State of America’s Libraries Report 2013

Libraries play a responsive role as budgets are cut, book challenges increase, ebooks present new challenges

Libraries continue to respond to the needs of their communities, providing key resources as budgets are reduced, speaking out forcefully against book-banning attempts and advocating for free access to digital content in libraries, with a keen focus placed on ebook formats.

Led by the American Library Association, libraries offer resources often unavailable elsewhere during an economic “recovery” that finds about 12 million Americans unemployed and millions more underemployed.

These and other library trends of the past year are detailed in the ALA’s 2013 State of America’s Libraries Report, released during National Library Week, April 14 – 20.

The more than 16,000 public libraries nationwide “offer a lifeline to people trying to adapt to challenging economic circumstances by providing technology training and online resources for employment, access to government resources, continuing education, retooling for...continued on page 2

“If you resist reading what you disagree with, how will you ever acquire deeper insights into what you believe? The things most worth reading are precisely those that challenge our convictions.”

~Author Unknown

The Sixth Annual Meet the Authors was held on April 20. For more photos, please visit www.meettheauthors.net.
Kid’s Corner

We’re introducing a new program for 3-6 year olds this month called “Dress to Mess.” Children will be doing lots of fun, messy activities. Children should wear some old clothing or a paint smock for this activity. On May 24th, they will be shape printing using paints.

On May 6th, children ages 3-6 can make a special Mother’s Day craft. And then on May 10th, children and their Mom/caregiver will enjoy a Mother’s Day Picnic.

Children ages 3-6 can make a ‘Snail Snack’ during Tummy Yummies on the 13th.

Story Crafters, ages 7-11 will enjoy building with Legos on the 15th.

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new careers, and starting a small business,” according to ALA President Maureen Sullivan. Three-fourths of public libraries offer software and other resources to help patrons create résumés and employment materials, and library staff helps patrons complete online job applications.

Digital content and libraries, and most urgently the issue of ebooks, also continues to be a focus of the library community. Libraries and publishers of ebooks have spent much of the past year seeking some middle ground that will allow greater library access to ebooks and still compensate publishers appropriately.

Other trends detailed in the 2013 Report:

• Changes in technology and social networking continue at a dizzying pace, and libraries maintain their role as technology leaders.

• Academic librarians are helping students learn how to analyze information and apply it to new contexts.

• Despite the anemic economy, library construction continued apace in 2012, concrete evidence that libraries still bring solid economic dividends to the communities they serve.


TEENS

Grades 6-12

Join us in May for two Cinco de Mayo events.

Make a Mini Piñata
Tuesday, May 7 • 4:00 p.m.

Decorate Mini Maracas
Tuesday, May 14th • 4:00 p.m.

Registration is required. Please go to the calendar at www.hegganlibrary.org to register. Registration begins on Tuesday, April 30, at 10:00 a.m.

Teen Book Club

Grades 6-12

Join us for a book discussion and snacks.

May 13
4:00 p.m.

The Hobbit
by J.R.R. Tolkien

Discussions will be led by Mrs. Kramer, Youth Services Librarian. Registration is required. Please go to the calendar at www.hegganlibrary.org to register. You may pick up a copy of this book to borrow at the reference desk in the Children’s Library.

May Displays

Main Display Case
Dolls from Many Countries

Adult Displays
National Physical Fitness and Sports Month Baseball

Corner Display
Our Military Heroes

Gallery
Watercolors by Bonnie Wilson

The library will be closed on Sundays, from May 26 through September 1.
Dine and Donate
Benefitting the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library

Organized by the Friends of the Library
Help us raise money to support library programs and needs by dining out in the month of May. Each Wednesday in May, we have arranged a special fundraiser with a different partner restaurant in Washington Township.

The Friends non-profit organization supports the library with funding for library materials, building needs, and programs.

Please join us!

May 1
P.J. Whelihan’s
No voucher required.
Hurffville-Cross Keys Road, Sewell

May 8
Chick-fil-A
Voucher Required.
Rt. 42, Turnersville

May 15
Nifty Fifty’s
Voucher Required.
Rt. 42, Turnersville

May 22
Friendly’s
No voucher required.
Rt. 42, Turnersville

May 29
T.G.I.Friday’s
Voucher Required.
Rt. 42, Turnersville

You must either notify your server or hand them a voucher and a percentage of your bill will be donated to the Friends of the Library. Please note that these fundraisers are only valid at the locations listed. Details, times, and vouchers can be obtained in the library.

Adult Programs

Authors Panel Discussion, and Meet and Greet
May 5 • 1:00 p.m.

Introduction to Roses
May 6 • 6:00 p.m.

Sleep Well and Healthy
May 8 • 6:30 p.m.

The Keys to Successful Aging
May 9 • 2:30 p.m.

Klezmer Concert
May 19 • 2:00 p.m.

Social Security
Dispel the Myths - Get the Facts
May 21 • 2:00 p.m.

New Jersey Firsts
May 22 • 6:30 p.m.

Memories in Music with Alan Mann
June 12 • 6:30 p.m.

Medical Imaging from A to Z
June 20 • 6:30 p.m.

These programs are free and open to everyone. Advance online or phone registration is required. Please go to the calendar 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.

May 20
Gone Girl
by Gillian Flynn

June 17
Case Histories
by Kate Atkinson

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