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Revamped, expanded ESL program to debut in March

The Atlantic City Free Public Library has enhanced its English as a Second Language program to offer more topics and classes than ever before.

The ESL classes — open to Atlantic City Li-

brary members 18 years of age and older — are essential for students to not only gain English language skills, but to help them adjust to American

life and culture.

The library will offer two weekly sessions: ESL Pronunciation, Listening and Speaking, and ESL Conversation Club. Also,

a monthly session — ESL Learning Lab — will be offered.

In the Pronunciation, Listening and Speaking class, students will prac-

tice the distinct sounds that exist in the English language, and also listening to and speaking about a variety of topics relevant to life in the United States.

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Jazz great Blakey focus of April 2 book talk, concert

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will present a book talk and jazz concert program — Remembering Our Jazz Neighbors — at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 2, in the Main Library's second-floor meeting room.

Author Sandy Warren will discuss her latest book, *Art Blakey Cookin' and Jammin': Recipes and Remembrances from a Jazz Life*.

The concert portion of the program will feature popular musician Eddie Morgan, who will perform some of Blakey's recordings, as well as the favorite tunes of another late jazz performer with local ties, Johnny Andrews.

Warren was Blakey's long-time companion. The couple, who resided in Northfield, loved to cook together. Warren's book is filled with recipes, rare Blakey family photos and her remembrances of the drumming legend.

The program is free and open to people of all ages. Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115, for more information.



A February to remember

The Atlantic City Free Public Library offered a wide range of programs in February in celebration of Black History Month. (Top photo) African-American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey founder Ralph E. Hunter, Sr., interacts with the audience during 'The Black Northside Empire' photo exhibit reception. (Bottom left) The Hassan Abdullah Quintet performed at a special jazz program presented by the Atlantic City Chapter of The Links and the library. (Bottom right) The library held a Meet the Author program featuring Turiya S.A. Raheem, who wrote *Growing Up in the Other Atlantic City: Wash's and the Northside*.

Library invites local writers to participate in Author Expo

► The Author Expo and return of 'Food for Fines' will be held during National Library Week, which is April 10-16.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is accepting applications for its first Author Expo, which will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16, in the Main Library.

The goal of this event is to encourage literary involvement in the community by providing a forum for local writers to connect and build an audience with the Atlantic City reading public.

The Author Expo coincides with National Library Week, which is April 10-16. Writers interested in participating need to apply online at www.acfpl.org to be considered. Applications and required materials must be submitted by Sunday, March 20.

Also, the library will continue a tradition by holding a "Food for

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Around-the-clock online research access: It's like having your own library

While it's true the Atlantic City Free Public Library has two official locations — one could make the case there are thousands of unofficial and virtual versions of the library throughout the city and surrounding communities.

How so? The library offers a wealth of electronic research resources through our website,

www.acfpl.org. So, not only can people use these resources at the Main Library or Atlantic City Library Express, but library card holders can access most of these resources from any computer or device with an Internet connection 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Library card holders can util-

ize the resources from home or work, in the middle of the day or middle of the night, from a personal computer or even a smart phone.

That kind of around-the-clock access is like having your very own library!

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Enjoy convenience of A.C. Library Express

The Atlantic City Library Express — located at 3001 Atlantic Avenue — offers books in many languages in addition to English.

The library has kids and adults books in Bengali, Chinese, Hindi, Spanish and Vietnamese. And, library members in good standing can request that the library purchase certain titles not already in its collection.

Parking available

There are a limited number of free parking spaces, including one handicapped parking spot, available to customers at Library Express. Library customers can park there for up to one hour. The lot is

located next to the library on Morris Avenue.

Also, there is metered parking on Atlantic Avenue and street parking in the vicinity.

Making your library experience as convenient as possible

The library wants to make borrowing items from our collection as convenient as can be. Want a book available at the Main Library held for you at Library Express — or vice versa? No problem. We will have the item you requested delivered to the location you prefer.

