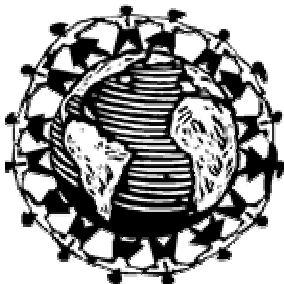




# Discovery

Connecting People to the World



## AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

### “Portrait of a Lady”

Saturday, February 5th at 2pm in the Main Library

A presentation of a film simply entitled **“Amaleta”** by David Iacangelo a 16 year old film maker from Cape May. The film about a West Cape May African-American woman, born in the small borough in 1916, looks at her dedication and commitment to family and community. This young filmmaker’s documentary about the life of one woman, Amaleta Moore was shown to standing room only audiences during the Cape May New Jersey Film Festival.

### “African-American on Ice”

Saturday, February 12th at 2pm in the Main Library



Meet and listen to Art Dorrington, the first African-American to play professional ice hockey in the United States. Dorrington, a native of Canada, was inducted in to the Nova Scotia Hall of Fame in 2004. This 20 year resident of Atlantic City, retired from the Atlantic County Sheriff’s Department in 1994.

Today he spends his time as a consultant for the Atlantic City Boardwalk Bullies Hockey Team, as well as, working with the Art Dorrington Ice Hockey Foundation, a non-profit youth hockey organization based in Atlantic City. For Art it has never been just about hockey, but about the people.

Art will share inspirational stories of his life, his experiences and how being recruited by the New York Rangers, in 1950, affected his life and the lives of those around him.

### “Before You Can Say Jackie Robinson”

Saturday, February 19th at 2pm in the Main Library



“Preserving the Past for the Future” is what the “Pop” Lloyd Committee is all about. Established in 1992, the committee continues to celebrate the legacy of “Pop” Lloyd and the Negro League so that the youth of American may benefit from the values engendered by “Pop” and all those that played Negro League Baseball.

The program will consist of a documentary commissioned by the “Pop” Lloyd Committee entitled: **“Before You Can Say Jackie Robinson”** and a panel discussion, consisting of members of the Negro League.

The panel: Stanley Glen was a strong-armed catcher for the Philadelphia Stars from 1944 to 1950. He then played three years in the minors and two in the Canadian League. Stanley was signed by hall-of-famer Oscar Charleston right out of John Bartram High School in Philadelphia.

Mahlon Duckett began his baseball career at the age of seventeen, when he joined the Philadelphia Stars in 1940. He played for the Stars from 1940 to 1949 and finished out his Negro League career with the Homestead Grays in 1950.

Belinda Manning, a member of the Pop Lloyd Committee and daughter of Maxwell Manning, will speak on behalf of her father. Manning was a star pitcher for Pleasantville High School and the Johnson Stars of Atlantic City in 1937. Sometimes called “Dr. Cyclops” because of the thick eyeglasses he wore, he signed with the Newark Eagles of the Negro National League in 1938.

## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE LIBRARY HISTORY FROM 1899-1904

“There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the earth as the Free Public Library, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration.”  
— Andrew Carnegie

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- New Movies/DVDs
- New CDs
- Best Sellers List
- O.A.S.I.S.
- Youth Services

#### Library will be closed:

Jan 1 - New Year’s Day  
Jan 17 - Martin Luther King  
Feb 11 - Lincoln’s Birthday  
Feb 21 - President’s Day

A British statesman once observed, “Libraries are not made: they grow.” This has nowhere been more true than here in Atlantic City. The library existed as an institution several years before it had a building to call its own. The Women’s Research Club, a private organization, established the library in 1899. In 1900, a library was opened in the basement of the Rochford Hotel at Mount Vernon and Pacific Avenues with 197 books on the shelves, contributed by the Women’s Research Club members.

Sixteen years earlier, New Jersey had passed an act empowering local government to allocate fund for the establishment of public libraries. Toward the end of the 1900s, the ladies suggested that the city adopt such an ordinance, offering the modest collection as the nucleus for the new public library.

On November 5, 1901 the public library act was submitted to the voters of Atlantic City at the general election and was adopted by a vote of 6062 in favor and 30 opposed. Thus the Atlantic City Free Public Library was conceived.

