

# Library News

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## National Library Week April 11-17

National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide.

The Vineland Public Library is celebrating National Library Week by staying open until 11:00 p.m. on April 14 and 15 for people who want to file tax returns; hosting a Teen Potluck; and holding a Read-a-thon on April 17. Of course, books and DVDs, exhibits and displays, computers, magazines and newspapers are all here to meet your needs. Our staff is ready to help.

**“Libraries are the heart of every community and our library helps our community thrive,” says Library Director Gloria Urban. “At our library, people of all backgrounds come together for community meetings, lectures and programs, to do research with the assistance of a trained professional, to get help finding a job or to find homework help. We have multiple copies of best sellers, free databases, current newspapers and wonderful programs for children of all ages ... all offered in an inviting atmosphere.”**

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

Visit us during National Library Week and see why 15,00-20,000 visitors each month love our services.

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### **Library Hours**

Monday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m. — 9:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday  
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Sunday Closed  
(April-September)

April 2 Library is closed

April 14 and 15  
9:00 a.m.—11:00 p.m.

# Travels with library staff

## **Librarian Samantha Tai loves Hawaii**



One of my favorite places to visit is Hawaii. I've been fortunate to visit twice to the islands of Molokai, Oahu, Kauai and the Big Island. Of the four islands, the Big Island is my favorite. While there we took a trip to the top of Mauna Kea, an inactive volcano. Mauna Kea is the world's tallest mountain from its base, on the floor of the Pacific Ocean, to its peak. Because of this, it is one of the best places in the world for star gazing and there are quite a few observatories up there. While there, we actually saw the first snow fall of the season. When you visit Hawaii, you don't really think you're going to see snow. But it is possible!

The Big Island also has an active volcano and I was able to bike ride around the Kilauea caldera. This caldera has been active since about 1983 and if you're lucky enough you can see the lava flow into the ocean at night. It is quite a sight to see. What I love so much about the Big Island are the extremes. In the morning, you can be sunbathing by the beach and the same evening watching it snow on the highest mountain in the world. A few days later you can see an active volcano and watch the lava flow into the ocean. It is absolutely amazing. (Photo: Samantha on Mauna Kea. "It was so cold we had to wear winter coats and gloves. You can see the snow and observatories in the background.")

## **Librarian Christine Koehler says Scotland is her favorite vacation spot**

My favorite vacation destination would have to be Scotland. I spent two weeks there one summer tooling about the countryside of Northern Scotland, otherwise known as the Highlands. There, I saw more than my share of castles, cattle, cairns, and, of course, the Loch Ness Monster—or at least I looked for it.

## **Library Volunteer Marilyn Knego just likes to travel!**

My favorite cities in the whole world that I have visited are (in no special order): Amsterdam (the most fun); Venice (beautiful); Paris (beautiful, GREAT food and wine). Of course, I also loved the countries they are in and hope to get back - especially Belgium (over 800 kinds of beer).

## **A camper leads to great vacations for Prin. Library Assistant Mary Ann Coulter**

Two of our favorite vacation destinations are the Florida Keys in the winter and the mountains of the north in the fall. We've also taken our 19' camper van to such diverse places as Newfoundland, Canada, Grand Manan Island, Canada, Charleston, SC., Thousand Islands and Niagara Falls, NY, Kitty Hawk, NC, Dayton, OH, Mount Desert Island, ME., and Cape Cod, MA. In fact, we've camped in all of the states on the east coast from Newfoundland to the Keys and several inland states as far west as Wisconsin. But, of all the places we've visited, one place stands out from all the others for me: Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada. My hope is to be able to vacation there at some point for a period of months, not just weeks or days. With retirement in the not-too-distant future, that time may come sooner rather than later for me. And more comfortably too as we're planning to purchase a much larger motor home that will take us farther and longer. Then it will be on to Alaska and Labrador!



