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## Hours

Monday - Thursday  
10 am - 8 pm

Friday & Saturday  
10 am - 5 pm

Closed Sundays  
May 25–August 30

“How many a man has dated a new era in his life from the reading of a book.”

~Henry David  
Thoreau, *Walden*

# Heggan Happenings

MARGARET E. HEGGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

## Welcome our new Board member

Candy McNaughton will be appointed to the Library Board of Trustees at their monthly meeting in September. She was selected by the nominating committee of the Library Board, who made their recommendation for her appointment to Mayor Wallace. Candy has been a Washington Township resident for twenty-seven years. We interviewed Candy to learn more about her and why she is interested in the library.

*Please tell me a little bit about your experience and background.*

For twenty-five years, I owned and operated a small pre-kindergarten school where my focus was on teaching the children several different ways to learn the same concept. I taught hundreds of children over the years, each with different combinations of learning abilities and challenges. After my own children graduated from high school, I got my master's degree and began teaching at Rowan College at Gloucester County. I still teach the college students in a similar way, employing several different kinds of learning styles to help them learn important concepts.

*Why did you decide to apply to become a board member at the Margaret Heggan Library?*

I love to read! I try to read a book a month, so I am always in the library or bookstores. I also really like the *Great Courses* on CD. Not only do I listen to them in the car, but I also listen to them at home while I am making dinner. Because I use the library consistently, I wanted to give back to help improve the community.

*What do you like to read?*

I really like biographies. I like learning

about how people have become who they are. Regardless of whether or not we have written an autobiography, we all have a story to tell. Reading about the lives of others

helps me try to make the most of what I have.

*What else do you like to do in your free time?*

I have taught piano for thirty-three years. Some of my former students are married and I now teach their children! Music is a special way to help organize the brain. I still practice, though not as much as I should, to keep up my piano skills.

*In your opinion, why are public libraries valuable to society?*

Libraries are a valuable resource for the community. When I was first married, my husband was in graduate school. We were very poor and I felt like I should not spend money on the weekly magazines I liked to read. We lived close to the library and that became a place where I could still read the magazines, find new ideas, and still not spend any money.

Reading books that are available from the library is a great way to become familiar with several different authors you may not have noticed earlier. The library always has books on display. On several occasions, I have found great new authors by taking one of the display books home.

*What is one of your goals in being a library trustee?*

I hope to encourage more families to come more often to the library. Besides books, CDs, movies and computers, there are magazines, puppets and even puzzles to put together at the library. The whole family can have a good time, each person enjoying different sections that interest them. It is a great place to spend a few hours.



## Kid's Corner

Join us for Loving Lego Week, August 4-6. We'll be doing many fun things including Lego Bingo, Lego Art, a showing of "Lego Movie," and of course Legos, Lego League, and Block Party.

On August 7th, Classroom Adventure Stories will present "Fizz, Boom, Read!"



for children ages 3-11 and a caregiver.

Kids ages 0-3 will enjoy "Kids' Music Round" on the 14th.



On Friday, August 15th, we will have a special off-site event at the Edelman

Planetarium at Rowan University. We will meet at the planetarium at 10:45 a.m. to see "Earth, Moon, Sun."

You must register in advance.

Our Summer Reading Program will close on August 25th with "Fizz, Boom, Read!" a magic show presented by Brian Richards.



We will have a PJ Story Time on the 27th. Children will leave a stuffed animal at the library and return the next day to see what happened during the night.

Of course, there are many other fun activities planned during August. Please see the calendar on page 4 for more programs.

Advance registration is required for children's programs. Registration is limited to Heggan Library cardholders. To register, go to **EVENTS** at [www.hegganlibrary.org](http://www.hegganlibrary.org).

## Tween Cooking Club

For ages 9-12

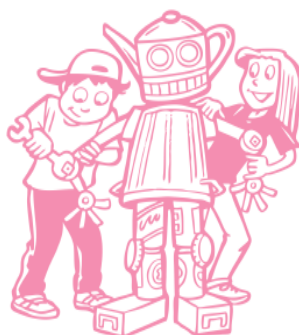
**Stuffed Tomatoes**  
August 4 • 1:15 p.m.

**Mini Fruit Pies**  
August 18 • 1:15 p.m.

To register, go to **EVENTS** at [www.hegganlibrary.org](http://www.hegganlibrary.org).

