



**Director’s Chat: From the Desk of Elizabeth McDermott**

We had a wonderful summer at the Red Bank Public Library. From children’s summer reading programs to adult program series, we were incredibly busy – and enjoyed every moment! New this year: Harry Potter celebrations, *Project Write Now* young adult poetry readings, Anime Club and Ready Set Tell, just to name a few.

We were very excited to celebrate the one year anniversary of “Let’s Talk About Race.” This momentous occasion was marked with guest speaker Reverend Gilbert Caldwell. It was a packed house for this amazing speaker who called Martin Luther King a friend.

We continue to expand our computer tutor program with wonderful volunteers who devote a few

hours each week to help job seekers set up resumes, seniors to navigate new technology and generally bridge the digital divide.

Our Foundation for the Red Bank Public Library Board of Trustees has expanded to include three new members, and a new development consultant is working with them on the Annual Appeal and other projects.

Soon to be launched is our brand new website! All the news about the Library will soon be available through our new site – same address, but a different look and feel. We are excited to introduce this new “face of the library”. After all, we’re the most remarkable place in town!!

**Expanding our Horizons – Using our Outdoor Space**



Our Library...once the home of the Eisner Family located on the banks of the Navesink River in downtown Red Bank. How fortunate we are - - what a lovely location! What spectacular waterfront views! Utilizing outdoor space is a popular trend for suburban libraries seeking to expand programming space without expanding physical space. It offers a different environment for patrons to enjoy our programs, and with Mother Nature’s cooperation, we took advantage of our fabulous location this summer and held a number of successful events outside.

A special evening of **Jazz on the River** (*right*) with the *al wright unit* took place on August 24 on our back lawn. Al Wright on drums, along with his wife and vocalist, Ruth, and Mark Cohen on keyboards really put on a show! The crowd brought chairs and blankets and enjoyed the lively jazz performance which included some impressive tap dancing by Al Wright himself.



The Library also hosted a **Teen Poetry Slam** (*left*) on the lawn sponsored by local non-profit, Project Write Now, on August 25. The serene river views served as the perfect backdrop to the young poets who shared their work and enjoyed refreshments as they celebrated their achievements.

Our younger patrons enjoyed our outdoor space throughout the summer, too. The doors to the back lawn were opened during several parties and programs, allowing them to get some fresh air, read, and play. Meanwhile, teen groups attended creative writing classes, learned to play chess, and hung out on the grass as well.

**The Annual Volunteer Luncheon** was hosted by the Friends of the Red Bank Public Library on the front terrace in June. And in July, **the Annual Book Sale** was held on the front lawn in conjunction with the town’s Sidewalk Sale.

Finally, we really pushed the boundaries by partnering with the Red Bank Parks and Recreation Department for our first ever **Story Walks** (*right*) at Riverside Gardens. Every week a different picture book was posted along the pathways of the park. It was a wonderful collaboration between two borough entities that encouraged literacy, fitness and community involvement.



We look forward to expanding our horizons in many more ways in the future!

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## Adult Programs

**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. All media except oils, please.

**Computer Tutors** are available for one hour, one-on-one sessions by appointment. Learn computer and internet basics. Schedule time with one of our knowledgeable and patient volunteers at our Adult Reference Desk or call us.

**English as a Second Language** classes for adults 18 and over are conducted by the Literacy Volunteers of Monmouth County at the Red Bank Public Library. Classes will start in September and meet weekly on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Register at any time by contacting the Literacy Volunteers of Monmouth County at 732-571-0209 or visit their website [www.lvmonmouthnj.org](http://www.lvmonmouthnj.org).

The **Jersey Inchkins** is a club for adults who do "very little work." Club members build houses, rooms, scenes, and vignettes in miniature, usually on a scale of one inch to one foot. They meet at the Library on the third Wednesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. The group welcomes new members 18 and older interested in developing their skills in this creative field.

**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 Library for more information about the book of the month and to register.

