

Director's Chat

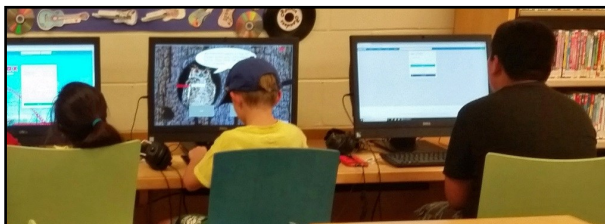
From the Desk of Barbara Pickell

It has been my pleasure to hold the position of Interim Director here at the Red Bank Public Library for the past busy, active summer months. Fortunately, the wonderful, dedicated staff and volunteers have continued to provide outstanding programs for young and old. Not only has the Children's library taken on Summer Reading, one of their busiest times of the year, it has also opened the RAD (Reading, Activity, Discovery) Lab and begun to take greater advantage of the beautiful outdoor space the library has. They have partnered with the Red Bank Parks & Rec, the YMCA, and Red Bank Charter School summer camps to introduce dozens of local kids to the library and all that we have to offer. Grants from the Borden Foundation and the Red Bank Library Foundation provided funding for new outdoor programming and equipment to the outside area. Check out the wonderful murals! And there is still more to come. Another grant from the William Gross Foundation made the new, permanent Story Walk® possible in Riverside Garden Park.

Adult programming continues to reach a wide variety of the community with programs like "Let's Talk About Race," the monthly Book Club, bi-monthly Yoga, and the popular walking tours, which will be back in the fall after a summer break. New public computers in the adult, children's and YA area have been provided by an anonymous donor and greatly enhance the library experience for many users. And the Red Bank Library Foundation has donated a new, big-screen Smart TV to improve programming for all ages.

The Library Board of Trustees is busy in the selection process for a new Library Director to hopefully join the library in the fall. He or she will have the privilege of running a wonderful library in an outstanding community. The staff, the volunteers, and the public make this a special place. I feel fortunate to have had this opportunity.

Shiny New Technology At The Library



You may have noticed a few shiny new gadgets around the library recently. Thanks to a very generous gift from an anonymous donor, we now have 6 new computers in the Children's Room, 8 new computers in the adult's section, and 3 new computers in the Young Adult section. Our old computers served us well, but they were slowing down and deserved some time off in their old age. We also now have wireless printing, which you can do from our public laptops.

If you've been to the Meeting Room lately, you may have noticed that instead of an old projector, we now have a beautiful 70-inch SmartTV available for our programming. This is a generous gift from the Foundation of the Red Bank Public Library. Drop by our next movie night to see the TV in action!

Fall 2018

**News from the
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Special Programs



Meditation on the River. De-stress and enrich your daily life while overlooking the beautiful Navesink with Michael Goldberg, Reiki Master & Teacher, Hypnotist, & Life Coach, every 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month from 10:15-11:00 a.m. on the Library Lawn or Meeting Room, weather permitting.



Reading & Author Talk with Diem Jones on Wednesday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Jones will read from his latest book *A Big Day: Thawing the Soul*, “a blend of poetry, memoir, non-fiction and trans-fictional riffs.” Mr. Jones has previously published 3 volumes of spoken word and 3 poetry collections. He is an author, educator, fundraiser. Refreshments will be served. Registration for this program is requested, but not required.

Continuing Adult Programs

Senior Day every 2nd Thursday of the month. We will now FORGIVE FINES FOR SENIORS on this day! You must be 62 or older, & this does not include lost/missing items. Also, at 3:00 p.m. each Senior Day, join our **Handcrafting Group**. The Library will provide refreshments.

The **Artists' Workshop** meets the first Thursday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Devote time to your art with the guidance of Joe Bergholm, Artist-in-Residence.

Computer Tutors are available for free one-on-one sessions by appointment. Learn computer and internet basics. Stop in and schedule time with one of our knowledgeable and patient volunteers at our Adult Reference Desk or call us at 732-842-0690x111.

