

January 2010

Newsletter



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Hours

Monday - Thursday

10am - 9pm

Friday & Saturday

10am - 5pm

Sunday

Noon - 5pm

“To those with ears to hear, libraries are really very noisy places. On their shelves we hear the captured voices of the centuries-old conversation that makes up our civilization.”

~Timothy Healy



A Look at the Past Year and a Glimpse into the Future

2009 was another busy year for the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library. More than 170,000 people walked through the doors of the library in 2009, and more than 1,700 new library cards were issued.

This year witnessed the approval by the State of our plan to purchase a 20,000 sq. ft. building, and within seven years, expand it to 30,000 sq.ft. We have the approval of the Washington Township Council to expend the library funds for this project. We have negotiated an agreement to purchase the EIRC building on Delsea Dr., and will finalize the purchase in January 2010.

In April, a customer checked out the 6-millionth item from the library. In total, over 210,000 items were checked out of the library during 2009.



To celebrate National Library Week in April, the Margaret Heggan Library joined with eight other Gloucester County libraries to host “Meet the Authors” at the Washington Township Senior Center. Twenty-seven local authors participated.



More than 1500 attended the library’s Summer Reading programs. This year’s theme was “Be Creative @ your library.” Children enjoyed musical performances, crafts, magic, and art throughout the summer.

In July, the Friends of the Library’s book, *Images of America: Washington Township, Gloucester County* was published. The 128-

page book contains vintage photos of the township. All proceeds from the sale of this book will be used to support the library.

The Friends of the Library were also the recipients of a “Books for Babies” grant which was used to purchase kits to be distributed to new mothers in the township.

Demand for computer classes was high. 15 computer classes were held during the year.

In 2010, the Margaret E Heggan Free Public Library is embarking on a new chapter. We will see a new director and the completion of the first phase of the new home for the library. We look forward to 2010 and all the changes to come.

Library Director Retires

It is with some sadness that the library bids farewell to Library Director Linda Snyder. Linda is retiring after 36 years as Library Director.

When Linda started as Director, the library was located on Ganttown Road in a 24’ x 16’ “Russian House” box-type structure with no running water.



The library has grown and moved twice since then, and will be moving to a larger facility in 2010. (To learn more about the library’s history, visit the library website, www.hegganlibrary.org.)

We wish her well in her future endeavors.

Kid's Corner

There are lots of "cool" things for kids going on at the library in January. There will be lots of fun with penguins, snowmen, and polar bears.



Book Buddies, Toddler Time, Make & Takes, and Tummy Yummies will all have a chilly theme this month.

To honor Martin Luther King Jr., there are activities planned for 3-6 year olds, as well as 6-9 year olds on January 18.

There will also be a "Day at the Beach" to warm you up at the end of the month.



Please see the calendar on page 4 for program times, dates, and ages. Go to the calendar on our website to register for these programs.

Library Displays in January



Main Display Case

What's it Worth?

Main Display

Tell us your New Year's Resolution

Listen to History

Adult Display

Garden Design

Sports Training

Check-Out Desk Display

Pottery

Social Networking Site for Teens who Love Books

Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing hopes to attract more teens to its books through its new social networking site, www.simonandschuster.com/pulseit.



This site is aimed at 14-18 year olds and will let teens do things they can do on such places as Facebook—like create personal profiles and befriend other members—as well as read and react to S&S titles. S&S will make two books per month available to be read online for free and members can choose one of those titles and have 60 days to finish the book.

Message boards will let readers discuss the book and rank it.

The site will also have an author section where teens can interact with their favorite writers.

With monthly sweepstakes and contests, this site is the perfect choice for book loving teens.

Tell us your New Year's Resolution

CONTEST

OPEN TO ALL AGES

Tell us your New Year's Resolution and you will be entered in a random drawing for a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card.

Entry forms are available on the main display board in the library. Resolutions must be received by 1/31/10.



Price It! Antiques & Collectibles

**Buying an antique?
Selling a 'collectible'?
Insuring your valuable
antiques or collectibles?**

The library now helps the experienced antiques dealer and the novice collector identify, research and price art, antiques and collectibles with Gale's *Price It! Antiques & Collectibles*.

