

January 2011



# Newsletter

## A look back at 2010

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### Hours

Monday - Thursday  
10am - 9pm  
Friday & Saturday  
10am - 5pm  
Sunday  
Noon - 5pm

“Man’s mind,  
once stretched  
by a new idea,  
never regains  
its original  
dimension.”

~Oliver Wendell Holmes



This past year was a busy year for the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library. More than 150,000 people walked through the doors of the library in 2010, and more than 1,400 new library cards were issued. Almost 230,000 items were checked out during the year, saving our customers approximately \$4.3 million in 2010.

In March, the library welcomed a new Library Director. Kim Rinaldi came to the library from the Brielle Library in Monmouth County and has been a welcome addition to the library.

To celebrate National Library Week in April, the Heggan Library once again joined with eight other Gloucester County libraries for “Meet the Authors.” This year the event was held at the new Monroe Township Library in Williamstown. Thirty-eight local authors participated.

When Governor Christie’s budget was announced in April, funding for statewide library



services was cut by 74%. On May 6, library staff members attended a rally in Trenton to “Save NJ Libraries.” Thanks to the efforts of thousands of library lovers in our community and across the state, some funding was restored. Through consolidation and negotiations, most library services were retained.

In June, the library was awarded a \$1,200 grant from the New Jersey State Library to purchase a computer station dedicated to Homework Help NJ. The money is part of a grant to the NJSL from the Gates Foundation Staying Connected program. The Heggan Library was one of 10 libraries in the state to be awarded this grant because the library has one of the top ten usage rates of Homework



Help NJ. Homework Help and the Adult Career Center are online tutoring services provided by the State Library through a donation from PSE&G.

In July, bids were opened for renovations to the new library. The contract was awarded to Landmark Homebuilders, LLC. Demolition began in September and construction should be complete this spring.

In July, the library was notified that it was selected as one of five libraries in the state to be the recipient of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities 2010 Book Award Collection. The 33 nonfiction books were presented to the library on November 16.



Between June 28 and August 19, more than 1,700 attended the library’s summer reading programs. This year’s theme was “Make a Splash @ your library.” Children enjoyed many water-themed activities all summer.



On October 6, the library joined with all the other libraries in Gloucester County to celebrate “20 Libraries – 20 Years of Service.” The event commemorated the 20th anniversary of LOGIN, a library consortium that allows all the libraries in Gloucester County, and some from Salem County, to share an online catalog. Heggan Library cardholders can borrow materials from other LOGIN libraries.

While 2010 was a very busy year for the library, 2011 will be even busier when the library moves to its new location in the spring.

## Kid's Corner

Children ages 3-6 and a caregiver can Make & Take a Winter Craft on January 6th or 10th.

There will be lots of parachute fun on the 24th.

Don't forget to wear your pajamas on the 26th.

Book Buddies and Toddler Time kids will enjoy winter stories and much more this month.

Kids ages 7-11 can make a craft during Story Crafters on the 12th.

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

Go to the calendar on our website to register for these programs.



## TEENS Book Bingo

Thursday, January 13

6:30 p.m.

See calendar at  
[www.hegganlibrary.org](http://www.hegganlibrary.org)  
for info and to register.



## Teen Advisory Group

Thursday, January 27

7:00 p.m.

## Library receives Talking Book & Braille Center Kiosk

Do you know someone whose ability to read is affected by vision loss or impairment, physical handicap, or a learning disability?

If you or someone you care for are a NJ Veteran or resident who is blind or disabled, you may be eligible for FREE library services delivered to your door.

The New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center (TBBC), formerly known as the Library for the Blind and Handicapped, provides public library services by mail to New Jersey Veterans and residents of all ages who cannot easily read standard printed materials because of a visual impairment, physical handicap, or a learning disability.

In addition, the TBBC announces the roll out of the new Outspoken Library.

Over forty free-standing Outspoken Library computer kiosks will be delivered to participating public libraries across New Jersey, and the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library has received one of them. The goal is to give every New Jersey

public library patron an opportunity to learn about and explore the Talking Book & Braille Center's free library programs that are available to anyone who cannot read a standard print book.

Each Outspoken Library kiosk has live links to services administered through TBBC such as TBBC's very own

Audiovision Newspaper Reading Service and the National Federation for the Blind's Newline with over 300 newspapers, magazines and wire services. Access to the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) site is also available. BARD currently provides over 18,000 digital books for download which can be played on a TBBC issued digital talking book player. Video demonstrations and instructions on how to do a BARD download are also found on each Outspoken Library kiosk. Please see a librarian for information.

*TBBC, a division of the New Jersey State Library, is supported by funding from the State of New Jersey and the Institute of Museum and Library Services through its Grants to States program and is a cooperating network library of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress. The New Jersey State Library is affiliated with Thomas Edison State College.*



## Reference Appointments

Now Available @ your library

Do you need to upload your resume to a career website?

Would you like to learn some Microsoft Word or Excel tips?

The library now offers reference appointments with a professional librarian for patrons needing individualized assistance. Hour-long appointments will be offered on Friday mornings. Please call Deborah Riether at 856-589-3334 to schedule yours today.

