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Monday - Thursday  
10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday & Saturday  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday  
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

“A public library is  
the most enduring  
of memorials,  
the trustiest  
monument for the  
preservation of an  
event or a name or  
an affection; for  
it, and it only, is  
respected by wars  
and revolutions, and  
survives them.”

~Mark Twain, 1894

The library will be  
closed on  
Monday, February 15,  
in celebration of  
Presidents' Day.

# Heggan Happenings

MARGARET E. HEGGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

## The Margaret Heggan Library is Turning 50!

In 1965, a group of nine civic-minded women felt that there was a need for a public library in this fast-growing community.

On March 2, 1966, their dreams were realized when the Washington Township Library opened in a small “Russian House” on Ganttown Road.

Fifty years later, the library has grown many times and will begin celebrating this milestone in March.

A celebration is planned for Saturday, March 5, (snow date, March 12) from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be cake, music, give-aways, and activities for children.

Take our “Fifty Years, 50 Books” Challenge or Junior Challenge. Reading logs and information are available in the Children’s Library and near the entrance to the library.

Our website will feature a special section devoted to our anniversary.



We have a number of 1960s themed events planned.

You can “Catch Up with a 1960s Classic,” *Valley of the Dolls*, during a book discussion on Tuesday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a glimpse of “The World of Computer Science in 1960” on March 2 or 30 at 10:00 a.m.

We will have a 1960s Trivia Night on Monday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m. Come out and test your knowledge of the 1960s.

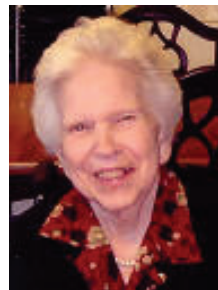
Music was an important part of the 1960s. On March 9, join us as we explore “Vintage Vinyl” with vinyl historian Richard Butler. On April 13, we’ll host a multimedia presentation, “Reinventing Rock ‘n’ Roll: The Beatles’ *Rubber Soul* and *Revolver*.”

Many more activities are planned as we celebrate our 50th anniversary.

## Who was Margaret Heggan?

Margaret Elizabeth Elvins Heggan, better known as Peg, was born on June 16, 1912, in Hammonton, NJ.

Peg Heggan grew up in Hammonton with her four brothers, one sister, and her parents Lilla P. Ruby and Thomas C. Elvins. Her father served as mayor of Hammonton for three terms, and later as Postmaster. He also served in the NJ State Assembly. Peg attended Hammonton High



School, where she was a member of the debating team, and was named valedictorian.

Peg married her high school sweetheart, Oscar K. Heggan, in 1931. They had three children; Jon, Elizabeth and Colleen. Her children continue to support the library.

The family first moved to Washington Township in 1933. They

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## KIDS' CORNER

Kids ages 2-10 can **Create a Valentine** on Saturday, February 6, at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., or 3:00 p.m.

Join us on February 8 for a **PJ Storytime** for ages 3-6 at 6:30 p.m. Wear your pajamas and enjoy stories and an activity.

Kids ages 6-9 can join us for **Story Crafters BINGO** at 7:15 p.m. on February 8.

A new program, **Making Music**, takes place on Monday, February 22nd at 4:15. 3-6 year olds and their caregivers will sing songs, play instruments and move to the music.

The dogs from **FURever as Friends** will be in the library to listen to children read on the 4th and 18th, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Call or visit the library to reserve your spot.

**Toddler Time** is a great activity for 2 year olds and a caregiver. It involves puzzles, singing, stories and social time with new friends. Choose Monday 10:15 a.m., Thursday 10:15 a.m. OR Friday 11:00 a.m.

**Baby-Time Rhymes** is a social activity for babies 6-23 months and a caregiver. It is a great way to introduce your baby to the library through music, rhymes, stories and playtime with friends. Choose Monday 11:00 a.m., Thursday 11:00 a.m. OR Friday 10:15 a.m.

Please check our calendar of events on the library website or pick up a calendar in the library to see more events.

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

## American Girl Book Club

for students in grades 1-5  
February 17 • 6:30 p.m.