In 1902, five trustees were appointed by the Honorable Franklin B. Stoy, Mayor of Atlantic City. The library’s first home was on the third floor of City Hall, located at Tennessee and Atlantic Avenues. The early years saw growth and tremendous movement as the library, with the assistance of the Women’s Research Club, hired Miss Rena Somers as its first librarian to work three days a week for up to five months, after which the trustees assumed all expenses. The library now boasted a collection of more than 2,000 volumes and was outgrowing its home.

The trustees, knowing that the room at City Hall was too small, soon moved to acquire two properties at Illinois and Pacific Avenues for the construction of a new Library. At the same time the trustees applied for funds from Andrew Carnegie to build the library.

Andrew Carnegie donated \$71,000 for the construction. Carnegie, considered the “Patron Saint of Libraries”, insisted that the funds be used for construction only and that any funds for books come from the community. The excitement and anticipation of the new library grew as the cornerstone for the Carnegie Library was laid in 1904.

To be continued in the March / April Edition of Discovery.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Preserving the past, providing services for the present and preparing for the future.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is celebrating a milestone in 2005....100 years of service to the Atlantic City community. This milestone comes with a renewed commitment to the community we serve.

The Library mission is to provide library services, resources, programs and activities to meet the diverse educational, informational, and recreational needs of the Atlantic City community. That mission is as strong today as when it was created.

The library has come a long way from our first home at the Carnegie funded library. From a collection of 2000 books when the doors first opened to the public in 1905, we have grown to our current collection of over 125,000 books, magazines, videos, DVDs, and CDs in the Tennessee Avenue location.

The library services feature adult and children's collections that include the latest bestsellers, a variety of foreign languages; African-American studies; educational resources;

business information; audio-visual formats and much more. Our highly skilled reference staff can help you find the information you need, and the reference and information areas also include Internet access. This allows anyone to surf the web in the computer center or use your laptop through our wireless network.



Atlantic City Free Public Library

Our community programs include O.A.S.I.S: Older Adults Special Interest Series featuring weekly programs on health, current events and other topics of interest; children's story times and much more. The audiovisual department is expanding daily to include ever popular DVDs, books and music on CD and more.

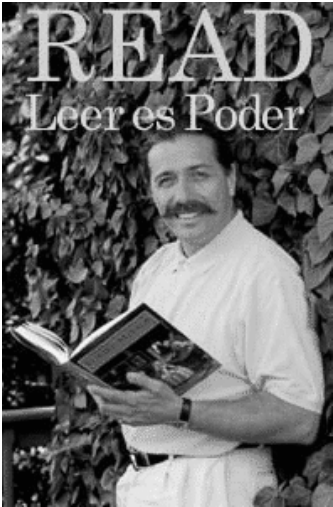
The Richmond Branch Library is located in the Richmond Avenue School and offers the latest books, videos and DVDs for adults and children.

If you haven't visited the library lately, you will be pleasantly surprised at the multitude of services we provide. Come visit us during our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, talk to our dedicated staff and relax with a good book, CD, DVD or magazine.

Maureen Sherr Frank  
Library Director

¡PARA SU INFORMACIÓN!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION!



La Biblioteca tiene sobre 1500 libros en el español.

Usted puede manejar su cuenta de miembro de la biblioteca en línea.

Cuándo en el Internet, usted puede tener acceso a su información de cuenta a traves de la Página web de la Biblioteca en [www.acfpl.org](http://www.acfpl.org).

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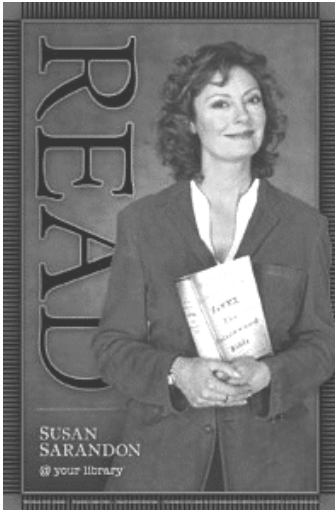
- Averigüe qué artículos que usted tiene fuera.
- Averigüe si usted tiene artículos atrasados.
- Coloque un pedido para un artículo.
- Inscribase para la notificación o recordatorios electrónicos de artículos atrasados.

You can manage your Library Membership Online.

When on the Internet, you can access your account information through the Library Web Page at [www.acfpl.org](http://www.acfpl.org).

Follow the on screen prompting to:

- find out what items you have out.
- find out if you have overdue items.
- place a request for an item.
- sign up for electronic notification or reminders of overdue items.



The Library has over 1500 books in Spanish.



WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY...

