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Connecting People to the World*



New online job searching resources available

Improve resume, job skills and interview techniques with Learning Express Library and Career Library

The current economic climate has made finding a job extremely difficult. For those who are searching for a job or interested in changing career paths, the Atlantic City Free Public Library has two new online resources – Learning Express Library and Ebscohost Career Library – that might be able to help.

YOU CAN FIND THESE RESOURCES AT WWW.ACFPL.ORG UNDER THE DO RESEARCH TAB

There is no charge to take advantage of these online resources, which are available through the library's Website, www.acfpl.org. Library members can access these great resources from any computer with an Internet connection 24 hours a day,

seven days a week. They are also available to those without a library card from a library computer. Learning Express Library's career resources will help you prepare for a wide array of careers, create resumes that get noticed, improve job search skills and

more. This resource provides patrons from elementary students to adult learners with instant access to a comprehensive collection of test-preparation tools, skill-building materials and career resources. More than 770 online practice tests and

interactive skill-building tutorials are available, along with more than 130 e-book titles developed by expert academic and industry professionals. Some of the things that you can accomplish with Learning Express Library include:

- Prepare for profes-

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The graffiti mural will be one of the visual highlights of the Atlantic City Free Public Library's Teen Space.

Make your mark: Help paint Teen Space graffiti art mural

Local youths will have the opportunity to leave their mark on the Atlantic City Free Public Library ... literally. The library is looking for youths ages 12-17 to paint a graffiti art mural that will be located in its Teen Space, which will open in September 2009. Those interested will paint a mural created by graffiti artist Stephen Gibson, who received input from youths when coming up with his design. The painting of the mural will take place April 13 to 15

from 1 to 5 p.m. Registration is required. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, or stop by the Youth Services Department to register. 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.

National Library Week celebration to include Food for Fines drive, read-a-thon program

National Library Week is April 12-18, and it's a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide — and the perfect time to discover how worlds connect at your library. As usual, there are a variety of programs planned at the Atlantic City Free Public Library in recognition of the week.

Monday, April 13, at 10:30 a.m. — Therapeutic Reading: The OASIS (Older Adults Special Interest Series) group will take turns reading One Book New Jersey selection, *Marley: A Dog Like No Other*. The group will read to others at the program and a therapy dog.

Monday, April 13,



Now is the perfect time to sign up for and use your Atlantic City Free Public Library card.

from 12 to 4 p.m. — National Library Week Read-a-thon: Join us to hear special guests — including city officials, library staff and school principals — read *Marley: A Dog Like No Other* to those in attendance.

Wednesday, April 15, at 4 p.m. — *Marley & Me*: The library will show this

2008 hit, which stars Jennifer Aniston and Owen Wilson. The PG-rated movie is based on the *New York Times* bestselling book by John Grogan.

Thursday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m. — Read to a Dog Preschool Story Time: Preschoolers will have a

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Verses, rhymes we are a needing, for April 25 is our poetry reading

Those who eagerly await the spring do so for many reasons, maybe it's because the weather gets warmer, the sun takes longer to set or because baseball season is finally upon us. Here at the Atlantic City Free Public Library, the early days of spring mean a long-standing tradition is right around the corner — the annual Poetry Reading. The library Poetry Reading, now in its 16th year, will be held at 2

LEARN MORE ABOUT GREAT POETRY BY CHECKING OUT LIT FINDER, AVAILABLE AT WWW.ACFPL.ORG UNDER THE DO RESEARCH TAB

p.m. on Saturday, April 25, in the Main Library meeting room. People of all ages and skill levels are invited to showcase their love of poetry and talent with the community. There are some requirements for those who wish to submit poems:

- Poems must be suitable for people of all ages.

- All submissions must be typed and single spaced on 8.5" by 11" paper.
- Poems must be camera ready so they can be included in the library's poetry chapbook. Please include your name on the poem but provide personal information such as

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Twelve language courses available with new Mango online program

Learning a language with your Atlantic City Free Public Library card has just gotten easier. And it is free! No special equipment is needed — just you, your computer and Mango.

