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Hours

Monday - Thursday
10am - 8pm

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10am - 5pm

Sunday
12:00 pm - 5 pm

Closed Sundays
May 25–August 30

“To sit alone in the lamplight with a book spread out before you, and hold intimate converse with men of unseen generations - such is a pleasure beyond compare.”

~Kenko Yoshida

Heggan Happenings

MARGARET E. HEGGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

The State of America's Libraries

Libraries continue to transform to meet society's changing needs, and more than 90 percent of the respondents in an independent national survey said that libraries are important to the community.



Library trends of the past year are detailed in the American Library Association's 2014 State of America's Libraries report, released during National Library Week, April 13– 19.

Ninety-six percent of the Americans that responded to a survey by the Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project agreed that public libraries are important because they provide tech resources and access to materials, and the same number found libraries valuable because they promote literacy and a love of reading.

Banned Books Week, sponsored by the ALA and other organizations, highlights the benefits of free access to information and the perils of censorship by spotlighting the actual or attempted banning of books.

A perennial highlight of Banned Books Week is the Top Ten List of Frequently Challenged Books, compiled annually by the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF). In 2013, the OIF received hundreds of reports on attempts to remove or restrict materials from school curricula and library bookshelves.

The ALA is leading a broad effort to guide libraries and librarians through a process of transformation that deals not just with quantitative change, but with qualitative change.

“As communities have changed, so has the relationship of the library to the community,” Fiels said. “The

traditional library was a passive provider, reacting to community needs. The library opened its doors, and people came in to use its materials and services.

“Today, the library must be proactive; it must engage its community. . . . Increasingly, libraries are serving as conveners, bringing community members together to articulate their aspirations and then innovating in order to become active part-

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Check out our Book Review Blog



The library now has a Book Review Blog where you can read book reviews and contribute your own.

To submit a review, write a review of a book, audiobook, movie or music CD and email it to:

bookreview@hegganlibrary.org

Please include the title and author/artist of the work and rate the material out of 5 stars. Please include your name, or specify if you wish to remain anonymous. Please keep reviews to an appropriate length and use appropriate language in order to ensure that your review will be featured. Not all reviews will be posted.

Kid's Corner

Each time a child checks out a book in

May, they can put their name on a petal to be put in our "Blooming Books" garden.



Toddler Art, Dress to Mess and Story Crafters will be making patriotic crafts this month.

Wear your pajamas for PJ Storytime on the 12th.



Mother Goose is on the Loose on the 29th. Children ages 0-6 will enjoy nursery rhymes, songs and a craft.

We may even have a special visitor.

Of course there are also many Toddler Times, Book Buddies, Puzzle Play, and more planned this month.

Advance registration is required for all children's programs. Registration is limited to Heggan Library cardholders. To register, go to EVENTS at www.hegganlibrary.org.



Tween Cooking Club

May 19 • 4:15 p.m.

To register, go to events at www.hegganlibrary.org.

TEENS

in grades 4-12



Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

Monday, May 5 • 4:15 p.m.

Paint your own maracas and create sombrero cookies.

Advance online registration is required. Please go to the calendar at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.



Book & Bake Sale Saturday, June 14

The Friends of the Library are having a Book & Bake Sale in June.

They will be accepting donations of books for the sale throughout the month of May. Non-fiction books are especially needed.

Please bring any book donations to the Friends Bookstore within the library.

Thank you.

New Jersey Writers Resource Group

Aspiring writers ages 16 and up are invited to come and write, share, and be inspired.

Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

The State of America's Libraries

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ners and a driving force in community development and community change."

Libraries witnessed a number of developments in 2013 in the area of ebooks and copyright issues. Ebooks continue to make gains among reading Americans, according to another Pew survey, but few readers have completely replaced print with digital editions — and the advent of digital reading brings with it a continuing tangle of legal issues involving publishers and libraries.

"Print remains the foundation of Americans' reading habits," the Pew researchers found. Most people who read ebooks also read print books, they reported, and only 4 percent of readers described themselves as "ebook only."

After years of conflict between publishers and libraries, 2013 ended with all the major U.S. publishers participating in the library ebook market, though important challenges, such as availability and prices, remain.

More and more public libraries are turning to the use of web technologies, including websites, online account access, blogs, rich site summary (RSS) feeds, catalog search boxes, sharing interfaces, Facebook and Twitter.

President Obama signed a \$1.1 trillion spending bill in January that will fund the federal government through September and partially restore funding to the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) — the primary source of annual funding for libraries in the federal budget — that were dramatically cut in the 2013 fiscal year under sequestration.

The full text of the 2014 State of America's Libraries report is available at www.ala.org/news/state-americas-libraries-report-2014.

Director's Corner

Greetings!

My name is Sheila Mikkelson and I began as the Director of the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library on March 31. I'm planning to regularly contribute an article to Heggan Happenings, and I would like to begin by giving a little biographical information and sharing some of my thoughts regarding my role as Director.

My love for libraries began during my early teen years when I would spend a lot of time at the West Deptford Public Library, reading whatever I found to be interesting. At the time, I read mostly fiction, and as I've grown older, I'm more interested in nonfiction. Since I was inspired by public libraries during my own teen years, I initially entered the library profession so that I could help other teens. I've been working in public libraries since 1995.

I began my career as a young adult librarian, and later as a young adult coordinator and as a manager of a department just for teens in a large public library. Since 2001, I've worked as a

library director. It has been my lifelong professional goal to direct a public library in my native county of Gloucester, and I'm thrilled to be at the helm of the Heggan Library.