TOP 3 MOVIES/DVDS TO SEE IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY  
BY LEONARD DOZIER

\* 5 is the maximum bookmarks a movie can receive. 5 bookmarks are equivalent to a perfect film\*

Happy New Year!! Winter is officially here and nights are sure to be longer and colder. However, don't despair. This is the most festive yet relaxing time of the year. Getting under those blankets a little earlier will inevitably mean a bombardment of reality shows, season premiers, and nightly news programs. In rebellion, why not bake some cookies, heat up some hot chocolate, and set up shop to enjoy my Top 3 movie picks for January.

**Sling Blade-5 bookmarks (Billy Bob Thornton, John Ritter)** Billy Bob Thornton directed, adapted, and starred in this haunting, comical, and powerful rural drama about a mentally challenged individual with a violent past who a life altering bond with a young boy trapped in a turbulent present. Thornton's character transformation is one of the finest in the history of cinema.

**Seabiscuit- 4 bookmarks (Jeff Bridges, Tobey Maguire, Chris Cooper)** Jeff Bridges and Tobey Maguire shine in this deeply moving true story of a racehorse that brings hope and excitement to a nation battling with the Depression. By no means is this just a horseracing fan's movie; it's really a tearjerker with an emphasis on the joys of overcoming adversity.

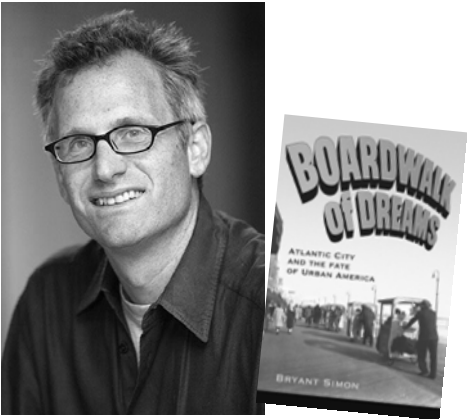
**The Magdalene Sisters-(New Release) 4 bookmarks (Geraldine McEwan)** A compelling and shocking tale of three sisters cast out society for crimes that they did not commit and condemned to harsh manual labor. In the end their courage would inspire a nation. Based on a true story set in Ireland, this is a monumental portrayal of one of the great tragedies of our time.



# Boardwalk of Dreams

BOOKTALK & MEET THE AUTHOR

Monday, January 10, 2005 at  
6:00pm in the Main Library



Professor Bryant Simon,  
Ph.D., Professor of History  
at Temple University

O.A.S.I.S.  
OLDER ADULTS SPECIAL INTEREST SERIES  
JOIN US MONDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30AM

January 3, 2005

Re-evaluate Your Assets for 2005

Tony Blum, Financial Advisor, Foote Financial

January 10, 2005

Book Talk & Meet the Author

"Boardwalk of Dreams"

Bryant Simon, Professor of History  
Temple University

January 17, 2004

Library Closed

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 24, 2005

Main Street Atlantic City

Seana Grady, Director  
Main Street Atlantic City

January 31, 2005

Broken Silence, a Holocaust Survivor's

Documentary

Sonia Kaplan & Ellen Wetzel

February 7, 2005

Social Security Update

David Delaney, Public Affairs Specialist Social  
Security Administration

February 14, 2005

Valentine's Day Craft

Atlantic City Arts Center

February 21, 2004

Library Closed President's Day

February 28, 2004

African American History

Classics Project

African American Studies Program  
Richard Stockton College

## YOUTH SERVICES

### A good book knows no age limits.

The Youth Services staff knows that each reader is unique and so is what they enjoy reading. That is the reason we do not mark books with a grade level. The same book can be read, re-read and enjoyed by people at many grade levels.

So how is a parent going to find a book that is appropriate for a child in a particular grade? There are several possible answers to that question.

- Ask the child what he or she likes to read.
- Ask a librarian for help.
- Ask the child's teacher. If the child goes to one of the area schools using the Accelerated Reader Program, the child will probably have a list of books that educators have chosen for that grade level. The Library has most of the Accelerated Reader books although they are not marked with the Accelerated Reader color codes.
- Trust your instincts. Parents are the best judge of a child's interests. If you think the child will enjoy it, you are probably right.

### Story Times

Pre-school:

Thursdays at 10:30am



Children grades 1-6

Thursdays at 3:30pm



**The Library Foundation** is a nonprofit organization formed for the purpose of aiding the Atlantic City Free Public Library. Funds obtained through fund raising will be used by the Foundation to help the Library assist its users by providing special equipment and expanded services.

