

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter
Connecting People to the World



Library to open on Sundays

New Sunday hours will be noon to 5 p.m. beginning Sept. 9

Coming this September, the Atlantic City Free Public Library will be more accessible than ever.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library's Main Library, located at One North Tennessee Avenue, will be open on Sundays from 12 to 5 p.m. beginning Sept. 9.

"We consider every suggestion the public has to offer, and opening on Sundays is one that we hear often," Library Director Maureen

JOIN US FOR FAMILY "FUN DAY SUNDAY" ACTIVITIES

Sherr Frank said.

"We're always looking to make our services as readily available to the community as possible. The expanded hours will allow us to better serve the community and hopefully make coming to the library even more convenient for everybody."

All of the library's resources,

including the Computer Center, will be available to the public on Sundays.

The library will regularly offer family-oriented programs and activities as part of "Fun Day Sundays."

The first Fun Day Sunday event will be from 1-3 p.m. on Sept. 9, when the public is invited to the

Main Library meeting room to make its own ice cream sundaes in celebration of the new Sunday hours. This event is free and open to people of all ages.

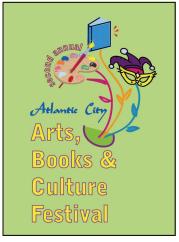
Future Fun Day Sunday events will include afternoon family film showings, concerts and other special programs.

See you on Sunday!

For more information, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112.

Party in the park

You're invited to Atlantic City Arts, Books & Culture Festival on Sept. 29



The Second annual Atlantic City Arts, Books & Culture Festival returns this year bigger and better.

Presented by the Atlantic City Free Public Library and Main Street Atlantic

City, the festival has been extended by two hours this year. All events will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29, in Center City Park, located on Atlantic Avenue between North and South Carolina avenues. The festival is free.

The park will be buzzing with activity throughout the day, with live music and dance performances giving the event a true party atmosphere.

Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble will perform at the festival

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The Universal African and Dance Ensemble gets members of the crowd involved in a memorable performance at last year's Atlantic City Arts, Books & Culture Festival. The Camden-based group is returning to perform at the festival on Saturday, Sept. 29, in Center City Park.

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Special programs planned for Hispanic Heritage Month

The Atlantic City Free Public Library has scheduled special programs in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs Sept. 15 through Oct. 15.

Jose Obando from The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Musical Instruments Department will teach children and adults the roots and finer points of merengue and salsa dancing on Tuesday, Sept. 18, in the Main Library's second-floor meeting room.

The library will offer a merengue class for children from 4-5 p.m., and a salsa class for adults from 6-7 p.m.

People who want to put those dancing tips to good use can do so at the library at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 25, when Dicupe Latin Jazz, performs in the meeting room.

The group draws its inspiration from classic soul and incorporates a

multicultural polyrhythmic sound with jazz-induced progressions to create an unmistakably Latin feel.

Dicupe Latin Jazz has performed in venues throughout Atlantic City, New York and Philadelphia. The group's song "Quiero Dormir Cansado" reached No. 9 on the WFDU 89.1 FM (New York) music charts.

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ACHS yearbook collection includes familiar faces, much more



This Atlantic City High School yearbook is from the 1983-84 school year. The oldest ACHS edition in the library's Alfred M. Heston Collection dates back to 1909. ➤ Yearbooks can also provide a glimpse of the educational trends, world events and styles for that period of time.

Your best friend from freshman year. Your wife's senior picture. Your favorite English teacher. You can usually find them by opening up a yearbook. Did you know that the Alfred M. Heston Collection at the Atlantic City Free Public Library holds many of the Atlantic City High School yearbooks, *The Herald*?

The earliest book in the Heston Collection dates from May-June 1909, and the most recent is from the 2005-2006 school year. The Heston Collection recently added 28 books from the late 1920s and 1930s. During this time, *The Herald* was published monthly or quarterly and is similar to today's school newspapers or literary magazines.

Many visitors to the library use the yearbooks to see the pictures of their friends and family and remember their own high school years.

Yearbooks are also a great resource for researchers studying Atlantic City history and sociology – they show trends in school enrollment, changes in the school system, and even the evolution of clothing and hairstyles. Essays and photo collages in *The Herald* show which events happening in the world affected students and faculty at Atlantic City High School. Family historians use yearbooks to learn more about their ancestors' hobbies and interests.

The Heston Collection also has issues of *Spartan*, the yearbook for Holy Spirit High School, which date from 1972 to 1995.

To see any of these yearbooks, please visit the Reference Desk at the Main Library, or call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3062. Most of the yearbooks may be

viewed whenever the library is open. Some of the early yearbooks are fragile and need to be viewed during Heston Collection research hours (2–4:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 9:30 a.m.noon and 2-4:30 p.m. Thursdays).

The Heston Collection does not have a complete set of *Herald* yearbooks. Please contact Heather Halpin, Heston Collection Archivist, if you have one of the following yearbooks you would like to donate: 1941, 1942, 1950, 1952, 1953, 1956, 1962, 1964, 1973, 1974, 1977, 1978, 2001, or any year earlier than 1929.

ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FILM SOCIETY

Watch • Listen • Learn • Discuss

The Atlantic City Free Public Library Film Society has planned its September and October meetings.

- Saturday, Sept. 8, at 1 p.m. The Film Society will view and discuss Ace in the Hole, a 1951 cult classic directed by Billy Wilder and starring Kirk Douglas. It is not rated and runs 111 minutes.
- Monday, Sept. 10, at 5:30 p.m. Classroom session: Director Billy Wilder. This session will focus on the work and influence of Wilder, a master of comedy writing and story telling. His work includes Sunset Boulevard,

Some Like It Hot, Stalag 17 and Sabrina.

- Saturday, Oct. 13, at 1 p.m. The Film Society will view and discuss All Quiet On The Western Front, a 1930 anti-war classic starring Lew Ayres and based on Erich Maria Remarque's novel. It is not rated and runs 132 minutes.
- Monday, Oct. 15, at 5:30 p.m. Classroom session: Anti-war films. This classroom session will focus on the sub-genre of war cinema and the impact of these films, such as M*A*S*H and Born on the Fourth of July, on the conflicts of their times.



Summer Reading Program is in the books

Young children and teens came out in bunches for the Atlantic City Free Public Library's Summer Reading Program — Get a Clue for grades K-6 and You Never Know for grades 7-12. The library held a wide range of activities and events, including a kickoff party (top), puppet show (bottom left) and comic drawing lessons (bottom right).





Kids Corner



Pre-school story times
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
Sept. 6, 13, 20 & 27
Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25

Comic Drawing with Joe Del Beato Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.





Folklore Book Club (ages 9-11)

Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. starting Sept. 12

Halloween Costume Party
Wednesday, Oct. 31
from 4-6 p.m.
Come dressed as
your favorite character



Just for Teenagers

Teens won't be lacking for things to do at the Atlantic City Free Public Library this fall.

Please call the Youth Services Department at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, for more information.

• After-school homework assistance every Tuesday from 3-4 p.m. — Do you need help with your school work or want to

get ahead? The library staff is ready to help.

• Poetry Workshops with Raymond Tyler from 12-1:30 p.m. on Sept. 1, 15 and 22 — Work on a poem that you will perform with Tyler, a veteran writer whose column appears in *Atlantic City Weekly*, at the Atlantic City Arts, Books & Culture

• Teen Advisory Group from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sept. 1 and 22, and Oct. 6 and 20 —

Festival on Saturday, Sept. 29.

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 Oct. 6 and 20 — Learn the six steps needed to write a great research paper for school. This program will run twice a month for three months and cover everything from how to get started to tips on gathering information to writing and revising your research paper.

O.A.S.I.S. OLDER ADULTS SPECIAL INTEREST SERIES JOIN US MONDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30 A.M.



Sept. 3, 2007 Labor Day, Library closed

Sept. 10, 2007 Physical Activity and Arthritis

Guest: Maria Emma Escobar, City of Atlantic City Health Dept.

Sept. 17, 2007 Introduction to Yoga

Guest: Susan Cramer, Certified Natural Health Professional (C.N.H.P.)/Yoga Instructor Sept. 24, 2007 Introduction to Knitting Guest: Lois Anderson

Oct. 1, 2007 Do You Remember?

Guest: Allen "Boo" Pergament, Atlantic City historian

Oct. 8, 2007 Columbus Day, Library closed

Oct. 15, 2007
What's Happening at Hispanic
Alliance of Atlantic County

Guest: Bert Lopez, HAAC President

Oct. 22, 2007 Healthy Aging

Guest: Dr. Ira Stein, Leonard Erber Medical Center

Oct. 29, 2007
Saving the Environment
Guest: Michael Diamond, Esq.

The Atlantic City Arts, Books & Culture Festival included a wide range of multi-cultural entertainment last year, including a dance performance by the Hellenic Dancers of Saint Nicholas of Tolentine Greek Church.

Festival

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again after delivering an electrifying performance last year. Spectators will be treated to an incredible blend of ancestral dancing, intensified drumming ... and even stilt walking!

Another returnee is local favorite Island Jam, which plays upbeat and high-energy Polynesian music. In addition to its music, Island Jam will crank up the heat with fire and hula dancing.

New to the festival – but not to residents of Atlantic City – are Edgardo Cintron and the Azuca Band. Cintron and Azuca dazzled Latin jazz lovers earlier this summer in performances at the Atlantic City Free Public Library and Kennedy Plaza. Cintron, who has been described by www.allaboutjazz.com as "one of the top working timbaleros on the Latin/jazz scene," and Azuca released a CD in 2006, From Fathers to Sons: Old School Clave, which features a mix of ballads, standards and salsa.

Some of the other performers include the Stanley Holmes Dance Troupe, Hispanic Alliance Ballet Folkloric dancers, Hellenic Dancers of Saint Nicholas of Tolentine Greek Orthodox Church and Grupo Axe Capoeira Brazilian martial arts group.

