The Margaret Heggan Library joins libraries nationwide in celebrating National Library Week, a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians and library workers. Libraries today are more than repositories for books and other resources. Often the heart of the community, libraries are committed to the communities where their patrons live, work and study.

Whether through offering ebooks and computer classes, programs for job seekers or those to support early literacy, librarians listen to the community they serve, and they respond.

“Service to the community has always been the focus of the library,” said Library Director Kim Rinaldi. “While this aspect has never changed, libraries have grown and evolved in how they provide for the needs of every member of their community.”

The library is celebrating National Library Week by providing a variety of children’s programs, as well as a special New Jersey Council for the Humanities program, “Andy Warhol and Pop Art.”

The library will also join with 8 other Gloucester County libraries to present the sixth annual “Meet the Authors.”

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

Sixth Annual Meet the Authors

To celebrate National Library Week 2013, LOGICAL (Libraries of Gloucester Interested in Continuing Autonomous Libraries) will host the sixth annual “Meet the Authors” event on Saturday, April 20, from 1:00–3:00 p.m., at the Free Public Library of Monroe Township in Williamstown. The library is located at 713 Marsha Ave., behind the Amish Market.

“Meet the Authors” will feature new books written by authors from Gloucester County and southern New Jersey. Authors of children’s books, young adult books, history, fiction, non-fiction, poetry, New Jersey history, and much more will be present. Refreshments will be served.

Join us for this free event to discover new stories and gain insight into the writing and publishing process.

For more information, a list of participating authors, and directions, please go to www.meettheauthors.net.

LOGICAL is a group of nine Gloucester County libraries that are working together to offer their customers the most complete resources possible.
Kid’s Corner

Children ages 3-6 will enjoy some stories that will make them LOL on April Fool’s Day. There will also be a game and time to share favorite jokes.

Story Crafters, ages 7-11 will enjoy making a mosaic craft on the 1st.
Children ages 3-6 can make an edible Pretty Pink Piggie during Tummy Yummies on the 15th.
On the 22nd, children ages 3-6 will make a collage.
Of course, there are also many Book Buddies, Toddler Time, Baby Time Rhymes, Puzzle Play, and Parachute Fun programs planned.
Please see the calendar on page 4 for program dates, times and ages.
Please go to the calendar at www.hegganlibrary.org to register for programs.

Favorite Author Contest

for Children and Teens

Tell us the name of your favorite author and enter to win a $25 Barnes & Noble gift card.
Winners will be selected in a random drawing for each age group on April 30.
Entry forms are located near the library entrance.

Teen Book Club

Grades 6-12
Join us for a book discussion and snacks.

May 13
4:00 p.m.
The Hobbit
by J.R.R. Tolkien

Discussions will be led by Mrs. Kramer, Youth Services Librarian.
Registration is required.
Please go to the calendar at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.
You may pick up a copy of this book to borrow at the reference desk in the Children’s Library.

April is National Poetry Month

Enjoy one of these new poetry books available in the Children’s Library.
Stardines Swim High Across the Sky and Other Poems
African American Poetry
We Go Together!: A Curious Selection of Affectionate Verse
I Haiku You
Eva of the Farm
If You Were a Chocolate Mustache

Fundraiser

April 24, 25, and 26
Enjoy a cool treat at Rita’s on Egg Harbor Road on any or all of these days and Rita’s will donate a percentage of sales to the Friends of the Library.
You must present a flyer at the time of purchase. Flyers are available in the library.

NJ Writers Resource Group

A group of local writers meets in the library every other Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Aspiring writers ages 16 and up are invited to come and write, share, be inspired, and enjoy the company of other writers.
Please see the calendar on page 4 for dates.

6th Annual Meet the Authors
Saturday, April 20 • 1–3 p.m.
Monroe Township Library
www.meettheauthors.net

April Displays

Main Display Case
Necklace Collection
Adult Displays
Poetry Month
National Humor Month
Corner Display
Gloucester County Authors Gallery
WTHS Student Art

TEENS

Grades 6-12
Join us in May for two Cinco de Mayo events.

Make a Mini Piñata
Tuesday, May 7 • 4:00 p.m.

Decorate Mini Maracas
Tuesday, May 14th • 4:00 p.m.

Registration is required. Please go to the calendar at www.hegganlibrary.org to register. Registration begins on Tuesday, April 30, at 10:00 a.m.
The Mystery Book Discussion Group meets in the library on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

April 15
Defending Jacob by William Landay

May 20
Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn

Support the library by ordering flower, vegetable, or fruit plants online. Simply go to the link on the library’s homepage, www.hegganlibrary.org, to order. Last day to order is April 26.
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