

# Heggan Happenings

MARGARET E. HEGGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



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Monday - Thursday  
10 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Sunday  
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

“A book  
that is shut  
is but a  
block.”

~Thomas Fuller

The library will be  
closed Sunday,  
January 1 for  
New Year’s Day.

The library will be  
closed Monday,  
January 16, in  
observance of  
Martin Luther  
King Jr. Day.

## 2016 — A Milestone Year for the Library

The library celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a large party on March 5. There was music, candy, speeches and proclamations, a photo booth, children’s activities, and more.



The celebration continued throughout the year with special programming highlighting 1966, the year the library first opened its doors.

The library has come a long way since a group of civic-minded women got together in 1965 and decided that Washington Township needed a library. It has grown from a 624 sq. ft. building with 3,500 items in its collection to a 19,600 sq. ft. building with more than 100,000 items in its collection.



## Museum Passes Added to our Collection

The library is pleased to announce the addition of three more museum passes to its Museum Pass Program. Adult library cardholders will soon be able to check out a pass to the American Swedish Historical Museum, the National Museum of American Jewish History, and the African American Museum in Philadelphia.

In addition to these passes, the library has passes to the Academy of Natural Sciences, Battleship New Jersey, Camden Children’s Garden, Garden State Discovery Museum, Gloucester County Historical Society Museum and Library, Grounds for Sculpture, Independence Seaport Museum, Jersey Shore Children’s Museum, Morris Arboretum, National Liberty Museum,

Penn Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center, and Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge.

These passes may be checked out of the library by adult Heggan Library cardholders for free admission to these museums and attractions. The number of people each pass admits varies for each museum. Many of these passes also include discounts on purchases within the museum or attraction.

For more information and the library’s Museum Pass policy, please visit the library’s website, [www.hegganlibrary.org](http://www.hegganlibrary.org). Information can be found under Adult Services.

## KIDS' CORNER

If you enjoy playing with Legos, join us for **Lego League** on Wednesday, January 4th at 4:15 p.m. Lego League is open to children ages 7-11. Younger Lego fans ages 5-6 can join us for **Legos** at 4:15 p.m. on January 11th. Children ages 3-6 can join us for a **PJ Storytime** on Thursday, January 12, at 6:15 p.m.



The dogs from **FURever as Friends** will be here for our **S.M.I.L.E.** program to listen to children read on January 19th at 6:30 p.m. **Open to everyone. Please call or visit the library to register.**

On Saturday, January 21st there will be a special **Make & Take Winter Craft** at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for children ages 3-9 and a caregiver.

Join us for some musical fun on January 30th at 1:15 p.m. when we present **Making Music** for ages 3-6,

There are many other activities planned throughout the month. Please check the library website or pick up a calendar in the library to see more events.

**Unless noted, advance online registration is required for children's programs and is limited to Heggan Library cardholders. To register, go to Programs and Events at [www.hegganlibrary.org](http://www.hegganlibrary.org).**

## New night and time Yoga 4 Kids Thursday, January 12 7:00 p.m.

Please bring a yoga mat to class and wear comfortable clothing.

Open to Heggan Library cardholders ages 6-9 only. Advance online registration is required. Please go to Programs and Events at [www.hegganlibrary.org](http://www.hegganlibrary.org) to register.

## American Girl Book Club

for students in grades 1-5

January 18 • 6:30 p.m.  
**Changes for Samantha**  
February 15 • 6:30 p.m.  
**Kaya and Lone Dog**

Join us for this book club to discuss an American Girl book, enjoy a snack and make a craft. Please make sure that you read the book before the meeting so you can participate in the discussion.

Open to Heggan Library cardholders only. Advance online registration is required. Please go to Programs and Events at [www.hegganlibrary.org](http://www.hegganlibrary.org) to register.

Did you know that the library has American Girl dolls that you can check out and take home for a week?

Samantha, Josefina, Addy, Kit, and Kaya are available.

Please go to the Circulation Desk for more information.