### Meet Addy

Discuss the book, enjoy a snack and make a craft. Open to Heggan Library cardholders only. Advance online registration is required. Please go to Programs and Events at [www.hegganlibrary.org](http://www.hegganlibrary.org) to register.

Visit the Children's Library to get a copy of the book.

## Tween Cooking Club

For ages 9-12

February 29 • 4:15 p.m.

Advance online registration is required. Open to Heggan Library cardholders only.

Go to Programs and Events at [www.hegganlibrary.org](http://www.hegganlibrary.org) to register.



Celebrate with us as we wish the Heggan Library a very Happy 50th Birthday!

On March 5, join us from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the Children's Library to decorate birthday cupcakes, create birthday crowns, and sign a birthday card for the library!

From 2:00-3:30 p.m., also in the Children's Library, enjoy face painting and balloon art.

While supplies last.  
No registration required.

The Friends of the Library accept donations of used books to sell in their bookstore. They do not accept VHS tapes or magazines.

## 50th Anniversary Alice in Wonderland Unbirthday Party

March 9 • 6:30 p.m.

For Heggan cardholders in grades 6-12. Advance online registration required.

## 50 YEARS BOOKS



*Lydia and Hannah Krueger were the first to complete the 50 Years, 50 Books Junior Challenge.*

Reading logs for the 50 Years, 50 Books Junior Challenge are available in the Children's Library.

Adults may pick up a reading log near the front entrance for the adult 50 Years, 50 Books Challenge.

These challenges will run for the entire year in celebration of the library's 50th anniversary. Everyone who completes the challenge will receive a prize.

## Save the Dates

Saturday, March 5  
50th Anniversary  
Celebration

Saturday, March 19  
Makers Day

## Peg Heggan

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operated a gas station on the Black Horse Pike. In 1938, they moved to Monroeville in Salem County.

Around 1942, the Heggans returned to Washington Township, purchasing the Wesley Brown farm, consisting of 220 acres, on the corner of Pitman-Downer and Glassboro-Cross Keys Roads, and extending to Fries Mill Road. The family home still stands on the corner of Pitman-Downer and Glassboro-Cross Keys Roads, although it has been added on to.

Margaret Heggan was very active in the community, supporting and volunteering at many community organizations. In 1961, Peg was elected to the Township Committee. She was appointed mayor to fill an unexpired term, becoming the first female mayor of the township.

All of her community involvement led to her dream of a public library in Washington Township. She became involved with a group of women who were also interested in establishing a library in the township, attending some of the first meetings and making up book

cards. Her involvement grew when the library moved into the "little building" on Ganttown Road.

Over the following years, Peg volunteered over 20,000 hours for the library. In appreciation of all of her hours of service to the library and community, Peg was named Washington Township's Person of the Year in 1984. On January 21, 1985, the library was renamed the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library.

Margaret "Peg" Heggan passed away on January 18, 2005.

### Librarian by Appointment

Tuesday, March 1  
5:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Make an appointment with the Reference Librarian to get help with your resumé, learn some basic skills in Microsoft Word, learn how to use library databases or download ebooks, and more.

**Appointments are for Heggan Library cardholders only.**  
**Please go to EVENTS at [www.hegganlibrary.org](http://www.hegganlibrary.org) or call the library to make your appointment.**

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER



*In January, the library welcomed Patti Levering as a new library staff member at the circulation desk. Patti has many years of experience working at the West Deptford Library.*



*Carol Lauletta was presented with the Caught in the Act Award.*

## COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

**Introduction to Facebook Workshop** Wednesday, February 3 • 10:00 a.m.

This workshop will introduce you to social media via Facebook. You will learn how to create an account, post updates and links, and manage your privacy settings.

**Introduction to Twitter and Tumblr Workshop** Wednesday, February 10 • 10:00 a.m.

This workshop will introduce you to the popular social media tools Twitter and Tumblr. Learn how to effectively communicate and utilize the iconic hash tag.

**Introduction to Blogging Workshop** Wednesday, February 17 • 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to express yourself with a blog by writing articles, tagging them, inserting hyperlinks, and posting images.

