

October 2009

Newsletter



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Hours

Monday - Thursday

10am - 9pm

Friday & Saturday

10am - 5pm

Sunday

Noon - 5pm

“All that
mankind has
done, thought,
gained, or been –
it is lying as
in magic,
preserved in the
pages of books.”

~Thomas Carlyle



Council gives final okay to library purchase

On Wednesday, September 23, the township council adopted an ordinance to allow the library board to sign a lease/purchase agreement with the EIRC. The EIRC building is almost twice the size of the current library.

Mike Allen, Library Board President, signed an agreement with the EIRC on Thursday, September 24.

The library board will be able to purchase the building with no additional money from taxpayers. Over the years, the library has ac-

cumulated a surplus. This surplus and the money the library receives under the state's mandated funding formula will allow the library to make lease payments and retrofit the new building.

The EIRC plans to move out in the first quarter of 2010. Then the building will be retrofitted to fit the library and community needs.

No date has been determined for the move to the new library but the library hopes to be in the new library towards the end of 2010.

Free resources available during tough economic times @ your library

The library offers a wealth of resources that should prove useful to business owners and job seekers in these times of a slow economy and high unemployment.

Here's a sample of some of the free resources available at your library:

- Business databases that can be accessed from home including *Business Source Elite*, *Regional Business News*, and *Corporate ResourceNet*.
- *LearningExpressLibrary.com* provides practice tests and tutorials for standardized job exams such as those for teaching, GED, civil service, real estate and the military.
- Introductory computer classes.
- Jersey Clicks, which allows users to search the databases offered through the New Jersey State Library, which translates into access to business databases, including *ReferenceUSA*, which contains detailed information on companies throughout the US and Canada, including important contact information.

- *Ferguson's Career Guidance Center*, a comprehensive career research database which is broken down into three main sections: Jobs, Skills, and Resources.

Please call the library or visit the library's website for more information.

Summer Reading Stats

This summer, everyone "Got Creative" at the library. 1586 people attended children's and teen's programs in the library between June 29 and August 20.

43 participants in the Junior Book Club read 37,212 pages this summer. Kate Cochran was the winner of a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card.

62 teens participated in the Summer Session of the Teen Book Club and read 49,073 pages. Jim Celia was the winner of a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card.

The library would like to thank the Friends of the Library for their donation, which made many of the summer programs possible.

The library will be closed October 6-9 for a server upgrade.

Kid's Corner

There will be lots of Halloween fun for children at the library this month, including Halloween crafts, decorating Halloween cookies, Halloween Bingo, and a costume parade.



Mr. Malcolm will be here to present "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" to kids ages 6-9 on the 12th. Then he will present "Monster Mash" to the younger kids on the 19th.

Please see the calendar on page 4 for a complete list of program times, dates, and ages. Or check out the calendar on our website.

Online registration for November children's programs begins on Tuesday, October 27th at 10:00 a.m.

Reading aloud to kids prepares them for school

Research and practice show that one simple activity—reading aloud—is the best way to prepare children for learning to read and to keep them reading as they learn and grow. Reading aloud helps your children develop the language skills that they will use in school and throughout their lives.



Why read aloud?

Because reading aloud:

- Is great fun, and it benefits your children's growth as readers and learners.
- Nurtures your children's love of both the written and spoken word.
- Gives you a chance to rediscover favorite stories and find new ones.
- Helps your children develop important language skills that will help them learn to read on their own.

This information was obtained from the "Reading is Fundamental" website, www.rif.org.

TEEN READ WEEK

Teens are encouraged to "Read Beyond Reality @ your library®" during Teen Read Week™, October 18–24, 2009.



Teen Read Week™ is the national adolescent literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association

(YALSA), a division of ALA. This year's theme encourages teens to read a wide variety of materials that are out of this world, just for the fun of it.

It's important to encourage teens to set aside some time to read. Studies show a regular reading habit increases reading proficiency.

Finding something that teens enjoy reading is hard. Here are a few fantasy and science fiction books for 6th–8th grades that are the first in a series of books.

- Horowitz, Anthony – *Stormbreaker*
- Pearson, Ridley – *The Kingdom Keepers*
- Skurzynski, Gloria – *Virtual War*
- Hale, Shannon – *The Goose Girl*
- Barron, T.A. – *The Lost Years of Merlin*
- Colfer, Eoin – *Artemis Fowl*
- Duane, Diane – *So You Want to be a Wizard?*
- Morris, Gerald – *The Squire's Tale*
- Nix, Garth – *Sabriel*
- Paolini, Christopher – *Eragon*
- Pullman, Phillip – *The Golden Compass*
- Whalen Turner, Megan – *The Thief*
- Yolen, Jane – *Dragon's Blood*

TEENS

Read something recently that you loved or hated?

Write a review and share your opinion with other teens.

Read reviews by other teens.

Each time you submit a book review on the library's website, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$10 Barnes & Noble gift card.

Just go to the library's website, www.hegganlibrary.org and click on the **Teen Zone** book on the left hand side. Then click on Submit or Read in the Teen Review box.

Do you know someone with low vision who would like to use the library?



The library is now offering the Bierley MonoMouse—an easy to use, hand held electronic magnifier—as part of an innovative loan program designed to help visually impaired members of the community.

The magnifier, which is similar to an oversized computer mouse, is ergonomically designed to fit comfortably in the palm of a user's hand. It connects to any television via the attached standard RCA plug and then the large blue button is simply pressed to start reading. Whatever the magnifier is moved across appears large and clear on the television screen, making small text especially easy to read.

Please ask a librarian or call the library for more information.

Bierley are leading manufacturers of electronic magnifiers specifically designed for people who have vision impairment. The company holds multiple patents on their technology and has sales and distribution in over 50 countries around the world. Bierley are advocates for the right to read and they are working towards greater social inclusion for people with vision impairment.

