

Library News

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Free ESL Classes at VPL!

The Vineland Public Library is offering free Survival English (ESL) classes beginning in January.

Survival ESL (English as a Second Language) classes target individuals whose low English level prevents them from interacting with English speakers in their daily lives. The classes will focus on vocabulary for daily life and the basic grammar patterns of English.

Classes for beginners will start on **Friday, January 5, 2018**, and will take place every Monday and Friday from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Classes for intermediate students will start on **Monday, February 26, 2018**, and will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30– 11:30 a.m. All classes are free and open to residents of Vineland, Millville or Bridgeton (Vineland residents will have priority) who are at least 18 years old and grew up speaking any language other than English. Classes will meet in the Community Event Room. Enrollment is ongoing. Interested students must bring their library card with them to register and a notebook and pencil to use in the class.

All individuals needing ESL or citizenship instruction should register at the Information Desk. Those registered will be called as tutors become available.

Residents of Vineland can get a free library card by showing photo ID and proof of residence and filling out a short form at the Front Desk. For more information, please contact the Adult Services Department at 856-794-4244 ext. 4243.

Funding for the ESL classes has been provided by the Friends of Vineland Public Library.



The Vineland Public Library would like to thank all those who helped to make this year's Book Sale a great success!

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Free Golden Yoga

The library is proud to offer Golden Yoga, a gentle class specifically designed for seniors but can be enjoyed by anyone looking to make the mind/body connection. This class emphasizes proper breathing, correct spinal and pelvic alignment, improved balance, strength, and posture. Gentle yoga can help you relax, both physically and mentally. Chairs are available for seated and standing support. Golden Yoga is appropriate for all fitness levels. Class will be held on **Thursday, January 11, from 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.** in the Community Event Room. This free class is sponsored by the Friends of the Vineland Public Library. **Class size is limited, and registration is required.** Please call 856-794-4244 ext. 4243 to register.

Calling all Volunteers!

The library is seeking volunteers to provide one-on-one help to people who speak another language and want to improve their English proficiency, as well as for those who want to improve their computer skills.

ESL Tutoring

Students in the ESL program 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 will be matched with a student whose English needs they feel comfortable addressing. The library will provide training for all tutors as well as appropriate textbooks to use during the tutoring process. Space will be provided for tutoring sessions to take place. Tutoring assignments will normally last for a minimum of four months.

Computer Tutoring

Individuals in the computer tutoring program are those who want to begin using computers or upgrade their skills and would be best served by one-on-one instruction.

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.**

Tutoring Responsibilities (ESL and Computer)

- Attend a 2-hour training session.
- Meet 1 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 you have or problems you or your student are experiencing.

Tutoring Requirements (ESL and Computer)

- Be at least 18 years old
- Speak English and/or have general computing skills
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Be able to volunteer at least 1 hour a week
- Enjoy helping others

If you want to make a difference in the lives of others, stop by the Information Desk or call 856-794-4244 ext. 4243 for more information.

Children and Teens

Seeing Eye Dog Program

Puppy Raiser Yvonne Leung will show an informative DVD on the Cumberland County 4-H's Seeing Eye Dog Program, give a demonstration of puppy commands, answer questions and introduce the audience to two Labrador Retriever puppies training for the program.



Tuesday, January 23

6-7 p.m.

All ages



Community Event Room

Registration is required for this free program.

Children younger than age 9 must be accompanied by an adult at all times in the library.

Art Exhibit

Inter-Dimensional & Cloud Ministry photography by local resident Greg Geraci is being featured during the month of January. This collection of the "spirit world" includes images not seen by the naked eye. The public is invited to a "Meet the Artist" reception on **Saturday, January 6**, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Doris Tripp Room.

Geraci is a native of Vineland and is retired from his business Geraci Painting, Inc. He graduated from Vineland Public High School in 1969 and attended Cumberland County College. Geraci feels he is gifted in his ability to relate to the "spirit world" and believes that he is guided to take the photographs which he has displayed in this exhibit. His collection encompasses over 140,000 images, including apparitions of people, heavenly beings, animals, vehicles, and the unknown. He was awarded the Best Apparition Award of the year in 2013.

Happy 2018 readers! The new year is finally here and so are the endless lists of resolutions. Fortunately, whether you want to lose weight, start exercising, or simply get organized, Vineland Public Library has a great selection of books to help you reach your goals. Just ask the Information Desk staff for the books you need to start the year off right!

Beatrice's Book Review

Hi readers!!



Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Did you read anything interesting? If so, please don't forget to make a recommendation for my column. To recommend a book, simply stop by the Circulation Desk and fill out a suggestion slip for me. You can also post a suggestion to the library's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/vinelandpubliclibrary.

Just before the New Year, I started reading cozy mysteries, and now I'm hooked! I sat in on the library's Cozy Mystery Book club in December. It was quite fun to hear all the different points of view. Those *Coziettes*, as I call them, didn't hold back! We read and discussed *Plum Pudding Murder* by Joanne Fluke (LT MYS FLUKE). I have to admit that I have read this series before and found it to be a good, easy read; however, discussing it with others made it all the more fun. It was very interesting to hear different perspectives from people who read the same book. I plan on reading more cozy mysteries and also checking out both book clubs offered by our library. Hope to see you there!

Keep reading,
Beatrice

January 2018 Free Events/ Schedule for Adults

Cut here for a fridge calendar!

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day – Library Closed

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. "Ready, Vet, Go!" Information Table, Lobby

Saturday, January 6

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. "Meet the Artist" Reception, Doris Tripp Memorial Room

Thursday, January 25

5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting, Community Event Room

Tuesday, January 9

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Friends of Vineland Public Library Meeting, Community Event Room

* Registration Required to Attend

Wednesday, January 10

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Adult Tea and Coloring, Community Event Room

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Thursday, January 11

4:45 – 6:00 p.m. Golden Yoga, ages 18 and older, Community Event Room *

All programs and times are subject to change. For a full list of programs, visit www.vinelandlibrary.org. You can also follow VPL on these social media outlets:

Monday, January 15

1:30 – 3:30 p.m. "A Better Me" Information Table, Lobby



Thursday, January 18

12:00 – 12:45 p.m. Tai Chi Class, Community Event Room*

5:00 – 7:30 p.m. New Jersey Writers Society Gathering, Community Event Room

Wednesday, January 24

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Adult Book Club Discussion of *The Inheritance of Loss* by Kiran Desai, Community Event Room



Call the library before coming out during inclement weather.

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