



Discovery

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Two different ESL training options being offered

► Formal classroom series free, open to Atlantic City Library adult cardholders.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is offering formal ESL classroom training.

The current 10-week learning series began Oct. 21 and was offered to Atlantic City Free Public Library adult cardholders.

Registration is closed for this session, though those interested in taking the classes in the future can put their name on a waiting list for

the next semester. Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115, to get your name on the waiting list, and to set up an appointment to register and take a short placement test.

The class structure includes reading, writing and discussions on the class readings, which are based on everyday life situations.

Students can expect lessons in vocabulary, grammar and reading strategies.

These classroom sessions are free.

► Free conversation sessions hit on language needed to discuss certain topics.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will hold ESL conversation sessions beginning in December.

These sessions will focus on a particular topic and the language needed to communicate about that subject.

No registration is required for these free sessions, which are open to both Atlantic City Free Public Library cardholders and non-

cardholders. People are invited to show up for the topics that are of interest to them.

Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. — Medical (ailments, contacting the doctor).

Wednesday, Dec. 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. — Public transportation.

Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. — Interviews and job skills.

Saturday, Dec. 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. — Shopping.

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

Author to discuss life lessons learned from top hip-hop songs

► Felicia Pride will talk about her book *The Message: 100 Life Lessons from Hip Hop's Greatest Songs* and hold a writing workshop on Nov. 21.

Who would have thought that you could get deep life lessons from hip-hop? Learn to deal with regrets by jamming to Jay-Z? Foster self-esteem listening to Mos Def? Exert your self-worth based on cues from a Queen Latifah song? Get career advice from an Ice-T rhyme? Reflect on spirituality through a Kanye West tune.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is pleased to present a free book talk and writing workshop featuring author Felicia Pride at 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 21. The program will be held in the Main Library second-floor meeting room.

Pride will discuss her book *The Message: 100 Life Lessons from Hip-Hop's Greatest Songs*, which extracts the empowering lessons embedded within the genre's most popular music. Her book has been hailed as a "Chicken Soup for the Hip-Hop Soul."

In *The Message*, Pride uses short

essays, aptly titled after a hip-hop song, and written in the language of the culture, to explore the themes of spirituality, success, business and love. Pride goes on to share the wisdom she has learned from hip-hop and focuses on the positive influence the music has on its audience.

Pride will also discuss writing with the audience, provide writing tips and take a look at samples of their work.

Her other books include the young adult anthology *Hallway Diaries* and two chapter books for children — *Everybody Hates First Girlfriends* and *Everybody Hates School Politics*, which is based on the award-winning television show, *Everybody Hates Chris*.

In 2004, she founded BackList, an organization dedicated to harnessing the power of words to uplift individuals and their communities. BackList conducts writing, publishing and other creative workshops and seminars for all age groups; curates community events; develops creative initiatives, resources, and content; and consults with writers, artists, publishers and organizations.

Pride speaks on an array of topics including writing, publishing, hip-hop, media and literacy. She has

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Kwanzaa program slated for Dec. 27

The Universal African Dance & Drum Ensemble returns to the Atlantic City Free Public Library to perform at the library's annual Kwanzaa program at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 27, at the Main Library. This Camden-based group puts on an educational and entertaining show that features information about the Kwanzaa holiday, plus an electrifying show complete with intensified drumming, dancing and stilt walking. The program is free. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115, for more information.

Need help finding information? Just ask your own personal librarian for assistance

With an Atlantic City Free Public Library card and a computer, a world of information and countless resources are at your fingertips.

By using our resources, you can learn a new language, watch a movie, download a book to your PDA, find legal forms, read newspapers from around the world, trace your family tree, read a

magazine article on your favorite topics, get instructions on how to do your own home and auto repairs — and that's just the beginning.

If you want to learn more about our great online resources or need help finding information on a particular topic, our librarians are here to help when it is most convenient

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Scenes from Atlantic City Library Family Fun Festival on Sept. 27



Atlantic City's Grupo Axe Capoeira Academy performed an acrobatic Brazilian martial arts demonstration on Tennessee Avenue, next to the Main Library. There were also moon bounces and games outside.



(Above) The atrium next to the library was packed as people checked out the variety of attractions and activities. (Top right) Attendees made free sand art.



Children had the chance to play the drums with Michael Hoebler, right, of the International House of Blues Foundation.



The festival included plenty of great entertainment, including singer Gina Roche of Atlantic City.



A stilt walker checks out a mural, sponsored by Main Street Atlantic City, that was completely painted by the end of the festival.

Jazz appreciation program to combine historical overview, live performance

Jazz concerts have been among the most popular programs at the Atlantic City Free Public Library in recent years.

Coming this December, the library will offer another night of jazz, but with a twist.

