

Library News

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Reduced Hours = Busy!

Starting in July, the hours the library is open were reduced. New hours are:

Monday—Thursday 10-8
Friday 10-5
Saturday 11-4
Sundays (closed)

The hour cuts were necessitated by the current economy and the Library is taking the same sort of ‘hit’ as other local government agencies. Some library staff have had their hours reduced and staff must take unpaid furlough days. But this is simply today’s reality.

We have heard very few complaints from our customers — they understand and have arranged their service needs to fit in with the reduced hours. Although we are working with less staff hours and reduced open hours, the library continues to be very busy.

Many of our offered Summer Reading programs are filled to capacity. Book-keeper Melissa Vanes e-mailed staff saying, “FYI: we had 1030 patrons in the library yesterday. I guess the reduced hours didn’t reduce how busy we are.....” Sr. Librarian Christine Koehler took a picture of the overflowing book drop which she called the “Bookslide!”

Library staff want to assure the public we will continue to work for you. We are working different shifts; covering for lost hours; making less money — but our ultimate goal remains steadfast. We will always strive to give the best customer service at the best cost to this community. Thank you to everyone for supporting us!

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Library Hours

Monday-Thursday
10:00 a.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Friday
10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

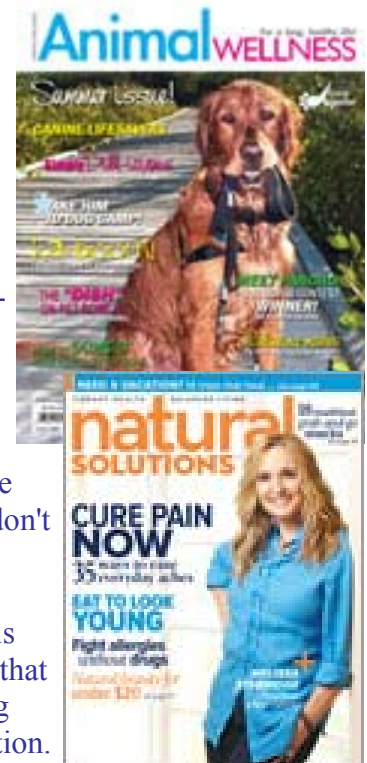
Saturday
11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Sunday Closed

Library subscribes to magazines

The library subscribes to a number of publications including some you may not know about. Stop in and see what we have.....

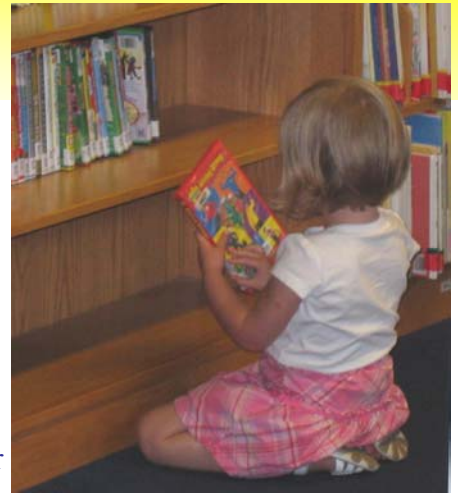
- *Animal Wellness*: Articles on natural healing and nutrition, advice from leading animal experts, coping with pet loss, and acting on behalf of endangered animals.
- *GQ*: A monthly men's publication focusing on fashion, style, and culture for men, through articles on food, movies, fitness, sex, music, travel, sports, technology, and books.
- *Men's Health*: Published by Rodale, Inc., this magazine provides practical information men need for a healthy lifestyle with a focus on fitness, health and nutrition.
- *Mental Floss*: As co-founder Will Pearson put it, "From the very beginning, we wanted *Mental Floss* to be a magazine that blurred the line between education and entertainment ... most educational magazines don't allow you to laugh enough."
- *Natural Solutions*: Formerly *Alternative Medicine*, *Natural Solutions* is the trusted voice of the complementary and alternative medicine field that provides natural remedies and healthy solutions for your most pressing health concerns as well as practical strategies for self-care and prevention.
- *Real Simple*: A monthly women's interest magazine published by Time, Inc., *Real Simple* features articles and information related to homekeeping, child care, cooking and emotional wellbeing. It is distinguished by its clean, uncluttered style of layout and photos.
- *Scientific American Mind*: A bi-monthly American popular science magazine concentrated on psychology, neuroscience, and related fields. By analyzing and revealing new thinking in the cognitive sciences, the magazine is able to focus on the biggest breakthroughs in these fields.



The Case for Books

What influences how far a child will advance in her education? The parents' level of education would seem like a strong indicator, but it turns out there's an even more concrete one, says LiveScience.com: **The number of books in the home.**

A recent study by University of Nevada sociologists analyzed 20 years of data on 73,000 people in 27 countries, including the U.S. It found that the more books are present, the greater the educational benefit. "Even a little bit goes a long way," says study author Mariah Evans. The presence of books, in fact, was twice as important to children's progress in school as the father's level of education. "You get a lot of 'bang for your book,'" Evans says.



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It's happening here....



Retirement of Eva Kiger; fun with computers; staff say "good-bye" to motorcycle and thank Library Foundation; busy Teen Room; children read to dogs.....



Meet Vineland Library's new Security Guard!

We'd like to welcome Misael Fernandez Jr. to the library as our new security guard. Originally from Jersey City, New Jersey, he's had an interesting career that's brought him to Vineland where he says he plans on putting down roots.

What drew you to the library? When I first moved into Vineland I needed to get acquainted with the area and, of course, where best to learn than the Vineland Library. I used its resources while I was looking for employment and learning about the area. I then answered an advertisement and sat for the Civil Service Exam. Little did I know that months later I would get a call from Holly Rogerson inviting me to interview for the position of Security Guard at the Vineland Library. It was like a dream come true.

What's your favorite part of the job? My favorite part of working for the library is the interaction I have with both patrons and staff. It is always a good feeling when you can work closely with the community which you are a part of.

Name 2 things you do on your down time. On my downtime I enjoy reading books about computers and programming applications. Currently, I am learning how to work with a web based application called "Joomla!". I also enjoy spending time with my wife and son and going out on day trips.

What are 4 things you like about Vineland?

- Open space - Unlike Jersey City, there are places to go fishing, hiking, camping, bike riding, and so much more. I don't have to drive far to do things I have grown to enjoy as a kid.
- Landis Avenue - Landis Avenue is an amazing place to shop. I found myself walking up and down the sidewalks with my family enjoying the variety of shops and restaurants.
- The people - I have met many residents of Vineland, both in this position and in my previous employment. The residents of Vineland are like a close-knit family. Those who were born and raised here have shared their stories with me and have helped in making it easier to call Vineland home.
- The farms – I never grew up even remotely close to a farm. The closest I have ever been to a cow in Jersey City was a gallon of milk. Driving to Vineland every weekend, I would dream about how cool it would be to own my own. Well I'm still working on that, but I do have a garden and am growing my own vegetables. This is actually my second year at it and it has been fun.