## Recycled Project Contest

For ages 6-8 and 9-12



Pick up instructions for our Recycled Project Contest on **Wednesday, August 13th.**

Return your Recycled Project to the Children's Library by **Wednesday, August 20th.**

Projects will be displayed in the library and voted on by the staff.

A \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card will be awarded to the winner in each age group.

## TEENS

in grades 6-12

**Scratch 'n Sniff Paints**  
August 5 • 1:00 p.m.

**Glitter Slime**  
August 7 • 1:00 p.m.

**Puffy Paint Lanterns**  
August 12 • 1:00 p.m.

**"Stained Glass" Candles**  
August 14 • 1:00 p.m.

**Vision Boards**  
August 19 • 1:00 p.m.

Advance online registration is required. Please go to **EVENTS** at [www.hegganlibrary.org](http://www.hegganlibrary.org) to register.

## Do you play an instrument or sing?

Check out the library's sheet music collection.

The following titles are part of the larger collection located in the 780.264 section:

**The Big Book of Gospel Songs**

**The Big Book of Irish Songs**

**Classic Christmas Carols and Songs**

**Classical Piano Music for Dummies**

**The Definitive Broadway Collection**

**Disney:**

**The Illustrated Treasury of Songs**



*In July, we watched caterpillars change into butterflies.*

## Fundraiser at [www.icecream.cone](http://www.icecream.cone)

245 Fries Mill Road  
(corner of Hurffville-Cross Keys  
& Fries Mill Roads)



**Wednesday,  
August 20  
Noon–10 pm**

Present a flyer (available  
in the library) at the time  
of purchase, and a  
percentage of your bill  
will be donated to the  
Friends of the Library.

## Adult Programs

### Build a Better Smoothie

August 26 • 6:00 p.m.

### Flappers

### Women of the 1920s

September 11 • 7:00 p.m.

These programs are free and open to everyone. Advance online or phone registration is required. Please go to [EVENTS at www.hegganlibrary.org](http://EVENTS.at.www.hegganlibrary.org) to register online.

## 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 18**

### *Shattered*

by Karen Robards

**September 15**

### *The Hot Rock*

by Donald E. Westlake

Please register online or contact  
Rose DeCicco, 856-881-8490 or  
[rdecicco1@yahoo.com](mailto:rdecicco1@yahoo.com).



## NJ Writers Resource Group

Aspiring writers ages 16 and up are invited to come and write, share, and be inspired. Please see the calendar on page 4 for dates and times.

## Director's Corner

A few years ago, the library began offering a staff service award called *Caught in the Act*. I have continued the tradition of administering this award. Employees may be nominated for the award for providing exceptional service to a customer, for going above and beyond what is expected, for assisting a co-worker when help is needed, or for exhibiting a team attitude. All employees of the library may be nominated by a customer or a fellow staff member. The staff members are chosen for the award every quarter.

At the July 2014 meeting of the Friends of the Library, the group agreed to sponsor the *Caught in the Act* award in the future. The Friends of the Library are a private non-profit corporation founded in 2005 whose purposes include stimulating interest in, and use of the library, and engendering good will toward the library. The Friends of the Library are always accepting new members. If you are interested in making sure that the written word is made available to all residents, in promoting reading for knowledge, information and pleasure, and in joining together with other like-minded residents, please consider joining this group.

Friends of the Library meetings are typically held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the library. The group holds various fundraisers throughout the year. On Wednesday, August 20, they are holding a fundraiser at [www.icecream.cone](http://www.icecream.cone). Also, they have a Book Store in the library where used hardcovers, paperbacks, CDs, and DVDs can be purchased at reasonable prices. Donations of used books are appreciated.

On my second day in my position as Library Director, on April 1, 2014, I chose the first winner, Dace Sliben. She was nominated for the award by a co-worker. Dace started working in the library as a processor in 1999. I have found that Dace can always be counted

on for her energy and dry sense of humor. She is currently responsible for getting new library materials ready. She catalogs over 1,000 items per month, including books, audiobooks, movies, and compact discs. Dace was nominated by a co-worker, who commented that Dace has been able to keep pace with her workload at a time when there was a large influx of materials needing to be processed and cataloged. Dace works behind the scenes and is an integral part of library operations.



