

Library News

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Library Under Attack

The Governor's proposed budget cuts state funding to libraries by 74%. What will this cut mean to you?

Eliminates Internet access and electronic journals in hundreds of libraries. At Vineland Library over 60,000 adults and children used computers during 2009. Homework, job searches, staying in touch with family, researching health issues — all of this will be jeopardized.

Eliminates the delivery of materials from other libraries to you — more than 3 million items were delivered in 2009. The sharing of resources between libraries across the nation will be no more.

Eliminates 50% of State Aid to public libraries. For Vineland Library, this mean \$25,000 less to spend on books.

Programming will be reduced — the statewide Summer Reading Program for children will end this summer.

Eliminate Regional libraries — these are the institutions that set up free or reduced cost training for library staff and implement many innovative programs.

Contact your legislators today!
Ask for a fair and equitable reduction in spending that does not ELIMINATE.

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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

May 7 and 31
Library is closed

Volunteer Opportunities

ESL Tutor:

The Library is seeking volunteers to provide one-on-one help to people who speak another language and want to improve their English proficiency. Students may have very low to intermediate or advanced English skills and may wish to work on their conversation skills or need help with reading or writing in English.

Tutors and students will be matched according to needs. The Library will provide training for tutors and textbooks to use during the tutoring process. Space in the Library will be provided for tutoring sessions to take place. Tutoring assignments will normally last for four months.

Responsibilities:

- Attend two 1-hour training sessions.
- Meet one hour per week with an assigned student in the Library.
- Sign the Library volunteer book after each tutoring session.
- Let the project manager know of any questions or problems you or your student are experiencing.

Requirements:

Be at least 18 years old; Speak English; Be able to volunteer one hour a week; Enjoy helping others

Children learn the language of their new country through attending school with English-speaking children and the efforts of their teachers. Adults face a much more difficult task. You can make a difference in someone's life by volunteering to help him or her along in their journey to communicate in English.

Computer Tutor:

Volunteers to provide one-on-one help to people who want to improve their computer skills.

Responsibilities:

- Meet one hour per week with an assigned student in the Library's computer lab.
- Help that student improve their computer skills. Tutors will be matched with students who fit their level of computer expertise. Many students will be at a very basic level (learning to use the mouse, start using email, etc.) and so **it is not necessary for tutors to possess advanced computer knowledge.**

Requirements:

Some computer experience; At least 18 years old; Able to volunteer one hour/week; Enjoy helping others

Background:

Although the Library offers computer classes, we are unable to meet the increasing demand for computer instruction. Also, many individuals who want to begin using computers or upgrade their skills would be best served by one-on-one instruction. In many cases, just a few hours of one-on-one instruction will be sufficient to prepare the student to take advantage of the classes available at Vineland Public Library or elsewhere in Cumberland County. This is a great way to make a difference in someone's life and can be very rewarding.

Winning Grants

\$10,000 National Award Family Literacy

The Library's family literacy program is one of two winners of the first Better World Books/NCFL Libraries and Families Award. *"Studies show that children with more books in their homes are more likely to have higher reading scores,"* said Helen Cowan Margiotti, Head of Children's and Young Adult Services. *"This grant will allow us to provide books for children to reinforce what we discuss at our workshops and inspire parents to read to their children more often."*



"The Vineland Public Library serves a critical role in promoting lifelong learning and literacy," said David Murphy, president and CEO of Better World Books. *"We are proud to partner with NCFL to specifically promote the new and innovative ways libraries like this are working to bring families together over books and learning."*

Vineland's program, which is conducted at local schools, community organizations and in the library, has strong results. Research shows 63 percent of parents who attended the workshops said they read more often to their children, and 88 percent of parents said reading aloud to their children had improved their children's readings skills.

\$5,000 Literacy Grant for English Language Learners

Vineland Public Library is one of the seventy public libraries in 21 states selected by the American Library Association (ALA) to receive a \$5,000 grant as part of "The American Dream Starts @ your library®" literacy project. This initiative is funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

The Library is using these funds to build innovative literacy services for adult English language learners by setting up an English as a Second Language (ESL) program which will offer free one-on-one ESL tutoring to non-English speakers at beginning through advanced levels. Volunteers will be trained to conduct the tutoring sessions.

"More and more adults who speak a variety of languages and want to work on their English skills have been coming to the library to ask about ESL classes and materials," said Holly Rogerson, the library's Head of Reference and the grant's Project Coordinator. *"This grant will enable us to help them, not just during this grant year, but in the years to come."*

For more than a century, public libraries have been a cornerstone of the American Dream, providing equal access to information of all kinds. In fact, libraries are among the first American institutions immigrants turn to for help in learning how to read, write and speak English. The 2005 National Assessment of Adult Literacy (NAAL) found that one in 20 US adults have such limited English skills that they can't read a newspaper or help their children with schoolwork.

The American Dream Starts @ your library

Vineland High School Student Art Exhibit

Art program May 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Reading to a therapy dog is FUN

Wednesday, May 5 from 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Children! Come to the library and see how much fun reading can be — when you have your very own dog listener. Each Puppy Tales dog waits all month for this special evening. The dog love to cuddle and close their eyes while listening to children read. The program is geared to ages 6-12 and no pre-registration is required. Children will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Most children will have an opportunity to read to more than one dog and at the end of the evening everyone is welcome to enter the reading room to visit. Bookmarks featuring a photo of each dog will be given to each reader while supplies last.



Quit Smoking—Vineland Health Department

Thursday, May 13 from 7:00—8:00 p.m.

The Action Program of the Vineland Health Department is ready to support you in your efforts to “kick” the smoking habit. This free program takes place in the library’s Community Event Room on the first floor of the library. Stop in and obtain free services including: Quitting Tobacco Use Assessments; Carbon Monoxide Screenings; Personalized Age Progression Picture. Take steps to recover your freedom from addiction to nicotine. Bilingual help is available. For information call Ryan Long or Diego Cuartas at 856-794-4131.

Author Judy Reveal

Thursday, May 20 from 7:00—8:00 p.m.

Judy Reveal, author of the Lindsey Gale mystery series, will talk about her writing and her job as a professional editor at the monthly Writer’s Society meeting at the library. “*Judy does a wonderful job with her character development and creating scenes that make you feel part of the story.*” — Suspense Magazine. Admission is free for this program sponsored by the Friends of Vineland Library. The Writer’s Society meets from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. and welcomes everyone interested in writing.



Computer Classes for the Workplace

Are you job-hunting or need computer skills for your job? These free basic computer classes are geared for the workplace. Register by calling 794-4244 ext. 4243.

Microsoft Word 1 — Wednesday, May 12 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Microsoft Word 2 — Monday, May 24 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Microsoft Excel 1 — Tuesday, May 25 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Microsoft Excel 2 — Wednesday, May 26 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.