The library will present Appreciating and Exploring The Creative World of Jazz — a program that will feature both an informative overview of jazz and live music — at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 1, in the Main Library's meeting room.

Hassan Abdullah of the Hassan Abdullah Quintet will lead the program, which will cover the evolution of jazz. Learn about jazz's different eras and styles, including its African origins, work songs and field hol-

lers, gospel and spiritual music, blues and folk music, ragtime, Dixieland and New Orleans music, swing and big band, be-bop, soul jazz, avant garde and smooth jazz.

The Abdullah Quintet, which has been a favorite among those attending the library's musical events, will also perform examples of many of the styles of jazz that are discussed.

Abdullah will also talk about improvisation and the creative process, great jazz legends and songs, and the jazz scene in Atlantic City.

This 90-minute program is free and open to people of all ages.

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

Personal librarian

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for you.

Stop by the reference desk on the first floor of the Main Library on the days and hours below and a librarian can help you. If this schedule does not work for you, we will try to set up an appointment that is more convenient.

Monday 3 to 4 p.m.
Tuesday 2 to 3 p.m.

Wednesday 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Friday 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Your very own personal librarian will answer your questions about our resources, how to use these resources and how to get the most positive outcome from your library experience. For more information, stop by the Reference desk on the first floor of the Main Library, give us a call at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3063, or e-mail us at RefLib@acfpl.org.

Hip-hop

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been an invited speaker at schools, universities, and venues around the country, including George Mason University, New York University, Philander Smith College, Bennett College and the United Nations Association. She also has been featured by USA Today and NPR's "Talk of the Nation."

Pride was the book blogger for AOL Black Voices, a website that garners more than three million monthly visitors, managing editor of Mosaic literary magazine and a contributor to Publishers Weekly. Her writing has appeared in various publications, including *VIBE*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Popmatters.com* and the *Baltimore City Paper*.

Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3052, for more information.

Theater workshop on Dec. 6 open to youth

East Lynne Theater Company's Artistic Director Gayle Stahlhuth, will conduct a theater workshop at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Atlantic City Free Public Library.

The class, which is for youth ages 10 to 15 years old, will involve warm-up exercises and scene study, mostly with scripts based on the classic "Aesop's Fables." Class size is limited to 20, so call Library Teen Services Librarian Jennifer Boyce at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3052, to reserve a spot.

Stahlhuth, who has worked with students throughout the country for

more than 25 years, has conducted workshops in places as varied as Native American reservations out west, high schools in the Bronx, and underserved schools in New Jersey.

This marks her 10th year as Artistic Director of the Equity professional East Lynne Theater Company. Founded in 1980, its mission is to produce provocative classics and history-based contemporary entertainment that deal with the uniquely American experience.

For more information on the company, call (609) 884-5898; or, visit www.eastlynnetheater.org.

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NOVEMBER 4, 11, 27 AND DECEMBER 24, 25

Library program schedule for November and December 2008



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

Saturday, Nov. 8, at 1 p.m. — View and discuss “Russian Ark.” This 2002 Russian language film is not rated and runs 99 minutes.

Did you know?

• This film takes place in real time and was shot in one continuous take?

Monday, Nov. 10, at 5:30 p.m. — Classroom topic — Visual Style, part 2: This classroom session will focus on the second part of this aspect of film making. It will include camera movement and further instruction on composition.

Saturday, Dec. 13, at 1 p.m. — View and discuss “L.A. Confidential.” This 1997 neo-noir crime film is rated R and runs 138 minutes. It stars Russell Crowe, Guy Pearce, Kevin Spacey, Danny DeVito and Kim Basinger.

Did you know?

• The *Los Angeles Times* named it the greatest film about Los Angeles ever made?

• Kim Basinger won a Best Supporting Actress Oscar for her role as a Veronica Lake look-a-like?

Monday, Dec. 15, at 5:30 p.m. — Classroom topic — Film Noir. This classroom session will focus on this 1940s sub genre of crime films, including its history and impact on present day crime films.

Computer training for library members

Visit the Computer Help Desk at the Main Library to register

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

Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Introduction to Word.

Monday, Nov. 3, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.: Job searching: Resumes, Job Applications, Cover Letters and Tips.

Friday, Nov. 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Introduction to Excel.

Monday, Nov. 17, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.: Introduction to the Internet/E-mail.

Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.: Introduction to PowerPoint.

Friday, Nov. 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Introduction to the Internet/Email.

Saturday, Nov. 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Job searching: Resumes, Job Applications, Cover Letters and Tips.

Friday, Dec. 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Introduction to Word.

Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Job searching: Resumes, Job Applications, Cover Letters and Tips.

Monday, Dec. 8, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.: Introduction to Excel.

Tuesday, Dec. 9, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.: Introduction to the Internet/E-mail.

