"The library is not a shrine for the worship of books. It is not a temple where literary incense must be burned or where one's devotion to the bound book is expressed in ritual. A library, to modify the famous metaphor of Socrates, should be the delivery room for the birth of ideas – a place where history comes to life."

~Norman Cousins

Heggan Happenings

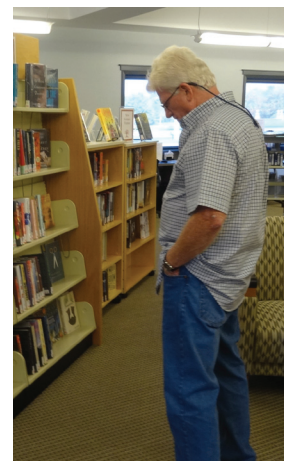**MARGARET E. HEGGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER**

Snapshot Day 2016

October 18 was Library Snapshot Day, a day for capturing the impact the New Jersey libraries have on their communities.

On October 18, 2016 . . .
- 424 people visited the library
- 28 people attended adult events
- 52 patrons attended children's events
- 4 new library cards were issued
- 523 books, movies, and other materials were checked out
- 92 reference questions were answered
- 81 people used the computers

The library will be closed on Friday, November 11, in observance of Veterans' Day.

The library will be closed on Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25, for Thanksgiving.

KIDS' CORNER

We have two special programs on November 10. Join us for "What Animal Makes a Good Pet?" presented by Amy Penney from the Center for Aquatic Sciences. Children ages 2-4 and a caregiver can join us at 11:00 a.m., and children ages 5-12 and a caregiver can join us at 1:30 p.m.

While your older kids are in Lego League with Mrs. Alexander, join us for Mrs. Kramer's Corner at 4:15 p.m. on November 2 and learn about all the latest picture books the library has to offer.

The dogs and cats from FURever as Friends will be here to listen to children read on November 3 and 17 at 6:30 p.m. Open to everyone. Please call or visit the library to register.

We will be making our traditional Apple Turkeys on Saturday, November 19, at 11:00 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. This program is open to children ages 2-9 and their caregivers.

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.

Tween Cooking Club
For ages 9-12
November 30 • 6:30 p.m.
Create mini cherry cheesecakes
Advance online registration is required. Open to Heggan Library cardholders only.

Mrs. Kramer's Corner
November 2 • 4:15 p.m.

Join Mrs. Kramer in the Children's Library and discover the latest picture books the library has to offer!

For ages 3 and up, plus a caregiver; advance online registration required.

American Girl Book Club

for students in grades 1-5

November 16 • 6:30 p.m.
Kit Learns a Lesson

December 21 • 6:30 p.m.
Kirsten's Surprise

Join us for this book club to discuss an American Girl book, enjoy a snack and make a craft.

Open to Heggan Library cardholders only. Advance online registration is required. Please go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

Minecraft Night

November 14 • 6:30 p.m.
Let's Build the Mayflower

December 12 • 6:30 p.m.
Let's Build a Snowman

Players will work in teams. For all ages. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration required.

TEEN Holiday Cookie Decorating

December 7 • 6:30 p.m.

Join us to decorate some sweet treats.

For students in grades 5-12. Advance online registration required. Open to Heggan Library cardholders only.

Board Game Night

Monday, November 7
6:30 p.m.
Settlers of Catan

Monday, December 5
6:30 p.m.
Ticket to Ride

Video Game Night

Monday, November 28
6:30 p.m.
Let's Play
Sonic Generations

Sonic Generations is rated by the ESRB as E for Everyone for cartoon violence.

Monday, December 26
6:30 p.m.

2nd Annual Super Smash Brothers Winter Tournament

Register today to secure your shot at first place!

Participants will win prizes of original artwork!

Super Smash Brothers WiiU is rated E10+ by the ESRB for cartoon violence, comic mischief, and mild suggestive themes.

Game nights are 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 to register.

National Novel Writing Month
Comic Jam

November 21 • 6:00 p.m.