**Introduction to Android OS Lecture** Wednesday, February 24 • 3:00 p.m.

Learn about Lollipop, the operating system found on Android phones and tablets.

**These classes are free and open to everyone. Advance online or phone registration is required.**

**Please go to Programs and Events at [www.hegganlibrary.org](http://www.hegganlibrary.org) to register online.**

### Computer Workshops and Lectures in March

**The World of Computer Science in 1960**, March 2 & 30, 10:00 am; **Introduction to Microsoft Word**, March 9, 10:00 am; **Introduction to Microsoft Excel**, March 16, 10:00 am; **Excel Formulas**, March 23, 10:00 am.



## PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

**Rapid Recovery with Hip and Knee Replacements** Wednesday, February 3 • 6:30 p.m.  
Join us and learn the benefits of Rapid Recovery, a new pain management program. Speaker: Dr. Greg Deirmengian with the Rothman Institute. Presented by Kennedy Health.

**Stop Suffering for Fashion! End your Foot Pain** Monday, February 8 • 6:30 p.m.  
Most fashionable shoes can cause foot pain and problems. Learn how treating foot pain can prevent issues in the future. Speaker: Dr. Frank Oware, Cornerstone Foot and Ankle. Presented by Kennedy Health.

**Learn about New Jersey Job Resources** Tuesday, February 9 • 7:00 p.m.  
Learn about the many job resources available to New Jersey residents.

**Board Game Night @ the Library** Monday, February 22 • 6:30 p.m.  
This month's featured game – Pandemic. Other board games will be provided. For all ages—children and adults. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Introduction to Job and Career Development Databases** Tuesday, February 23 • 7:00 p.m.  
Learn about the available library databases for career development and job seeking.

**Video Game Night @ the Library** Monday, February 29 • 6:30 p.m.  
Join us for a new program at the library and some casual play of Super Smash Brothers WiiU. For all ages—children and adults. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Keeping You Free from Sepsis** Tuesday, March 1 • 2:00 p.m.  
Sepsis is a life-threatening condition that arises when the body's response to infection causes system-wide inflammation. Learn how to protect yourself from sepsis. Speaker: Stephanie DeAngelo, RN, BSN, CMSRN. Presented by Kennedy Health.

**Vintage Vinyl** Wednesday, March 9 • 7:00 p.m.  
Richard Butler, vinyl historian, will share his varied and vast collection of records and little-known facts about your favorite artists from the 1960s. Feel free to bring your own records for an informal evaluation.

**Grant Basics** Tuesday, March 15 • 7:00 p.m.  
Join the Reference Librarian to learn about print and online resources available at the library.

**Suffrage: The Fight for Women's Rights** Tuesday, March 15 • 7:00 p.m.  
This program chronicles the fight for women's right to vote along with other rights that had been denied to them. Join us for this eye opening discussion of how we have gotten where we are and where we still need to go. Presented by Trish Chambers in period costume.

**Board Game Night @ the Library** Monday, March 21 • 6:30 p.m.  
Join us as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the library with a Trivia Night on the 1960s. For all ages—children and adults. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Video Game Night @ the Library** Monday, March 28 • 6:30 p.m.  
We'll celebrate our anniversary by recreating the library with Minecraft. For all ages—children and adults. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS AND WRITERS GROUP

**NJ Writers Resource Group** meets on the second and fourth Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.  
Aspiring writers ages 16 and up are invited to come and write, share and be inspired.

**Novel Mornings** meets one Thursday each month at 10:30 a.m.

February 11 • **Baker Towers** by Jennifer Haigh

March 10 • **Room** by Emma Donoghue

**Mystery Book Discussion** meets on the third Monday (fourth Mon. in February) at 6:30 p.m.

February 22 • **A Great Deliverance** by Elizabeth George

March 21 • **The Assassin** by Clive Cussler

**Catch Up with the Classics** meets one Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m.

February 16 • **Silas Marner** by George Eliot

March 8 • **Valley of the Dolls** by Jacqueline Susann

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