## Follow us on Twitter!



Click on the link on the library home page to sign up for a Twitter account.

## Find us on Facebook!



Click on the link on the library home page to see photos and get notification about upcoming events. Make sure you click the "like" button.



Caroline King of Landmark Homebuilders gave Jessica Beym of the Gloucester County Times a tour of the new library. Some of the building materials that were removed from the building have been donated to non-profit groups. New HVAC units are in place on the roof and framing is about to begin.

## Playaway

The simplest way to listen to an audiobook on the go.



Half the size of a deck of cards, Playaway is the simplest and best way to listen to a book on the go. Playaway's audio quality is unsurpassed. Using clearly marked buttons, Playaway gives listeners the ability to move back and forth within or between chapters and alter the speed of a narrator's voice. It even has an automatic bookmark feature that remembers where you left off. Playaway has a universal headphone jack that works with almost any type of headphone or mobility accessory.

The library has been adding more and more Playaway Audiobook titles to the library's collection.

Earbuds for the Playaways are available in the library for \$1, or you may use your own. You must supply your own battery.

## Book Discussion Groups

The library offers two book discussion groups each month. Both book discussion groups are open to everyone.

### Mystery Book Group

The Mystery Book Group meets in the library on the third Monday (fourth Monday in January and February) of each month at 7:00 p.m.



January 24  
**Ten Little Bloodhounds**

by Virginia Lanier

February 22  
**Dead of Jericho**

by Colin Dexter

Please register online or contact Rose DeCicco, 856-881-8490, for more information.

### Adult Book Group

The Adult Book Group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

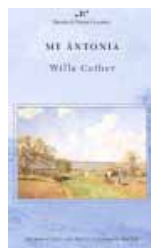
February 3  
**My Antonia**

by Willa Cather

March 3  
**Songs Without Words**

by Ann Packer

Please register online or call the library for more information.



## Thank You

### to our library supporters in 2010

The Margaret Heggan Library and the Board of Trustees wish to thank the following individuals and organizations for their support in 2010.

**Colleen Heggan Ferber**

**Washington Township Volunteer Women's Organization**

**Friends of the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library**

**PSE&G Power of Giving through payroll deductions**

January is National  
Get Organized Month

## Adult Programs

### Envision, Focus, Organize for the New Year

Tuesday, January 18 • 7:00 p.m.

Learn organizing techniques, tools, and tips.

This program is open to everyone. Advance online registration is required. Please go to the calendar at [www.hegganlibrary.org](http://www.hegganlibrary.org) for more information and to register.

## Creating Basic Spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel



Friday, January 21 • 9:00 a.m.

Learn some basic spreadsheet terminology and features of Microsoft Excel. You must be comfortable using a mouse!

Class sizes are limited and open to Heggan Library cardholders only. Advance online registration is required. Go to the calendar at [www.hegganlibrary.org](http://www.hegganlibrary.org) to register.

## January Displays



### Main Display Case

Handmade Jewellery & Purses

### Main Display

Playaways

Teen Display

### Adult Display

Resolutions

Financial Wellness Month

### Check-Out Desk Display

Get Organized



# January 2010

@ the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1  <b>New Year's Day</b> Library Closed
2	3	4  <b>Book Buddies</b> 10:15am, 11:00am, or 1:15pm age 3-5	5  <b>Book Buddies</b> 10:15am or 6:30pm age 3-5	6  <b>Toddler Time</b> 10:15am or 11:00am age 2 & caregiver	7	8
9	10  <b>Cook, Craft, and Hobby Book Sale</b> January 10-16  <b>Make &amp; Take Winter Craft</b> 10:15am or 11:00am age 3-6 & caregiver	11  <b>Book Buddies</b> 10:15am, 11:00am, or 1:15pm age 3-5	12  <b>Book Buddies</b> 10:15am or 6:30pm age 3-5  <b>Story Crafters</b> 7:15pm age 7-11	13  <b>Toddler Time</b> 10:15am or 11:00am age 2 & caregiver <b>Make &amp; Take Winter Craft</b> 1:00pm age 3-6 & caregiver <b>Teen Book Bingo</b> 6:30pm grades 6-12	14	15
16	17  <b>Martin Luther King Day</b> Library Open 10-5	18  <b>Book Buddies</b> 10:15am, 11:00am, or 1:15pm age 3-5  <b>Envision, Focus, Organize</b> 7:00pm	19  <b>Book Buddies</b> 10:15am or 6:30pm age 3-5  <b>Trustees Meeting</b> 7:00pm	20  <b>Toddler Time</b> 10:15am or 11:00am age 2 & caregiver <b>Friends Meeting</b> 7:00pm	21  <b>Creating Basic Spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel</b> 9:00am	22
23  30	24  <b>Parachute Fun</b> 10:15am, 11:00am or 1:00pm age 3-6 & caregiver  <b>Mystery Book Group</b> 7:00pm 31	25  <b>Online registration for February children's and teen programs begins at 10:00am</b>	26  <b>PJ Day</b> 10:15am, 11:00am, or 6:30pm age 3-6	27  <b>Toddler Time</b> 10:15am or 11:00am age 2 & caregiver  <b>Teen Advisory Group</b> 7:00pm	28	29

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