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ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISCOVERY

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Library presents Atlantic City Experience at Boardwalk Hall

Unveiled in July, ACX highlights the events, places and people that have shaped the city.

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Atlantic City's rich history is now on display in one of the city's most iconic buildings.

The newly renovated lobby at Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall is home to The Atlantic City Experience™ (ACX), presented by the Atlantic City Free Public Library. The Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA) and library officially unveiled ACX at a special ribbon-cutting ceremony held July 23.

ACX showcases the culturally diverse heritage and exciting history of Atlantic City through a series of topical exhibits and nostalgic timeline.

The exhibits highlight many of the important events, places and people for which Atlantic City is known. Iconic images from the city's past are paired with digital displays and a video presentation with Atlantic City-themed music. From "Boardwalk Empire" props to a Mr. Peanut costume to the construction of Boardwalk Hall to a sand sculpture and much more, ACX has something for everyone. ACX is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Presented in a modern, creative design, the exhibit is self-guided and can be browsed in as little as 15 minutes or provide hours of entertainment.

Atlantic City native Vicki Gold Levi and former library archivist Heather Halpin Perez are the ACX curators. Library Board of Trustees President William Cheatham, library director Robert Rynkiewicz, library archivist Jacqueline Silver Morillo and former library director Maureen Sherr Frank were also instrumental in this project.

Many of the items on display are part of the library's extensive Atlan-



The city's incredible entertainment history and venues — including Steel Pier and Club Harlem — are recognized in The Atlantic City Experience.

tic City Heritage Collections and from the former Atlantic City Historical Museum, which the library operated from 2012-16. Gold Levi and others also lent items to the library for display at Boardwalk Hall.

Boardwalk Hall was known as Atlantic City Convention Hall when it opened in 1929. The building has hosted many noteworthy events, including the first indoor college football game, Miss America Pageant and the 1964 Democratic National Convention — and concerts featuring legends such as The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and Elton John. Boardwalk Hall is also home to the world's largest pipe organ.

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Phone: (609) 345-2269



Main Library Hours:

Monday, Friday
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
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9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Richmond Branch Library

Ventnor & Windsor avenues
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
Phone: (609) 340-0215

Richmond Branch Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
12 p.m. to 5 p.m.



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Thanks to our SRP sponsor, Steel Pier!

The Atlantic City Free Public Library held its Summer Reading Program finale Aug. 20 at Steel Pier.

Children and teenagers who participated in the Summer Reading Program and met certain reading and program attendance incentives were eligible for a day of free rides. More than 200 participants came to the finale.

This marks the third consecutive year that Steel Pier has served as sponsor of the Summer Reading Program.



Hispanic Heritage Month events scheduled

Programs to include concert at Richmond Branch Library

The Atlantic City Free Public Library has scheduled a variety of programs in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs Sept. 15-Oct. 15. All programs will be held at the Main Library unless noted otherwise.

View "Latino Americans: The 500-Year Legacy That Shaped a Nation"

Sept. 15-Oct. 15 during normal Main Library hours

The library will show this six-hour PBS documentary on the Main Library's first floor throughout Hispanic Heritage Month.

Adult Craft Circle: Talavera-inspired Ceramic Mugs

Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 3 p.m.
Participants will use markers to decorate ceramic coffee mugs with Talavera-inspired patterns. Talavera is a type of fine Mexican earthenware featuring colored decoration on an opaque white glaze, named after Talavera de la Reina, the Spanish town where this variety of pottery originated. Registration is required. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3075, to register.

Concert by Ana Gayoso

Thursday, Oct. 3, at 5 p.m. at Richmond Branch Library

The library will hold its first concert ever at the Richmond Branch Library. The one-hour concert will feature guitarist Ana Gayoso, who will perform classical and popular Spanish music.

Día de la Música Latina

Friday, Oct. 11, from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Main Library will play different types of Hispanic music over its public-address system throughout the day.

Kids Craft: Maracas

Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 3:30 p.m. at Richmond Branch Library

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by making a maraca. This program is best for children ages 6-12. All supplies provided.

Kids Craft: Day of the Dead Mask

Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 3:30 p.m.
Children ages 6-12 are invited to make a mask. All supplies provided.

