Heggan Happenings

MARGARET E. HEGGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Family Donates Painting to the Library

The family of James John Ponter has donated one of his paintings, The Mountain Man, to the library.

James John Ponter, Jim, was a lifelong resident of Gloucester County. He resided in Washington Township from 1985 until his passing in 2007. To make his western artworks historically accurate, Jim spent many hours doing research at the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library.

A renowned realist sculptor and painter, Jim studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Early in his career, he illustrated many children’s books, including the original Henny-Penny. He worked for 20 years as an illustrator of magazine and editorial newspaper art, and as a sports illustrator for the Philadelphia Bulletin, where his drawings of the Phillies, Eagles, Sixers, and Flyers could be seen throughout the 1960s. His busts of six Flyers from the Stanley Cup era are displayed in the Wells Fargo Center.

Seeking a career change, Jim began working on the sculpture staff of the Franklin Mint, creating many of their most popular series. He retired as their chief sculptor in 2002, after 31 years. Jim’s most ambitious compositions include a larger-than-life (14-foot) bronze statue of a coal miner, a life-sized bronze statue of writer John O’Hara and a sculpture of General Norman Schwarzkopf. He also created bronze garden sculptures and fountains which have been placed in private gardens across the country.

Pictured above are James R. Ponter, Janice Ponter and Paul Ponter.

Summer Statistics

The library was a very busy place this summer. The theme for the summer was “Every Hero Has a Story.” Hundreds of children participated in activities in the library between June 16 and August 20.

This summer, 99 children read 1,770 books, and 1,664 children attended 131 programs in the library.

Teens also participated this summer. Ten teens read 126 books and 45 teens attended 7 programs offered for teens.
We have so many things for kids to do at the library. The dogs and cats from FURever as Friends will be here to have children read to them at 6:30 p.m. on October 1st and again on the 15th, when we’ll have a Howl-o-ween Party. Call or visit the library to reserve your spot.

There will be a special Halloween themed Make & Take on Saturday, October 17. Don’t forget to wear your PJs for PJ Storytime on the 26th. We’ll be playing lots of Halloween Bingo on October 27, 28, 29, and 30. On October 30, we’ll have a Halloween parade. Wear your costume and go trick-or-treating in the library.

Many more activities are planned. Please check our calendar of events on the library website or pick up a calendar in the 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.

We will have our KIDS’ CORNER American Girl Book Club for students in grades 1-5 on October 21 at 6:30 p.m. Meet Kirsten.

Discuss the book, enjoy a snack and make a craft. Open to Heggan Library cardholders only. Advance online registration is required. Please go to EVENTS at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

Visit the Children’s Library to get a copy of the book.

Coming on November 5
The Little Zoo on Wheels with REAL animals from the Philadelphia Zoo. Please see the online calendar for ages and times.

Red Cross Blood Drive
Monday, November 2 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.

Game Night @ the Library
Monday, October 19 6:30 p.m.

This month’s featured game Dead of Winter. Other board games will be provided in addition to the featured game. Open to everyone—adults and children. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Advance online or phone registration is required. Please call the library or go to EVENTS at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

TEEN BOOK BAZAAR
October 28 • 6:30 p.m.
Attention teens in grades 6-12
Need some book recommendations?
Have some recommendations of your own to suggest to your classmates?

Come to the Book Bazaar and enjoy pizza while you “shop” for new book titles and share what you’re reading with others. Enjoy plenty of candy during this special Halloween-themed edition of Book Bazaar!

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Holiday Cookie Recipe Exchange
Saturday, November 14 11:30 a.m.

Come share your favorite holiday cookie and dessert recipes. Please call 856-589-3334 x 222 if you are interested in sharing your recipe.

Get free weekly alerts about the library’s newest books, movies & music! Sign up for free by clicking the link near the bottom of our webpage.
DIRECTOR’S CORNER

October 18-24, is National Friends of Libraries Week!

Funding for the flagpole, furniture, equipment in the meeting room, and more, was provided by the Friends of the Library.

Recently, the Friends agreed to purchase a sculpture for the library’s 50th Anniversary.

In past years, the Friends have donated funds for items such as the mural in the Children’s Library.

Every year, the Friends have fundraisers to generate revenue, which is donated back to the library.

Not only were library staff and officials instrumental in working to gain our current building, but the Friends were a strong voice in ensuring that the township had a larger library.

Did you know that the Friends have been around for ten years? Kudos to their dedication to the library!

Sales of books and other materials are ongoing in the Friends book sale area of the library. All proceeds benefit the library.

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 10:30 a.m.)
October 15 • The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield
November 12 • Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver

Mystery Book Discussion Group
(meets on the third Monday at 6:30 p.m.)
October 19 • Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson
Monday, November 16 • Under Cold Stone by Vicki Delany

Catch Up with the Classics
(meets one Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m.)
October 20 • Madame Bovary by Gustave Flaubert
November 17 • As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner

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 Microsoft Publisher Wednesday, October 14 • 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to design posters, flyers, business cards and more with Microsoft Publisher.

