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Members, download free videos to your PC

► **Atlantic City Free Public Library members will be able to download films and other programs through the library's MyLibraryDV digital content service.**

Get ready to "check out" the latest service offered by the Atlantic City Free Public Library.

The library has launched MyLibraryDV, a revolutionary new digital content service that provides library card holders with free, downloadable lifestyle, entertainment and informational programming right to their personal computers 24/7.

Accessible at www.acfpl.org, Atlantic City Free Public Library members can download MyLibraryDV content, including classic feature films and programming about cooking, travel, home improvement, health, literature, and much more. Also available through the ever-expanding catalog of content are independent films from Film Movement and classic films such as *The Great Train Robbery*, *Meet John Doe* and *Phantom of the Opera*.

"The Atlantic City Free Public Library is one of the pioneering libraries to provide its card holders

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The Atlantic City Free Public Library will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 6; Monday, Nov. 12; Thursday, Nov. 22; Monday, Dec. 24; Tuesday, Dec. 25



The crowd gathers to watch Atlantic City's Grupo Axe Capoeira Academy perform a Brazilian martial arts exhibition during the Second annual Atlantic City Arts, Books & Culture Festival, which was held Saturday, Sept. 29, in Center City Park.

Community gets kick out of ABC Festival

Many members of the community long planned on visiting Center City Park on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, while for others it was an unexpected and entertaining detour.

What they had in common was their reason for stopping by the park ... the Second annual Atlantic City Arts, Books & Culture Festival.

Presented by the Atlantic City Free Public Library and Main Street Atlantic City, the multi-cultural festival was a celebration of the community's diversity.

The audience featured a mix of people returning to the festival for a second year and newcomers who were drawn into the park by the action, including multi-cultural music and dance performances, children's activities, stilt walking and author book talks.

Master of Ceremonies Jim Craine introduced the performers, including the Stanley Holmes Village Workteam, Lynn Academy of Irish Dancers, Raymond Tyler and local teenager poetry group, Island Jam Luau Show, Ballet Folkloric of Hispanic Alliance, storyteller S.E. Schlosser, Edgardo Cintron and the Azuca Band, Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble, Hellenic Dancers from St. Nicholas Tolerance Greek Orthodox Church, Atlantic City's Grupo Axe Capoeira Academy and authors Nelson Johnson, Pooja Makhi-

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ESL sessions teach English of everyday life

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will offer ESL (English as a Second Language) sessions on Mondays and Tuesdays this fall at the Main Library, which is located at 1 North Tennessee Avenue. Monday sessions will be held 2 to 3 p.m., and Tuesday sessions will be

held 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

All sessions are free and no registration is required. These sessions will focus on language that a person might use in their everyday life.

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THE ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S MAIN LIBRARY IS NOW OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

Expanded computer training includes more topics, sessions

Computer training is one of the most popular features that the Atlantic City Free Public Library has to offer, with each session usually being filled to capacity.

As a result, the library is significantly expanding its training by increasing both the number of sessions and topics that it offers.

A library staff member will continue to teach some sessions, including new topics: Using the Internet (Intermediate), Generations Online (*see sidebar on this page*) and Researching Beyond Google.

The library contracted with T. Byrd Computers of Pleasantville to provide additional instruction for its training sessions.

Instructors from T. Byrd Computers will teach the library's Intro-

duction to Word, Internet Basics and Introduction to Computers sessions, plus E-Mail Accounts, Resumes and Online Applications, Introduction to Excel and Introduction to PowerPoint.

Space is limited to 14 people per session and pre-registration is required, so those interested in attending are encouraged to sign up as quickly as possible. Training will take place in the Main Library's second-floor meeting room.

You must pre-register at the Main Library's Computer Help Desk, located near the Computer Reservation Station, or by calling (609) 345-2269, ext. 3066.

Each person is allowed to sign up a maximum of two times for each session in a six-month period.

Senior friendly computer software at library

The Atlantic City Free Public Library now features a user-friendly computer software program designed to help seniors learn how to use e-mail and the Internet.

Generations Online promotes Internet access and literacy to seniors who are unfamiliar with computers. Some of the features designed to help seniors include: simplified Internet access and on-screen basic training; type in large point sizes for easy readability; and step-by-step instructions on how to search the Internet and send e-mail.

The program also includes Web sites for topics that might be of interest to seniors, including Medicare, finance, news and weather. Seniors can also chat with schoolchildren about history or search for information in one of 36 different languages.