'Evanston's Living History' film viewing on Oct. 26

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will show a documentary — "Evanston's Living History" — and hold a discussion with filmmaker Craig Dudnick on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 1 p.m. This program, held in conjunction with the library's Film Society, is open to all.

The film explores an African-American community's struggle for justice that extends back to Abbeville, S.C., and the horrific lynching of one of its prominent citizens, Anthony Crawford. Many of Crawford's surviving relatives fled to

Evanston, a city just 12 miles from Chicago where racial discrimination was prevalent.

The film details the lives of Crawford's descendants and their allies, and their fight for the passage of United States Senate Resolution 39, which apologized for the failure of the Senate to enact anti-lynching legislation. Learn about Evanston's greatest generation, and their courageous fight to free Evanston from the bondage of racial discrimination. Dudnick will discuss the film and answer questions.

DESCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE AT WWW.ACFPL.ORG ■ PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Construction to impact Main Library hours week of Sept. 9

There will be an interruption of services at the Main Library the week of Sept. 9-14, 2019, due to a construction project.

The schedule changes have not yet been determined.

Please visit the Atlantic City Free Public Library's website — www.acfpl.org — and follow us on Facebook and Twitter for updates as they become available. We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause.

ADULTS

Call (609) 345-2269 for more information.

Path to the American Dream: ESL Classes

Registration required. Visit Main Library Help Desk for more information.

Introduction to Tai Chi and Qigong

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25

Walk-in ESL Lab in Learning Center

Mondays from 1-3 p.m.
Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Oct. 7, 21, 28

Film Society: View and Discuss "Network"

Saturday, Sept. 14, at 1 p.m.

Movie viewing: "Latino Americans: The 500-Year Legacy That Shaped a Nation"

Sept. 15-Oct. 15 during normal Main Library hours

Old School Hip Hop (music played over Main Library PA system)

Monday, Sept. 16, from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Rapper's Delight 40th Anniversary Celebration: View "Beat Street"

Monday, Sept. 16, at 1 p.m.

Film Society: Classroom Session on Film Monologues and Speeches

Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 4:30 p.m.

Adult Craft: Talavera Ceramic Mugs

Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 3 p.m.
Registration required. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3075, to register.

League of Women's Voters of Atlantic County: Voter Registration

Thursdays from 2-6 p.m.
Sept. 19, 26 and Oct. 3, 10

Third Thursday Concert: Originaire

Thursday, Sept. 19, at 5 p.m.

Adult Book Club: "The Shining" by

Stephen King

Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 5 p.m.

Día de la Música Latina (music played over Main Library PA system)

Friday, Oct. 11, from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Health & Wellness Fair

Friday, Oct. 11, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Atlantic County Atrium

Adult Book Club: "Something Wicked This Way Comes" by Ray Bradbury

Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 5 p.m.

Adult Craft Circle: Autumn Leaf Candle Holder

Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 3 p.m.
Registration required. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3075, to register.

Conversation on Domestic Violence

Friday, Oct. 18, from 12-2:30 p.m.

Film Society: View "Evanston's Living History" and Q&A with Filmmaker Craig Dudnick

Saturday, Oct. 26, at 1 p.m.
(Also open to non-Film Society members)

Film Society: Classroom Session on Short Films

Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 4:30 p.m.

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Kids Craft Club: Maracas

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 3: Maracas; Oct. 10: Pencil Holder;
Oct. 24: Slime Day

Concert by Ana Gayoso

Thursday, Oct. 3, at 5 p.m.

LEGO Club

Thursday, Oct. 17, at 3:30 p.m.

Halloween Candy Giveaway (while supplies last)

Thursday, Oct. 31, from 12-4:30 p.m.

CHILDREN AND TEENS

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, for more information.

Need Homework Help?

Call Youth Services (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, to make an appointment with a librarian for personalized homework and information literacy help.

Story Time

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Please call youth services to register. (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050.

Kids Craft Club

Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.
Sep 3: Labor Day
Sep 10: Maracas
Sep 17: Flags
Oct 1: Parrots
Oct 8: Origami Claws
Oct 15: Day of the Dead mask
Oct 22: Origami Claws

Tween Days in the Teen Lounge

Saturdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26

LEGO Club

Saturdays at 2 p.m.
Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26

Notebook Decorating for Teens

Saturday, Sept. 14, at 1 p.m.
Registration required. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, to register.