Introduction to Email Workshop Wednesday, October 21 • 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to use an email account and where to get one. Learn how to attach and send files.

Windows 10 Lecture Monday, October 26 • 6:30 p.m.
Learn about the new features of Windows 10 and new settings that you should know about.

Introduction to Blogging Workshop Wednesday, October 28 • 10:00 a.m.
Learn to express yourself with a blog by writing articles, tagging them, inserting hyper-links and images.

Coming in November
Introduction to Excel, November 4, 10:00 am; Introduction to Excel Formulas, November 18, 10:00 am

LIBRARIAN BY APPOINTMENT

Tuesdays, October 13 and 27 • 5:30-7:00 p.m. or 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Make an appointment with the Reference Librarian to get help with your resumé, learn some basic skills in Microsoft Word, learn how to use library databases or download ebooks, and more. The librarian cannot help with activities that require the use of your personal or financial information.

Appointments are for Heggan Library cardholders only. Please go to EVENTS at www.hegganlibrary.org or call the library to make your appointment.

Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends Day
Tuesday, October 20
Refreshments • Raffles • Entertainment
Purchase a pass for $5 at the library and receive a 25% discount on purchases made ONLY on October 20 at any Boscov’s location. (Certain exceptions apply, as outlined on pass)

Flower Power Fundraiser through October 15. Visit our website to order.

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.
ADULT PROGRAMS

200 Years Young Thursday, October 1 • 7:00 p.m.
A Short History of Collecting and Exhibiting at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. This talk explores how America’s oldest museum and school of fine arts continues to find new ways to tell America’s story.

Ichabod Crane Monday, October 5 • 7:00 p.m.
Washington Irving and The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. Join us for an entertaining event as Neill Hartley, portraying Washington Irving, brings you into his story and becomes his alter ego Ichabod Crane.

The Insiders’ Guide to the Library: Halloween Edition Tuesday, October 13 • 6:30 p.m.
Learn how to use the library catalog and other online resources. We’ll cover the best search techniques to find what you need online. Come ready to explore some Halloween topics. (Heggan cardholders only)

Eating for Longevity Wednesday, October 14 • 2:00 p.m.
Join us for this lecture by Andrea Caplan, Nutrition Specialist with Kennedy Health, to learn what nutrients or foods could help improve lifespan.

An Important Conversation to Have While You’re Healthy Thursday, October 15 • 1:00 p.m.
Advance care planning. Join us and learn about documenting your wishes for end-of-life care. Presented by Niel Rosen, Rowan School of Medicine, for Kennedy Health.

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Windows 10 Lecture Monday, October 26 • 6:30 p.m.
Learn about the new features of Windows 10 and new settings that you should know about.

South Jersey Ghost Research Wednesday, October 28 • 7:00 p.m.
Join us for this lecture consisting of videos, audio samples, photographs, Q & A, and much more. This program is not intended for young children.

Medicare 101 Thursday, October 29 • 10:30 a.m.
Join us for an educational seminar to discuss basic information about Medicare, important decisions you need to make and when to make them. Presented by Joan Santoro.

The 1940s: A Doorway to the Future Tuesday, November 3 • 7:00 p.m.
Explore how the 1940s laid the foundation for the social, technical and cultural changes that have shaped the world we live in today. Presented by Trish Chambers.

Prepare for English Class Tuesday, November 3 • 7:00 p.m.
Learn about our literature databases. (Heggan cardholders only)

Plan your Life with Health Wednesday, November 4 • 6:30 p.m.
If you have struggled with weight and endless diets, come to this informative session with Dr. Lou Balsama to learn how surgery can help you.

Fall into Health Thursday, November 5 • 7:00 p.m.
Learn easy ways to increase your energy with food and physical activity. Presented by Dr. James Ronga and Diana Fiorentino, Registered Dietician with Bottino’s ShopRite.

Genealogy Research Group Tuesday, November 10 • 7:00 p.m.
Come share your research tips and discoveries with other amateur genealogists.

Chronic Back Pain–Beyond the Script Pad Thursday, November 12 • 6:30 p.m.
Dr. Medvedovsky with Kennedy Health will discuss new ways to treat pain.

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This month’s featured game: XCOM. Other board games will be provided in addition to the featured game. For all ages—children and adults. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Spot a Stroke–Save a Life Monday, November 23 • 6:30 p.m.
Being ready for a stroke can save a life—possibly yours. Learn about the risk factors, warning signs and how to prevent and treat strokes. Presented by Dr. Taimur Zaman with Kennedy Health.

These programs are free and, unless noted, open to everyone. Advance online or phone registration is required. Please go to EVENTS at www.hegganlibrary.org or call the library to register.