Boyce, Teen Advisory Group member Talhah Zubair, South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative Executive Director Karen Hyman, Atlantic City Councilman Steven L. Moore, Atlantic City Mayor Lorenzo T. Langford, Library Board of Trustees President William Cheatham, New Jersey State Librarian Norma Blake and New Jersey Senator Jim Whelan participate in a ceremonial ribbon cutting at the grand opening of the Atlantic City Library Teen Space on Thursday, Oct. 8.

Library opens new space, world of possibilities for local teens

Completing homework assignments using online resources.

Creating movies using the latest in multi-media technology.

Finding information about job openings and college scholarships.

Hanging out with friends in a fun and safe environment.

Local teenagers will be able to do those things, and more, at the Atlantic City Library Teen Space, which officially opened to the public on Thursday, Oct. 8.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library staff and Board of Trustees, local officials and teens, and library personnel from around the state were on hand as the library celebrated the new



Prem Patel plays one of the video game consoles that will be available in The Lounge section of the Atlantic City Library Teen Space. Patel is a member of the library's Teen Advisory Group, which helped with the planning of the Teen Space.

Teen Space with a special grand opening.

The 985-square-foot Teen Space, for youth ages 13 to 18, includes state-of-the-art technology, computer workstations, a graffiti art mural painted by local teens, an art gallery, large screen television and more.

The A+ Teen Space Project is funded by the Atlantic City Free Public Library, a service of the City of Atlantic City, South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative (SJRLC) and the New Jersey

State Library (NJSL), which is responsible for the coordination, promotion and funding of the New Jersey Library Network.

The library received \$40,000 in funding from the SJRLC, including \$10,000 of a special grant for its A+ Project from the NJSL. The Atlantic City Library provided a match of \$35,000, bringing the total devoted to this project to \$75,000.

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3052, for information about the Teen Space.

Library bringing Kwanzaa event to All Wars Building

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will continue one of its longest running traditions when it presents a Kwanzaa celebration on Saturday, Dec. 26, at 2 p.m. at the All Wars Memorial Building in the third-floor auditorium.

The 22nd annual program will feature the spectacular and nationally renowned Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble, which is based in Camden. This program is free and open to people of all ages.

Kwanzaa is a holiday of African heritage and values and is celebrated from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1.

The Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble puts on high-energy performances that are exciting, educational and acrobatic.

Spectators will be treated to an electrifying blend of ancestral dancing, intensified drumming and stilt walking. The group, which dresses in traditional African garb, has performed throughout the



The Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble will perform Dec. 26 at the All Wars Memorial Building.

country at many prestigious events, including those honoring leaders of countries and celebrities, and on national television.

Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112, for more information about the Kwanzaa program.

To learn more about the Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble, please visit www.unitycommunity.com.

Two-part jazz series to feature live music, historical overview

Jazz enthusiasts will have the opportunity to enjoy the music they love while hearing about the evolution of the genre during a two-part series at the Main Library.

The library will present "Exploring and Appreciating the Creative World of Jazz" on Monday, Nov. 23, and Wednesday, Dec. 16. Both shows are free and will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the second-floor meeting room.

The Hassan Abdullah Quartet, with vocalist Angela Burton, will perform and also provide a historical overview of jazz's evolution and development.

On Nov. 23, part one of



The Hassan Abdullah Quartet will discuss and perform various types of jazz music on Nov. 23 and Dec. 16.

this series will begin with jazz origins and the influence

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THE ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY IS A SERVICE OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY

A photographic look back at library events from September and October



Fantastic day for Family Fun Festival

Attendees of the Second annual Atlantic City Library Family Fun Festival on Saturday, Sept. 26, were treated to a picture-perfect day. The festival featured music performances, games, circus performers and activities.



We'll miss you, Theda!

Atlantic City Free Public Library staff members past and present were among those who paid tribute to friend and co-worker Theda Bradley on Friday, Oct. 9, at the Old Waterway Inn. Bradley (first row, fifth from the left) retired this summer after working at the library for 29 years, including 27 at the Richmond Branch Library. Atlantic City Mayor Lorenzo T. Langford attended the celebration and presented a proclamation declaring that Oct. 9, 2009, was "Theda Bradley Day" in Atlantic City.



More shots from the Atlantic City Library Teen Space grand opening

The Atlantic City Library Teen Space officially opened on Thursday, Oct. 8 (see page one for story). (Left) Members of the Teen Space project team, coordinator Jennifer Boyce, interior designer Shaina Horton and artist Stephen Gibson stand in front of the graffiti art mural that Gibson designed. (Center) The names of those who helped paint the mural are listed on a wall in the Teen Space. Denzel Blake, shown pointing to his name, was one of the teens who assisted Gibson. (Right) Teens were eager to try the different programs on the new Apple computers located in the Teen Space.



Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

The City of Atlantic City, Atlantic City Free Public Library Casa Dominicana and Asociación Cultura Latina del Condado de Atlantic co-sponsored a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at Police and Firemen's Plaza, located between City Hall and the Main Library. The celebration featured a variety of Hispanic music and dance performances, and food.

Jazz

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of: traditional African music, slave and work songs/field hollers, spirituals and gospel, the blues and European marching band/classical music. This session will also cover development of the jazz piano, ragtime, New Orleans, swing/big band and

the Be Bop revolution.

In part two on Dec. 16, Abdullah will focus on jazz from the 1950s until today. The topics will include: hard bop, cool jazz, modal directions, John Coltrane's legacy, gospel, jazz fusion, avant garde, smooth jazz, plus the art of improvisation, and the future of jazz and preserving its legacy.

For more information about these programs, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112.

Fines, fees waived for children, teens via 'Start Fresh' program

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is offering children and teenagers with fines and fees an opportunity to "Start Fresh."

The Start Fresh program is an amnesty that will result in fines and fees being waived for children and teenagers who incurred those penalties from overdue, lost or damaged items borrowed from the library before Jan. 1, 2009.

Library members who are now adults but incurred fines as children or a teenagers are not eligible for this program. The Start Fresh program will run from Nov. 4 to Dec. 31, 2009.

The goal of this program is to encourage children and teens to come back to the library and use all of the library's resources, including those in the new Teen Space Lounge. Only library members ages 13 to 18 in good standing can apply to gain access to the The Lounge.

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

**THE ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
WILL BE CLOSED NOV. 3, 11 AND 26,
AND DEC. 24 AND 25**

**ALSO, THE LIBRARY WILL CLOSE
AT 5 P.M. ON DEC. 31**

ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FILM SOCIETY

Watch • Listen • Learn • Discuss

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

Learn more about movies by visiting
GALE VIRTUAL REFERENCE LIBRARY,
available at www.acfpl.org
under the Do Research tab

View and Discuss “Jaws”
Saturday, Nov. 14 at 1 p.m.
This 1975 classic thriller is rated PG and runs 124 minutes. It stars Roy Scheider and Richard Dreyfuss, and it was directed by Steven Spielberg.
Did you know?
• This film was considered the first movie blockbuster.

Learn about Movie Themes
Monday, Nov. 16 at 5:30 p.m.
This classroom session will focus on famous movie songs and themes throughout film history.

View and Discuss “My Man Godfrey”
Saturday, Dec. 12 at 1 p.m.
This 1936 comedy classic is not rated and runs 94 minutes. It stars William Powell and Carole Lombard.

Learn about Actor William Powell
Monday, Dec. 14 at 5:30 p.m.
This classroom session will focus on the life and work of this classic movie star.

(Those interested in attending
are encouraged to join the Film Society)

FAMILY
EVENTS

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

**Movie: Bedknobs and Broomsticks—
Enchanted Musical Edition (G)**
Sunday, Nov. 1, at 1 p.m.

Healthy Eating Workshop for the Family Series with Loretta Geary
Wednesdays at 4 p.m.
Nov. 4, 11, 18 and Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23
You must register for this workshop, which is for all ages, by calling (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050. The workshop dates and topics are: Nov. 4 — African diet, exercise and health philosophy; Nov. 11 — Hispanic diet, exercise and health philosophy; Nov. 18 — Native American diet, exercise and health philosophy; Dec. 2 — Breakfast of Champions; Dec. 9 — Fruits and Vegetables, Variety is the Spice of Life; Dec. 16 — Budget One Pot Meals; Dec. 23 — Get Your Good Grains. Take home the food you prepare!

Native American History Month craft
Sunday, Nov. 15, at 1 p.m.
Participants will make Native American crafts with artist Donna Bridy in honor of Native American History Month.

Family Thanksgiving Traditions
Sunday, Nov. 22, at 1 p.m.
Learn new Thanksgiving traditions and share your traditions with others. We will also make food that you can take home.

Movie: Wizard of Oz, Anniversary Edition (G)
Sunday, Nov. 29, at 1 p.m.

Movie: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Anniversary Edition (G)
Sunday, Dec. 6, at 1 p.m.

Rubber Stamping for the Holidays
Sunday, Dec. 20, at 1 p.m.
Nancy Leary will show you how to make beautiful holiday decorations for your trees and gifts.

Kwanzaa Performance
Saturday, Dec. 26, at 2 p.m. at the All Wars Memorial Building
Please see story on page one for more information.

Movie: Santa Buddies (G)
Sunday, Dec. 27, at 1 p.m.



