

# **CURRENTS**



### From the Director's Desk

To our friends, patrons, visitors and colleagues:

We are publishing an abbreviated version of our newsletter this month because we wanted to let you know that we are here and looking forward to a great rest of the year.

The past month and a half have been very difficult for all of us. Many of the staff of the Library felt like they had lost friends as well as colleagues – and not having you, the public, to greet every day made the ordeal even more difficult.

We celebrate the return of some of our Library family, and we want to welcome everyone back to our beautiful site on the Navesink. We have a bare bones staff, but we are full of ideas and very passionate about providing the best service to our community.

We need your help. Become a Friend of the Red Bank Public Library, volunteer an hour a week, donate to the Foundation for the Red Bank Public Library, give us feedback on our endeavors, and please support us as we work to bring back the luster to the jewel that is the Red Bank Public Library.

On a personal note, I want to thank all of you for supporting your public library. It is your meeting place – come satisfy your intellectual curiosity or just come hang out. All are welcome. We are the keeper of Red Bank history and the Red Bank future. Join us in what I am sure will be a wonderful journey.

Elizabeth McDermott
Elizabeth McDermott, Acting Director

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We want to communicate with you the latest updates regarding the Board of Trustees and the staff that is here to provide the services you need. Stay tuned for news about our schedule.

## **Hours of Operation**

Our hours will continue to be as follows until the newly elected Board of Trustees approves a new schedule. We will publicize the new hours in the local media, on our website, Facebook, and Twitter as soon as they are approved.



 Monday
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

 Tuesday
 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

 Wednesday
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

 Thursday
 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

 Friday
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## **Upcoming Library Closings:** Monday, 5/26 - Memorial Day

Friday, 7/4- Independence Day

CHECK OUT OUR

Check out our website for updated information on hours, programs, services, Board activities, the budget,

and ways to contribute:

www.redbanklibrary.org

## **Board of Trustees**

Beth Hanratty Sara Hansen, President Stephen Hecht, Treasurer Kathleen Horgan, Councilwoman April Klimley, Vice President Pasquale Menna, Mayor Marybeth Maida, Secretary

The Board will meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Meeting minutes will be posted on the Library 's website after they are approved.

#### **Staff Members**

Of the 6 employees who were laid off, two have been reinstated. Meanwhile, Library Director Virginia Papandrea has retired. So, our staff now consists of the following people:

Elizabeth McDermott, MLS - Acting Director Jane Eigenrauch, MLS - Adult Services Librarian Linda Hewitt - Director, Circulation Cathy Tobin - Sr. Library Assistant Sira Williams - Children's Services Coordinator Candyce Valor - Business Manager If you have an interest in serving on the Board of Trustees, please notify Elizabeth McDermott, Acting Director at 732-842-0690 x114.







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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.



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Find a link to the 101 Great New Jersey Books on our website.

Many thanks to Father Al and St. Anthony's Church for inviting the Friends of the Red Bank Public Library to host a bake sale and raffle at their April 4th concert of The Seven Last Words of Christ. It was a wonderful event, and we were very pleased to be a part of it.





## **Ongoing Programs Open To Everyone**

#### **ADULT**

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

**Yoga for Adults:** Fridays from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. First come first served. Bring a mat! **Jersey Inchkins**: Third Wednesday the month from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. through June. Join others who build miniature houses, rooms, scenes and vignettes.

**Red Bank Senior Center Book Club:** The last Monday of every month (except December) at 1:00 p.m. at the Red Bank Senior Center. Borough residents age 60 and over are welcome to join the Center and participate in this or any of its other great programs.

**Conversational English**: In partnership with the Literacy Volunteers of Monmouth County. For adults 18 and over from June 12—August 21, 2014, on Thursdays from 7:00—8:30 p.m. The classes are free and registration is not required.

**EXHIBIT** Dinosaur and Indian fossils found in Monmouth County are now on display in the second floor exhibit space. Stop by and check out these local treasures!

#### CHILDREN'S

Stories, Songs & Crafts: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. (Additional days coming soon!) Artsy Smartsy: Coming back soon. Learn about great works of art, then create one yourself! For ages 5 & up.

\* Please check the website at www.redbanklibrary.org for information & updates to the programming schedule.

### What's New With The Foundation & The Friends?

The Foundation For the Red Bank Public Library would like to thank the many volunteers who worked at the recent Red Bank International Flavour Festival on our behalf. Thanks to you, the Library will benefit from some of the proceeds from the event! Similarly, the Library will be one of the beneficiaries of the upcoming Red Bank Rockin' Country Festival on June 28th & 29th. We hope the community will come out and support it. Once again, we will need volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Kathleen Brown at kcb313@gmail.com

The **Friends of the Red Bank Public Library** has several fundraising events planned in the coming weeks. Please make an effort to support them as well as the local merchants who are helping the Library!

- (1) Saturday, May 3 The Town Wide Yard Sale.
- (2) **Tuesday, May 6 New Corner Pizza**, 22 E. Front St., will hold a fundraiser for the Friends on all sales, eat-in and take-out. **Sugarush** will participate also, setting up a special table of delicious desserts at New Corner. 15% of the entire day's sales (lunch through dinner) will be donated to the Friends.
- (3) **Every Sunday in May**, **Jersey Mikes** 100 Water St, Centre City Plaza, will donate 15% of your purchase to the Friends if you mention the Library when you place your order.
- (4) Stay tuned for details about the used book sale which has been postponed until the Fall.

We would like to thank our many patrons, our dedicated volunteers, and the local community for supporting the Library during this transition. We appreciate all that you have done! Our goal is to restore our services and programs as much as possible in order to better serve you. Please continue to hang in there with us, and if you would like to get involved, here's how you can help...

- Volunteer contact Linda Hewitt at 732-842-0690 x 112.
- Join the Friends of the Library email Suellen Sims at suellenwsims@gmail.com.
- Make a monetary donation to the Foundation email Kathleen Brown at kcb313@gmail.com.
- Join the Library as a non-resident the annual fee is only \$50.