State of America’s Libraries 2015

According to The State of America’s Libraries Report released in April by the American Library Association (ALA), academic, public and school libraries are experiencing a shift in how they are perceived by their communities and society. No longer just places for books, libraries of all types are viewed as anchors, centers for academic life and research and cherished spaces.

As society continues to change the way it consumes information, our nation’s libraries, librarians and library workers continue to mirror the needs of their communities. From offering free technology workshops, small business centers and 24/7 virtual access to eBooks and digital materials, libraries are transforming communities, schools and campuses.

Public libraries and librarians are viewed as change agents by addressing unique needs and identifying trends that impact the community.

Other key trends detailed in the 2015 State of America’s Libraries Report:
- Digital literacy continues to grow as an important library service. Research shows that families are increasing their access to digital media.
- Makerspaces are trending and provide evidence that libraries are continuing to evolve.
- Many federal government policy and regulatory issues are of importance to libraries and the people who use them. Policies related to personal privacy, library funding, workforce development, and copyright law are a few of the issues of interest to the library community.

The full text of the 2015 State of America’s Libraries report is available at ala.org/americas-libraries and at the Reference Desk in the library.

The American Library Association (ALA), is the oldest, largest, and most influential library association in the world. The Association represents all types of libraries; its mission is to promote the highest-quality library and information services and public access to information.

Museum Pass Program continues to grow

The library has recently added four more museums and attractions to its museum pass program.

Adult Heggan Library cardholders may now check out passes for the Battleship New Jersey, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Jersey Shore Children’s Museum, and the Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge.


Please visit the library or the website for information about these passes.
**American Girl Book Club**
for children in grades 1-5
**May 20 • 6:30 p.m.**
**Molly Saves the Day**
Open to Heggan Library card holders only. Advance online registration is required. Please go to EVENTS at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.
Stay tuned for details about a special **American Girl Event**
for students in grades 1-5
on June 17 at 6:30 p.m.

**KIDS’ CORNER**

On Friday, May 1, children ages 3-6 and their caregiver can join us for nursery rhymes, games and a visit from Mother Goose at 11:00 a.m. or 1:15 p.m.

On Saturday, May 9, at 10:30 a.m., children ages 0-3 and their caregivers will enjoy “Kids Music Round,” an interactive music program featuring Mother Goose rhymes.

For a complete list of children’s activities, please visit our online calendar or pick up a calendar in the Children’s Library.
Advance online registration is required for these programs.
Registration for children’s programs is limited to Heggan Library cardholders.
To register, go to EVENTS at www.hegganlibrary.org.

**Tween Cooking Club**
For ages 9-12
**May 18 • 4:15 p.m.**
Advance online registration is required. Open to Heggan Library card holders only. Go to EVENTS at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

**Teen Cooking Club**
ages 13-17
**May 27 • 6:30 p.m.**
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**Coming in June**
**2015 Summer Reading**
for all ages
The library’s Summer Reading Program will start in June with a kick-off event for ages 3-11 on June 29 at 11:00 a.m. with the musical duo “Two of a Kind.”
Registration for June programs begins on Tuesday, May 26, at 10:00 a.m.
This year’s theme for children is “Every Hero has a Story.”
Lots of fun things are being planned.
The theme for teens this summer is “Unmask.”
Teens will enjoy making a “superfood” themed snack in the Teen Cooking Club on June 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Registration for June programs begins on Tuesday, May 26, at 10:00 a.m.

**Dine and Donate**
Organized by the Friends of the Library

**Wednesday, May 6**
5-8 p.m.
**Chick-fil-A**
Rt. 42, Turnersville
Voucher required. Vouchers will be available in the library prior to this event.

**Wednesday, May 13**
All day
**P.J. Whelihan’s**
425 Hurffville-Crosskeys Rd., Sewell
Please mention the Friends of the Library to your server.

**Wednesday, May 20**
4-10 p.m.
**Texas Roadhouse**
631 Cross Keys Road, Sicklerville
Voucher required. Vouchers will be available in the library prior to this event.

**Wednesday, May 27**
All day
**Landmark Americana**
1 Mullica Hill Road, Glassboro
Voucher required. Vouchers will be available in the library prior to this event.

The Friends of the Library is a 501(c)(3) organization that supports the library through fundraising and advocacy.
The Friends have recently funded a new projector and screen in the meeting room, as well as monies for a new flagpole in front of the library.
The Friends accept donations of used books to sell in their bookstore within the library. They do not accept VHS tapes or magazines.
New Jersey History in the Summer

A special summer book discussion group to discuss books about New Jersey history.

