Heggan Happenings

2016 — A Milestone Year for the Library

The library celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a large party on March 5. There was music, candy, speeches and proclamations, a photo booth, children’s activities, and more.

The celebration continued throughout the year with special programming highlighting 1966, the year the library first opened its doors.

The library has come a long way since a group of civic-minded women got together in 1965 and decided that Washington Township needed a library. It has grown from a 624 sq. ft. building with 3,500 items in its collection to a 19,600 sq. ft. building with more than 100,000 items in its collection.

Museum Passes Added to our Collection

The library is pleased to announce the addition of three more museum passes to its Museum Pass Program. Adult library cardholders will soon be able to check out a pass to the American Swedish Historical Museum, the National Museum of American Jewish History, and the African American Museum in Philadelphia.

In addition to these passes, the library has passes to the Academy of Natural Sciences, Battleship New Jersey, Camden Children’s Garden, Garden State Discovery Museum, Gloucester County Historical Society Museum and Library, Grounds for Sculpture, Independence Seaport Museum, Jersey Shore Children’s Museum, Morris Arboretum, National Liberty Museum, Penn Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center, and Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge.

These passes may be checked out of the library by adult Heggan Library cardholders for free admission to these museums and attractions. The number of people each pass admits varies for each museum. Many of these passes also include discounts on purchases within the museum or attraction.

For more information and the library’s Museum Pass policy, please visit the library’s website, www.hegganlibrary.org. Information can be found under Adult Services.
If you enjoy playing with Legos, join us for Lego League on Wednesday, January 4th at 4:15 p.m. Lego League is open to children ages 7-11. Younger Lego fans ages 5-6 can join us for Legos at 4:15 p.m. on January 11th. Children ages 3-6 can join us for a PJ Storytime on Thursday, January 12, at 6:15 p.m.

New night and time
Yoga 4 Kids
Thursday, January 12
7:00 p.m.
Please bring a yoga mat to class and wear comfortable clothing.
Open to Heggan Library cardholders ages 6-9 only. Advance online registration is required. Please go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

American Girl Book Club
for students in grades 1-5
January 18 • 6:30 p.m.
Changes for Samantha
February 15 • 6:30 p.m.
Kaya and Lone Dog
Join us for this book club to discuss an American Girl book, enjoy a snack and make a craft. Please make sure that you read the book before the meeting so you can participate in the discussion.
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Did you know that the library has American Girl dolls that you can check out and take home for a week? Samantha, Josefina, Addy, Kit, and Kaya are available. Please go to the Circulation Desk for more information.

Video Game Night
@ the Library
January 23 • 6:30 p.m.
Let’s Play Ristar
Ristar is rated E for Everyone by the ESRB.
February 27 • 6:30 p.m.
Let’s Play Five Nights at Freddy’s Sister Location (Custom Night)
FNAF: Sister Location is not rated by the ESRB, but can be considered T for Teen.
This is a horror game with loud startling sounds and jumps scares. Player discretion is advised.

Minecraft Night
January 9 • 6:30 p.m.
Let’s Explore Hogwarts
Players will take turns exploring the map.
February 13 • 6:30 p.m.
Let’s Build an Underwater City
Players will take turns working together to create the object in question. This is not a competition.

The dogs from FUREver as Friends will be here for our S.M.I.L.E. program to listen to children read on January 19th at 6:30 p.m. Open to everyone. Please call or visit the library to register.

On Saturday, January 21st there will be a special Make & Take Winter Craft at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for children ages 3-9 and a caregiver.

Join us for some musical fun on January 30th at 1:15 p.m. when we present Making Music for ages 3-6.

There are many other activities planned throughout the month. Please check the library website or pick up a calendar in the library to see more events.

Unless noted, advance online registration is required for children's programs and is limited to Heggan Library cardholders. To register, go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org.

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For all ages. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration required.
Do you need help with your New Year’s resolutions? The library has a number of resources to help you.

Read More
While it is obvious that the library has plenty of reading material, it also has two resources for downloading ebooks that you might not be aware of. OverDrive and Hoopla offer library patrons thousands of ebooks to download to their devices.

If you need reading suggestions, NoveList, an online platform, is available to offer reading recommendations based on read-alikes, book lists, popular fiction, etc. Sign up for WOWbrary to get weekly email updates about new books that are arriving at the library. WOWbrary appears at the bottom of the library’s website, where you sign up to receive weekly emails.

Learn a New Language
The library offers Rosetta Stone and Mango Languages for patrons who would like to learn a new language.

Lifelong Learning
If you enjoy learning, but don’t have the time to go back to school, try one of the library’s Great Courses. These college level courses are available in CD and DVD format.

Cultural Pursuits
If you’d like to pursue more cultural activities, check out one of our museum passes. The library currently has passes to 17 museums and gardens which are available to adult Heggan Library cardholders.