Introducing all of those acts will be Master of Ceremonies Jim Craine, a versatile entertainer who has worked with or opened for such legends as Sammy Davis Jr., Bob Hope and Frank Sinatra.

This year's festival will include an author's tent. Spectators can

meet the authors and learn more about their work.

One of the featured authors is Pooja Makhijani. She wrote *Mama's Saris*, a story about a young girl who wants to dress up just like her mother.

Author/storyteller S.E. Schlosser will have children and adults on the edge of their seats with her urban legends about Atlantic City.

Local children and *Atlantic City Weekly* columnist Raymond Tyler will perform a poem that they wrote together during a library workshop series.

Attendees will have the opportunity to find a good deal – whether it's at the Atlantic City Free Public Library Foundation book sale or beautiful hand-crafted art from one of the festival vendors. Also, many non-profit organizations will be present with information about their groups.

There will be plenty to keep children busy and entertained, including sweet mud sculpting with the International House of Blues Foundation, a moon bounce, mural for kids to paint, stilt walking, balloon art and face painting.

The Arts, Books & Culture Festival would not be possible without the support of the Library and Main Street's community partners: City of Atlantic City, Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority and the merchants and casinos of the Atlantic City Special Improvement

P 1 e a s e v i s i t www.atlanticcityfestival.org for updates in the weeks leading up to the big event; or, call (609) 344-8338 or (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112.

Creative writing workshops for adults to start on Sept. 5

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will hold a series of creative writing workshops for adults. The workshops will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5, in the second-floor meeting room in the Main Library.

These workshops will focus on the finer points of prose writing. Participants will work on different exercises designed to help spark their creative writing juices. These workshops are free.

Directing the series will be veteran writer Raymond Tyler, a columnist with *Atlantic City Weekly* who has also written for many other publications, including: *The Courier Post, The Philadelphia Weekly, Vibe, The Source, XXL* and *Essence*.

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

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTER

TRAINING SCHEDULE

What's This? Introduction to Basic PC Operation

(For first time users) Sept. 11 Tuesday 10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. Oct. 27 Saturday 10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. **Introduction to MS Word** (Word processing fundamentals) Sept. 22 Saturday 10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. 10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. Oct. 9 Tuesday **Internet Basics** (For beginners) Sept. 24 Monday 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29 Monday 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Please call 345-2269, ext. 3066, to register

ALL TRAINING WILL BE IN THE SECOND FLOOR MEETING ROOM

Hispanic Heritage CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The library will show the documentary Hispanic Hollywood at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9 in the meeting room.

This documentary, which is in

English but includes Spanish subtitles, celebrates the silver screen legacy of Hispanic entertainers. Stars such as Jimmy Smits, Antonio Banderas and Sonia Braga discuss their experiences as actors.

All of these programs are free. For more information, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112.

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Those Things by Miguel Migs The Sweet Escape by Gwen Stefani Lost Highway by Bon Jovi

Play Dirty by Sandra Brown

Power Play by Joseph Finder

Devil May Cry by Sherrilyn Kenyon

Burnt House by Faye Kellerman

Fiction bestsellers

Critical by Robin Cook

Insomniac by Enrique Iglesias

Infinity on High by Fall Out Boy

Salon

The Last Chance Millionaire by Douglas R. Andrew

I Think I Love My Wife

Hot Fuzz Disturbia 300

American Legacy: The Story of John & Caroline Kennedy by David C. Heymann

Nonfiction bestsellers

Quiet Strength by Tony Dungy

Shadow of Silk Road by Colin Thubron

Merchant of Death: Douglas Farah

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is a great place to hear live music Atlantic City Free Public Library

formed in the city ... and that was at historic Boardwalk Manilow, Barbra Streisand and The Rolling Stones per-2006, Andrea Bocelli, Madonna, Elton John, Barry dustry. During one remarkable five-month stretch in regular tour stop for the biggest names in the music in-Over the last few years, Atlantic City has become a

standing entertainment — and one of those places is the Throughout the city, venues are bringing in out-

Atlantic City Free Public Library.

The library just completed a three-month summer

dullah Quartet/Quintet. Both of those popular groups gardo Cintron and the Azuca Band, and the Hassan Abjazz concert series that included performances by Ed-

Those concerts and all others at the library are free. concerts at Kennedy Plaza. also performed later in the summer as part of a series of

Another top musician to play the library this year

the African-American spiritual. Earl spearheaded a drive was an inspirational concert/lecture about the impact of Month. Earl's program, "Gifts From My Ancestors," was Calvin Earl, who performed here for Black History

Tuesday, Sept. 25. Also, the Atlantic City Arts, Books Latin Jazz, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, on Up next at the library is a performance by Dicupe a national treasure earlier this year. tives officially declaring the African-American spiritual that resulted in Congress and the House of Representa-

Ensemble, Island Jam, and Cintron and Azuca to give are bringing in the Universal African Dance and Drum day, Sept. 29. The library and Main Street Atlantic City & Culture Festival returns to Center City Park on Satur-

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I p.m. to 4 p.m. 9 a.m. to noon

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Summer hours vary

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12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday (as of Sept. 9, 2007) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

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