Library Displays in October



Main Display Case
Travel

Main Display
Learn about the Civil War
Horror for the Holiday

Adult Display
Fall Holidays
Horror Fiction

Check-Out Desk Display
Halloween

Reference Display
Job Search Resources



Starting Out, Starting Over

Making a Positive
Career Change

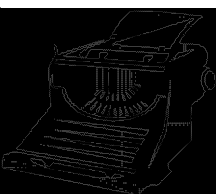
Wed., October 14
6:30 p.m.

Do you find it necessary to make a career change? Learn the skills needed to compete in today's job market.

At the end of this 2-hour seminar, you will be able to list marketable skills, effectively network, use the library to increase your job search skills and investigate alternative career paths, recognize what training would make you more marketable, create and send effective resumes, understand the advantages and disadvantages of temporary work, and consider the entrepreneur experience.

This seminar is presented by business trainer and consultant, Robert Marino.

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



Computer Classes Series II

Computer Basics

Friday, October 16
9:00 a.m.

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

Internet for Beginners

Friday, October 23
9:00 a.m.

Learn how to identify and locate some popular websites, define basic internet terms and evaluate websites for reliability. You must be comfortable using a mouse!

Web-based Email

Friday, October 30
9:00 a.m.

Learn about free web-based email. Participants will sign up for a Yahoo! mail account. You must be comfortable using a mouse!

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

Learn About Travel Opportunities with

Elderhostel

Adventures in Lifelong Learning



Tuesday, October 20 • 7:00 p.m.

Adults ages 55+ can find out about
the exciting learning adventures
sponsored by Elderhostel

Carol Geschwindt, an Elderhostel Ambassador, will share her love of Elderhostelling.

Elderhostel is the world's leading provider of educational travel opportunities for those over 55. The not-for-profit organization, which collaborates with nearly 2,000 educational and cultural institutions worldwide, offers short-term programs—from a few nights to several weeks in length—that explore subjects ranging from astronomy and aviation to wine making and zoo studies.

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

NJ Writers Society sets November 10 meeting @ the library

The New Jersey Writers Society (NJWS) invites the public to its first meeting in the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library on Tuesday, November 10 from 6 to 8 p.m.

A. Craig Newman will be giving a talk on "The Dramatic Elements: Passion, Theme, and Character Flaws." Come see how passion drives an author, theme drives a story, and flaws drive a character.

Beginning in January, the writers group will meet monthly. 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.

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

October is National Reading Group Month

The Women's National Book Association (WNBA) celebrates National Reading Group Month in October to promote reading groups and to celebrate the joy of shared reading.

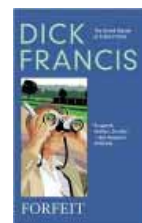
Are you part of a book club? Do you want to be? The library offers two book discussion groups that you can participate in.

Mystery Book Group

The Mystery Book Group meets in the library on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

On October 19, the group will discuss *Forfeit* by Dick Francis.

When reporter Bert Checkov falls to his death, his colleague James Tyrone thinks he can prove it was murder. But there's no such thing as a sure thing.



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 October 1, *Welcome to the World, Baby Girl* by Fannie Flagg will be discussed.

Welcome to the World, Baby Girl is the story of Dena Nordstrom, a rising network TV anchor-woman in '70s Manhattan, whose future is full of promise, whose present is rich with complications, and whose past is clouded by mystery.



On November 5, *My Lobotomy: A Memoir* by Howard Dully will be discussed.



In this gut-wrenching memoir, Howard Dully recounts what life was like after he was needlessly lobotomized by an unlicensed physician at the age of twelve at the behest of his abusive stepmother.

Please register online or call the library for more information.

October

@ the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Toddler Time 10:15am or 11:00am age 2 & caregiver Book Group 1:30pm	2	3
				4	5 Make & Take Halloween Craft Ghost or Bat Windsock 10:15am, 11:00am, or 1:00pm age 3-6 & caregiver	The library will be closed for a server upgrade.
11 Cookbook, Craft, Gardening, and Decorating Book Sale October 12-18	12 Mr. Malcolm presents "Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone" 10:30am age 6-9 Create a Pillow 2:30pm grades 4-8	13 Book Buddies 10:15am, 11:00am, or 1:00pm age 3-5	14 Book Buddies 10:15am, 11:00am, or 6:30pm age 3-5 Starting Out, Starting Over 6:30pm	15 Toddler Time 10:15am or 11:00am age 2 & caregiver	16 Computer Basics 9:00am	17
18 TEEN READ WEEK October 18-24	19 Mr. Malcolm presents "Monster Mash" 10:30am age 3-6 Mystery Book Group 7:00pm	20 Book Buddies 10:15am, 11:00am, or 1:00pm age 3-5 Travel Opportunities with Elderhostel 7:00pm	21 Book Buddies 10:15am, 11:00am, or 6:30pm age 3-5 Scarecrow Craft 7:15pm age 6-9 Trustees Meeting 7:00pm	22 Friends Meeting 7:00pm	23 Internet for Beginners 9:00am	24
25	26	27 Online registration begins Tummy Yummies Halloween Cookie 1:00pm age 3-6 & caregiver Educators Webinar 5:00pm	28 Tummy Yummies Halloween Cookie 10:15am, 11:00am, or 1:00pm age 3-6 & caregiver Educators Webinar 7:00pm	29 Toddler Time 10:15am or 11:00am age 2 & caregiver Halloween Bingo 1:00pm age 3-6 & caregiver	30 Early Bird Costume Parade 9:30am age 3-6 & caregiver Halloween Bingo 10:30am or 11:00am age 3-6 & caregiver Email Basics 9:00am	31

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