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Party in the Park Library Celebrates 100 Years of Service

The *Atlantic City Free Public Library is Celebrating 100 Years of Service* to the residents and surrounding communities of Atlantic City. We are so excited about this that we want to invite you to share in the celebration on June 25, 2005, along with our community partners: the City of Atlantic City, Main Street Atlantic City, and The Carnegie Center, the Atlantic City Conventions and Visitors Authority; and the Atlantic City Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library Birthday Party in the Park



Where: *Center City Park*
(Between North & South Carolina Aves).

When: *Saturday, June 25th*
(NOTE: In the event of rain the event will be moved into the library main building.)

Celebration Time: *11am to 3pm.*
Performances by local musicians; library staff members; dancers from local community groups; performances by the Dancin' Divas and Sweet Adelines of Cape May and Atlantic Counties and much more will take place through out the day both in the park and the library.

You will enjoy visits from key figures from the past such as Dr. Pitney, founder of Atlantic City, and library benefactor Andrew Carnegie. There will be a showcase of area organizations and activities for children of all ages and the Foundation of the Atlantic City Library Trustees will conduct a book sale. You won't want to miss the cutting of the birthday cake by Mayor Langford and the Library Trustees. For more information contact the library in early June.

My experience with public libraries is that the first volume of the book I inquire for is out, unless I happen to want the second, when *that* is out.

The Poet at the Breakfast Table. VIII.

Oliver Wendell HOLMES
(1809-1894)

Points of Interest

- What's New
- DVDs and CDs
- O.A.S.I.S.
- Youth Services

Library will be closed
May 30th for
Memorial Day

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE LIBRARY HISTORY FROM 1930- 1955

As the library moved through the 1930s and '40s, many factors affected it both internally and externally.

In the midst of the Depression and with dwindling appropriations, the Library managed to carry on and, in fact, instituted some new programs. One such was membership in the inter-library loan system, set up through the New Jersey Library Commission.

The library was very proud of its Periodicals Department and boasted an extensive and varied list of periodicals. On the humorous side, it was recorded in the Annual Reports in 1937, that "next to the periodicals, the most interesting and vital part of the magazine room are the magazine readers. They are referred to as seekers after the answers to everything." By 1938, the Periodicals Department listed 216 titles.

The attack on Pearl Harbor increased use of Atlases and yearbooks which were consulted frequently for locations and facts about unknown Pacific Islands. The war years influenced the type of materials patrons were requesting. Most people wanted information about the war; therefore, there was an increase in reference material and a decrease in books circulated. Many readers (young local men) were drafted.

The war years brought some problems. First of all, War Damage Insurance had to be purchased at a cost of \$89. In addition, the Fire Department recommended that the building be reinforced against possible bombing raids. The janitors were made Auxiliary Firemen, and the heater was converted from oil to coal. Green shades for the windows were purchased in accordance with the dim-out regulations.

Since the Library was a government depository, Congressional records, Census Bureau reports, and agricultural and other government documents took on added importance during World War II. The government documents room contained desks and writing paper for the soldiers to use, so the library became a home away from home for soldiers in Atlantic City.

As if this wasn't enough, during 1945 a coal shortage occurred which necessitated closing the Main Building at night from February to June. This affected the circulation, as many adult readers, working during the day, frequented the library at night.

During the post-War years the library began to make forward strides especially in the area of the Children's Room where circulation increased and more children registered for membership.

Spring into Spring Program Schedule

Tuesday, May 3, 5:30 pm *Crim, Nee, & Spitler Book Discussion*
Mothers in Contemporary Literature

Saturday, May 7, 2 pm *"Holocaust Remembrance Day"*
FILM PRESENTATION created by Ellen Wetzel. The story of her mother, Sonia Kaplan's amazing survival is a testament to the spirit of survival and her determination to contribute something of value to the world in spite of her personal tragedy.

Wednesday, May 18, 5:30 pm *Book Talk* with poets Bruce Williams and David Harris authors and editors of *Enlightened Session* an anthology of their diverse works.



Saturday, May 28, 1 pm *FILM DAY—Bollywood Theme*

Bollywood refers to the burgeoning and world's biggest film Industry of India. Centered in Bombay (now Mumbai), Bollywood is a non-existent place. Films that echoe the Bollywood spirit, such as Mira Nair's *Monsoon Wedding* (2001), are modern Indian films set in current-day New Delhi, with typical traits including music and dance, romance, and comedy.

Saturday, June 11, 11 am *Master Gardening Workshop*
Presented by Mona Bawgus, Certified Master Gardener from Rutgers Cooperative Research & Extension of Atlantic County Plant Clinic will include information on seed starting, landscaping, planting trees, perennials & annuals.