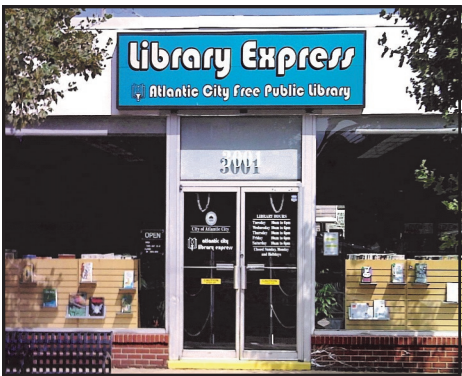
And, you can return the items you have borrowed to either loca-

tions — regardless of where you borrowed them. However, only books and magazines can be placed in the book drops at Library Express.

Teacher loans

A teacher who lives in Atlantic County and works in Atlantic City is eligible for a free teacher loan card. This card offers special borrowing privileges for classroom resources. Teachers can borrow up to 20 print items for as many as six weeks.

Individuals applying for a teacher loan card must already have an Atlantic City Library card in good standing. New members



The Atlantic City Library Express is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

must apply at Youth Services at the Main Library, but existing members can renew their membership at Library Express.

Call Library Express coordinator Rick Gerhardt at 340-0215 for more information.

Earth Day, recycling focus of April crafts

April 22 is Earth Day, and the Atlantic City Free Public Library will celebrate this event throughout April with arts and crafts programs for kids ages 9 to 17.

For programs that require registration or for more information, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, or visit the Youth Services desk at the Main Library.

Bean Wall Panel at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 6 – Do you like gluing items, even things such as pasta, beans and rocks? If so, this craft is for you. Participants will make a wonderful bean panel to show how even the simplest of crafts can be sophisticated. Registration is required.

3-D Blossom Box/Origami Flowers at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 — This is a very cool way to display flowers in 3-D. Participants will make beauti-

ful origami flowers out of recycled book pages, old buttons and tree branch pieces. Then design a floral arrangement in a flower box that you can hang on your wall or give to that special someone to celebrate the coming of spring. Registration is required.

Subscription Card Artwork at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 20 — Take those annoying subscription cards that always seem to fall out of magazines and turn them into cool art using stamps, ink and paint.

Do-It-Yourself Super Tote at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 27 — Design your own reusable, environmentally friendly book bag. This bag is so strong and cool that you can carry your books or groceries anywhere you go. No more plastic bags! Registration is required.

Author Expo

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Fines” food drive during National Library Week. People can make a food donation in lieu of paying a fine on overdue materials — all week at its Main Library and Library Express locations.

For the Author Expo:

- An application must be completed to be considered. Visit www.acfpl.org for the application, which needs to be filled out online. Space is limited.
- Only individual authors may apply; no groups.
- Authors may sell their books at the Expo.
- Authors will be required to be present throughout the event.

- Any materials submitted with applications become the property of the library.
 - Authors may choose to provide the following via the online application form for possible inclusion in promotional materials about the Expo:
 - Biographical sketch (150 words or less)
 - A short summary for each of their books (150 words or less)
 - A photo of the author (one per author, in high resolution and jpg format)
 - A photo of his/her book cover (one per book, in high resolution and jpg format)
 - Authors selected to participate will be notified by March 31.
- Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115, for more information.

E-research

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To access the library’s many e-research resources, simply visit www.acfpl.org and select Online Research Library under the Do Research Tab.

Here is a small sampling of what the library offers online:

Before You Know it (BYKI) is a language instruction program containing seventy (70) languages. Using a technique called “Spaced Interval Repetition,” the user can rapidly learn and pronounce words and phrases in a new language. It’s an excellent program for ESL students and others.

The Science Reference Library & Science Reference Center provide access to information

about our world – from the depths of the oceans to the far reaches of outer space. Biology, the environment, physics, space and technology and more are covered through encyclopedias, magazines, and reference texts.

The Home Improvement Reference Center is a database filled with illustrations, step-by-step directions, and tips to help the novice successfully tackle and complete home improvement projects. Plumbing, electrical, wood-working and decorating are among the areas covered with easy to follow steps. The Home Improvement Reference Center can help people save money and provide the answers to their fix-it questions.