ESL Classes are available for free each week throughout the fall. These classes for adults 18 and over are held weekly on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and are led by the Literacy Volunteers of Monmouth County at the Red Bank Public Library. Join at any time or contact the Literacy Volunteers of Monmouth County at 732-571-0209 or visit their website www.lvmonmouthnj.org.

Readin' on the River, our adult book discussion group, meets the third Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Contact the Reference Desk for information.

Bridge Group meets every Monday at 2:30 p.m. Come meet new friends and challenge your mind. Cards are provided & no prior experience is necessary. Call the Reference Desk for more information.

The **River Read Poetry Reading Series** meets on the second Saturday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sessions include featured readers and open-mic time. The public is invited and the programs are free. Come listen...come share. No registration required.

Yoga for Adults meets on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The class is appropriate for all levels of yoga experience. Please bring your own yoga mat. This program is free and no registration is required. First come, first served. Limit of 20 people age 18 and over.

Let's Talk About Race is an award-winning discussion series that takes place on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate and explore issues of race, gender, class, and culture. Multimedia presentations, guest speakers, and panels support the themes of our discussions, including Women in the Workforce, The Challenges of Being Muslim in America, and Race in Education, to name a few.



Movie Night for Adults will be held on Wednesday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m. We will be showing *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* so come by and get in the Halloween spirit with the cult classic. Feel free to dress up if you would like and enjoy free popcorn and snacks. (Please do not bring props. This movie has been rated R.)

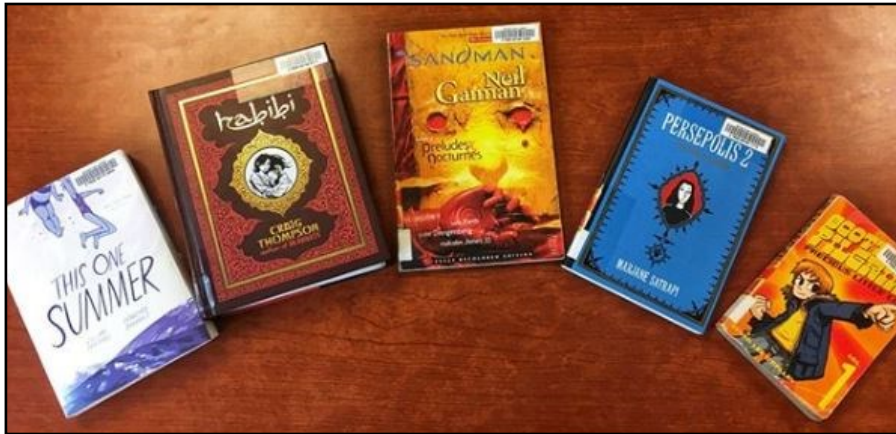
Fall Back In Time On A Historic Walking Tour Of Red Bank

The popular walking tour, led by lifelong resident Kathy Lou Colmorgen, will be back on Saturday mornings September 22, October 20, and November 24. The tours will begin at the Red Bank Public Library at 11 am and end at the Galleria at about 12:30. Registration is highly recommended and each tour is limited to only 20 people, so sign up early! Ms. Colmorgen has a wealth of information about Red Bank's past that she eagerly shares, and she receives rave reviews after each tour.

If you aren't able to attend one of these tours, the library now has a self-guided historic tour map available in paper form at the library, or you can use it on-line from your cell phone or other mobile device. You can reach it from the library web page, by going to the Local History tab and selecting Historic Red Bank Tour, or go directly to <http://redbanklibrary.org/local-history/historic-red-bank-tour.html>. The map is interactive and information on each site is available when you click on a number or on the name from the sliding side bar.

T. Thomas Fortune Foundation Seeks Local Historic Records

In August, the Red Bank Public Library and the T. Thomas Fortune House partnered to help diversify and expand the local historic record. The T. Thomas Fortune Project invited the African American Community to bring memorabilia: photos, letters, invitations, flyers, articles, etc, for digitization to the library. Focusing on items relating to Red Bank, Monmouth County, or Civil Rights, volunteers scanned material, preserving it for use in displays at the T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center, opening this fall, as well as at the Red Bank Public Library. Turnout was so good, that not everything could be scanned at one program, and appointments are being taken for additional times. If you have material or know of someone who does, and would like to share with the community, please call TTF Project at (732) 759-0691



Building A Comics Collection For Today

In the 21st century, comic books have become not only a reputable literary medium, but also the basis for about every third movie or TV show coming out of Hollywood. Red Bank is also home to one of the most famous comic book stores in the country, Jay and Silent Bob's Secret Stash, so we decided it's time to build out our adult graphic novel and comic book section.

