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Vineland Public Library Summer Reading Program a Success

The Children's Department at the Vineland Public Library is pleased to announce its top readers during the Summer Reading Program. The theme this year was "Dig into Reading" and was part of a statewide summer reading initiative. Participants in the Summer Reading Program's Independent Reading Club wrote down the titles of books that they read or that were read to them in a book log in the Children's Department during the six week program in July and August. A total of 126 active club members read 3,562 books this summer.



The top reader this summer was Rachel Irizarry, age 7, of Vineland, with 252 books. The following is a list of the top readers in each age group. James Farrell, age 2, Pittsgrove, with 103 books (top reader in the age 2 and younger group); Akeem Mills, age 4, Fairfield Township, with 169 books (top reader in the age 3 to 5 group); Elisabeth DiGiorgio, age 9, Vineland, with 43 books (top reader in the age 9 & up group).



More than 3,000 children, teens and adults attended the 70 programs offered during our six-week summer reading program. Programs included reading clubs, story times, a magic show, animal visits and professional storytellers.

Our local children also showed how generous they were by participating in a food drive for the Salvation Army. The top two donors were Asher Jenkins, 8, who donated 120 items and Emanuel Jimenez, 6, who donated 55 items. In total, 17 people donated 417 food items.



"At the moment that we persuade a child, any child, to cross that threshold, that magic threshold into a library, we change their lives forever, for the better."
-- President Barack Obama

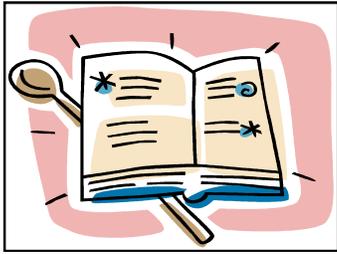
Staff Recipes

Carrot Pancakes with a Cream Cheese Spread

-Courtesy of Foodnetwork.com, tested by Savannah Ringrose

Pancakes:

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons finely chopped pecans
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
Dash nutmeg
1 egg, lightly beaten
1/3 cup packed brown or granulated sugar
1 cup milk
2 cups finely grated carrots
1 teaspoon vanilla extract



Cream Cheese Spread:

4 ounces cream cheese
1/4 powdered sugar
2 tablespoons milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 dash ground cinnamon

Directions:

In a bowl, combine flour, pecans, baking powder, cinnamon, salt, ginger, and nutmeg.

In a separate bowl, combine egg, brown sugar, milk, carrots, and vanilla; mix well.

Stir carrot mixture into dry ingredients until moistened. Pour batter by 1/4 cupful onto a greased hot griddle. Turn when bubbles form on the top of pancake; flip and cook until golden brown.

For topping, blend cream cheese, powdered sugar, milk, and vanilla until smooth. Sprinkle with cinnamon, and serve with pancakes.

Check out these titles for more recipes at the Vineland Public Library

- *Down Jersey Cooking: Celebrating our Heritage from Past to Present* by Joe Colanero **614.597 Col**
- *Everyday Italian: 125 Simple and Delicious Recipes* by Giada De Laurentiis **641.594 Del**
- *Homemade Pantry: 101 Foods you can Stop Buying and Start Making* by Alan Chernila **641.5 Che**
- *The Mom's Guide to Meal Makeovers: Improving the Way your Family Eats, One Meal at a Time!* by Janice Newell Bissex **641.555 Bis**
- *The New York Times Country Weekend Cookbook* **641.5 NEW**

**"Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested."
-- Francis Bacon**

Giving Back to the Community

Volunteering at the Vineland Public Library is contagious. Just ask Charles Viel and Jose Sanchez (pictured bottom right). Their story of volunteer work and community service proves that giving to the community can be a truly rewarding experience.

Charles Viel, local Vineland resident, has been serving the community for decades. For 29 years, he worked as a Public Defender. Now, Charles devotes time to volunteering. During the past two years, he has volunteered at the library as an ESL (English as a Second Language) tutor. Charles “likes to help people”, so when he heard that the Vineland Public Library needed tutors, he was eager to participate. A year after he began tutoring, Charles met Jose Sanchez. Jose came to the United States, from Puerto Rico, 40 years ago. When he arrived, he took a job that did not require him to speak English. Now Jose works as a security guard, and communicating in English is vital. He came to the library for tutoring and was matched with Charles. Jose is “doing very well” as a guard now, and he is grateful for all of Charles’s help and guidance.

Because of his gratitude, Jose was inspired to become a volunteer. He now cleans the library parking lot every week in an effort to give something back to the community. Clearly, Charles and Jose know what it means to pay it forward. Hopefully, their experiences will inspire others to do the same.



Fall Fundraisers

Friends of Vineland Public Library Fall Fundraisers

Boscov’s “Friends Helping Friends” fundraiser.

Tuesday, October 22 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

25% OFF SHOPPING PASS on sale now at the Library’s Circulation Desk for \$5.

Your entire \$5 donation benefits the Friends of the Library.

Friends Bargain Book Sale

Saturday, November 2 – December 21

Hardcover & Trade Paperbacks - \$1

Paperbacks - \$0.50

Children Books \$0.25 - \$0.50

The library will happily accept donations in good condition for the book sale.

Please call 794-4244, ext. 4243 to make arrangements for dropping off books.

New York City Bus Trips

Saturday, November 9 and Saturday, December 7.

\$36 (members) \$38 (non-members) includes transportation, handouts and drivers tip

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