The library offers Personal Librarian Service (PLS) appointments. Call (609) 345-2269, e-mail reflib@acfpl.org or visit the Main Library’s Reference Desk for assistance.

ESL

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Students in the Conversation Club will learn appropriate and relevant vocabulary, and gain more confidence performing basic and advanced tasks related to everyday issues — such as banking, health care and employment.

The monthly ESL Learning Lab will offer students a warm environment where they can improve their knowledge of English in the areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing. This computer-aided language learning program offers online learning tools as well as support and individual help from our librarians.

All ESL classes will be held in the Main Library’s second-floor meeting room.

Advanced registration is required. To register, please visit the first-floor tutoring room in the Main Library (One North Tennessee Avenue) from 12 to 1 p.m. on Mondays; or, call ESL Coordinator Mimi Lee at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115.

The complete March/April ESL schedule is as follows:

Conversation Club

Friday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Friday, March 11, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Friday, March 18, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Friday, March 25, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Friday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Friday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Friday, April 15, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Friday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Pronunciation, Listening and Speaking

Monday, March 7, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Monday, March 14, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Monday, March 21, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Monday, March 28, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Monday, April 4, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Monday, April 11, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Monday, April 18, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Monday, April 25, from 1 to 4 p.m.

ESL Learning Lab

Wednesday, March 30, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.





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

Duct Tape Flowers

Sunday, March 6, at 2 p.m.
Ready for the flowers to bloom? Get in the spring spirit by making duct tape flowers. Best of all, they're fun, funky and always stay fresh! Make your bouquet and take it home. All materials supplied.

Irish Music Concert

Wednesday, March 9, at 6 p.m.
See story on back page for details

Women's History Month Tile Mosaic

Sunday, March 13, at 2 p.m.
Participants will create a collective tile mosaic artwork that honors great women in American history. This is a collective project and the finished artwork will remain at the library. This is a great family craft activity and best for ages 8 years through adult.

Sailors Valentine Craft

Sunday, March 20, at 2 p.m.
Seashells have long been used to produce beautiful works of art. Sailors Valentines involve intricate works of art, using a variety of seashells. Make and take your own shell creation. All materials are supplied.

Pinkalicious Party

Sunday, March 27, at 2 p.m.
Put on your favorite pink outfit and join us for a celebration of all things pink! If you love pink, this is the event to attend. There will be pink games, pink crafts, pink cupcakes and a free copy of the book to take home (supplies limited). Call or visit Youth Services to reserve a spot — (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050. This program is for children eight years of age or younger. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Remembering Our Jazz Neighbors Concert and Book Talk

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

'The Magic of Chad Juros Show' and Magic Lessons

Sunday, April 3, at 2 p.m.
Chad Juros has been entertaining audiences of all ages around the world for almost two decades. Chad was the youngest magician ever to perform at The White House. Chad has also been featured on the hit A&E TV show Criss Angel 'Mindfreak' and the Food Network's 'Dinner Impossible.' Get ready for a fun, interactive show involving magic, illusions, music and juggling. After Chad's show, he will teach a few magic tricks so you can dazzle your friends too.

Wetlands Institute Earth Day Program: Sea Creatures with Amazing Features

Sunday, April 10, at 2 p.m.
Participants will use all of their senses and imagination to discover the wet world of water animals. Following a fun and interactive explanation of the local sea animals, participants will get hands-on time with them. Habitats, food chains and anatomy are some of the topics covered. Animals that could be brought to the program include sea stars, sea urchins, hermit crabs, spider crabs, green crabs, clams, sea snails and a horseshoe crab.

Library Author Expo

Saturday, April 16, at 1 p.m.
See story on page one for details

Basket Making

Sunday, April 17, at 2 p.m.
Weave a color basket to take home for Easter, Earth Day, Mother's Day or any day. All materials supplied.



OLDER ADULTS SPECIAL INTEREST SERIES

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

Arts and Crafts Program

Monday, March 7, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest speaker: Jackie Caplan, Arts and Crafts Instructor
Participants will make jewelry.