Generations Online is available at the library only. You can use it by visiting the library home page, www.acfpl.org.

The library's Reference team offers how-to sessions for all of our computer resources. Please call (609) 345-2269, then press 15, or send an e-mail to reflib@acfpl.org to get more information about the library's online research databases.

COMPUTER TRAINING SCHEDULE

Training will be held in the Main Library meeting room

Saturday, November 3

Research beyond Google 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 7

Introduction to computers 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Internet for beginners 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 9

Introduction to Excel 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Introduction to PowerPoint 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, November 16

Internet – beginners 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Introduction to Word 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, November 17

Introduction to computers 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Resumes/online applications 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday, November 19

E-mail accounts 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Resumes/online applications 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 1

Introduction to computers 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Resumes/online applications 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday, December 3

Introduction to computers 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Internet for beginners 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 12

Generations Online 10:30 a.m. to noon

Friday, December 14

Internet – beginners 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Introduction to Word 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Internet (Intermediate) 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Monday, December 17

E-mail accounts 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Resumes/online applications 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 21

Introduction to Excel 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Introduction to PowerPoint 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

You must pre-register at the Computer Help Desk near the Computer Reservation Station or by calling (609) 345-2269, ext. 3066.

You may sign up for each session a maximum of two times in a six-month period.

FUN DAY SUNDAY EVENTS

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will show a movie every "Fun Day Sunday" at 1 p.m. at its Main Library location, which is now open seven days a week.

The Main Library, open from 12 to 5 p.m. on Sundays, will regularly offer fun, family-oriented programs and activities on Fun Day Sunday.

People of all ages are invited to watch the movies, which will be shown in the second-floor meeting room. There is no charge to attend these movies.

The Fun Day Sunday schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, Nov. 4 – Fantastic Four Rise Of The Silver Surfer
- Sunday, Nov. 11 – The Ultimate Gift
- Sunday, Nov. 18 – Surf's Up
- Sunday, Nov. 25 – We Are Marshall
- Sunday, Dec. 2 – Ratatouille
- Sunday, Dec. 9 – Shrek The Third
- Sunday, Dec. 16 – The Jungle Book
- Sunday, Dec. 23 – The Santa Clause 3
- Sunday, Dec. 30 – Meet the Robinsons

Free video downloads

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with MyLibraryDV. "It is important that local libraries evolve with the community and provide learning opportunities at every turn," said Library Public Information Officer Don Latham. "With MyLibraryDV, we have a larger 'virtual branch' that can reach residents directly in their homes."

In addition to the feature films and lifestyle programming, MyLibraryDV provides participating libraries with original content exclusively developed by four-time Emmy Award-winning producer Gary Nenner. Nenner creates a variety of shows including "Author Talk," a series featuring interviews with popular writers, and programming for children. MyLibraryDV also allows participating libraries to upload and share locally produced content. For example, libraries can upload school-based events, local government meetings or anything of interest to the community-at-large.

Downloading is made easy by progressive download technology, which allows people to begin viewing video almost immediately. Card holders may have up to 10 programs at any given time. Each program has a seven-day checkout period, and when the checkout period expires, the program automatically deletes from the computer.

All card holders need to do to access MyLibraryDV is to install the download manager from www.acfpl.org. Once MyLibraryDV is installed, follow the instructions to view the variety of free content.

Festival

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jani, Dorothy Goins and Asa Allen.

The library and Main Street would like to thank their community partners: City of Atlantic City, the merchants and casinos of the Atlantic City Special Improvement District and the Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority.

Please visit www.atlanticcityfestival.org for festival updates throughout the year; or, call (609) 344-8338, ext. 246, or (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112.



A stiltwalker who made balloon animals entertained children at the Atlantic City Arts, Books & Culture Festival.

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Listed below is the schedule with the topics that will be covered:

- November 5 – Ordering at a restaurant.

- November 13 – Parts of the body, explaining illness and injury.

- November 26 and 27 – Phone role playing.

- December 3 and 4 – Shopping.

- December 10 and 11

- Job interviews.

- December 17 and 18 – English you need at work.

Please call Reference Department Supervisor Julie Senack at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3063, for more information.



