



Vineland Public Library

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Library News

December 2016

Italian Heritage Student Art Show Winners

During the month of October, Vineland Public Library featured a juried art exhibit of South Jersey high school art students. The show was sponsored by Dr. Frank DeMaio, in collaboration with VPL, as part of the cultural activities of the Sicilian American Club in honor of Italian Heritage Month. High schools from throughout South Jersey participated in the exhibit. An Artists' Reception was held at the library on October 29th to honor the artists. Over twenty awards, including Best in Show, were given for winning entries during the program. The three Best in Show winners were:

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I See
Gustavo Perez
Color Pencil



Haircut
Nat Bombeke
Graphite



Apple Tree
Destiny King
Color Pencil

Congratulations to all who participated in the Italian Heritage Student Art Exhibit!

'Nutcracker Prince' Puppet Show at Vineland Library

The Vineland Public Library continues a December tradition with a performance of "The Nutcracker Prince" puppet show on **Saturday, December 10 from 11 to 11:45 a.m.** upstairs in the Children's Department.

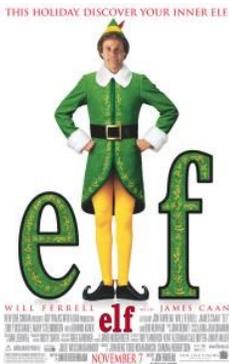
Join Clara on her adventure to Sugar Plum Land, where she helps the Nutcracker Prince save the Sugar Plum Fairy Princess from the evil Mouse King, in this puppet version of Tchaikovsky's beloved ballet.

The puppet show is free. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis. **Children younger than 9 must be accompanied by an adult at all times in the library.**



Family Movie Program

Families are invited to watch *Elf* (rated PG) at the Vineland Public Library.



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**Saturday
December 3
1-3 p.m.**

All ages
Community Event Room

Registration is required.

Please register online at www.vinelandlibrary.org/Childrens
or call the library at 856-794-4244, x. 4246



Children are invited to enjoy hot chocolate immediately following the movie. Each family will receive a special gift from the Inspira Family Success Center.

No admission fee required.

Closed captioning is available upon request.

Children younger than age 9 must be accompanied by an adult at all times in the library.

This Program is sponsored by the Inspira Family Success Center of Vineland, 1038 E. Chestnut Ave, Suite 235 in Vineland.

This film is being shown in compliance with a license from Movie Licensing USA. The license and hot chocolate for this program are funded by The Friends of the Vineland Public Library.

Angel Tree Project



If you are looking for a way to share the spirit of the holiday season, look to the Vineland Public Library. The library is again sponsoring an Angel Tree for the 2016 holiday season. This project, coordinated by Alex Kaganzev, has become a library tradition. In lieu of decorations, paper angels adorn the holiday tree. Each angel represents a local child, whose family is in need, and lists the gender and age of the child. Area residents are encouraged to select an angel from the tree and purchase an appropriate toy or gift item. Library staff members also participate. Unwrapped gifts are to be brought to the library along with the paper angel **by Tuesday, December 20**. The gifts will then be wrapped and distributed to the families in time for holiday giving. The library is also accepting donations of gift boxes, wrapping paper, tape and bows. Please stop by and choose your angel. For more information, call 856-794-4244.

A Big Brothers Big Sisters donation box, for unwrapped toys, is also available in the Children's Department now through December 12.

Upcycling Program at VPL!

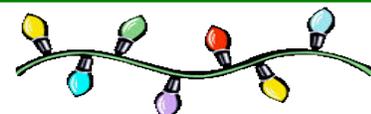
Visit Vineland Public Library for a free Upcycling Program! The library's own Melinda Devonshire will teach participants how to make fun, festive ornaments out of recycled materials. Have fun while making an environmentally-friendly holiday craft!

This free program will take place on **Thursday, December 8, from 6:00—7:30 p.m.** in the Community Event Room and is open to adults 18 years and older. **Class size is limited and registration is required.** To register, please stop by the Information Desk or call 856-794-4244 ext. 4243. All supplies will be provided. This event is sponsored by the Friends of Vineland Public Library.



Vineland Public Library announces the following hours in December and January:

- **12/24/2016** - Closed for Christmas Eve
- **12/26/2016** - Closed for Christmas Day
- **12/31/2016** - Closed for New Year's Eve
- **1/2/2017** - Closed for New Year's Day



The staff at Vineland Library would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season. We look forward to serving the community in the new year!

Beatrice's Book Review



Twelve Days of Christmas

By Debbie Macomber

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Happy Holidays Readers!

What would December be without a season-inspired book review? I have always loved reading inspirational stories throughout the year, but I especially enjoy them during the hectic and stressful holidays. Debbie Macomber is usually my go-to author for such books, and her latest title *Twelve Days of Christmas* did not disappoint.

Twelve Days of Christmas begins with two neighbors who obviously cannot stand each other. The bubbly, optimistic, happy morning person Julia and Ebenezer (which is what she calls him) meet every morning as they head off to work. Julia tries to break through Ebenezer's standoffish ways. She eventually does so by going out of her way to perform an act of kindness for him on each of the 12 days leading to Christmas. As Julia gets to know Ebenezer, she realizes that the kind gestures not only change him—they also change her. She begins to blog about her experience and receives tons of hits across the country; launching a national drive of kindness. Doing so lands her the job of her dreams. And yes, this is going where you think it is - Julia's new job causes problems for her relationship with Ebenezer. I will not give away the ending, but it is classic Debbie!

This book inspires readers to do random (or not-so-random) acts of kindness for others. There are people who are miserable around us everyday, but do we ever wonder why? After reading this book, I have a challenge for my readers. Do one act of kindness for a stranger, family member or coworker every day until Christmas and see how it changes YOUR life as well as the recipient's. Post your experiences on our Facebook page (facebook.com/VinelandPublicLibrary). I promise this will be a life-changing challenge!

With KINDNESS and JOY,
Beatrice



December 2016 Free Events for Adults

Saturday, December 3

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Family Movie Program, hosted by the Family Success Center of Vineland, Community Event Room (Register – Children's)

Thursday, December 8

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Upeycling Program, ages 18 & up, Community Event Room (Registration Required)

Saturday, December 10

11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Nutcracker Prince Puppet Show, all ages, Children's Department

Monday, December 12

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. *The Walking Dead* Biters' Banter Discussion Club, ages 18 & up, Teen Room (Registration Required)

Tuesday, December 13

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Services Empowering Rights of Victims "Rescue and Restore: Human Trafficking" program, Community Event Room

Thursday, December 15

5:00 – 7:30 p.m. New Jersey Writers Society Gathering, Community Event Room

Monday, December 19

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Services Empowering Rights of Victims "Sexual Violence" program, Community Event Room

Thursday, December 22

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting, Community Event Room

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve – Library Closed

Monday, December 26

Library Closed

Wednesday, December 28

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Adult Book Club Discussion of *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan, Community Event Room

Saturday, December 31

New Year's Eve – Library Closed

Monday, January 2

Library Closed

All programs and times are subject to change. For a full list of programs, visit Vineland Public Library's website at www.vinelandlibrary.org. You can also follow VPL on these social media outlets:

