

Vineland Public Library

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State of the Library

- In 2011, we had 172,139 visitors.
- 45,777 used our free computers.
- We added 8,171 new items to the collection.
- The community used 253,596 library items.
- Trained Librarians answered 53,299 questions about health, job searching, reader advisories, business, current events and education.
- Our Children's Department offered 321 programs that 10,132 children and their families attended.



Many families in our community are facing economic challenges, some for the first time. Businesses are closing their doors as their revenue stream is squeezed by a lack of available credit and reduced consumer spending. As families and businesses cut their budgets, they are turning to libraries to make up for some of those cuts and shave expenditures.

Vineland Public Library is a valuable resource in our community – for adults, teens, children, seniors, businesses, organizations. It's a vital resource at a very affordable price.

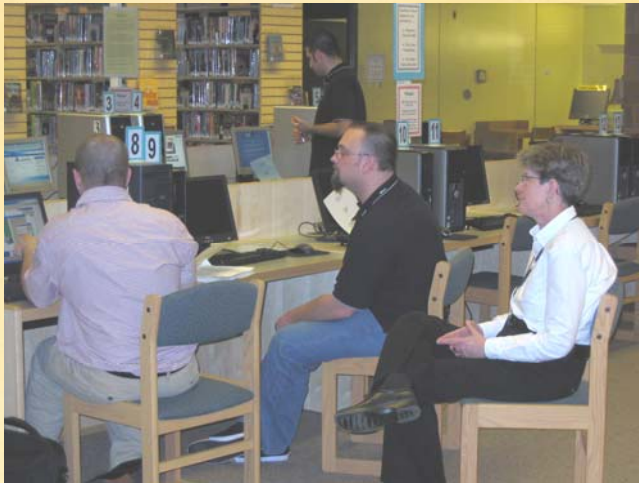
Vineland Public Library continued to be an integral partner during 2011 in the CLUES community. Vineland Public Library loaned over 23,000 items to residents of Bridgeton, Millville and the 11 surrounding townships.

Computers, Wi-Fi, Teen programming, ESL services, Internet and online databases -- we are meeting needs that were not even dreamed of a generation ago!

Gloria Urban, Library Director

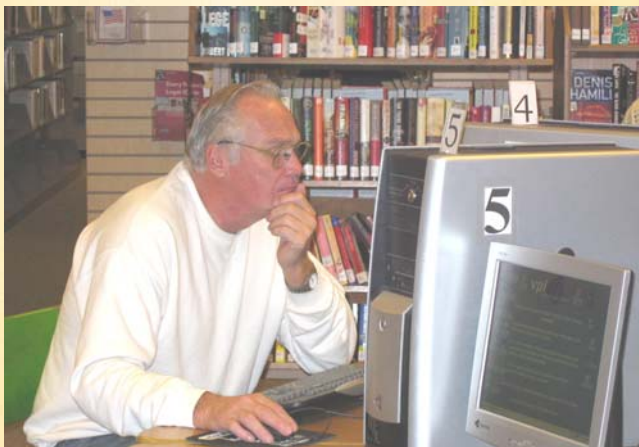


“Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries.” — Anne Herbert



Vineland Library Named NJWorks Job Seeker Destination Library

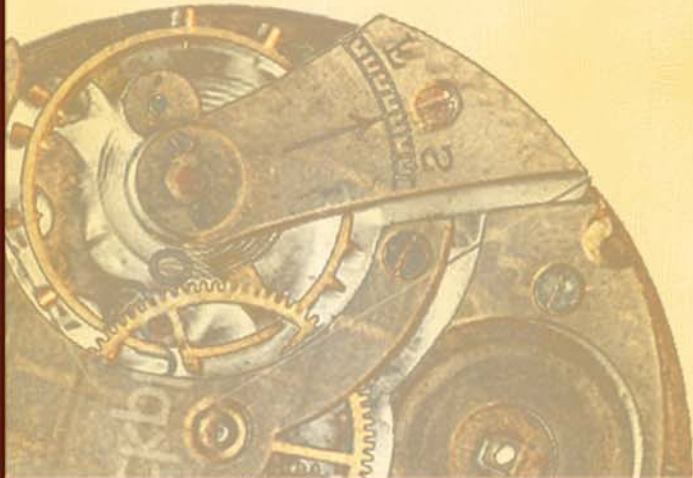
The NJ State Library has designated Vineland Public Library one of the state's 56 NJWorks Job Seeker Destination libraries under a new program introduced with the cooperation of the National Telecommunications and Information Association. The librarians in Vineland are trained and ready to show job seekers how to get started on their job search or resume writing.



As many local jobseekers do not have computers or internet access at home, the library has set up designated computers with no time limits for patrons to access Career Transitions, an online program which provides help with all facets of job-hunting and applying. People who need to learn to type or upgrade their keyboarding skills can use Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing, a popular software program available on the library's public computers.

NJWorks@yourlibraryTM is the statewide initiative designed to provide libraries with resources to help job seekers. It is funded by the \$5.1 million federal Broadband Technology Opportunity Program grant received by the NJ State Library.

People who wish to use the library for job-hunting or submitting online applications should make the library's Information Desk on the ground floor their first stop so that the librarians can direct them to the most appropriate computers for their purpose. Jobseekers with children in tow can use designated "Parent" computers located in the Children's Department.



"The door available to everyone that can lead to happiness and success is the modest door of the public library. I found it to be so in my own life and work." Herman Wouk

Library Volunteers

During 2011, there were 138 volunteers who donated a record-breaking 2,560 hours to the library!

What does a library volunteer do? Just about everything! Here is a sample of what this special group of people is doing for the community:

- ESL Tutors teach English skills to an assigned student each week.
- Computer Tutors work one-on-one with individual students. They help with tasks such as setting up an e-mail account, job searching, submitting online applications and research.
- Our beautiful Butterfly Garden is maintained by volunteers.
- Volunteers put library material back in the correct place. Our adopt-a-shelf volunteers make certain the books are in the right place so you can find them.
- Other tasks done by volunteers include leading the Friends bus trips, helping with the annual book sale, fund-raising, serving as a Library Trustees, conducting programs.....and the list just goes on and on.

A special thank you goes to our 100+ hour group of volunteers: Erica Coslop, Marilyn Knego, Sharon Omrod and the Puppy Tales Group.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Anita Lupcho at 794-4244 ext. 4734 to find out what volunteer jobs are available and/or to set up an appointment.



Dogs volunteer during the Puppy Tales program – look for it during Summer Reading program.



Training session for Adopt a Shelf volunteers.



"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." -Albert Schweitzer

Upcoming Events

Adult Programming

Book Discussions – monthly

Scrabble – monthly

Writer's Club – monthly

February 9 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

e-reader questions answered, including how to download free library books

April 20

2nd annual Casino Night

Teen Programming

Book Discussions

Teen Gaming

Pot-lucks

Volunteer opportunities and more.....

Teens have their own space!

Children's Programming

Storytime

Book Discussions

Family Nights

Pokémon Club

Harry Potter Game Night

Movie and Craft

Summer Reading Programs

Exhibits:

March

Bob Carman and Friends

Humpty Dumpty – A Good Egg

Vintage Hats and Accessories

April

Craig Matthews

May

Vineland High School Student Art

June 15-July

Jen and Ryan Hoxworth

August

Landscapes of Vineland

September

Society of New Jersey Artists

October

Italian Heritage Student Art



"Libraries are magical places. The first books I fell in love with were library books. As I child, I would take out stacks too high to carry and pine over them when they had to go back - until, fickle, I fell in love with a new stack of stories." Robin Black