**OLDER ADULTS SPECIAL
INTEREST SERIES
10:30 A.M. ON MONDAYS**

Nov. 5, 2007

Universal Health Care
Dr. Steven Fenichel

Nov. 12, 2007

Veterans Day
Library is closed

Nov. 19, 2007

Jewelry Making
Guest: Janet Bodoff

Nov. 26, 2007

Atlantic County Animal Shelter
Guest: Kathy Kelsey,
Director of Atl. Co. Animal Shelter

Dec. 3, 2007

Maintain Your Brain
Guest: Ashley Marchowsky,
Coordinator of Alzheimer's Assoc.

Dec. 10, 2007

Holiday Treats
Guest: Loretta Geary, Caterer

Dec. 17, 2007

Introduction to Scrapbooking
Guest: Angela Weimer,
Owner of Scrapbooking Cafe

Dec. 24, 2007

Christmas Eve
Library is closed

Dec. 31, 2007

New Year's Eve Party

ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FILM SOCIETY

Watch • Listen • Learn • Discuss

The Atlantic City Public Library Film Society has planned its November and December meetings.

• **Saturday, Nov. 3, at 1 p.m.** — Movie showing and discussion: *Saturday Night Fever*. This 1977 musical drama is rated R and runs 118 minutes.

• **Monday, Nov. 5, at 5:30 p.m.** — Classroom session: Cinema's influence on society. Learn about the impact of movies on trends, music, fashion, etc.

• **Saturday, Dec. 8, at 1 p.m.** — Movie showing and discussion: *House of Games*. This 1987 movie is a psychological thriller directed by David Mamet. It is rated R and 102 minutes long.

• **Monday, Dec. 10, at 5:30 p.m.** — Classroom session: Screenplays, Part I, Screenplay Format. This classroom session will focus on the correct way to format and read a movie script. Proper margins, abbreviations, definitions, etc., will be taught.

Popular group to return for Kwanzaa program

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will host its 20th annual Kwanzaa celebration with a performance by the spectacular Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Main Library.

The program is free and open to people of all ages. No registration is required.

This dynamic group, which dazzled audiences at the Atlantic City Arts, Books & Culture Festival each of the last two years, puts on incredible performances that are exciting, educational, acrobatic, powerful and full of energy.

Universal has performed for leaders of countries, celebrities, politicians, religious, plus business and community leaders. Some of their performance locations have included: United Nations, Sony Blockbuster Entertainment Center, Tweeter Center in Camden, New Jersey State Aquarium, Kimmel Center, various Atlantic City casinos, Academy of Music, Interna-



Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble, shown here performing at the Second annual Atlantic City Arts, Books & Culture Festival on Saturday, Sept. 29, will bring its high-energy show to the Atlantic City Free Public Library for the library's 20th annual Kwanzaa celebration on Saturday, Dec. 15.

tional African Arts Festival (NY), Mann Center, Penns Landing and Great Adventure.

Kwanzaa is a holiday of Afri-

can heritage and values and is celebrated from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1.

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

Plenty of fun programs coming up for children

Children will find plenty of fun, educational — and sometimes even tasty — things to do at the Atlantic City Free Public Library in November and December.

All events will be held in the second-floor meeting room in the Main Library, located at One North Tennessee Ave. These programs are free, but you must pre-register by calling (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, or by visiting the Youth Services Department on the second floor of the Main Library.

• **Day of the Dead on Friday, Nov. 2, at 3 p.m.** — Caterer Loretta Geary will be creating food dishes associated with the Day of the Dead and its customs.

• **Native American Arts and Crafts Workshop on Thursday, Nov. 8, at 1 p.m.** — You and the International House of Blues Foundation will explore Native American culture and mythology.

• **Native American Cooking on Friday, Nov. 9, at 1 p.m.** — Join caterer Loretta Geary in preparing Native American food. Participants will have the chance to learn recipes and techniques, make the food and, of course, eat it. Children will learn these recipes and techniques in time for Thanksgiving.

• **Celebrate the Foods of the Holidays on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m.** — Children and teens are invited to make various holiday-related foods and learn about holidays such as Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Christmas.

Just for Teens

Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, or visit the Youth Services Department at the Main Library for more information about these teen programs.

• **Teen Advisory Group from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Nov. 17, Dec. 1 and 15** — Tell us how we can improve the library for teens. You can help us shape the library's future.