Write That Book
The New Jersey Writers Resource Group meets in the library on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. to write, share, inspire, and support each other. All genres of writers are welcome.

Library Develops Strategic Plan
The library is required to maintain and revise a strategic plan no less than every three years. At the December meeting of the Library Board of Trustees, the group voted to adopt a strategic plan spanning December 2016 through December 2019. The plan was prepared by Kieserman Media with input from library board members, staff, and the public via focus groups that were held in September 2016. The entire plan is available on our website at www.hegganlibrary.org, and below are the goals of the plan:

GOAL 1 - to create a town meeting program twice a year
GOAL 2 - provide additional customer service training
GOAL 3 - revisit the customer service protocols and revise, if appropriate
GOAL 4 - consider a better approach to training patrons to use the catalog
GOAL 5 - examine and revise the system tracking overdue materials and fines
GOAL 6 - consider ways of further outreaching to area businesses
GOAL 7 - enhance outreach to home schooled children and their parents and provide space and tailored programs for this population during the daytime hours
GOAL 8 - include more non-book related programs such as jewelry making, cooking, gaming, and more concerts for older children in grades 4-6
GOAL 9 - evaluate late afternoon programming for kindergarten-aged children
GOAL 10 - evaluate seating in the Children’s area
GOAL 11 - design a new approach for outreaching to teens and millennials
GOAL 12 - promote the large print collection to retired seniors
GOAL 13 - explore new programming ideas for retired seniors
GOAL 14 - encourage patrons to make suggestions for materials they want
GOAL 15 - explore outreach opportunities with area retirement communities
GOAL 16 - explore how to improve the navigation signage over the stacks so that signs designate what a patron will find – biographies, travel books, best sellers, gardening books, etc.
GOAL 17 - evaluate how businesses use the library space as well as how this impacts the noise level
GOAL 18 - evaluate library floor space to maximize its use to contain materials
GOAL 19 - evaluate the purchase of wireless and 3-D printers
GOAL 20 - explore adding a more sophisticated public address system

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Library Director

Our Bill of Rights is 225 Years Old
Visit the library’s display from the National Archives, The Bill of Rights and You, commemorating the 225th anniversary of the ratification of this landmark document.

This display was developed in collaboration with the National Archives’ National Outreach Initiative to commemorate the 225th Anniversary of the Bill of Rights, The Bill of Rights and You is brought to you in collaboration with the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

To learn more about the Bill of Rights please visit www.archives.gov/amending-america.

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PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Knitting and Crocheting Basics
Saturday, January 7 • 2:00 p.m.

Librarian by Appointment
Tuesday, January 10 • 5:30 or 7:00 p.m.

Memories in Music with Alan Mann
Wednesday, January 18 • 2:00 p.m.

Knitting and Crocheting Basics
Saturday, January 21 • 2:00 p.m.

Video Game Night @ the Library
Let’s Play Ristar
Monday, January 23 • 6:30 p.m.

Librarian by Appointment
Tuesday, January 24 • 5:30 or 7:00 p.m.

Knitting and Crocheting Basics
Saturday, January 28 • 2:00 p.m.

The Wit and Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln
Wednesday, February 8 • 7:00 p.m.

Do You Know the Signs of a Stroke?
Thursday, February 9 • 3:00 p.m.

Knitting and Crocheting Basics
Saturday, February 11 • 2:00 p.m.

Video Game Night @ the Library
Let’s Play Five Nights at Freddy’s Sister Location
Monday, February 27 • 6:30 p.m.

Korean Spirit and Culture
Wednesday, March 1 • 6:00 p.m.

These events are free and open to everyone, unless otherwise noted. Advance online or phone registration is required. Please go to Programs and Events at 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 11:30 a.m.
 January 5
 Left Neglected by Lisa Genova
 February 2
 Big Stone Gap by Adriana Trigiani
 Mystery Book Discussion
meets on the third Monday at 6:30 p.m.
 January 23
 Angels Burning by Tawni O’Dell
 February 27
 Every Dead Thing by John Connolly
 Catch Up with the Classics
meets one Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m.
 January 17
 Catch 22 by Joseph Heller
 February 21
 The Song of the Lark by Willa Cather

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COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Introduction to the Mouse
Wednesday, January 11 • 6:30 p.m.
Windows File Navigation and Management
Wednesday, January 25 • 6:30 p.m.

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 to register online.

Coming in February
Beginner’s Suite, February 6, 6:30 p.m.;
Introduction to Microsoft Word, February 7, 6:30 p.m.; Introduction to Microsoft Excel Data Entry and Formatting, February 15, 10:00 a.m.; Advanced Class, Introduction to Excel Formulas, February 22, 10:00 a.m.

Blood Drive
Monday, January 30 • 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Appointments are preferred. Please call 1-800 Red Cross or sign up online at redcrossblood.org. Enter sponsor code Margaret E. Heggan.

Thanks to the generosity of our library patrons, 333 food items were donated to Mother’s Cupboard.