Friday, Dec. 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Introduction to PowerPoint.

Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.: Introduction to the Internet/E-mail.

Friday, Dec. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Job searching: Resumes, Job Applications, Cover Letters and Tips.

NOTE: All training sessions will begin with 30 minutes of mouse and keyboarding skills.

Adult programs

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

Monday, Nov. 3, at 1 p.m. — How to Become a U.S. Citizen/Como convertirse en Ciudadano de los Estados Unidos: This program, which will be offered in English and Spanish, will cover the rights and protections of citizenship, eligibility and requirements for applying for citizenship, changes in the citizenship examination and more. There will be time for questions and answers.

Saturday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. — Drum Workshop: Learn the basic culture and history of hand drumming. Discover basic technique and counting before exploring the distinctly recognizable rhythms of different countries. African and Afro-Cuban drumming are the primary focus of the workshop. This is a completely hands-on workshop. All instruments are provided. No musical experience is required.

Monday, Nov. 24, at 6 p.m. — Raising Smart Kids/Cómo Criar Niños Inteligente: This program will be offered in English and Spanish and is designed for Spanish-speaking parents and caregivers with children five to 12 years old. The topics to be covered include: identifying common behavioral problems of school-aged children; helping when your child struggles with homework; communicating with teachers when you don't know the language; utilizing community resources, including your child's school.

Monday, Dec. 1, at 6 p.m. — Appreciating and Exploring: The Creative World of Jazz with the Hassan Abdullah Quartet. (See page 2 for story).



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Sunday, Nov. 2, at 1 p.m. — Day of the Dead Celebration: Come have a snack, hear a story and make a craft all in celebration of the Hispanic holiday “Day of the Dead.” On this day, people remember their loved ones who are gone with skeletons, sweets and handicrafts.

Sunday, Nov. 9, at 1 p.m. — Family game day featuring the Wii and some favorite board games.

Sunday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m. — Celebration of Native American Month. To recognize and honor the Native Americans, ACFPL presents an afternoon of Native American-inspired food, crafts, music and stories. Loretta Geary will host a discussion of the basic foods used by the tribes.

Sunday, Nov. 23, at 1 p.m. — Teen Anime Café: Watch “Kung Fu Panda” (PG).

Sunday, Nov. 30, at 1 p.m. — Family game day featuring the Wii and some favorite board games.

Sunday, Dec. 7, at 1 p.m. — Movie: Chronicle of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG).

Sunday, Dec. 14, at 1 p.m. — Teen Anime Café: Watch “Wall•E” (G) and discuss it with other people who love Anime.

Sunday, Dec. 21, at 1 p.m. — Decorating holiday cookies. Show your holiday spirit by decorating cookies — and then you get to taste your work.

Saturday, Dec. 27, at 2 p.m. — Kwanzaa program featuring Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble. (See page 1 for more information).

Sunday, Dec. 28, at 1 p.m. — Movie: Horton Hears a Who! (G).



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Fall/Thanksgiving Wreath

Monday, Nov. 3, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Jackie Caplan, Arts and crafts instructor.
Come make a colorful fall/Thanksgiving wreath that you can take home.

Relaxation vs. Stress — It's Your Choice

Monday, Nov. 10, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Susan R. Cramer, Certified Natural Health Professional.
Learn what stress is, what causes it and techniques to manage it.

Diabetes Awareness

Monday, Nov. 17, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Megan Kim, AtlantiCare Health Professional
Almost 25 percent of people who have diabetes don't even realize they have it. Learn about the warning signs of this disease, which is the leading cause of heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, blindness and amputation.

Internet Workshop

Monday, Nov. 24, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Trina Byrd, T. Byrd Computers
Seniors will learn the fundamentals of the Internet while doing research related to health and other timely topics.

Jewelry Making for the Holidays

Monday, Dec. 1, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Jackie Caplan, Arts and crafts instructor
Make beautiful beads out of sculpy clay (colors can easily be blended or made into colorful designs), which can then be made into beautiful bracelets or necklaces. Caplan, who is a graphic artist and arts and crafts instructor who earned a BA in art therapy, will teach you her techniques.

Gentle Golden Yoga

Monday, Dec. 8, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Susan Cramer, Certified Natural Health Professional.
Gentle Golden Yoga is for anyone and every BODY! Although these movements are gentle, they are effective as they release the proper amount of energy into every vital part of the body, including the organs!

Computer Training — E-mail to Stay in Touch over the Holidays

Monday, Dec. 15, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Trina Byrd, T. Byrd Computers
Learn how to easily stay in touch with friends and relatives, and save money, by using e-mail instead of “snail mail.”

Festive Holiday Treats

Monday, Dec. 22, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Loretta Geary, Caterer
Participants will learn how to make delectable holiday treats and will get to sample them as well. We will also have a fun cookie exchange, so bring a dozen of your favorite cookies and leave with a variety of your new favorites.

