

Library News

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State of Your Library

In 2009, Vineland Public Library had 215,079* visitors

**equal to the population of Orlando, Florida—2005 census*

- 60,563 used the free computer services. Our free access to the Internet and basic computer classes were a hit.
- We added a whopping 9,091 new items to the collection including multiple copies of best sellers funded by Friends of the Library. You used 277,670 items of library material during 2009.
- The Information Department answered 48,789 questions throughout the year. Trained librarians helped you find answers to health concerns, directed you to job search sites, provided reader advisories, and guided you to business information, current events and education. **Text a librarian** at 66746, then in the body of the message type in “askvpl” and the message. For information 24/7 visit www.QandANJ.org to connect with a live librarian.
- Our Children’s Department offered a record-breaking 401 programs that 13,012 children and their families attended.
- Many came to book discussions, art exhibits, author signings, musical programs, computer classes, tax seminars, business information workshops, scrabble, chess and other programs offered during the year.

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Library Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00 a.m. — 9:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

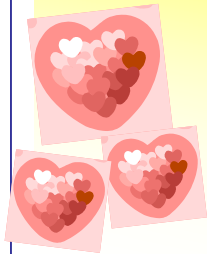
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Sundays (October-March)

1:00—5:00 p.m.

February 15

Open 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.



"Love is in the Air"

At the library

February is a month for love, a month for romance, and Vineland Library is celebrating with our 'Love is in the Air' book display. Featuring all things romantic, this display contains steamy romance novels, books with relationship advice, tips for finding your soul-mate, love songs and much more. Whether you want to find out what men or women really think, learn how to dote on your loved one, or curl up with a romance novel, this display has something for you. Love is definitively in the air at Vineland Public Library.



Staff Pick Romance

Library staff would like to recommend some wonderfully romantic items to warm your heart —

- Community Relations Coordinator Anita Lupcho is currently reading the **Twilight Saga** books by Stephanie Meyer. Vampires, werewolves, a great heroine and easy reading all mixed with an impossible love story. Delicious!
- Children's Librarian Samantha Tai has a current favorite: **Queen of Babble Gets Hitched** by Meg Cabot. This is the third book in the Queen of Babble series and follows the life of Lizzie Nichols, recently engaged to her beloved Luke. Lizzie's dream of becoming a wedding dress restorer and designer is coming to fruition. However, Lizzie is so busy restoring and designing other brides' dresses, she doesn't have time to plan her own wedding. Plus, whenever Lizzie even thinks about her wedding, she breaks out in hives. Could this be a bad omen that the wedding isn't meant to be? I recommend all three books in this hilarious series.
- Library Director Gloria Urban says, "a 1975 science fiction novel called Bid Time Return by Richard Matheson is the basis for the 1980 movie, **Somewhere in Time**, which starred Christopher Reeve and Jane Seymour. That is the most romantic movie I have ever seen. Also has a great soundtrack."
- Student Assistant Bethany Ruccolo believes **Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind** is the best romance movie.

Reading Education Assistance Dogs Winner of \$20,000 grant

Experience the Magic on February 3, 6:30-7:30

ATLANTA, GA (January 22, 2010) - The readers have spoken! After over 27,000 people participated in the first-ever Reader's Choice Literacy Grant in January, Better World Books has announced that Intermountain Therapy Animals' Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) program has been voted the most deserving submission to receive the \$20,000 grant.

Better World Books received proposals from over 60 literacy-focused organizations. After a literacy committee made up of volunteers from Better World's staff narrowed the field to ten finalists, Better World Books opened up the review process to customers, and invited them to vote on their top pick. The Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) program improves children's reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method: reading to a dog. But not just any dog. R.E.A.D. dogs are registered therapy animals who volunteer with their owner/handlers as a team, going to schools, libraries and many other settings as reading companions for children.



Princess Story Time Saturday, February 20 from 10-11:30 a.m.



Little Princesses are invited for stories, princess bingo, a crown-making craft and refreshments.

Registration is required, as space is limited. Call (856) 794-4244, ext. 4246 to register.



February is Love Your Library Month

*Show your love by becoming a
Library Champion*

Who Are Library Champions?

Library Champions are people who love their libraries and want to be in the know about issues that may affect them.

How Can I Help?

Library Champions' email addresses will be entered into a distribution list. When important library issues arise, we will email Library Champions. The Champions can then take appropriate action such as phone calls, emails

to legislators or simply talking up the library to their neighbors.

Where Do I Sign Up?

Visit <http://www.ilovenjlibraries.org/> — and fill out a simple form. Any information you provide will only be used to send you occasional emails about library issues. We will not sell your personal information or use it for any other purposes.

Why Should I Become a Champion? New Jersey Libraries are busier than ever.....

According to the latest data:

- 48,531,094 annual visits to public library
- 59,800,386 items checked out- up 4 million from last year
- 8,405,278 questions asked
- 3,686,779 programs attended
- 144,105 NJ children read 1,992,427 books during summer reading last year.
- 68% of the American Public have a library card
- 83% of New Jersey residents say funding public libraries is a good investment (source: 2007 Potomac Public Opinion Survey)
- 71% of New Jersey residents believe a public library is an essential service for the community- not a cultural amenity. (source: 2007 Potomac Public Opinion survey)

Did You Know That In Just One Day in New Jersey Libraries.....

160,242 people walked through our doors
126,626 books, movies and more were borrowed
24,153 people used computers
15,053 questions were answered
1,015 people got employment help
1,121 programs were offered
892 people learned computer skills