Thanks to *Price It! Antiques & Collectibles*, library patrons have access to a database of over 25 million antiques & collectibles records from which to find and compare pricing of these items.

Through Gale's partnership with GoAntiques, Inc. (www.GoAntiques.com), the largest online virtual marketplace for art, antiques and collectibles, *Price It! Antiques & Collectibles* users have access to information that identifies and prices these pieces from a variety of internationally recognized sources. Users simply type in keywords for the item they wish to value and *Price It! Antiques & Collectibles* searches millions of records from a variety of data sources, ascertaining the item's current value and presenting historical pricing information, photos and descriptions for the same or similar items.

Price It! is available through the library's website, www.hegganlibrary.org.

TEEN BOOK CLUB GRADES 6-12

Earn a chance to win a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card. Every time you read 3 books, you can fill out an entry form and place it in the box on the check-out desk. Entry forms can be found at the check-out desk and at other areas throughout the library.

This session will run from January 1st to May 31st.

NJ Writers Society Meeting

Tuesday, January 12
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Join A. Craig Newman, President of New Jersey Writers Society, certified English teacher and published author.

for a workshop to jumpstart your writing project. This workshop will cover the classic three-act format approach to crafting

stories. This style helps writers who have an idea but have not fully developed it into a workable story. Newman will cover the nine components of the three acts and how this structure can help a writer organize and structure a story. The workshop will include presentation as well as discussion.

The NJWS is an organization dedicated to helping writers connect and encourage each other. All are welcome to come and enjoy the challenges of becoming better writers, defeating writer's block, learning from each other, and perfecting the craft, while giving you plenty of time to socialize and learn more the experiences of others.

The writers group meets monthly in the library on the second Tuesday of the month.

Registration is open to all. Please go to the calendar at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

Find out more about the New Jersey Writers Society by going to www.njwriters.org.

Computer Basics

Friday, January 29
9:00 a.m.

Learn how to identify parts of the computer, control the mouse and define some basic computer terms.

Class sizes are limited and open to Margaret Heggan Library cardholders only. Registration is accepted in person or by phone, 589-3334, x22, beginning 1/4/10.

Resume Workshop



Tuesday,
January 26
2:00-3:00 p.m.

Resume expert and author Barbara Safani will present this workshop via webinar. Job seekers can participate in the library.

Ms. Safani, owner of Career Solvers, will teach attendees how to write an effective resume that gets attention—and interviews.

The Resume Workshop will cover:

- Writing a powerful profile and skills summary.
- Transforming a list of job tasks into success stories.
- Leveraging education and internships.
- Using resume design templates.

This program is open to everyone. Advance online registration is required. Go to the calendar at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

Thank You

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in 2009

The Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library and the Board of Trustees wish to thank the following individuals and organizations for their support in 2009.

**Washington Township
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**Friends of the Margaret E.
Heggan Free Public Library**

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Colleen Heggan Ferber

**PSE&G Power of Giving
through payroll deductions**

WT Environmental Commission

Book Discussion Groups

Mystery Book Group

The Mystery Book Group meets in the library on the third Monday (fourth Monday in January and February) of each month at 7:00 p.m.

On January 25, the group will discuss *Killer Weekend* by Ridley Pearson.

In coming months, the group will discuss these books:

February 22

The Black Echo
by Michael Connelly

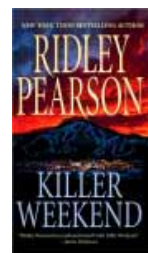
March 15

The Name of the Rose
by Umberto Eco

April 19

Naked in Death
by J.D. Robb

Please register online or contact Rose DeCicco, 856-881-8490, for information.



Adult Book Group

The Adult Book Group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

On January 7, *A Thousand Acres* by Jane Smiley will be discussed.

On February 4, *The Ten-Year Nap* by Meg Wolitzer will be discussed.

Here are the books that will be discussed in the coming months:

March 4th

Year of Wonders
by Geraldine Brooks

April 1st

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn
by Betty Smith

May 6th

An Evening of Long Goodbyes
by Paul Murray

Please register online or call the library for more information.