OLDER ADULTS
SPECIAL INTEREST SERIES

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

GENERATIONS ONLINE,
available at www.acfpl.org under the
Do Research tab, is designed to help
seniors with no computer experience
learn how to use the Internet and e-mail.

Thanksgiving Turkey Centerpiece
Monday, Nov. 2, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Jackie Caplan, local arts and crafts instructor
Come and join in the fun as we make a turkey centerpiece using a pumpkin and pre-cut feathers. We will also discuss the things for which we are thankful. All supplies are provided. The Thanksgiving centerpiece is yours to take home.

Golden Years: Options for Aging with Good Health and Wisdom
Monday, Nov. 9, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Susan R. Cramer, Certified Natural Health Professional
We will explore how to age gracefully and with dignity. We will explore options for a healthier body and making smarter choices for both body and mind.

Native American Christmas Ornament
Monday, Nov. 16, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Donna Bridey, Art teacher specializing in folk art
In celebration of Native American Heritage Month, we will make Native American ornaments. We will make a special holiday papier mache ornament decorated with Native American papers, animal tracks and constellations. The ornament is yours to take home.

Thanksgiving Recipes: Delicious options for healthy eating
Monday, Nov. 23, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Loretta Geary, Caterer
This year, instead of serving the old standbys — turkey smothered in gravy, candied yams, buttered corn and pumpkin pie — try some of the healthier recipes you will learn at this program. Samples will be included.

Tai Chi Easy
Monday, Nov. 30, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Curtis Read, an Institute of Integral Qigong and Tai Chi Certified Facilitator
Come and learn about Tai Chi, a fitness and stress management program based on traditional Chinese medicine. These movements are easy and simple to do and provide health benefits for everyone, regardless of age or physical status.

Holiday Snowflake Ornament
Monday, Dec. 7, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Jackie Caplan, local arts and crafts instructor
Come and get ready for the holidays as we make snowflake ornaments using metallic paper. The ornament is yours to keep.

Golden Years: Options for Aging with Good Health and Wisdom
Monday, Dec. 14, at 10:30 a.m.
Please see description for Nov. 9 OASIS program.

Multi-Cultural Holiday Celebration and Cookie Swap
Monday, Dec. 21, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Loretta Geary, Caterer
Come and join us for a holiday celebration and cookie swap. Bring 4-5 dozen cookies to share and exchange. We will also discuss multi-cultural celebrations.

Movie: It’s a Wonderful Life
Monday, Dec. 28, at 10:30 a.m.
Come and join us to relax and watch the heartwarming classic “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

Youth Services
Department

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

(The program descriptions give the ages these programs are designed for)

Creative Craft Wednesdays
Wednesdays at 3 p.m.
Nov. 4, 18, 25 and Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
The library brings the supplies and children bring their imaginations to “Make and Take Home” crafts with seasonal themes. For ages 6 to 12.

Preschool Story time
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
Nov. 5, 12, 19 and Dec. 3, 10, 17
Join us every week for a fun and entertaining read-aloud story, followed by a simple craft to take home. This is best for children ages 3 through 5 and their parents or caregivers. This program is limited to 25 children.

Baby Bounce
Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.
Nov. 5, 12, 19 and Dec. 3, 10, 17
Join us for stories, songs, rhymes and movement that help build pre-reading skills! This event is best for infants (ages 0-20 months). One child per caregiver.

Comic Drawing after School
Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 5, 12, 19 and Dec. 3, 10, 17, 31
Marvel DC Comic Illustrator Joe Del Beato will lead drawing instruction for children and teens ages 8 to 16. The class will also study and draw Hispanic superheroes in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Paws to Read with a Therapy Dog
Fridays at 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 6, 20 and Dec. 4, 18
“Children Reading to Dogs” is a program for children ages 4 to 10 who can sign up to read to a certified therapy dog in a relaxed environment. The program is designed to increase reader confidence.

Teen Anime Café
Sundays at 1 p.m.
Nov. 8 and Dec. 13
The group will watch and discuss Ice Age on Nov. 8 and Up on Dec. 13. This program is for ages 13-18.

National Gaming Day Events
Saturday, Nov. 14, at 1 p.m.
The library will hold two video game events in the Atlantic City Library Teen Space: Battle of the Bands from 1 to 2:30 p.m., and a Madden Tournament from 2:45 to 4:30 p.m. There will also be board games and computer games available. You must register by calling (609) 345-2269, ext. 3052.

College Prep Workshop Series, Part I
Saturday, Nov. 21, at 10 a.m.
Teens ages 15 to 18 will have an opportunity to take a free SAT practice test. The library will provide all materials. You must register for this program by calling (609) 345-2269, ext. 3052.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)
Saturdays at 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 21 and Dec. 19
Teens, let us know what you want and need at your library. Your opinion counts.