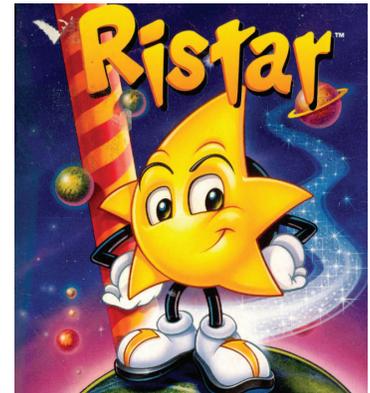
## Tween Cooking Club

For ages 9-12

January 25 • 6:30 p.m.

Advance online registration is required. Open to Heggan Library cardholders only.

## Video Game Night @ the Library



January 23 • 6:30 p.m.

**Let's Play Ristar**

Ristar is rated E for Everyone by the ESRB.

February 27 • 6:30 p.m.

**Let's Play Five Nights at Freddy's Sister Location (Custom Night)**

FNAF: Sister Location is not rated by the ESRB, but can be considered T for Teen.

**This is a horror game with loud startling sounds and jumps scares. Player discretion is advised.**

Video Game Night is open to everyone—adults and children.

Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Advance online or phone registration is required. Please call the library or go to Programs and Events at [www.hegganlibrary.org](http://www.hegganlibrary.org) to register.

## Minecraft Night

January 9 • 6:30 p.m.

**Let's Explore Hogwarts**

Players will take turns exploring the map.

February 13 • 6:30 p.m.

**Let's Build an Underwater City**

Players will take turns working together to create the object in question. This is not a competition.

For all ages. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration required.

## Do you need help with your New Year's resolutions?

The library has a number of resources to help you.

### Read More

While it is obvious that the library has plenty of reading material, it also has two resources for downloading ebooks that you might not be aware of. OverDrive and Hoopla offer library patrons thousands of ebooks to download to their devices.

If you need reading suggestions, NoveList, an online platform, is available to offer reading recommendations based on read-alikes, book lists, popular fiction, etc. Sign up for WOWbrary to get weekly email updates about new books that are arriving at the library. WOWbrary appears at the bottom of the library's website, where you sign up to receive weekly emails.

### Learn a New Language

The library offers Rosetta Stone and Mango Languages for patrons who would like to learn a new language.

### Lifelong Learning

If you enjoy learning, but don't have the time to go back to school, try one of the library's Great Courses. These college level courses are available in CD and DVD format.

### Cultural Pursuits

If you'd like to pursue more cultural activities, check out one of our museum passes. The library currently has passes to 17 museums and gardens which are available to adult Heggan Library cardholders.

### Write That Book

The New Jersey Writers Resource Group meets in the library on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. to write, share, inspire, and support each other. All genres of writers are welcome.

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

### Library Develops Strategic Plan

The library is required to maintain and revise a strategic plan no less than every three years. At the December meeting of the Library Board of Trustees, the group voted to adopt a strategic plan spanning December 2016 through December 2019. The plan was prepared by Kieserman Media with input from library board members, staff, and the public via focus groups that were held in September 2016. The entire plan is available on our website at [www.hegganlibrary.org](http://www.hegganlibrary.org), and below are the goals of the plan:

GOAL 1 - to create a town meeting program twice a year

GOAL 2 - provide additional customer service training

GOAL 3 - revisit the customer service protocols and revise, if appropriate

GOAL 4 - consider a better approach to training patrons to use the catalog

GOAL 5 - examine and revise the system tracking overdue materials and fines

GOAL 6 - consider ways of further outreaching to area businesses

GOAL 7 - enhance outreach to home schooled children and their parents and provide space and tailored programs for this population during the daytime hours

GOAL 8 - include more non-book related programs such as jewelry making, cooking, gaming, and more concerts for older children in grades 4-6

GOAL 9 - evaluate late afternoon programming for kindergarten-aged children

GOAL 10 - evaluate seating in the Children's area

GOAL 11 - design a new approach for outreaching to teens and millennials

GOAL 12 - promote the large print collection to retired seniors

GOAL 13 - explore new programming ideas for retired seniors

GOAL 14 - encourage patrons to make suggestions for materials they want

GOAL 15 - explore outreach opportunities with area retirement communities

GOAL 16 - explore how to improve the navigation signage over the stacks so that signs designate what a patron will find – biographies, travel books, best sellers, gardening books, etc.