Looking Forward to Stress Free Caregiving

Monday, March 14, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest speaker: Christa Caldarale-Moffatt, RN, Richard Stockton College adjunct professor
Caregiving is a big part of many people's lives. It can be a very stressful process. Learn how you can lessen the stress involved in caring for your loved ones.

Senior Wellness

Monday, March 21, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest speaker: Steven Chang, Pharmacist
Learn about preventing common medication errors and how to safely use supplements.

Tai Chi

Monday, March 28, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest speaker: Xiu E. Yao, International Tai Chi Qi Gong Master
Learn how to perform traditional Tai Chi moves, which can help reduce stress and promote energy.

Arts and Crafts Program

Monday, April 4, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest speaker: Jackie Caplan, Arts and Crafts Program
Participants will make trays using colored paper.

Re-creating Neighborhoods for Successful Aging

Monday, April 11, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest speaker: Jack Carman, Design for Generations LLC President
As a design consultant, Carman has specialized in creating therapeutic exterior environments for senior communities and healthcare facilities. He is co-editor and contributing writer to the recently published book "Re-creating Neighborhoods for Successful Aging."

Senior Wellness

Monday, April 18, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest speaker: Steven Chang, Pharmacist/Certified Clinical Nutritionist

Tai Chi

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Weekly ESL Pronunciation, Speaking and Listening

Weekly ESL Conversation Club

Monthly ESL Learning Lab
See story on page one for details



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

Need Homework Help?

Call Youth Services (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, to make an appointment for personalized homework and information literacy help.

Creative Craft Wednesdays

Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 13, 20, 27
Children ages 6 to 12 use their imaginations to make and take home crafts with seasonal themes. March is National Craft Month. April's theme will be Earth Day and recycling (*see story on page two*).

Pre-school Rhyme Time

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 14, 21, 28
Features stories, songs, fingerplays and simple crafts for ages 3 to 5. Library story times are a fun way to help your child develop skills they will need to be ready to read. The March 3 program will celebrate Read Across America Week and Dr. Seuss's Birthday.

Baby Bounce and Play Group

Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 14, 21, 28
This program is designed to introduce infants (ages 0-18 months) to the world of sounds and stories. Stories, songs, rhymes and movement help build pre-reading skills for our littlest library lovers. An informal playgroup immediately follows this story time.

Comic Drawing After School

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 14, 21, 28
Marvel DC Comic Illustrator Joe Del Beato will lead drawing instruction for children and teens ages 9 to 17. March will feature famous women in illustration, and April's programs will have a 'Save the Planet' theme in honor of Earth Day.

Children's Book Club

Saturdays at 3 p.m.
March 19, 26 and April 2, 16
Discuss books over snacks and make crafts. Children who join the program receive a free copy of the book to keep. The program is best suited for ages 8 to 11. To register, please call (609) 345-2269 ext. 3050. The group will read *Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman* by Kathleen Krull in celebration of March being Women's History Month. In honor of the 81st anniversary of Nancy Drew and Earth Day, the group will read *Green-Eyed Monster: Book One in the Eco Mystery Trilogy* by Carolyn Keene.

Paws to Read with Baby Bully

Fridays at 3:30 p.m.
March 11, 18 and April 1, 15
"Children reading to dogs" is a program for children ages 4 to 10 who can sign up in 15-minute increments to read to Baby Bully, a certified therapy dog, in a relaxed and fun environment. Participating children should not be fearful of dogs or have pet allergies.

RockBand Saturdays

Saturdays at 11 a.m.
March 12, 26 and April 9
Youths ages 9-17 are invited to rock out in the Teen Space. Participants must have a library card to participate.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Saturdays at 2 p.m.
March 12 and April 9
Get involved and have something to say about programming, books, magazines, music, get ready for college and career opportunities. Candidates must attend a meeting prior to beginning participation.



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

View and Discuss: Casablanca

Saturday, March 5, at 1 p.m.
This 1942 classic stars Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, and it is considered one of the greatest films ever. It is not rated and runs 102 minutes.

Film Dialogue

Monday, March 7, at 5:30 p.m.
This class session will focus on great speeches, monologues and dialogue. Scenes and specific script pages from "Casablanca" will be analyzed.

