



**APRIL CELEBRATIONS!**

**From the Desk of Elizabeth McDermott, Director**

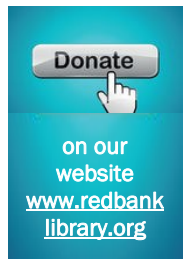
April is here – an event-filled time at libraries everywhere!! National Library Week is April 11 – 16 and there is always something going on at the Red Bank Public Library. Tuesday April 12 is National Library Workers Day – let your Library staff and volunteers know how much they mean to you. The Red Bank Borough Council is presenting a resolution for National Library Appreciation Week at the April 13th meeting. And the Friends are sponsoring the Annual Bookmark Contest – with entries from 4 schools and 3 grade ranges. We are very grateful to the Red Bank Woman’s Club for again underwriting the printing of these beautiful works of art.

We are celebrating National Poetry Month as well with workshops and an author talk. If you love poetry – or if you’ve always been curious about poetry, come to all or one of our events. Teens and adults are welcome at these programs– we expect a crowd so be sure to pre-register.

....And then we greet the wonderful month of May!

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News from the  
Red Bank  
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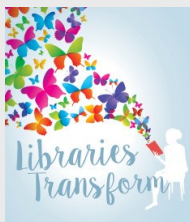
**RECIPE TASTING & BOOK SIGNING  
TO BENEFIT THE LIBRARY**

The Front St. Trattoria has been a favorite lunch spot for Red Bank library staff for several years. When the Trattoria began catering for the Friends' Volunteer Luncheons and our evening fundraisers, the bond of friendship and love of their food grew. Now Val Aufiero, owner of Front St. Trattoria, is hosting a cookbook signing and tasting for her niece, Amie Valpone, who found health again after changing her diet and eating only natural and organic foods. Amie wrote a cookbook

"Eating Clean: The 21-Day Plan to Detox, Fight Inflammation, and Reset Your Body."

The signing will take place on Monday, April 25 from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. at the Front St. Trattoria, 31 West Front Street, Red Bank, 732-747-9569. The entrance fee is \$35 and includes a copy of the cookbook, signed by the author and a tasting of several items made according to the cookbook recipes. The Red Bank Public Library and Lunch Break will be the recipients of the proceeds from the event.

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy good food, good company and good health! Tickets are available online at <http://www.frontstrattoria.com/More-Info/Book-Signing-Tasting-Event>.



In April, the Red Bank Public Library celebrates **National Library Week** and its theme "Libraries Transform" with special programs, events and activities. Take advantage of Fine-Forgiveness Week from 4/11-4/16 when all late returns will be forgiven! Older fines can also be waived with a donation to our food drive benefitting the pantry at St. Anthony's Church. During the week, there will be raffles galore and giveaways, too. Everyone who checks out materials will be entered into a raffle in either the Circulation Department or the Children's Room. Come celebrate with us and discover how the Red Bank Public Library helps transform our community.

## Special Programs

The **Let's Talk About Race** series continues on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. when our conversation will focus on race amity. Please join us for this dynamic series of discussions held each month that explores race and culture in the context of literary works and the social mores of cultural identity and class. The April through June programs will be moderated by local resident Patricia Whyte. An open and honest dialogue is encouraged. The previous sessions have generated enlightening and informative exchanges, and this one promises the same. This series is supported by a generous contribution from the Friends of the Red Bank Public Library. The programs are held on the last Wednesday of every month. Registration is preferred.

Our monthly **Author Talk** series will welcome New Jersey Poet, Daniel Weeks, in honor of National Poetry Month on Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. Daniel Weeks is an accomplished writer who has published seven collections of poetry. Inspired by classical music, the author will discuss *Self-Symphonies*, in which he explores a life lived on the Jersey Shore. Also to be discussed is *A Prosaic Light: Essays Revisions and Reviews, 1987-2015*. This collection takes on many issues from social and political commentary to literary reviews, including those of NJ writers Robert Pinsky and Amiri Baraka. The Author Talk Series is held on the second Wednesday of each month and presents different local or area authors. Registration is preferred but not required. All are invited to this free program.

Join the fiesta as we celebrate **Cinco de Mayo** at the Red Bank Public Library! Drop in on Thursday, May 5 between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. for refreshments, music, games and children's crafts. Learn about new library card membership and get information about our programs and services. Everyone is welcome!

## 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. To learn computer and internet basics, please schedule time with one of our knowledgeable and patient volunteers. Visit or call the Adult Reference Desk to register.

**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 through June. The class meets weekly on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. New participants are always welcome. Please contact 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. at the Library. 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. These popular sessions include featured readers and open-mic time. The public is invited to these free programs. Come listen...come share. No registration.

**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 is welcome to join in, whether experienced or novice. This program is free and no registration is required.

**Yoga for Adults** meets every Friday at a new time - from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Please bring your own yoga mat. First come, first served. Limit of 20 people age 18 and over.



### Online Courses For Career & Lifelong Learning

Your library card makes more than 30 areas of study yours to explore via the Red Bank Public Library website. Go to [www.redbanklibrary.org](http://www.redbanklibrary.org) and click on our Virtual Branch. Scroll down to Universal Class and click to see a list that includes arts & crafts, career and business development, technology training, health & medicine and more. Whether you want to learn about pet care or baking pies, managing your money, or specific office skills, you will find that each Universal Class features lesson plans, time needed to complete the course, and availability of Continuing Education Credits.

