

Library News

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Summer Reading program—free family nights **Be Creative @ Your Library**

Colorful Kick-Off Party

July 7 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Kick off the Summer Reading Program with a colorful evening.
Wear your favorite color, listen to stories, play a rainbow game
and enjoy colorful snacks. Please register!



The Magic Rabbit Revue

July 14 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Enjoy an enchanted evening featuring magician
Bob Conrad and lots of rabbit puppets.
Please register!

Author Connie Steiner “Paul’s New Ears”

July 21 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Ms. Steiner will discuss her profession.
An art activity will follow the program.

Each registered family will receive a
copy of “Paul’s New Ears”.

Please register!



Grandfather Joe’s Sing Along

July 28 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Discover the pleasures of music at this sing along.

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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
closed April to September

Closed on July 4 and 5

July Exhibits



Picturing America Doris Tripp Room

This educational exhibit is composed of carefully selected works of art spanning several centuries – all by American painters, sculptors, photographers, and architects. Picturing America helps people understand our democracy by bringing us face to face with the people, places, and events that have shaped our country. It provides an innovative way to experience America's history through our nation's art. A grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities brought this exhibit to the library. The art will be on display until July 30.

The Beauty of Life by Carmen Perez Exhibit Cases — 1st floor

A display of original art in acrylics, graphite and mixed media by local artist Carmen Perez.

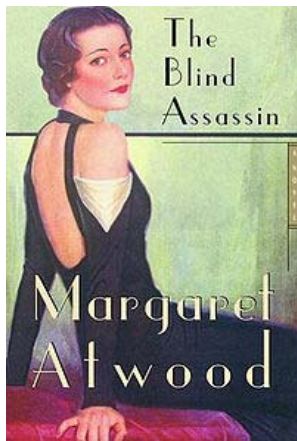
Perez was born and raised in Puerto Rico and has been a resident of Vineland for twenty years. She is one of the owners of La Bella Art Gallery and Gift Shop. Perez attributes her older brother and uncle, both of whom are artists, as her inspiration to enter the art world. A self-taught artist, Perez leans toward abstracts and often uses a mother and child in her work. The tree found in most of her work signifies life.



Romantic Spanish Music

Thursday, July 9 from 6-7:30 p.m.

This free music program features the vocals of Calixto Negron with Benny Munoz on the guitar. CDs by both performers will be on sale after the program. This event takes place in the library's community event room and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.



Adult Book Club

Wednesday
July 22 at 2:00 p.m.

“What had she been thinking of as the car sailed off the bridge, then hung suspended in the afternoon sunlight, glinting like a dragonfly, for that one instant of held breath before the plummet? Of Alex, of Richard, of bad faith, of our father and his wreckage; of God, perhaps, and her fatal, triangular bargain.”

The July book to be discussed is *Blind Assassin* by Margaret Atwood. Anyone who has read this book is invited to the discussion. For help in obtaining a copy of this book visit the library's Information Desk or call (856) 794-4244 ext. 4243. Please be sure to say it's for the Book Club. This program is sponsored by the Friends of Vineland Library.

The Adult Book Discussion Club meets once a month — join them!



Puppy Tales Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, July 15 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Children, ages 6-12, are invited to participate in a scavenger hunt game during the Puppy Tales program. Children will receive a sheet of clues leading to a fun reading session and special prizes. Join the library's live Puppy Tales dogs for a fun-packed event. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. on the day of the program. At the end of the program everyone is welcome to come into the room to pet the dogs.

Teen Summer Programs

July 8 from 4-6:30 p.m.
Read-a-Thon

July 15 from 4-6:00 p.m.
Mehndi/Henna Tattoo

July 29 from 4-6:00 p.m.
Create Your Own comic Strip or Avatar

Please register!

Save Money

by Librarian Samantha Lambert

“A penny saved is a penny earned.” Most people recognize this *Poor Richard's* quote and correctly attribute it to Benjamin Franklin. What they may not realize is that this wise man, whose “2 cents” worth is still valuable today, also established the first public library. The year was 1731, and most Americans had little access to printed material; only the wealthiest individuals could afford books. Franklin recognized the inherent value of shared resources and, with the help of some friends, started the Library Company of Philadelphia. The men started a library collection to be shared by all members. No more would information be available only to the rich!

This idea of community resources evolved into modern day libraries, where we continue to uphold the Library Company of Philadelphia's motto: “To support the common good is divine.” Supporting the common good has never been more important than in today's tough economy, which is why we at Vineland Public Library would like to do everything we can to help the community. From free access to books and online resources to DVDs and art shows, Vineland Public Library is here to help you save money on all your employment, entertainment, and educational needs.

With an unemployment rate topping 12%, Cumberland County has been affected more than most by the declining economy. As more and more Americans look for employment, libraries are helping to level the playing field for job seekers. Only 44 percent of the top 100 U.S. retailers accepted in-store paper applications in 2006 - down from 68 percent in 2004. If you are among the unemployed without internet access, please let us help you. Our public computers allow users to conduct job searches and apply online. Even if you are connected at home, we can assist in your job search. Our trained staff can guide you to reputable sites and help you start the process. If prospective employees do require printed copies, patrons can print up to 20 free resumes and cover letters from our word processing computers. Additionally, our many how-to books and career guides can help you fine tune your resume or perhaps find a new career path.

If you find a new career path that involves schooling/training, Vineland Public Library has resources to satisfy your educational needs: study guides, online databases, internet access, and more. Regardless of your information needs, our databases, such as EBSCOHost, Points of View, and Literary Reference Center, have thousands of reputable articles covering diverse subject matter. If we do not have what you need, tell us and we will try to get it for you. By cooperating with other New Jersey libraries, we can borrow material from hundreds of libraries. We also consider suggestions for purchase. For those who just need a quiet place to work, we have a silent study room, a 2-person tutor room, and WiFi access throughout the building.

Of course not everyone comes to the library to obtain employment or complete school work. Many people come for fun! This may be a novel idea to some, but Vineland Public Library can help you save money when times are tough by alleviating some of your entertainment costs. Books, as always, provide a mini-vacation, an escape that allows readers to see the world from their living room. Why spend money on books when you can borrow from the library for free? The same can be said of DVDs and CDs, as our collection includes some of the newest titles and hottest bands, all available at no cost to library card holders.

During difficult times, it is important to focus not only on saving money, but on coming together as a community. Come together with your fellow Cumberland County residents at one of our many community programs: make friends while playing scrabble or chess; join a lively discussion at a book club; bring your children to music time; learn self-defense; attend an art show and meet local artists. The possibilities are endless at the Vineland Public Library.

Library cards are free to all Cumberland County residents with a valid ID. Start saving your pennies today by coming to the Vineland Public Library!