New Year's Eve Party

Monday, Dec. 29, at 10:30 a.m.
Let's turn on the festive music and enjoy some refreshments while celebrating the holidays with your OASIS friends.



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

(The program descriptions give the age groups these programs are designed for).

Homework Help

Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 18 and Dec. 2, 9, 16
Need help with your homework or do you want to get ahead? We'll help you find the resources you need. This is for children ages 12 and younger.

Arts and Crafts

Wednesdays at 3 p.m.
Nov. 5, 12, 19 and Dec. 3, 10, 17
Children ages 6 to 12 can spend time creating projects with seasonal themes.

Afternoon Wii

Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 5, 19 and Dec. 10, 17
After school is done, come chill at the library and play some Wii with other kids. This is for kids ages 9 and up.

Creative Writing Workshop

Wednesdays, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10 at 4:30 p.m.
Do you enjoy journal writing, poetry, short stories — or are you a beginner who wants to learn more? Join Raymond Tyler of *Atlantic City Weekly* for an informal creative writing experience. This program is for teenagers.

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2008 and Dec. 4, 11, 18
Join us for a fun and entertaining story. We will have a follow-up activity with an educational activity, music, and/or finger-plays. This is for children ages 3 to 5.

Baby Bounce

Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.
Nov. 6, 13, 20 and Dec. 4, 11, 18
Join us for stories, songs, nursery rhymes and more! This event is best for infants ages 0-22 months. One child per parent or caregiver please.

Comic Book Drawing

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 6, 13, 20 and Dec. 4, 11, 18
Illustrator Joe DelBeato will lead drawing instruction for kids ages 8-16.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Saturday, Nov. 15 and Dec. 20, at 11 a.m.
Want to have a say in books, magazines, movies, games? You can do just that by joining TAG. You must be 12 or older. Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3052, or just show up for a meeting.

Coffee House/Open Mike

Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m.
Join a great group of people as we share poems, stories, songs, music and art. Raymond Tyler hosts the evening with funny stories, prizes and great food. This is for people 13 years and older.

Author Talk/Writing Workshop

Friday, Nov. 21, at 3 p.m.
Felicia Pride, author of *The Message: 100 Hip Hop Songs and Their Life Lessons*. (See page 1 for story).

Holiday Marblizing Madness with Nancy Leary

Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m.
Families and children of all ages are invited to learn marblizing. Marblizing is ideal for scrap booking, stationery and gift wrapping. NOTE: The program will be limited to 30 people.

Theater Workshop

Saturday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m.
East Lynne Theater Company's Artistic Director Gayle Stahlhuth will conduct this workshop for youth ages 10 to 15 (See page 2 for story).

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Did You Know?

One of the library's online resources gives students access to live tutoring help

The Atlantic City Free Public Library offers many great resources that can assist students with their homework.

One of those resources is Live Homework Help™, an online tutoring service powered by Tutor.com™ that connects students to expert tutors in math, science, social studies and English via the Internet.

This free service is available here at the library — or, if you have an Atlantic City Library card, from any computer. Students can connect online to an expert tutor from 3 to 10 p.m. seven days a week. To reach a tutor, a student simply needs to visit the library website — www.acfpl.org — click on the Live Homework Help link, enter their grade level and the subject that they would like help.

Spanish-speaking tutors are available to help students in math and science from 3 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

Students are connected to a tutor in an Online Classroom for one-on-one help in math, science social studies and English.

All tutors are certified teachers, college professors, professional tutors, graduate or undergraduate students from across the country.

Tutor and student work in a secure online classroom — a tutor only sees a student's first name — and no personal information is exchanged between tutors and students, ever.

Tutors are also assigned mentors who regularly review their tutoring sessions.

To find out more information about this valuable resource, please call the Youth Services Department at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050.



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WHY I LOVE MY LIBRARY CONTEST

The last two editions of *Discovery* have highlighted all of the youth honorees and the adult winner from the Atlantic City Free Public Library's "Why I Love My Library" contest.

Listed below are additional adult honorees. Thank you to everybody who participated for your time and great entries.

Evelyn Wong, second place: "What better place is there to fill your mind with a 'world' of music, movies, special events, and, of course, books in every category imaginable than the A.C. Public Library. I need nothing more than stepping through the doors to be transported to a place that instantly gets my mind traveling, whether through a garden, to a newly discovered planet or even simply to the beaches of the Jersey Shore. And the experience is made even better by the wonderful staff that greets my everyday!"

Ramesh Bhalja, honorable mention: "I love ACFPL so much because, not only does it give free access to a number of daily newspapers and magazines in English, but also in foreign languages, which is of much importance to people like me who come from India and other countries . . . I love the library so much that if I



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