Teen DIY T-shirt Designs

Saturdays at 1 p.m..
Sept. 21 and Oct. 26

Teen Slime Day

Saturdays at 1 p.m.
Oct. 5, 19

Create a Pencil Holder for Teens

Saturday, Oct. 12, at 1 p.m.

View Movie "Coco"

Thursday, Oct. 31, at 3:30 p.m.

Halloween Candy Giveaway (while supplies last)

Thursday, Oct. 31, from 12-6 p.m.

**THE LIBRARY
WILL BE CLOSED
SEPT. 2 AND OCT. 14**



Third Thursday Series concludes Sept. 19 with Originaire show

The Atlantic City Free Public Library wraps up its annual Third Thursday Concert Series in September. Originaire will play the finale, which will be held 5 p.m. Sept. 19 in the Main Library meeting room. The program is free.

Entwining soulful strings with sweetly blended male/female vocals, Originaire captivates audiences with heartfelt original songs performed with engaging chemistry and seamless musical precision. Its performances include everything from rousing, foot-stomping refrains to raw heart tugging ballads.

Public invited to discussion on domestic violence Oct. 18

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will host "Let's Talk About It: A Conversation on Domestic Violence" on Friday, Oct. 18 from 12:30 p.m.

The panelists will be Dr. Naomi Jones, Senior Director of Outpatient Services at Jewish Family Services; Rev. Raymond Hollis Jr., Social Services Coordinator at Better Tomorrows; Tamu Lane, Director of Social Justice Programming at Avanzar; Donna D'Andrea, Violence Intervention Program at Avanzar and Ann McGlynn, Atlantic City Police Department.

This event is open to the public. Call (609) 674-1482 for more information.

Docents needed at A.C. Experience

The Atlantic City Library is looking for people interested in serving as docents at the new Atlantic City Experience, located at Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall.

Docents are needed to answer questions about the exhibits and Atlantic City history, and possibly provide short guided

tours of ACX. Knowledge of Atlantic City history is helpful but not required. The library will provide training about the exhibits that are on display.

Those interested in volunteering are asked to call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112, or email dlatham@acfpl.org.

Free computer, hospitality classes to continue

The Atlantic City Free Public Library, in partnership with Atlantic Cape Community College, received a grant renewal for its training program, Communications for the 21st Century Workforce (CS21).

The CS21 program provides qualified disadvantaged, displaced and employed workers an additional opportunity to obtain workplace literacy services and career pathway training. Computer literacy and guest services certification classes — taught by ACCC instructors — are

offered at the Main Library. The training is free for all participants.

The library received funding for this initiative from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (LWD) through its Community Library Adult Literacy & Career Pathway Grant Program.

Registration is required. Visit the Main Library Help Desk or call (609) 345-2269 to register.

Best of luck to former Atlantic City Library colleagues

Atlantic City Library staff members Shagufta Bibi and Reggie Hathaway — and temp employee Adrianna Martinez — left the library this summer to pursue job and educational opportunities.

"All three of them have had a positive impact on the library and the community," Library Director Robert Rynkiewicz said. "They're smart, hard-working individuals with bright futures."

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To learn more about The Atlantic City Experience, please visit:

www.atlanticcityexperience.org

LIBRARY FOUNDATION RAISES \$20,000 FOR CREATION OF ACX

The ACX project was funded by the CRDA and money raised by The Foundation of the Board of Trustees of the Atlantic City Library



Gold Levi, an A.C. native and author, spearheaded the foundation efforts, which raised \$20,000 toward the project.

"The project wouldn't have been possible without the financial support of the CRDA and our library foundation," Rynkiewicz



Pictured at the ribbon cutting are: Spectra/ Director of Operations at Boardwalk Hall Jim McDonald, Atlantic City Mayor Frank M. Gilliam Jr., ACX Curator Vicki Gold Levi, Atlantic City Library Director Robert Rynkiewicz and CRDA Executive Director Matthew Doherty.

said. "The Atlantic City Experience is a project that meant a lot to Vicki, and she put an enormous amount of effort into it as the ACX curator and as a fundraiser."

Those who wish to donate to the library foundation can do so by visiting:

foundation.acfpl.org