We're adding classics like Alan Moore's *Watchmen*, Neil Gaiman's *Sandman*, and Robert Kirkman's series that inspired the TV show *The Walking Dead*, while also adding new comics like the wildly popular *Saga* series, *Ms. Marvel* (which features a Muslim-American superhero from Jersey City), and *Paper Girls*, (which is a bit like a cross between *Stranger Things* and *The Sandlot*, with girls as all the main characters). Come by and try out a new medium – and if you have suggestions for other titles we should add, please let us know!

Rock Your World 2018

Summer reading isn't just for kids. Adults were encouraged to expand their horizons through a "Rock Your World" theme. Participants had the option of reading books set in different countries or written by foreign authors. Visitors were challenged to identify rock formations from various geographic worldwide locations. Attending a library program or persuading a friend to sign up for a library card were other ways adults could earn tallies for the program. Each tally earned a raffle ticket for a chance to win the end-of-summer grand prize, a gift basket filled with donations from local Red Bank businesses and vendors including Pinot's Palette, Bow Tie Cinemas, Fresh Bowl, & Monmouth Meats. We held an end-of-summer party with food, fun, crafts and karaoke. Congratulations to our two winners of "Rock Your World", Pat Loughney and Ann Wynkoop! And a huge thank you to our local donors and karaoke leaders!



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MISSION STATEMENT:

The Red Bank Public Library provides materials, information, technology and cultural opportunities to enrich, empower, educate and entertain people of all ages

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wednesday	1 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Thursday	1 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fall Closings:

- Nov. 6—Election Day—OPEN
Library is a Polling Place
- Nov. 12—Veterans' Day
- Nov. 21—Early Closing 5pm
- Nov. 22-23—Thanksgiving

Did You Know?

The Children's Room is now FINE FREE! We are no longer charging late fees on Juvenile materials. Lost items will still be billed, however. This initiative encourages children and their parents to utilize the Children's Room and increases access to the library in our community.

FREE!

Story Walk 2018



The Story Walk® has been successful collaboration between the Red Bank Public Library and the Parks & Rec Department since 2016. This year we were thrilled to receive a grant from the William Gross Foundation for children's services which we used to install permanent fixtures for the Story Walk® at Riverside Gardens. It is a wonderful addition to the park that combines reading, activity and community. And now, seasonal stories can be displayed all year round! Look for Creepy Carrots by Aaron Reynolds in October and Too Tall Houses by Gianna Marino in November.

Says Sira, "The Story Walk is my pet project - I love it! And I am so happy that the community has responded so positively to it. It's a wonderful activity for young families, and a fun and different way to engage kids in reading. Riverside Gardens is the perfect setting for it, and I'm so grateful to the William Gross Foundation who enabled us to make it a permanent feature in the park."

Reading, Activity, & Discovery at the Library

Through a generous grant from the Mary Owen Borden Foundation and matching funds from the Foundation for the Red Bank Public Library, the Children's Room launched a new initiative this summer called the RAD Lab! The RAD Lab promotes READING, ACTIVITY & DISCOVERY with a focus on our outdoor space and our local environment. One of our first endeavors was to beautify our outdoor space with 2 murals designed and painted by local artist, Jim Fitzmaurice. The Library's murals depict Red Bank's natural environment in both the daytime and evening with an amazing array of local plants and animals, many of them hidden for the children to find.

Pictured below from left to right are Jim in front of his stunning nighttime mural, kids examining a snail with the tools in one of our RAD Lab packs available for use in our outdoor space, and a young patron helping Clean Ocean Action to clean up Maple Cove park at our end-of-summer-reading party in August. Please visit the Library to see these beautiful paintings in person, use our RAD Lab packs, and discover the nature right in our backyard!