As a director, it is my belief that the library exists to serve the public. The public library belongs to the community. Customer service is crucial in a public library. It's important for all library staff members to be friendly, welcoming, knowledgeable, and helpful. During my first few months in the position, I plan to continue the strategic planning process that began late last year. I want to make sure that we are giving customers what they want.

If you have any suggestions for improvements to the library, or if you would like a tour of our beautiful library, I can be reached at (856) 589-3334 x 211 or at smikkelson@hegganlibrary.org.

Dine and Donate



Organized by the
Friends of the Library

May 1 • 5-9 p.m.

Friendly's

Rt. 42, Turnersville

May 15 • 4-10 p.m.

P.J. Whelihan's

425 Hurffville-Crosskeys Rd., Sewell

May 29 • 5-8 p.m.

Chick-fil-A

Rt. 42, Turnersville

Voucher Required.

Vouchers will be available in the library prior to this event.

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.

Adult Programs

Piney Hollow Drifters

May 1 • 6:30 p.m.

**The Early History of
South Jersey Railroads**

May 8 • 6:00 p.m.

**Keeping on Top of Your Health:
A Guide for Women**

May 12 • 6:30 p.m.

**Memories in Music
with Alan Mann**

May 14 • 6:30 p.m.

All About Native Plants

May 27 • 6:00 p.m.

Yoga for Back Care

Register at www.kennedyhealth.org

May 29 • 2:00 p.m.

Splash into Summer

June 5 • 6:30 p.m.

**A Men's Guide to Becoming a
Marathon Man**

June 11 • 6:30 p.m.

Blood pressure & BMI screenings 5:30 p.m.

NJAN Authors Panel

June 17 • 6:30 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 to register online.

Computer Classes

**Introduction to
Internet Explorer**

Wednesday, May 7

Introduction to E-mail

Wednesday, May 14

Introduction to Blogging

Wednesday, May 21

Classes meet at 10:00 a.m. in the
Computer Lab.

Patrons may only attend 3 classes per month. Patrons may not attend the same class more than once. Patrons must have a Heggan Library card at the time they sign up. Patrons must pass all prerequisites before attending a class.

Please call 856-589-3334 x 222
for information and to register.

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 19

Still Life

by Louise Perry

June 16

**The Cuckoo's
Calling**

by Robert Galbraith
(J.K. Rowling)

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

May 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Toddler Time 10:15am age 2 & caregiver Baby Time Rhymes 11:00am 6-23 mo. & caregiver Piney Hollow Drifters 6:30pm	2	3
4	5 Toddler Time 10:15am age 2 & caregiver Baby Time Rhymes 11:00am 6-23 mo. & caregiver Like 2 Learn 1:15pm age 3-6 & caregiver Teen Cinco de Mayo 4:15pm grades 4-12	6 Book Buddies 10:15am or 1:15pm age 3-5 Puzzle Play 11:00am or 2:00pm age 2-5 & caregiver Writers Group 6:00pm	7 Intro to Explorer 10:00am Book Buddies 10:15am or 1:15pm age 3-5 Puzzle Play 11:00am age 2-5 & caregiver Baby Time Rhymes 3:00pm 6-23 mo. & caregiver Lego League 4:15pm ages 7-11	8 Toddler Time 10:15am age 2 & caregiver Baby Time Rhymes 11:00am 6-23 mo. & caregiver Dress to Mess 4:15pm age 3-6 & caregiver South Jersey Railroads 6:00pm	9	10
11	12 Toddler Time 10:15am age 2 & caregiver Baby Time Rhymes 11:00am 6-23 mo. & caregiver PJ Storytime 6:30pm age 3-6 Keeping Up Your Health 6:30pm	13 Book Buddies 10:15am or 1:15pm age 3-5 Puzzle Play 11:00am age 2-5 & caregiver Toddler Art 4:15pm age 2-3 & caregiver	14 Intro to Email 10:00am Book Buddies 10:15am or 1:15pm age 3-5 Puzzle Play 11:00am age 2-5 & caregiver Baby Time Rhymes 3:00pm 6-23 mo. & caregiver Story Crafters 4:15pm ages 7-11 Memories in Music 6:30pm	15	16	17
18	19 Toddler Time 10:15am age 2 & caregiver Baby Time Rhymes 11:00am 6-23 mo. & caregiver Tween CC 4:15pm ages 9-12 Mystery Book Group 6:30pm	20 Book Buddies 10:15am or 1:15pm age 3-5 Puzzle Play 11:00am or 2:00pm age 2-5 & caregiver Writers Group 6:00pm	21 Intro to Blogging 10:00am Book Buddies 10:15am or 1:15pm age 3-5 Block Party 11:00am or 3:00pm age 1-3 & caregiver Legos 4:15pm ages 5 & 6 Board of Trustees 6:30pm	22 Toddler Time 10:15am age 2 & caregiver Baby Time Rhymes 11:00am 6-23 mo. & caregiver Like 2 Learn 1:15pm age 3-6 & caregiver Friends Meeting 6:30pm	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day Library Closed	27 <i>Online registration for May child & teen programs begins at 10:00am.</i> Puzzle Play 11:00am age 2-5 & caregiver Native Plants 6:00pm	28 Baby Time Rhymes 3:00pm 6-23 mo. & caregiver Story Crafters 4:15pm ages 7-11	29 Mother Goose is on the Loose 10:15am age 0-2 & caregiver 11:00am or 1:15pm age 3-6 & caregiver Yoga for Back Care 2:00pm	30	31