**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.

**Yarn Arts** is a new group of like-minded crafters who knit and crochet. They meet to work on individual projects the first and third Thursday of each month from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Library's downstairs meeting room. Anyone of any age is welcome to join in, whether experienced or novice. This program is free and no registration is required.

**Yoga for Adults** meets every Friday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The class is appropriate for all levels of yoga experience. Please bring your own yoga mat. First come, first served. Limit of 20 people age 18 and over.

**Join Our Continuing Adult Series...** The **Let's Talk About Race** series celebrated its one-year anniversary in August with a special program featuring the Reverend Gilbert Caldwell (*right*) who marched with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and was very involved in the 1960's Civil Rights Movement. In this election season, the upcoming programs will center on voting rights. The Let's Talk About Race series meets monthly and continues to introduce topics for discussion that are relevant to our times and our community. Please join us for these important discussions held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Library's downstairs meeting room.



Our monthly **Author Talk** series also offers enlightening and enjoyable programs that introduce attendees to authors who discuss not only their recent works but their creative process and inspirations. The Author Talk Series is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. Registration is preferred but not required.

## ROSETTA STONE® is Here...Bravo, Hurra, Fantastique!

The Red Bank Public Library is pleased to offer Rosetta Stone, the premier language learning software used worldwide. It's free and you can get started immediately! Lessons include focused activities to refine grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and more, and 30 languages are offered! Visit the Resources tab, then click the Virtual Library link, select JerseyClicks, then Rosetta Stone. Create an account, then choose a language, and you're on your way!

### Other offerings in on our Virtual Branch....



September is **National Library Card Month!** The Red Bank Public Library offers a world of information and learning for all ages and stages. Anyone who lives, works, owns property or goes to school in Red Bank may obtain a free library card. Stop in with a picture ID along with your proof of address, employment or enrollment and get your card today!

## Catch Up With The Friends



Joan Boucher, Volunteer of the Year.

The Friends of the Red Bank Public Library held their Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in June. Invited to the celebration were over 30 people who dedicated their time and talent to the Library over the past year. The Library relies on many volunteers to help it run smoothly. These individuals work tirelessly on tasks ranging from shelving books and organizing periodicals to shifting the stacks, typing registration cards, creating displays, assisting with programs and much more. We have volunteers who range in age from 13 to 88! And they commit themselves to help us on a regular basis.

At the luncheon, Ms. Joan Boucher was named the Volunteer of the Year. You may recognize Joan as she actually worked for the Red Bank Public Library in the 1980's and 90's as the Circulation Director, and she just can't stay away! Now retired and 88 years young, Joan volunteers weekly, spending time in both the Adult and Children's Room. "I don't know what I would do without Joan," says Sira Williams, Children's Librarian. "Each week she helps to prepare my Story Time crafts. I can always count on her to be here, and she does such a careful job." Linda Hewitt, Circulation Supervisor, agrees that Joan is irreplaceable. Linda presented Joan with a certificate and a lovely bracelet at the luncheon as a token of appreciation from the Friends.

This summer, the Friends also organized our annual Book Sale, held during Red Bank's Sidewalk Sale. Young volunteers helped set up, and members of the Friends manned the tables, while shoppers treated themselves to some great finds.

Finally, the Friends were proud to award the very first scholarship named for longtime Friend of the Library, Cathy Boyd. The 2016 recipient is Jose Ramirez who just graduated from RBR and is now attending Rutgers University focusing on engineering. Congratulations, Jose!

The Friends invite you to join us at one of our meetings - every second Thursday of the month at the Library at 3:00 p.m.



(above) Volunteers enjoy the Luncheon held on the front terrace of the Library.

(right) Jose Ramirez, recipient of the Cathy Boyd Scholarship, and Library Director Elizabeth McDermott.



## Patron Highlight: Joe Bergholm

Our very own **Artist-in-Residence Joe Bergholm** was recently honored as the featured artist for the annual *Canterbury Art Show—A Tapestry of the Arts*, hosted by St. Georges by the Sea in Rumson. Joe's work has won numerous awards, and many of his pieces are held in corporate, private and municipal collections. He is a past President of the Plein Air Painters of New Jersey and a registered teacher with the School of Color USA. Through his affiliation with the Library, he consults with artists in our monthly Artist Workshops as a group, as well as individually, offering suggestions for subjects as well as guidance in principles of art such as color, composition, and the selection and use of materials. We congratulate Joe on this special honor!