Come with an idea— leave with a comic book.

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

INTERNATIONAL GAMES DAY @ YOUR LIBRARY

NOVEMBER 19

Celebrate International Games Day at the Library!

Drop by our PokeStop to stock up on items and catch lured Pokémon!

Try out some exciting board games!

Our Minecraft server will be live! Work together to fortify, explore, and survive!

FEATURED EVENTS

10:00 a.m.
Humble Super Mario Brothers 3 Challenge

11:30 a.m.
Sonic Speed Run Challenge

1:00 p.m.
Gamer Trivia Contest

2:30 p.m.
Super Smash Brothers Casual Battle Royale

Blood Drive
Wednesday, November 9
2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Appointments are preferred. Please call **1-800 Red Cross** or sign up online at **redcrossblood.org.** Sponsor code: **Margaret E. Heggan.**

7TH ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

Time to clean out your closets and donate your gently used coats for men, women and children.

All donated coats will be given to local charities through Heart of Gloucester County.

A donation box will be in the library's lobby through January 31.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Congratulations to MaryAnn Hill, Library Assistant in the Children's Library. MaryAnn was given the Caught in the Act Award for the time period of July through September 2016. She was nominated by library patron Tori Kristo, who wrote, "I came to the library on 8/1/2016 looking for a book called Henny Penny. Mrs. Hill assisted me and helped me without hesitation. She is such a great, caring person." The Caught in the Act award is funded thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library.

Food for Fines
November 14–30

The Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library invites you to help Mother's Cupboard by donating sealed, unexpired, non-perishable food items in lieu of paying fines.

Fines up to $10.00 per library card will be forgiven in exchange for a food donation. Each item donated will forgive $1.00 in fines. Fees for lost library cards, lost or damaged library materials, fees owed to other libraries, and processing fees for lost or damaged library materials will not be forgiven.

Please feel free to make a donation, even if you don't have a library fine.

All donated items will be given to Mother's Cupboard.

September was Library Card Sign Up Month

During September, 122 people obtained a Margaret Heggan Library card.

Friends of the Library
Holiday Sale
November 14 – December 5

An assortment of items will be available for purchase including book bags, holiday jewelry, Christmas ornaments, holiday CDs, books, and more.

Prices are as marked.

Bag of Books Sale

The Friends of the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library will be holding a Bag-of-Books Sale of paperback books at the Friends' Bookstore on Saturday, December 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: $3.00 per bag

Purchase a bag and fill it up with paperback books!

All proceeds from this fundraiser go to the library in the form of library materials, building needs, and programs.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Color Me Happy
Tuesday, November 1 • 7:00 p.m.

Knitting and Crocheting Basics
Saturday, November 5 and 12 • 2:00 p.m.

Board Game Night @ the Library
Settlers of Catan
Monday, November 7 • 6:30 p.m.

Librarian by Appointment
Tuesday, November 8 • 5:30 or 7:00 p.m.

Privacy in the Digital Age Lecture
Wednesday, November 16 • 10:00 a.m.

International Games Day
Saturday, November 19 • All Day
Please see page 3 for details.

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Ticket to Ride
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Color Me Happy
Tuesday, December 6 • 7:00 p.m.

Screenagers Movie
Growing Up in the Digital Age
Wednesday, December 7 • 7:00 p.m.

Librarian by Appointment
Tuesday, December 13 • 5:30 or 7:00 p.m.

Beginner's Suite Computer Lecture
Wednesday, December 14 • 10:00 a.m.

Introduction to OverDrive and Hoopla
Wednesday, December 21 • 10:00 a.m.

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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.

November 3
The World Below by Sue Miller

December 8
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

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

November 21
And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie

December 19
Blood from a Stone by Donna Leone

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

November 15
The Mayor of Casterbridge by Thomas Hardy

December 20
Animal Farm by George Orwell

These events are free and open to everyone. Advance online or phone registration is required. Please go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org or call the library to register.

COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Introduction to Facebook Workshop
Wednesday, November 9 • 10:00 a.m.

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