



# Newsletter

## Visit the Friends of the Library Holiday Shop

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### Hours

Monday - Thursday

10am - 9pm

Friday & Saturday

10am - 5pm

Sunday

Noon - 5pm

“Libraries are reservoirs of strength, grace and wit, reminders of order, calm and continuity, lakes of mental energy, neither warm nor cold, light nor dark....

In any library in the world, I am at home, unselfconscious, still and absorbed.”

~Germaine Greer



The Friends of the Library have a table set up with lots of great gift ideas for everyone on your gift list.

Copies of *Images of America: Washington Township, Gloucester County* are available for \$21.99. This book is 128

pages of vintage photographs, compiled to serve as an archive and assist in preserving the township’s rich history. It would make the perfect gift for anyone on your list.

Canvas tote bags with the Friends of the Library logo are available for only \$4.

If you know a child who participated in the library’s summer reading program, there are “Be Creative” T-shirts available in sizes small and medium for only \$3.

You can also choose from two styles of notecards for only \$3 per set.



Purchasing any of these items is a great way to support the library.

The Friends of the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library is a private, non-profit, 50-member corporation founded in 2005. Membership fees and all monies earned by the Friends go entirely to the library in the form of library materials, building needs, and programs.



See page 3 to find another story about the Friends of the Library.



## Avoid overdues with email alerts! Let Library ELF help you manage your library loans.

It’s hard to keep track of all the library materials you have out on loan. Families have multiple cards, and many materials have different due dates. Books are misplaced or forgotten until they are overdue.

Library ELF is a tool to help you manage your library loans. Once you sign up for this free service, you will receive email alerts before items are due. You will also be alerted to overdue materials.

Basic Library ELF is a free service. To subscribe, go to [www.hegganlibrary.org](http://www.hegganlibrary.org) and click on the link at the bottom of the page.

Premium service, which provides additional features, is available for a fee.

Library ELF is a private service which is owned and run independently of the library. You can read their Privacy Policy on their web site.



*The staff of the Margaret Heggan Library wishes everyone a joyous holiday season!*

# Kid's Corner

On December 3rd, George Robinson, author of *Elmer the Elf and the Magical Jingle Bells*, will read his book to children ages 4-9 during an Evening Storytime.



Santa will visit the library on December 7th. He'll be telling stories from 10:00-10:30 a.m. After that, children will be given a number for a turn to visit with Santa. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras.



There will be numerous holiday themed Make & Takes and a Cookie Decorating Tummy Yummies during the month. 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.



# PHOTO GALLERY



# Do you have an interesting collection?



Adults and children can sign up to place a collection in the library display case.

To request display space, call the library or come in to fill out a 'Request to Display' slip. The display coordinator will contact you to schedule your display.

If chosen, your collection will be displayed for one month.

# 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](http://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.

# Library Displays in December



- Main Display Case**
- Vintage Christmas Decorations and Ornaments
- Main Display**
- World Religions
- Learn About Homeopathy
- Adult Display**
- Christmas Fiction
- In Memory of . . . 2009
- Check-Out Desk Display**
- Christmas

## Friends awarded 'Books for Babies' grant

In partnership with Nordstrom, and the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), the Friends of the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library have been awarded a grant for 500 to match \$1,000 raised by the Friends for purchasing 'Books for Babies' kits from ALTAFF.



'Books for Babies' is a national literacy program that acquaints parents of newborns with the important role they play in the development of their children. Parents are presented with a 'Books for Babies' kit containing a board book, a bib, information about the library, and a variety of brochures with reading tips and early literacy information from nationally recognized educational organizations. One goal of the program is to inform parents about library programs for children and to encourage them to join the library. Grants to purchase the early childhood literacy kits were awarded to 10 organizations across the country through a \$10,000 donation given by Nordstrom.

ALTAFF is a division of ALA with approximately 5,000 Friends of the Library, Trustee, Foundation and individual members and affiliates representing hundreds of thousands of library supporters.

Books for Babies kits will be distributed to new parents through a partnership with the Women's Center of Kennedy Hospital in Washington Township. Joanne Naughton, RN, IBCLC, Childbirth Education Coordinator of the Center, will be distributing kits at various programs provided by the Women's Center.

An educational/social New Mom's Night Out will be held at the library in March where expectant or new mothers can learn about the benefits of reading to their babies. Kits will be available at that time as well.

Looking for  
decorating or gift  
ideas for the  
holidays?

Check out

## Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center™

*Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center™* is an online database available through the library's website or in the library.

*Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center™* provides comprehensive content for many of the most popular hobbies, crafts and recreation activities today. Including full text for more than 960 magazines and books, including *Bead & Button*, *Birder's World*, *Creative Knitting*, *FineScale Modeler*, *PaperWorks*, *Scrapbooking*, *Quilter's World*, and many more, as well as access to more than 720 videos and 140 hobby reports, this database offers detailed "how-to" instructions and creative ideas to meet the interests of virtually every hobby enthusiast.



Subject areas include arts & crafts; collecting; games & electronics; model building; home & leisure; needlework; outdoors & nature; and scrapbooking & papercraft.

## Flash Drives Now Available

@ your library



Information cannot be saved on library internet computers. You must save information on an external device before your session ends.

2GB Flash Drives are available at the check-out desk for \$10 + tax.

If you prefer, the library also has 3 1/2 diskettes available for 50 cents + tax.

## 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 December 21, the group will discuss *One for the Money* by Janet Evanovich.



Welcome to colorful Trenton, New Jersey, and the wild and wonderful world of Stephanie Plum.

In coming months, the group will discuss these books:

January 25

**Killer Weekend**  
by Ridley Pearson

February 22

**The Black Echo**  
by Michael Connelly

March 15

**The Name of the Rose**  
by Umberto Eco

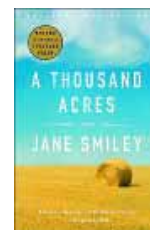
Please register online or contact Rose DeCicco, 856-881-8490, for information.

### Adult Book Group

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

On December 3, *Family Tree* by Barbara Delinsky will be discussed.

On January 7, *A Thousand Acres* by Jane Smiley will be discussed. *A Thousand Acres* is an ambitious reimagining of Shakespeare's *King Lear* cast upon a typical American community in the late twentieth century.



Here are some upcoming titles that will be discussed:

February 4th

**The Ten-Year Nap**  
Meg Wolitzer

March 4th

**Year of Wonders**  
Geraldine Brooks

Please register online or call the library for more information.

# December

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1  <b>Book Buddies</b> 10:15am, 11:00am, or 1:00pm age 3-5	2 <b>Book Buddies</b> 10:15am, 11:00am, or 6:30pm age 3-5  <b>Gingerbread House Craft</b> 7:15pm age 6-9	3 <b>Toddler Time</b> 10:15am or 11:00am age 2 & caregiver <b>Book Group</b> 1:30pm <b>Evening Storytime</b> <b>Elmer the Elf</b> 7:00pm age 4-9 & caregiver	4  <b>Creating Basilec Spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel</b> 7:00pm	5
	6	7 <b>Storytime with Santa</b> 10:00am age 3-5  <b>Talk to Santa</b> 10:45am age 0-5 & caregiver	8  <b>Book Buddies</b> 10:15am, 11:00am, or 1:00pm age 3-5	9 <b>Book Buddies</b> 10:15am, 11:00am, or 6:30pm age 3-5  <b>Make &amp; Take Santa Face</b> 1:00pm age 3-9 & caregiver	10 <b>Toddler Time</b> 10:15am or 11:00am age 2 & caregiver <b>Make &amp; Take Foam Mitten</b> 1:00pm age 3-6 & caregiver <b>Design-It!</b> 7:00pm grades 5-8	11  <b>Make &amp; Take Gift Bags</b> 10:15am or 11:00am age 3-6 & caregiver
13	14  <b>Make &amp; Take Christmas Tree Magnets</b> 10:15am age 3-6 & caregiver	15  <b>Book Buddies</b> 10:15am, 11:00am, or 1:00pm age 3-5	16 <b>Book Buddies</b> 10:15am, 11:00am, or 6:30pm age 3-5 <b>Make &amp; Take Ornament</b> 1:00pm age 3-6 & caregiver <b>Trustees Meeting</b> 7:00pm	17  <b>Toddler Time</b> 10:15am or 11:00am age 2 & caregiver  <b>Make &amp; Take Gift Bags</b> 1:00pm age 3-6 & caregiver	18	19
20	21 <b>Tummy Yummies Decorate Cookies</b> 10:15am or 1:00pm age 3-6 & caregiver  <b>Mystery Book Group</b> 7:00pm	22  <b>Tummy Yummies Decorate Cookies</b> 10:15am or 1:00pm age 3-6 & caregiver	23	24  <b>Christmas Eve</b> Library Open 10-1	25  <b>Christmas</b> Library Closed	26
27	28	29  <b>Online registration begins at 10:00am</b>	30	31  <b>New Year's Eve</b> Library Open 10-1	<b>Coming in January!</b>  <b>NJ Writer's Society Meeting</b>  <b>Resume Workshop</b>	

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