GOAL 17 - evaluate how businesses use the library space as well as how this impacts the noise level

GOAL 18 - evaluate library floor space to maximize its use to contain materials

GOAL 19 - evaluate the purchase of wireless and 3-D printers

GOAL 20 - explore adding a more sophisticated public address system

*Sheila Mikkelson*  
Library Director

### Our Bill of Rights is 225 Years Old

Visit the library's display from the National Archives, *The Bill of Rights and You*, commemorating the 225th anniversary of the ratification of this landmark document.

This display was developed in collaboration with the National Archives' National Outreach Initiative to commemorate the 225th Anniversary of the Bill of Rights, *The Bill of Rights and You* is brought to you in collaboration with the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

To learn more about the Bill of Rights please visit [www.archives.gov/amending-america](http://www.archives.gov/amending-america).

## PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Knitting and Crocheting Basics  
Saturday, January 7 • 2:00 p.m.

Librarian by Appointment  
Tuesday, January 10 • 5:30 or 7:00 p.m.

Memories in Music with Alan Mann  
Wednesday, January 18 • 2:00 p.m.

Knitting and Crocheting Basics  
Saturday, January 21 • 2:00 p.m.

Video Game Night @ the Library  
Let's Play Ristar  
Monday, January 23 • 6:30 p.m.

Librarian by Appointment  
Tuesday, January 24 • 5:30 or 7:00 p.m.

Knitting and Crocheting Basics  
Saturday, January 28 • 2:00 p.m.

The Wit and Wisdom  
of Abraham Lincoln  
Wednesday, February 8 • 7:00 p.m.

Do You Know the Signs of a Stroke?  
Thursday, February 9 • 3:00 p.m.

Knitting and Crocheting Basics  
Saturday, February 11 • 2:00 p.m.

Video Game Night @ the Library  
Let's Play Five Nights at Freddy's  
Sister Location  
Monday, February 27 • 6:30 p.m.

Korean Spirit and Culture  
Wednesday, March 1 • 6:00 p.m.

**These events are free and open to everyone, unless otherwise noted. Advance online or phone registration is required. Please go to Programs and Events at [www.hegganlibrary.org](http://www.hegganlibrary.org) or call the library to register.**

## Blood Drive

Monday, January 30 • 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Appointments are preferred. Please call 1-800 Red Cross or sign up online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Enter sponsor code **Margaret E. Heggan**.

**Thanks to the generosity of our library patrons, 333 food items were donated to Mother's Cupboard.**

## 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 11:30 a.m.

January 5  
*Left Neglected* by Lisa Genova

February 2  
*Big Stone Gap* by Adriana Trigiani

**Mystery Book Discussion**  
meets on the third Monday at 6:30 p.m.

January 23  
*Angels Burning* by Tawni O'Dell

February 27  
*Every Dead Thing* by John Connolly

**Catch Up with the Classics**  
meets one Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m.

January 17  
*Catch 22* by Joseph Heller

February 21  
*The Song of the Lark* by Willa Cather

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## COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

**Introduction to the Mouse**  
Wednesday, January 11 • 6:30 p.m.

**Windows File Navigation and Management**  
Wednesday, January 25 • 6:30 p.m.

**These classes are free and open to everyone. Advance online or phone registration is required. Please go to Programs and Events at [www.hegganlibrary.org](http://www.hegganlibrary.org) to register online.**

### Coming in February

**Beginner's Suite**, February 6, 6:30 p.m.;  
**Introduction to Microsoft Word**, February 7, 6:30 p.m.; **Introduction to Microsoft Excel Data Entry and Formatting**, February 15, 10:00 a.m.;  
**Advanced Class, Introduction to Excel Formulas**, February 22, 10:00 a.m.