We now offer Mango Languages Software for you to use in the library or from home with your card. Mango Languages offers 12 language courses — Brazilian Portuguese, Spanish, Japanese, French, German, Italian, Greek, Russian and Mandarin Chinese, plus English as a Second Language for Spanish, Polish and Brazilian Portuguese speakers. And, more languages are on the way.

This premier online software program for libraries is a unique way to learn a foreign language. It combines linguistic expertise from across the globe with the latest software technologies, providing an easy-to-use interactive learning tool. Remote online access allows patrons to learn at their convenience. Mango also features a unique comprehensive teaching approach that includes audio and visual cues as well as phonetics to assist users in language learning.

Mango Languages recently took second place in the “Web 2.0 Awards” by SEOMoz and has been recommended by *Education World* for foreign language learning. Learn more about Mango Languages at www.mangolanguages.com.

U.S. citizenship class beginning April 22

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will hold a United States citizenship class, which will provide an easy way for people to learn about American history, government, geography, culture and much more.

This class will help those who attend prepare for their U.S. citizenship examination. All sessions are free and will be held in the Main Library’s second-floor meeting room. For more information, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115.

The class schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, April 22, at 5 p.m.

— An Introduction to Government and the Constitution.

Monday, April 27, at 5 p.m.

— Executive Branch and the Election Process.

Wednesday, May 6, at 5 p.m.

— Legislative Branch and Judicial Branch.

Wednesday, May 27, at 5 p.m.

— State/Local Governments and Citizenship Education.

Monday, June 1, at 5 p.m.

— Requirements for Naturalization.

Monday, June 8, at 5 p.m.

— Court Hearing and National Symbols.

ESL conversation sessions planned for March

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will hold three English as a Second Language (ESL) conversation sessions this March.

Each session will have at least one topic and focus on the language needed to communicate about it.

No registration is required. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115, for more

information.

Monday, March 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. — Home.

Monday, March 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. — Phone, Internet, cell phones, TV, credit cards, scams.

Monday, March 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. — Calendar, colors and math.

Meet authors Bernard Friedenber, Carol Davis

The Atlantic City Free Public Library has scheduled “Meet the Author” programs featuring Bernard Friedenber and Atlantic City resident Carol Davis.

Friedenber, who wrote *Of Being Numerous: World War II As I Saw It*, will appear on Saturday, March 21, at 2 p.m.

Davis will read from her poetry book *The Bag Lady’s Gold* on Saturday, April 18, at 2 p.m.

Both programs are free and will be held in the Main Library’s second-floor meeting room.

Friedenber will discuss his military career from World War II, beginning with basic training

through the stints he served throughout the world. A highly decorated veteran, Friedenber received two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts.

The Bag Lady’s Gold is the story of Davis’ spiritual journey and lessons for spiritual growth.

Davis provided home care services to seniors who were nearing the end of their lives for more than 20 years. While struggling with her own physical challenges, she started writing poetry.

Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115, for more information about these programs.



Pictured are some of the participants from last year’s Poetry Reading.

Poetry reading

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your address, phone number and e-mail address on a different piece of paper.

- Poems must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, April 3.

Each person is invited to submit

up to three poems in the order in which they will be read.

The library reserves the right to limit the number of poems that are recited at the reading or included in the chapbook.

For more information, please call Mimi Lee at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115.

Job resources

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sional certification, licensing, and aptitude tests in health care, civil service/government, law enforcement, firefighting, EMS, military, real estate and more.

- Improve workplace skills such as resume building, interviewing techniques, job search and assessment, business writing and core computer skills.

- Achieve higher scores on college entrance exams, such as the ACT and SAT, and improve performance on Advanced Placement (AP) exams.

Career Library™ offers a resource center for career and college research. User friendly components help users match interests to occupations, education prospects, and more. Career Library consists of five major components:

- Exploration Center — This component lets users assess career interests and explore information pertaining to occupations and higher education. It contains interest and skills assessments, connecting results to a career cluster and/or occupation list. It provides various search options and important information, including: occupation search, college search, financial aid information, apprenticeships, military occupations, college majors, state-specific data, occupation video library (English and Spanish) and

more.