View and Discuss: Arsenic and Old Lace

Saturday, April 9, at 1 p.m.
This 1944 comedy classic stars Cary Grant and was directed by Frank Capra. It is not rated and runs 118 minutes.

Actor Cary Grant

Monday, April 11, at 5:30 p.m.
This classroom session will focus on the life and career of this legendary movie star. The scenes from the documentary "Cary Grant: A Class Apart" will be shown.

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

Computer training for library members

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

Computer Fundamentals

Tuesday, March 1, at 10 a.m.

Everybody Emails: How to Set Up Your Own Email Account

Friday, March 4, at 1 p.m.

Computer Fundamentals in Spanish

Saturday, March 12, at 10 a.m.

Computer Fundamentals

Monday, March 14, at 4:30 p.m.

Job Applications and Resumes the 21st Century Way

Monday, March 21, at 4:30 p.m.

Computer Fundamentals in Spanish

Monday, March 28, at 4:30 p.m.

Creating Spreadsheets with Excel

Tuesday, March 29, at 10 a.m.

Computer Fundamentals

Friday, April 1, at 1 p.m.

Everybody Emails: How to Set Up Your Own Email Account

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

So You Want to Tweet and Join Facebook

Tuesday, April 12, at 10 a.m.

Everybody Emails: How to Set Up Your Own Email Account in Spanish

Monday, April 18, at 4:30 p.m.

Computer Fundamentals

Wednesday, April 20, at 10 a.m.

Managing and Sending Digital Photos

Monday, April 25, at 4:30 p.m.

Computer Fundamentals in Spanish

Saturday, April 30, at 10 a.m.

NOTE: All classes are three hours long.

THE ATLANTIC CITY FREE
PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED:

FRIDAY, APRIL 22
SUNDAY, APRIL 24

ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE

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Atlantic City, NJ 08401
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Free parking — ask for details

Main Library Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday, Friday & Saturday
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday
12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Library Express

3001 Atlantic Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
Phone: (609) 340-0215
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Friday & Saturday
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



We are on the Web!

www.acfpl.org

Did You Know?

Atlantic City Free Public Library
members borrowed 300,000 items

There is no shortage of activity or people at the Atlantic City Free Public Library.

The Main Library and Atlantic City Library Express combined had more than *half a million* people enter their doors in 2010. And, they kept Circulation staff busy by borrowing more than 370,000 items.

Also, library staff members signed up 7,851 customers for membership or computer cards last year — an increase of 98 percent from 2009.

The 2010 numbers would be even greater if Library Express was open all last year. That location opened to the public on April 22.

Here's a look at some of our 2010 statistics:

- People who entered the Main Library: (457,462) and Library Express (55,649).
- Items borrowed at Main Library (327,570) and Library Express (44,705).
- DVDs borrowed at Main Library: 218,869
- DVDs borrowed at Library Express: 31,416
- Print items borrowed at Main Library (78,047) and Library Express (11,770).
- Youth Services attendance: 58,400
- Youth Services Department programs: 99
- Children and young adults attending Youth Services programs: 18,204
- Children and young adults attending Summer Reading Program: 3,155
- Researchers using the resources of the Heston Collection of Atlantic City history: 664
- Questions answered by Reference staff at the Main Library: 27,571

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IRISH GROUP TO PERFORM ON MARCH 9

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is getting into the St. Patrick's Day spirit by hosting an Irish concert at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, in the Main Library's second-floor meeting room.

Ceol Binn (pictured to the right), featuring Soprano-guitarist Leslie Clarke and harpist Stephanie Sussmeier, will perform. The concert is free and open to people of all ages. No registration is required.

Clarke has performed as a soloist with the Stockton Oratorio Society, Festival Chorus, St. Peter's United Methodist Church, First Church of Christ Scientist in Ocean City, and with the Tuscany Singers at the Renault Winery and Joseph's Restaurants.

Sussmeier has been playing the harp for more than a decade. She performs for weddings and background music, and teaches harp at her home and at the Ocean City Arts Center.

For more information, call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115.



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is open
seven days a week