For the past five years the Library Foundation has hosted a Dinner that honors individuals who have worked tirelessly to serve and support the library and surrounding community.

For information about the Library Foundation call (609) 345-2269 Ext 3001.

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTER

### Services Include

**Access to the Internet** - Six days a week from 10:00AM daily.

**Word Processing with Microsoft Office Suite** - Available on all computer workstations. Two stations have dedicated word processors available for an extended time; however, customers are limited to two hours if someone is waiting. Computer workstations may also be reserved by Library members in good standing a week in advance.

**Career Center Training** - Customers can get assistance with online applications, email, resumes, cover letters & typing. This service is offered twice weekly: every Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 PM and every Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 PM

**Free Email Training** - Every Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 PM.

**General Training Sessions** - Offered monthly and require sign-up in advance. These general sessions last about one and a half hours and cover introductions to computers, Internet, email, word processing, and online research. Space is limited to 6. All candidates must provide a phone number for emergency contact, should the session be cancelled.

**Computer Workstations (1-14)** have "How To Use" training programs for self-learners.

**Computer Center Hours:**  
MON., TUE., WED. 10:00AM - 7:30PM  
THU., FRI., SAT. 10:00AM - 4:30PM

**For Additional Information:**  
609-345-2269 Ext. 3066

### TRAINING SCHEDULE

Introduction to basic PC operations for first time users		
Jan. 22	Saturday	10:00 am - 11:00 am
Feb. 8	Tuesday	10:00 am - 11:00 am
Intro. To MS Word (Word Processing fundamentals)		
Jan. 11	Tuesday	10:00 am - 11:00 am
Feb. 19	Saturday	10:00 am - 11:00 am
Internet Basics (FOR BEGINNERS)		
Jan. 24	Monday	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Feb. 28	Monday	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

*The Atlantic City Free Public Library is an independent municipal library funded and operated by the City of Atlantic City and governed by a Board of Trustees.*

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# Did You Know?



In 1904, Andrew Carnegie gave Atlantic City the funds to build the first library. The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, the Casino Re-investment Development Authority (CRDA), and the City of Atlantic City collaborated in restoring the historic Carnegie Library Building. The recently renovated and expanded Beaux-Arts building, provides the College with modern facilities in the heart of Atlantic City.

Renamed the Carnegie Library Center, it hosts undergraduate and graduate courses, continuing professional education programming, and special events relevant to the needs of Atlantic City and its surrounding region. A multi-use facility, Carnegie serves the College and the residents of Atlantic City and region as an educational and instructional facility, a meeting place, a conference center, and through community outreach.



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**Main Library**  
1 North Tennessee Avenue  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401  
Phone: (609) 345-2269  
Fax: (609) 345-5570

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Ask for Details

**Main Library**  
**Hours:**

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday  
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
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**Richmond Branch**  
Ventnor & Windsor Ave.  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401  
Phone: (609) 347-1902

**Richmond Branch Hours:**  
Mon., Wed., & Fri.  
9:00 a.m. to Noon  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We are on the Web!  
[www.acfpl.org](http://www.acfpl.org)

## NOW AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY

### New Books on CD

#### NON-FICTION

- The Automatic Millionaire* by David Bach  
*Battle Ready* by Tom Clancy  
*Benjamin Franklin* by Walter Issacson  
*Big Russ and Me* by Tim Russert  
*Caddy for Life* by John Feinstein  
*Gasping for Air Time* by Jay Mohr



#### FICTION

- 3rd Degree* by James Patterson  
*Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer  
*Digital Fortress* by Dan Brown  
*Hidden Prey* by John Sandford  
*In the Moon of Red Ponies* by James Lee Burke  
*Just One Look* by Harlan Cobe

### Bestselling Book Selections

#### FICTION

- London Bridges* by James Patterson  
*The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown  
*I am Charlotte Simmons* by Tom Wolfe  
*Hour Game* by David Baldacci  
*Metro Girl* by Janet Harpercollins  
*The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom



#### NON-FICTION

- The Daily Show with Jon Stewart Presents America: a citizens guide to democracy in action* by Jon Stewart  
*When Will Jesus bring the Port Chops* by George Carlin  
*His Excellency: George Washington* by Joseph J Ellis  
*How to Talk to a Liberal* by Ann H. Coulter  
*Chronicles* by Bob Dylan

  
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