- Planning Center — This component lets users obtain printable resources and gather information that will assist with planning to enter the higher education community or the workforce. It includes resources such as a resume builder, as well as college and career planning checklists.

- Resource Center — This segment lets users search for web resources related to colleges/universities, careers, curriculum, and much more. It provides information on items including: “Cool Jobs” (job profiles on up-and-coming or out-of-the-ordinary careers), Web Resources, Full Text Articles, Standards-aligned Curriculum, Occupation Video Library (English and Spanish), State-specific Data, and more.

- Activity Center — This component offers ways for users to test their knowledge on history, vocabulary, math, English, and occupations in an engaging environment. It includes items such as Interactive Quizzes on history and vocabulary, online polls, sample proficiency & standardized test questions, GED sample tests and more.

If you have any questions or would like one-on-one assistance with a staff member, please visit the Reference Desk at the Main Library; e-mail us at reflib@acfpl.org; or, call (609) 345-2269, and press 1 and then 5.

Library Week

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chance to read their favorite book to a therapy dog.

In addition to those great programs, the library will once again hold a “Food for Fines” food drive — allowing people to make a food donation in lieu of paying a fine on overdue materials — all week at its Main Library and Richmond Branch Library locations.

For each non-perishable item donated, the accrued fines for one

overdue item will be waived. The donated food will be given to a local food bank.

Some non-perishable food items that food banks often need include: tuna fish, baked beans, powdered milk, baby foods and formula, corned beef hash, beef stew, dry pasta, rice, instant potatoes, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, applesauce, canned fruit, canned or dry soup, mayonnaise and jelly.

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

THE ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED

APRIL 10 and 12

Library program schedule for March and April 2009

ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FILM SOCIETY

Watch • Listen • Learn • Discuss

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112, 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 “Man on Wire”

Saturday, March 7, at 1 p.m.
View and discuss this 2008 award-winning documentary about the French acrobat who walked across the Twin Towers in 1974. This film is rated PG-13 and runs 94 minutes.

Did you know?

- This film won an Oscar in February for Best Documentary, and it previously garnered numerous awards in that category.

Learn about documentary films

Monday, March 9, at 5:30 p.m.
This classroom session will focus on the history and importance of this genre. The differences and similarities between fictional films and documentaries will also be discussed.

View and discuss “Doubt”

Saturday, April 11, at 1 p.m.
View and discuss a 2008 award-winning drama starring Meryl Streep and Philip Seymour Hoffman. It is rated PG-13 and runs 104 minutes.

Did you know?

- The film is based on a Tony Award-winning play that ran on Broadway for over a year.
- Oprah Winfrey was not allowed to audition for a role she wanted.

Learn about ‘stage to screen’ movies

Monday, April 13, at 5:30 p.m.
This classroom session will focus on how plays are adapted into films and the challenges filmmakers face when taking a story from the stage to the screen.

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

ESL Conversation, Citizenship Classes

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

Learn more about U.S. citizenship with LEARNING EXPRESS LIBRARY, available at www.acfpl.org under the Do Research tab

Conversation topic: Home

Monday, March 16, at 5 p.m.

Conversation topics: Phone, Internet, cell phones, TV, credit cards, scams

Monday, March 23, at 5 p.m.

Conversation topics: Calendar, colors and math

Monday, March 30, at 5 p.m.

Citizenship topics: Introduction to Government and the Constitution

Wednesday, April 22, at 5 p.m.

Citizenship topics: Executive Branch and the Election Process

Monday, April 27, at 5 p.m.

Citizenship topics: Legislative Branch and Judicial Branch

Wednesday, May 6, at 5 p.m.

Citizenship topics: State/Local Governments and Citizenship Education

Wednesday, May 27, at 5 p.m.

Citizenship topic: Requirements for Naturalization

Monday, June 1, at 5 p.m.

Citizenship topics: Court Hearing and National Symbols

Monday, June 8, at 5 p.m.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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.

