



ATLANTIC COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM/VENTNOR
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E NEWSLETTER APRIL - MAY 2014

Spring is Here!

Finally, Spring is here! After a long, cold, snowy winter it is finally time for thoughts of... New Jersey! Of course we still have our story times, Teen crafts, and book discussions. Come to Atlantic County Library System/Ventnor for fun things to do for everyone.

OUR NEWS FOR YOU

Saturday TED Talks

On Saturdays since January we have been presenting TED talks. TED stands for Technology, Entertainment, and Design; they are found online and are presented by the Rolex Company. There are more than 1500 talks and more are still being produced. The talks are short videos, most being about 5-15 minutes, and are inspiring as well as educational. Our twice-monthly program consists of three talks grouped by topic with a short discussion after each.

- Saturday, April 12: Our Amazing World
- Saturday, April 26: The Design of Everyday Things
- Saturday, May 10: Incredible Kids
- Saturday, May 24: What Makes Us Happy

Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion group usually meets on the third Friday of the month. However, in April we meet on Thursday, April 17 as Atlantic County Library System is closed for the Good Friday holiday. If you are looking for a thought-provoking meeting about the latest in literature this is the group to join.

- Thursday, April 17: *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes
- Friday, May 16: *Enders Game* by Orson Scott Card

Our book discussion group has been reading together for seven years. We have a core group of 15 members and in summer the number grows to 25. Everyone has a say about what they would like to read and the final selection is decided by the librarian depending on the availability of the book. Each member decides which book he/she would like to discuss and that person runs the discussion. The selection for the December meeting is usually something humorous as we look back at what (and guess how many pages) we have read throughout the year. In February author David Gillham joined us via Skype for our discussion of his novel, *City of Women*. Everyone had questions for him and it was a really unique and enjoyable experience.

Two Jersey Poets Coming in May

Enjoy a mellow, introspective evening at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 5 at a recitation by Two Jersey Poets, a.k.a. Sherri Dratfield and Michael J. Grabell. Enjoy refreshments as Sherri and Michael share and comment on their latest work.

See our complete calendar of events at:
www.atlanticlibrary.org

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday:	9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday:	9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Closed

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Gathering Wool Every Tuesday

If you like to knit or crochet, we have a knitting group called Gathering Wool. The group is open to adults and all levels of experience are welcome. They meet downstairs on Tuesdays from April 1 through May 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Chat and meet your neighbors while you knit or stitch. Bring any project you are working on or come be inspired.



More Great Programs

For Kids ...

Read and Play Baby every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. beginning April 3 and continuing through May 8. The sessions are suggested for ages 14 months to three years, and registration is requested. Read and Play Baby surprises include songs, rhymes, fingerplays and reading.

National Library Week: What Can You Make at the Library?

Held at 2:00 p.m. on April 15, 16 and 17, this program is suggested for ages 5 and older, and registration is requested. Come to the library & make something! We supply all of the materials and equipment, all you need is imagination to go home with a decorated flower pot, wall hanging, or collage.

For Teens ...

Teen Book Jam is held on Thursday, April 17 at 11:00 A.M.. The program is suggested for ages 12 and older, and registration is requested. Snacks and good company will accompany a lively discussion of *Insurgent* by Veronica Roth.

For Adults ...

National Library Week: Think of Something to Do at the Library?

Held during all open days during National Library Week, this event is open to adults. We are trying to come up with 85 things to do at the library. Can you help? Every new suggestion gets a prize.

Preservation Week: Antiques Appraisal is offered on Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. Bring one small item to be appraised by Bob Ruffalo of Princeton Antiques. Celebrate New Jersey's 350th anniversary. The program is open to adults and registration is requested.

Chess is played every Saturday afternoon beginning at 12:00 p.m. Led by Ken Esada, the program is open to adults. Play or learn this game of a lifetime.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April & May 2014

For Kids

READ & PLAY BABY

Thursdays, April 3-May 8, 10 am
Suggested for ages 14-36 months.

Registration requested.

Early literacy fun in the library.

Surprises include songs,
rhymes, fingerplays,
and of course, reading!

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK:

WHAT CAN YOU MAKE AT THE LIBRARY?

Tuesday, April 15-Thursday, April 17, 2-4 pm

Suggested for ages 5 & older.

Registration requested.

Materials & equipment supplied,
all you need is imagination.

Go home with a decorated flower pot,
wall hanging, or collage.

MOTHER'S DAY COLLAGE

Thursday, May 8, 3:45 pm

Suggested for ages 8 & older.

Registration requested.

Make a Picasso-style collage for Mom.

MAKE A BRACELET WITH RAINBOW LOOMS

Saturday, May 24, 10 am-4 pm

Suggested for ages 6 & older.

Stop in to make a bracelet
or arm band for summer.

For Teens

TEEN BOOK JAM

Thursday, April 17, 11 am

Suggested for 12 & older.

Registration requested.

Snacks, good company & a lively discussion
of *Insurgent* by Veronica Roth.

For Adults

GATHERING WOOL

Tuesdays, April 1-May 27, 10 am-12 noon

Open to adults.

All levels of experience welcome.

Bring any project you are working on
or come & be inspired.

CHESS

Saturdays, April 5-May 31, 12 noon-5 pm

Open to adults.

Led by Ken Esada.

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TED TALKS

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OUR AMAZING WORLD

Saturday, April 26, 2 pm:

THE DESIGN OF EVERYDAY THINGS

Saturday, May 10, 2 pm:

INCREDIBLE KIDS

Saturday, May 24, 2 pm:

WHAT MAKES US HAPPY

Open to adults.

Registration requested.

TED (technology, entertainment, design)

talks are designed to inspire & entertain.

Discussion & refreshments follow the talks.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK:

THINK OF SOMETHING TO DO AT THE LIBRARY?

Monday, April 14-Friday, April 17

& Saturday, April 19

During regular hours

Open to adults.

Help us come up with 85 things to do at the library.

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BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, April 17, 2 pm:

Me Before You by Jojo Moyes

Friday, May 16, 2 pm:

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

Open to adults.

PRESERVATION WEEK: ANTIQUES APPRAISAL

Wednesday, April 30, 6:30 pm

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Registration requested.

Bring one small item to be appraised by

Bob Ruffalo of Princeton Antiques.

Celebrate New Jersey's

350th anniversary.

TWO JERSEY POETS

Monday, May 5, 6:30 pm

Open to adults.

Registration requested.

Award-winning poets Sherry Dratfield &

Michael J. Grabell

read some of their latest work.

Refreshments.

For online program registration or for information on events held at other Atlantic County Library System locations, go to www.atlanticlibrary.org and click on Calendar of Events.

April						
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May						
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

ALL BRANCHES CLOSED:

GOOD FRIDAY
Friday, April 18

MEMORIAL DAY
Monday, May 26

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