The following people have joined our team.

STAFF: Reference Librarian Matthew Montalbano and his service dog, Oz.

FOUNDATION: Anne Torre Beebe, Michael Gordon, Roy Meyer

DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT: Heather Keefe

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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 and backgrounds.*

**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. - 2 p.m.

## Wildcard Wednesdays!

Every Wednesday from 4-5 p.m. there's something going on for Tweens & Teens at the RBPL!

**1st & 3rd Wednesdays** - meet up for games, crafts, activities, and always a snack!



**2nd & 4th Wednesday** - hang with the Anime Club to watch anime, draw & paint, and learn about Japanese culture!

\*No registration required.

**ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, READ!**  
 The 2016 Summer Reading Program was a tremendous success...

- 117 Children registered
- 55 Children submitted reading logs
- Over 2,000 books read!

**STORY TIMES** Drop in and join Miss Sira for fun stories, songs and a related craft. Open to young children with a caregiver. **TUESDAYS** at 10:30 a.m. and **THURSDAYS** at 1:30 p.m.

**BILINGUAL STORY TIME** Join Miss Maria for this monthly event with stories in both Spanish & English and special crafts and activities, too! Check the website for specific dates & times. [www.redbanklibrary.org](http://www.redbanklibrary.org)

**MOVIE TIME** Hang out with friends, watch a fun family film and enjoy a snack. Every 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Library meeting room.

**SATURDAY = GAME DAY:** Drop in every Saturday any time between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for board games, coloring sheets, and a special make 'n take craft!

**SPECIAL PROGRAM: ARTSY SMARTSY**

Make your own special masterpiece! For ages 5 and up.

**DATES:** Saturday, September 17 at 11:00 a.m. Artist: Amedeo Modigliani  
 Saturday, October 8 at 11:00 a.m. Artist: Edvard Munch (the Scream!)



Log on to our website at [www.redbanklibrary.org](http://www.redbanklibrary.org) and view the Children's Room calendar for more information about our amazing programs.



## Hanging out at the Library—A Good Influence!



(above) Brad at Monmouth U.

(below) Brad & friends playing cards in the children's Room.



Starting at an early age, Brad Chavero was hanging out at the Red Bank Public Library. Back in 2008 Brad attended story time with his Mom and other curious children. We cannot take the credit for all of Brad's success as he expands his horizons at Red Bank Regional High School and with the Rotary Club International in Red Bank. His parents have encouraged his love of the Library, and he has had mentors along the way like David Prown and Enrico Ciabattoni. But Brad was a regular fixture in the children's room - we watched him grow up.

We were happy that Brad and his friends enjoyed coming to the Library to play cards and hang out in a place where they could jump on a computer, or grab a dictionary to finish their homework, or just meet up in a welcoming place.

We are very proud to hear that Brad was recognized in April 2016 (along with student Harry Jain) as an Associate Member of the National Math Honor Society. In addition, Brad was a recipient in June 2016 of the Rotary Youth Leadership Award which meant a four day stay at Monmouth University, meeting and learning with other student leaders. We still see Brad at the Library - he is a true Rotarian! He joined with other local Rotarians volunteering to help out the Red Bank Public Library by transporting dozens of oversized books to the Monmouth County Archives in Manalapan. He also tutors other students in his spare time. Brad is reaching for the stars - and it all started with story time!



Elijah Nishiura is another student at RBR. For over a year, he has spent numerous hours at the Library as a volunteer assisting with a variety of behind-the-scenes projects. But Elijah's real passion is politics. He is very active within the local Democratic Party, and this summer he attended the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. There, he had a tremendous experience, and he will be sharing his reflections about it at our upcoming "Let's Talk About Race" program in October.

We are very proud of these impressive young patrons!