Collages in the Style of Matisse

Monday, March 2, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest speaker: Jackie Caplan, graphic artist/arts and crafts instructor
Join the fun as we make collage cut-outs in the style of Matisse. All supplies, including colored foam sheets and cut-outs, will be provided.

Gentle Golden Yoga

Monday, March 9, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest speaker: Susan R. Cramer, Certified Natural Health Professional
Gentle Golden Yoga is for anyone and every BODY! These movements are gentle and release energy into vital parts of the body, including the organs. The easy, gentle stretching will leave the body and mind wonderfully refreshed.

Brain Awareness Week

Monday, March 16, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest speaker: Dr. Ira Stein, Medical Director of The Herman Pogachevsky Senior Services Pavilion
Dr. Stein will cover brain function, how brains change, how normal aging differs from dementia, and he will also provide some tips on a brain healthy lifestyle.

Meet the Mayor

Monday, March 23, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest speaker: Lorenzo T. Langford, Mayor of City of Atlantic City
Here is your chance to meet Mayor Langford and find out more about the current and future plans for Atlantic City.

Tai Chi Easy

Monday, March 30, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest speaker: Curtis Read, an Institute of Integral Qigong and Tai Chi Certified facilitator
Learn about Qigong, a fitness and stress management program based on traditional Chinese medicine, and Tai Chi.

Create Your Own Spring Flowers

Monday, April 6, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest speaker: Jackie Caplan,
Make beautiful spring flowers using coffee filters and food coloring; they make beautiful designs, similar to tie dying.

Therapeutic Reading

Monday, April 13, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest speaker: Susan R. Cramer, Certified Natural Health Professional
In honor of National Library Week, seniors will take turns reading One Book New Jersey selection, *Marley: A Dog Like No Other*, to those in the group and also a therapy dog.

Antiques Appraisal

Monday, April 20, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest speaker: Representative from Aged to Perfection Antiques Warehouse
Bring a small antique to the program to receive a free, on-the-spot appraisal. It's our own version of Antique Roadshow.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle — What You Can Do at Home

Monday, April 27, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest speaker: Representative from the Atlantic County Utilities Authority
The ACUA has switched to a single stream collection system, in which recyclable containers and paper grades are mixed in one container. Learn how you can conserve energy and water at home.

Youth Services Department

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

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

Kids can get homework assistance from an online tutor by using TUTOR.COM, available at www.acfpl.org by clicking on the Teens tab and then Homework Help

Teen Anime Café

Sundays, March 1, and April 5 at 1 p.m.
View Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (PG) on March 1 and Bolt (PG) on April 5.

Atlantic City Teen-azine Meeting

Saturday, March 7, and April 4, at 12 p.m.

Homework Help

Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 14, 21, 28
This is for children 12 and younger.

Arts and Crafts

Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.
March 4, 11, 25 and April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
This is for children 6 to 12

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
March 5, 12, 26 and April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
This is for children ages 3 to 5.

Baby Bounce

Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.
March 5, 12, 26 and April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
This is for infants 0 to 22 months.

Comic Book Drawing

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
This program is for kids ages 8 to 16.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Saturdays, March 7, 21 and April 4, 18 at 1 p.m.
This groups is for ages 12 or older.

Big Hats Program

Wednesday, March 18, at 3:30 p.m.
Make outrageous paper hats.

Coming Attraction Book Club

Saturday, March 28, and Saturday, April 25 at 3 p.m.
Discuss Coraline on March 27 and Hotel for Dogs on April 25. For grades 3 to 8.

Theater Alliance Teen Program

Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m.

Graffiti Art Mural Project

April 13-15, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Sweet Mud Painting

Thursday, April 16, at 1 p.m.
Create a painting you can take home.



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

Movie: Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG)

Sunday, March 8, at 1 p.m.

Movie: Pinocchio — 70th anniversary edition (G)

Sunday, March 15, at 1 p.m.

Movie: Wonder Woman (PG-13)

Sunday, March 22, at 1 p.m.

Magical Chad Magic Show

Wednesday, April 1, at 4 p.m.

National Library Week Read-a-thon

Monday, April 13, at 12 p.m.

Movie: Marley & Me (PG)

Wednesday, April 15, at 4 p.m.