*Dace Sliben (left) and Joan Alexander (right)*

Three months later, on July 1, I chose the second *Caught in the Act* winner. This time, the winner was Joan Alexander. Joan has been working at the library since 2001. She is responsible for providing programs for children and typically attracts over 1,000 people to her programs each month. I appreciate the fact that Joan is always an upbeat employee who keeps everyone smiling. She was nominated by a library patron who said that Joan did a special request, *Humpty Dumpty*, for her granddaughter during Block Party. Joan saw her 18-month old granddaughter doing the Humpty Dumpty sign, and Joan sang the song just for her! Also, Joan does a great job with children and excels at paying attention to them.

If you would like to nominate a staff member for the Caught in the Act Award, forms are located in the library or online on our website under the FAQ tab. If you have any questions, I can be reached at [smikkelson@hegganlibrary.org](mailto:smikkelson@hegganlibrary.org) or at 856-589-3334 extension 211.

# August 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Beginning September 2, the library will be open until 9:00 p.m. – Monday through Thursday.					1 Parachute Fun 10:15am, 11:00am, or 1:15pm age 3-6 & caregiver	2
3	4 Lego Bingo 10:15am of 11:00am age 5-9 Tween CC 1:15pm ages 9-12 Dress to Mess 3:30pm age 3-6 & caregiver	5 Movie "Lego Movie" 10:30am all ages & caregiver Teen - Scratch 'n Sniff Paints 1:00pm grades 6-12 Toddler Art 3:30pm age 2-3 & caregiver Writers Group 6:00pm	6 Block Party 10:15 or 11:00am age 1-3 & caregiver Legos 1:15pm age 4-6 Lego League 3:30pm age 7-11	7 "Fizz, Boom Read" with Classroom Adventure Stories 10:30am age 3-11 & caregiver Teen - Glitter Slime 1:00pm grades 6-12 Lunch Bunch 12:00pm age 3-6 Family Puzzles 3:30pm age 2 & up S.M.I.L.E. 6:30pm-7:30pm	8	9
10	11 Make & Take Sun 10:15am or 1:15pm age 3-6 & caregiver Story Crafters Athletic Drink 11:00am age 7-9 Like 2 Learn 3:30pm age 3-6 & caregiver	12 Tummy Yummies 10:15am or 11:00am age 3-6 & caregiver Teen - Lanterns 1:00pm grades 6-12 3-D Rocket 1:15pm age 3-9 Family Puzzles 3:30pm age 2 & up	13 Recycled Project Pick up instructions today. age 6-8 and 9-12 R U Curious 10:15am or 11:00am age 3-6 Story Crafters 1:15pm age 7-9	14 Kids' Music Round 10:30am age 0-3 & caregiver Lunch Bunch 12:00pm age 7-9 Teen - Candles 1:00pm grades 6-12 Science Show & Tell 1:15pm age 3-6 & caregiver	15 "Earth, Moon and Sun" @ the Edelman Planetarium 11:00am age 5-12 & caregiver You must register in advance online for this program.	16
17	18 Toddler Time 10:15am age 2 & caregiver Baby Time Rhymes 11:00am 6-23 mo. & caregiver Tween CC 1:15pm ages 9-12 Like 2 Learn 3:30pm age 3-6 & caregiver Mystery Book Group 6:30pm	19 Make & Take Robot Face 10:15am or 11:00am age 3-6 & caregiver Teen - Vision Boards 1:00pm grades 6-12 Family Puzzles 3:30pm age 2 & up Writers Group 6:00pm	20 Friends of the Library Fundraiser at <a href="http://www.icecream.cone">www.icecream.cone</a> 12 pm–10 pm Recycled Project Return projects to the Children's Library for judging. Board of Trustees 6:30pm	21 Toddler Time 10:15am age 2 & caregiver Baby Time Rhymes 11:00am 6-23 mo. & caregiver Lunch Bunch 12:00pm age 3-6 S.M.I.L.E. 6:30pm-7:30pm	22	23
24 31	25 "Fizz, Boom Read" Magic Show 10:30am age 3-11 & caregiver	26 Online registration for September child, tween & teen programs begins at 10:00am. Build a Better Smoothie 6:00pm	27 PJ Story Time 6:30pm age 3-6 & caregiver Stuffed animals get to spend the night.	28 Return to pick up stuffed animals 10:30am Friends Meeting 6:30pm	29	30