Coming Attractions Book Club
Saturdays at 3 p.m.
Nov. 28 and Dec. 26
On Nov. 28, the club will meet and enjoy refreshments while discussing “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs” by Judy and Ron Barrett. At the Dec. 26 meeting, the club will discuss the great classic “Where the Wild Things Are.” Book club members receive a free copy of the book. For children ages 8-11. Please call the Youth Services Department at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, to register for the club.

College Prep Workshop Series, Part II
Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 6:30 p.m.
Those who took the SAT practice test at the library on Nov. 21 will receive their

scores. Also, this session will detail how students can improve their chances of getting into the college of their choice. You must register for this program by calling (609) 345-2269, ext. 3052.

Adult programs

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for more information

Author Book Talk with Levern Fitzpatrick, Sr.
Saturday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m.
Fitzpatrick will discuss his novel, “Time In the Inside.” The main character, Jerald Doley, lives a carefree lifestyle as a hustler before going to prison for selling drugs to an undercover police officer.

Exploring the Creative World of Jazz: Part I
Monday, Nov. 23, at 5:30 p.m.
Please see story on page one for more information

Exploring the Creative World of Jazz: Part II
Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 5:30 p.m.
Please see story on page one for more information

Poetry Writing with Raymond Tyler
Monday, Dec. 21, at 5:30 p.m.
Atlantic City Weekly columnist and accomplished poet Raymond Tyler will offer some tips and work with participants to help them improve their poetry writing. The workshop is for teens and adults.

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

Job Searching: Resumes, Job Applications, Cover Letters and Tips
Saturday, Nov. 7, at 9:30 a.m.

Introduction to the Internet/Email
Monday, Nov. 9, at 4:30 p.m.

Introduction to PowerPoint
Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to Word
Friday, Nov. 13, at 9:30 a.m.

Introduction to Excel
Friday, Nov. 13, at 1 p.m.

Job Searching: Resumes, Job Applications, Cover Letters and Tips
Friday, Nov. 20, at 9:30 a.m.

Introduction to the Internet/Email
Friday, Nov. 20, at 1 p.m.

Job Searching: Resumes, Job Applications, Cover Letters and Tips
Monday, Dec. 7, at 4:30 p.m.

Introduction to Word
Friday, Dec. 11, at 9:30 a.m.

Introduction to Excel
Friday, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m.

Introduction to PowerPoint
Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 10:30 a.m.

Job Searching: Resumes, Job Applications, Cover Letters and Tips
Friday, Dec. 18, at 9:30 a.m.

Introduction to the Internet/Email
Friday, Dec. 18, at 1 p.m.

Introduction to the Internet/Email
Saturday, Dec. 19, 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

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DISCOVER ATLANTIC CITY



Gathered together for an elegant dinner party are some of Atlantic City's notable citizens from earlier years.

Dr. Amaza M. Lockett, standing at the left, was a teacher in the Atlantic City school system for more than 50 years. Do any of the other faces look familiar? Do you know where or when the party took place?

Please help us "Discover Atlantic City" by putting more names to the faces in our photographs, and we'll include your name as an honorary archivist on our website.

Go to www.acfpl.org, highlight the Atlantic City tab and click on Photo Gallery. Leave a comment for this photo to help us identify more of the city's great history.

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Did You Know?

The library's webpage, www.acfpl.org, features a Business Portal

If you are thinking about starting or growing your own small business, the Atlantic City Free Public Library is ready for you.

Check out the new Business Portal on the library's webpage — www.acfpl.org. You will find a wealth of information that you will need.

The library subscribes to an array of online business databases that you can access for free 24 hours a day, seven days a week, if you have an Atlantic City Free Public Library card and access to a computer with an Internet connection. Some of the databases available on the Business Portal include:

• *Small Business Resource Center* — Find a business plan with budget figures, startup costs and more.

• *Business Source Elite* — Find articles in journals and magazines on marketing strategies, labor, management and more.

• *First Research Industry Reports* — Find out who the competition is and learn your industry's trends.

• *Reference USA* — Identify similar businesses and their sales volume. Think of it as the Yellow Pages for every state in one database.

• *Regional Business News* — Get timely information from newspapers and trade magazines on the business climate in your area.

To check out the Business portal, visit www.acfpl.org, highlight the Do Research tab and then select Business Resources. In addition to the online resources, you'll also find links for business-related book lists and websites.

If you have any questions, please stop by the Main Library Reference Desk, e-mail us at reflib@acfpl.org or call us at (609) 345-2269.



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Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Friday & Saturday

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday

12 p.m. to 5 p.m.



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