LOOKING AHEAD

Maureen Sherr Frank, Director

This is an exciting time for Atlantic City. Major new construction projects are continuing to expand the entertainment and housing options available in our community. From the grand opening of the Borgata Hotel Casino and Spa, the first new casino since 1990, to the success of The Walk and The Quarter, there is a renewed sense of momentum. This new development brings new demands and opportunities for service to the Atlantic City community. The Library staff and Board of Trustees, with the support of the City of Atlantic City, are meeting those demands by expanding collections, providing access to electronic resources, upgrading computer technology and offering informational programs throughout the year. Library staff members are happy to provide professional and friendly assistance to connect library users to the information they need.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is celebrating 100 years of service to the Atlantic City community in 2005. We invite you to help us celebrate this important milestone by joining us for a birthday celebration on June 25, 2005 beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Center City Park on Atlantic Avenue between North and South Carolina Avenues.

Although it is difficult to envision how the Atlantic City Free Public Library will grow and evolve to meet the changing needs of the community during the next 100 years, the Library will continue to play a critical role by serving as both a gateway to the past and a portal to the future.

ANNUAL FOUNDATION DINNER

Curene Clark Ervin, Governor

Save the Date!



Wednesday, September 21, 2005

6th Annual Library Foundation Dinner

This year, in celebration of the Library's 100th Birthday, the Foundation dinner will be held at the Borgata Hotel and Spa, with the Heart and Soul Foundation as a principal sponsor. You won't want to miss this exciting evening of celebration.

The Library Foundation is a nonprofit organization formed for the purpose of aiding the Atlantic City Free Public Library.

Funds obtained through fundraising are used by the Foundation to help the Library provide special and expanded programs and services.

The Library Foundation Dinner honors individuals who have worked tirelessly to serve and support the library and surrounding community.

Look for additional information in the next issue of Discovery.

¡PARA SU INFORMACIÓN!

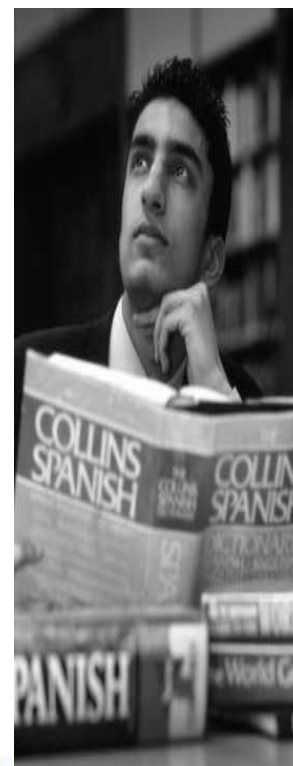


La Biblioteca Pública de Atlantic City le gustaría su opinión acerca de cómo mejorar nuestros servicios. Parte de este compromiso a servicio excelente está tomando sus sugerencias de materiales que puedan ser agregados a nuestras colecciones. En un esfuerzo para aumentar la satisfacción al cliente, La Biblioteca ha agregado un formulario de lista-deseada en nuestro servicio del Internet. El formulario está situado en <http://www.acfpl.org/rpa/wishlist.htm>

Usted debe ser un miembro de la Biblioteca y estar en buena situación de cuenta para poder solicitar un artículo. Si usted tiene materiales atrasados o debe actualmente multas a la Biblioteca, nosotros no honraremos la petición. Si decidimos comprar este artículo, nosotros podemos poner una reservación para usted. Simplemente revise él "Por favor poner una reservación para mí en este artículo/ Please place a hold for me on this item" y marque la caja del artículo en el formulario del Internet. Usted será notificado cuando los materiales lleguen por medio de correo estándar o por email dependiendo de cómo usted ha instalado su Cuenta de Membresía de la Biblioteca. Recuerde que la notificación de email puede ser preparada para usted por el personal de la Biblioteca o por vía de "Mi cuenta/My Account" en el catálogo en línea de la Biblioteca en el Internet.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library wants your input to improve our services. Part of this commitment to excellent service is taking your suggestions for materials to be added to our collections. In an effort to increase customer satisfaction, the Library has added a Wish-List Form to our Internet services. The form is located at <http://www.acfpl.org/rpa/wishlist.htm>

Perhaps you have read a great review or discovered pre-publication information about an upcoming book. You must be a Library member and be in good standing in order to request an item. If you currently have overdue materials or owe the Library fines, we will not honor the request. If we decide to purchase this item, we can place a hold for you. Just check the "Please place a hold for me on this item" check box on the Internet form. You will be notified when the materials have arrived by Standard Mail or Email depending on how you have set up your Library Membership Account. Remember that Email notification can be setup for you by Library staff or via the "My Account" feature in the Online Library Catalog (<http://www.acfpl.org:5050>).



WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY...EBOOKS

The Atlantic City Free Public Library now has available 150 eBook titles for you to enjoy.

What are eBooks?

eBooks are electronic versions of printed books. eBooks can be viewed online from any PC connected to the Internet. Some eBooks can be downloaded to your computer or a PDA device. The Atlantic City Free Public Library offers both types of eBooks. All of the eBooks can be found in the Library Online Catalog. When you find the eBook you want, you click on the link to begin reading.