Aquatic Adaptations

Sunday, April 19, at 1 p.m.

Library Poetry Reading

Saturday, April 25, at 2 p.m.

Movie: High School Musical 3 (G)

Sunday, April 26, at 1 p.m.

Adult programs

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

You Have Come a Long Way, Baby! Now What? The Past, Present and Future of Women Entrepreneurs

Saturday, March 14, at 2 p.m.
Former business owner and consultant Harriet Diamond will discuss achievements of pioneering female entrepreneurs and the progress female entrepreneurs have made, and she will take a look at some female business owners and professionals based in Atlantic City.

Meet the Author: Bernard Friedenber

Saturday, March 21, at 2 p.m.
See story on page 2 for details

Beauty Make-Over

Saturday, March 28, at 2 p.m.
Roxanne White of SoftSheen Carson will discuss skin care, make-up tips, what to do with your hair, how to dress for success and more. Free beauty product samples will be given out.

Topics in Politics Series: President Obama’s Environmental Challenge

Wednesday, April 8, at 6 p.m.
Richard Stockton College professor Patrick Hossay will discuss the environmental policy issues facing President Barack Obama, such as climate change, endangered species and management of public lands. He will assess Obama's policies and the options that are available to him.

Meet the Author: Carol Davis

Saturday, April 18, at 2 p.m.
See story on page 2 for details

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, March 2, at 4:30 p.m.

Introduction to Excel

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

Introduction to Word

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

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

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

Introduction to PowerPoint

Friday, March 13, at 1 p.m.

Introduction to Word

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

Introduction to the Internet/Email

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

Introduction to the Internet/Email

Monday, April 6, at 4:30 p.m.

Introduction to PowerPoint

Wednesday, April 8, at 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to Word

Tuesday, April 14, at 10:30 a.m.

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

Friday, April 17, at 9:30 a.m.

Introduction to Word

Friday, April 17, at 1 p.m.

Introduction to Excel

Tuesday, April 21, at 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to the Internet/Email

Saturday, April 25, at 9:30 a.m.

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

THE SEVEN DAYS LIBRARY IS OPEN!

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DISCOVER ATLANTIC CITY

Can you help us identify the people in this photograph?

These young girls and the woman with them were all dressed up for Easter. Do you know who they are or what year this photograph was taken?

Help the Atlantic City Free Public Library's Heston Room identify them, and your name will be included in a new section on the library's Website — www.acfpl.org — as an honorary archivist.

Please contact archivist Heather Halpin Pérez at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3062, to help us identify this part of Atlantic City history or to learn more about the library's extensive Heston Collection.



Atlantic City Free Public Library

One North Tennessee Avenue

Atlantic City, New Jersey

Did You Know?

More than half a million people entered the Main Library last year

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is busier than it has ever been in its 100-plus years of serving the Atlantic City community.

More customers are entering the library, checking out our resources, utilizing our computers and attending

programs.

More than half a million people — 553,114 to be exact — entered the Main Library in 2008. That total represents a remarkable increase of 29.3 percent from the previous year.

Here is a look at some of last year's statistics:

- People who entered the Main Library: 553,114
- Number of computers available for the public's use: 54
- Approximate number of items borrowed by customers: 306,000
- Number of videos borrowed at Main Library: 198,656
- Number of DVDs borrowed at Richmond Branch Library: 9,003

- Youth Services attendance: 37,286
- Youth Services Department programs: 317
- Children and young adults attending the Youth Services programs: 3,941

- Children and young adults attending Summer Reading Programs: 1,808
- Researchers assisted by appointment, stopping in for a visit or remotely: 500

- Reference staff responses to requests for local information and information about Atlantic City history: 4,372
- Approximate attendance for Atlantic City Library Family Fun Festival: 2,000



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Atlantic City, NJ 08401
Phone: (609) 345-2269
Fax: (609) 345-5570



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Main Library Hours:

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.

Richmond Branch

Ventnor & Windsor Avenues
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
Phone: (609) 347-1902

Richmond Branch Hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9 a.m. to noon
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Summer hours vary

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