• **Step-by-Step Research & Writing from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Nov 10 and 17, Dec. 1 and 15** — Learn how to write a great research paper. Nov. 10: Looking for and forming a focus; Nov. 17: Gathering Information; Dec. 1: Preparing to write; Dec. 15: Writing the paper.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY

Nonfiction bestsellers

My Grandfather's son by Clarence Thomas
If Democrats Had Any Brains, They'd be Republicans
by Ann Coulter

How Starbucks Saved My Life by Michael Gill

Fiction bestsellers

Playing for Pizza by John Grisham

You've Been Warned by James Patterson

Dead Heat by Dick Francis

DVDs

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Transformers

The Hoax

Surf's Up

CDs

Misery Loves Company
by Tech N9ne

Graduation by Kanye West

Rock n Roll Jesus
by Kid Rock

Kids Corner

Pre-school story times

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Nov. 1, 8, 15 & 29

Dec. 6, 13, 20 & 27



Comic Drawing
with Joe Del Beato
Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 1, 8, 15 & 29



Homework help
Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 13, 20 & 27
Dec. 4, 11 & 18

After-school arts and crafts
Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 14, 21 & 28



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Did You Know?

The library has databases focusing on auto repairs, home improvement

Instead of paying to have a mechanic fix your car or plumber install a faucet, you can do it yourself with the help of the Atlantic City Free Public Library's EBSCO Auto Repair and Home Improvement online reference centers.

And, these reference centers are available from your home or office computer if you are a library member.


Auto Repair Reference Center contains the automotive repair manuals that were originally published in the Chilton Total Car Care Series. The content includes more than 150 illustrated auto repair manuals on all repair procedures, approximately 70,000 technical services bulletins, 100,000 enhanced wiring diagrams, more than 150,000 factory drawings and step-by-step photographs, estimates and more.

Home Repair Reference Center is designed to assist homeowners in do-it-yourself home repair, maintenance and remodeling projects. Step-by-step instructions for thousands of projects in the areas of plumbing, wood-working, electrical, decorating and more are available.

To use these electronic research databases go to our home page at www.acfpl.org. Once you're there, go to Find Information, choose Research Databases and then select EBSCOhost. When asked for your library code, only enter the numbers listed after the zeros. That will put you into our database and once step closer to fixing your car problem or making that home repair.

All of this information is free. The library offers how-to sessions for all of our resources.

Please call our Reference team at (609) 345-2269, and then press 15, or email us at reflib@acfpl.org to get more information about the library's Online Research Databases.



atlantic city free public library

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

Free Parking

Ask for Details

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.

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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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www.acfpl.org

WHAT'S NEW IN THE HESTON COLLECTION

These items are new to the Heston Collection, either donated or purchased in the past few months. The Heston Collection features published and unpublished works related to the history of Atlantic City. Please inquire at the Reference Desk for information on how to see these wonderful additions.

- “Segregated Fantasies: Race, Public Space, and the Life and Death of the Movie Business in Atlantic City,” by Bryant Simon in *Beyond the Ruins: the meaning of deindustrialization* edited by Jefferson Cowie and Joseph Heathcott.
- *Be of Good Cheer* by Jaine Rodack.
- *Holocaust Survivors of South Jersey* edited by Maryann McLoughlin.
- *Scenes of America: Atlantic City* by Cunningham and Cole.
- *More Grace than Glamour* by Jane Jayroe.
- *Atlantic City Hispanic Yellow Pages* 2006-2007.
- Atlantic City H.S. *Herald* (1929-1936, 2007).
- Atlantic Community College *Buccaneer's Log* (1975-1978).
- 1933 Handy Directory (Philadelphia, Camden, and Atlantic City).
- 1943 Atlantic City Green Guide.
- 1962 Atlantic City Guide.
- Advertisement for Lexington Hotel.
- Miss America highlights DVD (contains footage from pageants in 1927, 1946, 1949, 1956, 1959).
- Maps: 1958 (December) City of Atlantic City, Department of Public Works, Street Block Number Plan; 1942 (March) Civilian Defense Map – Jonathan Pitney Village, Atlantic City, N.J.; “Property to be conveyed by West Jersey and Seashore Railroad Company to Union Paving Company”; 1942 AC Air raid map; 1944 Fire Co. #7 map; (4) 1959 block maps showing required information in a portion of Atlantic City, NJ; 1943 Atlantic City map.
- 10 Maps of Atlantic City from the 1920s-1960s.
- 2008 Good Old Days Calendar: donated by Herbert Stern, vice chair, Atlantic City Historical Museum.
- Chelsea Neighborhood Association newsletters: donated by Chelsea Neighborhood Association.
- *The Story of My Life* by Abe Koltnow: donated by Bob Koltnow.