There are resources for professionals and hobbyists, and each online class allows you to learn at your own pace. For students, there are study guides for SAT, GED, and medical coding tests. You can learn at home or in the Library, and it's all free with your library card!

## BEHIND THE SCENES: Volunteers Make a Difference

For many of the programs that the Library offers, snacks are served for everyone who attends. Since our budget is limited for programming, we often rely on the goodness of volunteers to provide the many delicious treats we serve. Three women who are often on “bakery call” for our Library are Joan Boucher, Jen Shields and Patty Whyte. All three bake scrumptious desserts and can be relied upon to make every program or event delicious as well as entertaining and interesting.

Volunteers are essential to the many services we offer to our patrons. If your forte is cooking or baking and you would like to volunteer, let us know. Or you may find your fit as a volunteer somewhere else behind the scenes at the Red Bank Public Library. Please contact Linda Hewitt 732-842-0690 ext. 112 to discuss the possibilities.



## Artists On Display

The next time you visit the Library, be sure to view the artwork of **Lynne Kennedy** and **Lisa Bagwell**, on display through June. In Lynne’s “Hopes and Dreams” photography exhibit she uses multiple layers of digital alterations, and adjustments to create images that resemble fine art paintings. But regarding the pieces displayed at the Library, the artist concedes, “There was little need to alter such beautiful creatures after the image was recorded, as the original subjects, birds and dragonflies, speak so clearly for themselves.”

The display of environmentalist, **Lisa Bagwell’s** work is equally amazing. Visitors will enjoy identifying all of the recycled items used in her pieces. Lisa lives in Red Bank “building with her trash in the bleak hope that she can express through sculpture the cumulative guilt she shoulders on behalf of the human race for having so inelegantly damaged the earth’s complex ecosystems.”



## Catch Up With The Friends

The Friends have some great events coming up, starting with the Library’s Annual Bookmark Contest (see p. 4 for details).

On Friday, May 6, the group will host a reception at St. Anthony’s Annual Spring Concert. Wine and hors d’oeuvres will be served for a small donation. There will also be a terrific raffle for a weekend in Red Bank including hotel stays at the Molly Pitcher and Oyster Point, RiverCenter gift card and more. The concert promises to be fantastic as usual. Please come out and support us.

Then mark your calendars for the Annual Townwide Yard Sale— Saturday, May 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The \$10 fee will cover the cost of publicity and printing. Maps with participating homes and sale details will be posted online and will also be available at Coffee Corral, Rook and the Red Bank Public Library.

The Friends of the Red Bank Public Library are looking for energetic, enthusiastic library lovers to join us! Please come to one of our meetings every second Thursday of the month at 3:00 p.m.



Our staff is growing! Please help us welcome our new additions: Reference Librarians April Bunn & Mary Ellen Mess, and Library Assistants Sarah Baker & Katey O’Connell.

## 2015 Annual Appeal: Engaged, Essential, Evolving

The Foundation for the Red Bank Public Library is grateful for the community’s support of our 2015 Annual Appeal. More than 100 donors helped us raise over \$10,000 to support the long-term fiscal health of the Library. We wish to gratefully acknowledge the generous support of the following donors:

### Author Level (\$1,000 - \$2,499)

Anonymous  
The Joan and Robert Rechnitz Philanthropic Fund

### Book Lover Level (\$250-\$999)

Lunchbreak  
Navesink Pointe HOA  
Towne & Country Management  
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# Children's Programs

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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.

### Upcoming Closings:

Memorial Day: Sat., May 28 & Mon., May 30

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. Visit the Children's Room or call 732-842-0690 x115 to register.

### ONGOING PROGRAMS

**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, April 23 at 11:00 a.m.— Featured artist: Georges Seurat  
Saturday, May 14 at 11:00 a.m.— New Technique: Zentangles!

**COMING SOON:** 2016 Summer Reading Program with incentives for reading and special programs & activities all summer long!

Theme: On Your Mark, Get Set Read!

Beginning mid-June for ages 3-12.



## NEW: Ages 10 & up!



Meet up with other anime fans on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Watch anime, draw & paint, and learn about Japanese culture!

\*No registration required.

### TEEN POETRY WORKSHOPS

Hosted by National Student Poet Eileen Huang

Spoken Word & written poetry. Come to one – come to all!

DATES: Weds. 4/20 & 5/4  
TIME: 6:30 p.m.



## Annual Book Mark Contest

In celebration of National Library Week, the Friends of the Red Bank Public Library sponsor our Annual Bookmark Contest. This year, over 100 submissions were received from Red Bank's school children. They were judged by three locally known artists: Danielle Acerra, Joe Bergholm, and Rosemary Pappa. The following winners were chosen: (Grades K-2) Randy Castro, 2nd grader at the Red Bank Primary School; (Grades 3-4) Carlos Guerra, 4th grader at the Red Bank Middle School; (Grades 5-8) Ellie Fields, 7th grader at the Red Bank Charter School.

The winning bookmarks have been professionally printed courtesy of a generous donation from the Womans Club of Red Bank and will be distributed to Library patrons, young and old, throughout the year. The bookmarks will be revealed at a party in the Children's Room at the culmination of Library Week. "The contest encourages the kids to think about the importance of reading and gives us an opportunity to celebrate their creativity. We had great participation, and I am very happy for all of the winners," says Children's Librarian Sira Williams. She added, "The contest is also a great way to work with our local schools and introduce young families to the Library."

Check out the winners and bring home your favorite the next time you visit us!