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May 2, 2005

Susan Nickelson & Niambi Sims,
Team Leaders
Atlantic & Cape May County Office
of Children Services

May 9, 2005

William Hults, Supervisor
Department of Banking and
Insurance State of New Jersey

May 16, 2005

Susan Ricciardi, Director of Media
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(ACCVA) Atlantic City Convention &
Visitors Authority

May 23, 2005

Health Forum, Staff
Atlantic City Health Department

June 6, 2005
(LVA) Literacy Volunteers of America
Alexandra Chileen

June 13, 2005
Jean Muchanic, Director
Absecon Lighthouse

June 20, 2005
Janet Bodoff, Executive Director
Martin S. Wilson Center for the Arts
Summer Craft

June 27, 2005
Michael Vrancik,
Senior Deputy
Director of Management
& Operations
(CRDA) Casino Reinvestment &
Development Authority



May 30, 2005
Library Closed Memorial Day



TAG - Teen Advisory Group



TAG meets the first Saturday of each month at 2pm in the meeting room. Teens interested in exploring books, movies and more are welcome.

2:00pm Saturday, May 14th: What to Know Before You Walk In for a Summer Job. Tips on creating a resume as well as a good first impression. We'll include some ideas on where to go and what to do in your search for a job this summer.

6:30pm Tuesday, May 24th: Teen book discussion on *THE CAY*, by Theodore Taylor. Philip Enright Jr. is shipwrecked and finds himself alone with Timothy, an elderly man from Curacao. The story illustrates how both characters change during their time on a deserted island. A terrific survivor story!

5:00pm Wednesday, May 25: Urban Teen Book Discussion on *THE BLUEST EYE* by Toni Morrison. The Breedlove family has moved from the rural south to Laram, OH and experiences abject poverty and terrible work conditions. The story is told by the three teenage sisters over the course of a year and traces another sister's decent into madness.

2:00pm Saturday, June 4th: How to Draw Anime (part of our 'You Asked For It!' Series) Step by step instruction from concept drawing to panel to panel storytelling. Bring sketch paper and pencils.

11am Saturday, June 25th: Capoeira, Afro-Brazilian Martial Arts demonstration and lesson.

YOUTH SERVICES

PARENT ALERT

Join us this July for
DRAGONS, DREAMS AND DARING DEEDS
A Summer Reading Program for children

And

JOUST READ

A Summer Program for teens



*A thought for the
first day of summer vacation...*

"Then she felt the magic, the African Mystery. Say she rose just as free as a bird, as light as a feather."

Virginia Hamilton, US Author

The retelling of "The People Could Fly" from the
People Could Fly: American Black Folktales (Fiction)



We will have Terrific Teen Tuesdays, Wonderful Wednesdays, Thrilling Thursdays and Fantastic Family Fridays! Saturdays are a Surprise!

Sign up in the Youth Services Department
Beginning June 27th

Story Times
Pre-school:
Thursdays at 10:30am
Children grades 1-6
Thursdays at 3:30pm

COMPUTER CENTER

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The library is now offering the database *Learn A Test*. Library patrons can access this research database from library computers or, with a valid library card, from home or office by visiting the library's website: www.acfpl.org. Learn a Test offers practice tests covering civil service, adult basic education and academic fields.

Popular tests include the GED (high school equivalency), Basic Skills Improvement for adult learners, both in Spanish and English, Fire-fighter, Police Officer, Nursing Assistant, Praxis for teachers and ASVAB for the military. The U.S. Citizenship test offers a history and civics review test. Additional tests include, the 2005 SAT, the elementary and middle school skills improvement, TOEFL (test of English as a foreign language), and the GRE.

TRAINING

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.

Computer Center Hours:
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609-345-2269 Ext. 3066

GENERAL TRAINING SESSIONS

Introduction to Basic PC operations for first time users			
May 10	Tuesday	10:00 am – 11:00 am	
June 18	Saturday	10:00 am – 11:00 am	
Intro. To MS Word (Word Processing fundamentals)			
May 28	Saturday	10:00 am – 11:00 am	
June 14	Tuesday	10:00 am – 11:00 am	
Internet Basics (For Beginners)			
May 23	Monday	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	
June 27	Monday	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	



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Bestselling Book Selections

Top 5 at a Glance



FICTION

THE DA VINCI CODE, by Dan Brown
REVENGE OF THE SITH, by Matthew Stover
YA-YAS IN BLOOM, by Rebecca Wells
HONEYMOON, by James Patterson & Howard Roughan
SATURDAY, by Ian McEwan

NON-FICTION

BLINK, by Malcolm Gladwell
A DEADLY GAME, by Catherine Crier & Cole Thompson
ON BULL—, by Harry G. Frankfurt
CONSPIRACY OF FOOLS, by Kurt Eichenwald
BLOOD BROTHER, by Anne Bird

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OF SERVICE TO ATLANTIC CITY!

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