Tuesday, June 2 • 7:00 p.m.
Boardwalk Empire
Nelson Johnson

Tuesday, July 7 • 7:00 p.m.
The Northside
Nelson Johnson

Tuesday, August 4 • 7:00 p.m.
Jersey Blue
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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 on the second Thursday at 10:30 a.m.)
Thursday, May 14 • Great House by Nicole Krauss
Thursday, June 11 • Defending Jacob by William Landay

Mystery Book Discussion Group (meets on the third Monday at 6:30 p.m.)
Monday, May 18 • Chasing the Night by Iris Johanson
Monday, June 15 • Angel Fire by Lisa Unger

Catch Up with the Classics (meets on the third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.)
Tuesday, May 19 • To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf
Tuesday, June 16 • A Room with a View by E.M. Forster

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LIBRARIAN BY APPOINTMENT

Tuesdays, May 5 and 26 • 5:30, 6:30 or 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 23 • 5:30, 6:30 or 7:30 p.m.

Make a one-hour appointment with Reference Librarian Debra Rosner to get help with your resumé, learn some basic skills in Microsoft Word, learn how to use library databases, learn how to download books, and more. The librarian cannot help with online banking, online buying/selling, credit card transactions, tax preparation, tutoring and other activities that require the use of your personal or financial information.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Ireland’s Prehistoric Landscape  Wednesday, May 6 • 7:00 p.m.
This presentation explores the rich prehistory of Ireland. Presented by Stanton W. Green, Professor of Anthropology at Monmouth University, and funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

Healthy Bones  Thursday, May 7 • 6:30 p.m.
This program will cover the basics of bone health, identifying osteoporosis, and some basic treatments to get and stay healthy. Presented by Paula Greenbaum, Kennedy Clinical Educator.

Learn about Business Web and Print Resources  Tuesday, May 12 • 7:00 p.m.
Are you starting a business? Join the Reference Librarian Debra Rosner to learn about the web and print resources available to business owners. (Heggan card holders only)

Learn about Print and Online Grant Resources  Friday, May 15 • 2:00 p.m.
Join the Reference Librarian Debra Rosner to learn about the print and online resources available at the library.

Game Night @ the Library  Monday, May 18 • 6:30 p.m.
This month’s featured game: Arkham Horror. Traditional board games will be provided in addition to the featured game. For adults ages 18+.

Memories in Music with Alan Mann  Thursday, May 21 • 7:00 p.m.
Come hear standards and classics as performed by vocalist, philosopher and entertainer, Alan Mann.

Learn about Print and Online Grant Resources  Tuesday, June 9 • 7:00 p.m.
Join the Reference Librarian Debra Rosner to learn about the print and online resources available at the library.

The A.J. Meerwald, New Jersey’s Tall Ship  Wednesday, June 10 • 7:00 p.m.
Learn about the A.J. Meerwald, a historic Delaware Bay oyster schooner, just in time for Tall Ships Philadelphia + Camden 2015. Learn about the ship’s history, mission, and restoration. Presented by Constance McCart, a volunteer with Bayshore Discovery.

Game Night @ the Library  Monday, June 15 • 6:30 p.m.
This month’s featured game: Pandemic. Traditional board games will be provided in addition to the featured game. For adults ages 18+.

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COMPUTER CLASSES

Introduction to Email Workshop  Wednesday, May 6 • 10:00 a.m.
An introduction to email, how to create an account, compose and send email.

Introduction to Social Media  Wednesday, May 13 • 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. You must have an email account.

Introduction to Blogging Workshop  Wednesday, May 20 • 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to express yourself with a blog by writing articles, tagging them, inserting hyperlinks, and posting images. You must have an email account.

Introduction to Excel Lecture  Monday, June 1 • 6:30 p.m.
This lecture will demonstrate both data entry and programming formulas in Excel.

Introduction to Microsoft Word Workshop  Wednesday, June 10 • 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to enter and format text as well as add images and page counts to create a professional quality document.

Introduction to Excel Data Entry Workshop  Wednesday, June 17 • 10:00 a.m.
A walkthrough of Microsoft Excel. Learn how to enter and organize data as well as create simple formulas.

Introduction to Excel Formulas Workshop  Wednesday, June 24 • 10:00 a.m.
This workshop will explain how Excel formulas are structured and calculated and demonstrate how this can be used to combine formulas to serve a diverse set of functions.

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