# Travels with library staff

## **Library Director Gloria Urban says West Virginia is almost heaven**

For a relaxing getaway, consider Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, 216 miles from Vineland. I go there to wander through its many cute stores and antique shops and eat in some of the gourmet-quality restaurants in the area. For lodging, I prefer a rustic cabin (pictured) in Cacapon Resort State Park, just a few miles outside town. The park has 6,000 acres with golfing, lake activities, and plenty of hiking on mountain trails. If you prefer swankier digs, the resort's lodge is first-class and has an outstanding dining room with weekend buffets or full menu service. Cacapon Park is so named because it sits within the shadows of a wide expanse of Cacapon Mountain, the highest peak in eastern West Virginia at 2,300 feet. Read about the park and reserve a cabin/lodge room at <http://www.cacaponresort.com/accommodations.htm>. Berkeley Springs, originally named Bath, is famous for its mineral hot springs. One spring is called "George Washington's Bathtub" - billed locally as the only outdoor monument to presidential bathing. Learn more about the town's history and what's happening on the cultural and entertainment scene at <http://www.berkeleysprings.com/>. If you stay in the area a few days, I highly recommend dining at least once at nearby Panorama at the Peak Restaurant, which features locally grown, organic meat, poultry, and produce. The food is wonderful – but the view is sublime. From the restaurant's huge windows, diners can see three states and two rivers and enjoy fabulous sunsets. It truly is "almost heaven."



## **Sr. Library Assistant Mary Ann Rada thinks Costa Rica is perfect**


My favorite vacation destination by far is Playa Potrero, Costa Rica. It's the perfect place to spend the winter where the weather is warm and breezy, the food is delicious, and the local people are so welcoming. There is nothing more relaxing than having your morning coffee watching Howler Monkeys playing through the tree tops or sipping a fresh made piña colada watching beautiful sunsets.

## **Librarian Holly Rogerson likes to visit England**

One of my favorite places to visit is Lancaster, England, where my mother-in-law lives. I love reading English murder mysteries, so it's fun to experience all the little cultural points that I have read about many times: pubs, buses & trains, food and the way the locals speak are all quite different than in the U.S.

## **Librarian Nichole Gardner toured France**

Last year, in April, I left for a 15 day tour of France. One particular stop was in Cannes and they were preparing for the Cannes Film Festival. We saw the red carpet set up and all the store fronts getting touched up for the anticipated arrival of movie stars. The town was gorgeous, right on the water, and it was warm enough to lounge on the beach or just stroll around and admire the sites.



## **Society of New Jersey Artists BEST of the BEST**

The Society of New Jersey Artists is celebrating their 62nd anniversary with a very special art exhibit at Vineland Public Library during the month of April. This “Best of the Best” exhibit features prize winning work by members of the SNJA. All displayed art is original and has been awarded prize recognition in a juried show. Many of the exhibited pieces are available for purchase.

*Meet the artists reception Saturday, April 10 from 2:00–4:00 p.m.*

### **Exploring New Career Options with Bob Marino**

**Friday, April 23 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

It’s a changing world out there– do you have questions about where to go from here? Bob Marino is an instructor at Temple University, Camden County College & Community College of Philadelphia who will be on hand to help you understand what’s out there in this timely program.

### **Planning your Future with Susan Lonker**

**Thursday, April 22 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

Confused about what’s out there? Wondering where to go from here? Susan Lonker is a career consultant and trainer and will be on hand to help you understand your many options in this career-focused program.

### **Vineland Public Library open until 11:00 p.m. on April 14 and 15**

Vineland Public Library will be open until 11:00 p.m. on April 14 and 15 to allow tax filers to pick up required forms and file their taxes online before the April 15 midnight deadline. The library has a wide assortment of free forms supplied by the Internal Revenue Service. Other forms may be printed out from the IRS webpage at a cost of 15¢ per page. The library computers will also be available until 10:45 p.m. to file state and federal income taxes, but please remember:

- You need basic computer skills and an e-mail address to file taxes online.
- You need a CLUES library card in good standing and PIN number. Cumberland County residents can get a free first-time library card by showing current ID with address and filling out a brief form.
- Library staff cannot answer tax questions.
- Children younger than 9 must be supervised by an adult at all times in the library.
- If you file your taxes online here are some items to bring with you: adjusted gross income from your 2009 tax return; Social Security numbers for all dependents; W2 forms; 1099 forms; Tax ID# for your childcare provider if your are applying for this tax credit; amount of the stimulus you received in 2009.