Hoggan Happenings
MARGARET E. HEGGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

14 Books To Read
Before They Hit The Big Screen

Because 99% of the time, the books are better than the movies

1. Divergent by Veronica Roth
   Why you should read it: This will be the next Hunger Games, mark my words. A dystopian society with five factions and a courageous teen ready to change the future. You will not be able to put this trilogy down.
   Movie release date: March 21, 2014

2. Ender’s Game by Orson Scott Card
   Why you should read it: A gifted child is sent to a rigorous military school to prepare for a future alien invasion.
   Movie release date: Nov. 1, 2013

3. The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones by Cassandra Clare
   Why you should read it: A story about a girl who discovers she has a supernatural bloodline after her mom is abducted by demons.
   Movie release date: Aug. 21, 2013

4. The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
   Why you should read it: A terminally ill girl unexpectedly falls in love despite her inev-

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Community-Wide Focus Groups

What’s one thing you wish the library could provide, or change? What’s the role of the library in our community? What should the library be doing in 5 to 10 years? How should the library be using new technology?

You will have an opportunity to talk about these and other issues during three community-wide focus groups scheduled in September and October. The focus groups are just one part of a process to develop a strategic plan to guide Heggan Library’s growth and services during the next 5 years.

Community participation is vital to the library’s strategic planning. With an updated facility that is welcoming and equipped for the modern library user, the library has turned its attention to ensuring the services and resources it provides meet the customer’s needs and expectations.

We encourage you to attend at least one session (or all three!) and share your ideas. All sessions will run for 90 minutes and will be moderated by Dr. Charles Ivory and Patricia Bruder of the Educational Information and Resource Center (EIRC). During the three sessions, the library board and library staff will participate in interactive activities with community members to engage with one another in formulating goals for the library. “We use cooperative learning strategies – no speeches, no talking to the audience,” Dr. Ivory explains. “It’s about the engagement of people.”

The dates for the 3 community-wide focus groups are as follows:

- Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 7, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday, October 26, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

The community-wide focus groups are just the start of the library’s process to engage the community in developing a strategic plan. In October, an online survey will launch on the library’s website. Feedback from that survey will also be used to develop goals for the library’s strategic plan.

“The idea of a library full of books, the books full of knowledge, fill me with fear and love and courage and endless wonder.”

~ Elizabeth McCracken
Kid’s Corner

There are so many fun things happening in the library this month.

Pirates will be invading the library August 5-7. Children will walk the plank, dig for treasure, and more, on the Pirate Obstacle Course on the 5th. Enjoy pirate stories and craft on the 6th, and join us as we welcome The Singing Pirate on the 7th.

The following week is all about Super Heroes. Children can create their own Super Hero, watch “The Incredibles,” and dress up like their favorite Super Hero for our Super Hero Rally and Parade.

Dig up some good books with Buddy the Chihuahua on Saturday, August 17.

Enjoy an ‘Ice Cream Sundae on Monday’ on the 19th.

Please see the calendar on page 4 for program dates, times and ages.

To register, go to the calendar at www.hegganlibrary.org.

NJ Writers Resource Group

A group of local writers meets in the library every other Tuesday (monthly during the summer) 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.

This month, they will host a Write-In on Saturday, August 10, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join them for three solid hours of writing and sharing.

Please see the calendar on page 4 for meeting dates.

Bag Book Sale
August 2-3 & 8-9
All books $2/bag

Enjoy a cool treat at
and support the library.
Thursday, August 15
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
415 Egg Harbor Road
(Acme Shopping Center)

No voucher needed.
Simply tell your server that you are there for the Friends of the Library Fundraiser.

TEENS
Grades 6-12
Shell Picture Frames
Tuesday, August 6
1:00 p.m.

Shark Week Cupcakes
Tuesday, August 13
1:00 p.m.

Candy Sushi
Tuesday, August 20
1:00 p.m.

Snacks and all supplies will be provided.

Registration is required. Please go to the calendar at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

Pick your Chip with

The favorite flavor of Herr’s potato chips, as voted on by library customers, was Regular.

August Displays
Main Display Case
More Rocks and Minerals
Gallery
Cousins with a Heart for Art

On Our Reference Shelves
2013 Standard Catalog of Firearms
A price and reference guide for gun collectors.
REF 745.1733 FIREARMS

Guns of the Old West
An illustrated reference guide to antique firearms.
REF 745.1733 CHAPEL

Mystery Book Discussion Group

The Mystery Book Discussion Group meets in the library on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

August 19
Open Season
by C.J. Box

September 16
The Doomsday Key
by James Rollins

Please register online or contact Rose DeCicco, 856-881-8490 or rdecicco1@yahoo.com.
14 Books To Read

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table fate. Grab the tissues, guys.

**Movie release date:** Unknown

5. *The Maze Runner*  
by James Dashner  
**Why you should read it:** A bunch of boys are trapped in a maze filled with deadly creatures ready to kill. Their home is a ticking time bomb, and you’ll race through the book to find out if they ever escape.  
**Movie release date:** Feb. 14, 2014

6. *The Wolf of Wall Street*  
by Jordan Belfort  
**Why you should read it:** A man makes a stupid amount of money, wasting it on drugs and partying, until it all comes crashing down.  
**Movie release date:** Nov. 15, 2013

7. *Gone Girl*  
by Gillian Flynn  
**Why you should read it:** It starts off with a murder mystery, pulling you in on the investigation to find out what exactly happened to Amy Dunne. You don’t know who to believe and you’re suspicious of what the characters are hiding, and then BAM: PLOT TWIST. Just wait till you’re 50% through — you won’t know how to deal with your emotions.  
**Movie release date:** Unknown

8. *The Monuments Men*  
by Robert M. Edsel  
**Why you should read it:** This isn’t your typical WWII story. A group of art historians and museum curators risk everything to save works of art before Hitler destroys them. I think we can depend on Clooney and Damon to bring this story to life.  
**Movie release date:** Dec. 18, 2013

9. *The Book Thief*  
by Markus Zusak  
**Why you should read it:** During WWII, a young girl named Liesel finds solace by stealing books and sharing them with others. Under the stairs in her home, a Jewish refugee is being sheltered by her adoptive parents. The book is narrated by Death, so it will be interesting to see how this translates to film.  
**Movie release date:** Jan. 17, 2014

10. *Serena*  
by Ron Rash  
**Why you should read it:** The book is a thrilling story that follows newlyweds George and Serena Pemberton on their journey to create a timber empire and ruthlessly kill all who fall out of favor.  
**Movie release date:** September 27, 2013

11. *Horns*  
by Joe Hill  
**Why you should read it:** Ig Perrish’s girlfriend was raped and murdered, and he was originally accused of this heinous crime. One day he mysteriously wakes up with HORNS and uses his new paranormal powers to hunt down his girlfriend’s killer. Daniel Radcliffe may not be a wizard anymore, but this is close enough.  
**Movie release date:** Oct. 11, 2013

12. *If I Stay*  
by Gayle Forman  
**Why you should read it:** It’s an intriguing story about a 17-year-old girl who slips into a coma after a bad accident. She has an out-of-body experience, watching as friends and family visit, and needs to choose to live a difficult life or die peacefully.  
**Movie release date:** Unknown

13. *The SpectacularNow*  
by Tim Tharp  
**Why you should read it:** This is a classic I-unexpectedly-fell-in-love high school story that will have you rapidly flipping through the pages. The movie premiered at Sundance and received rave reviews, saying, “John Hughes would be proud.”  
**Movie release date:** Aug. 2, 2013

14. *Reconstructing Amelia*  
by Kimberly McCreight  
**Why you should read it:** A workaholic single mother discovers her only child has committed suicide, but deep down inside, Kate doesn’t believe her daughter would ever do such a thing. She sifts through Amelia’s text messages, emails, and Facebook posts to uncover the shocking truth of her daughter’s last days. It’s a quick, easy read, and the HBO movie will keep viewers locked to the TV screen.  
**Movie release date:** Unknown

*List compiled by Arielle Calderon at BuzzFeed.com*
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**Online registration for September children’s programs begins at 10:00am.**

**Writers Group 6:00pm**

**Introduction to Email 10:00am**