



In our continued effort to enhance our services, we have expanded our hours of operation to offer additional morning hours on Monday and evening hours on Wednesday.

Check out our calendar at www.redbanklibrary.org for new program offerings!



Monday	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Thursday	1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Upcoming Library Closings:

September 5 & 7 - Labor Day weekend

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Public Library



New Staff

In order to offer these expanded hours and new programs, we hired two new part-time employees. The next time you are at the Library, please join us in welcoming Claire Lomack- Phelps to the Circulation Department, and Rachel Van Hazinga to the Children's Room!

Updates and Happenings

The **First Annual Red Bank Mayor's Charity Ball** was a big success! The sold-out affair was held on May 1 in support of the **Red Bank Public Library** and the **Parker Clinic**. Not only was the Library a beneficiary but Gerry Eisner, whose family donated the Library's beautiful building to our town, was an honoree of the event, receiving the Historical Legacy Award. In total, \$26,000 was raised that evening! The Red Bank Public Library received its \$13,000 share at the Borough Council Meeting on June 24. The Board of Trustees along with the Library's staff and patrons are grateful to the citizens of the greater Red Bank area and the local business community whose generous support will benefit the Library greatly.

Project Write Now, a local organization dedicated to helping people of all ages become better writers, has partnered with the Library to continue the **Oral History Project** which began last summer. Teenage interns trained for several days with the instructors at Project Write Now in order to conduct meaningful interviews with elderly residents of our area and to preserve their memories on paper in a compelling way. The Library is providing a comfortable space for the interactions to take place and will store the interviews with accompanying photographs and artifacts in the Local History Room. A celebration of this collaboration, now called "**The Interview Project**" will take place on **Monday, August 24** in the Library's Meeting Room from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The writers will introduce their subjects and their finished projects will be showcased. Refreshments will be served, and the event will be open to anyone interested in meeting these special seniors and learning more about the history of this place we call home.

National Night Out Against Crime is an annual event that promotes police-community partnerships and is held throughout the country on the first Tuesday of August. Our friendly staff looks forward to participating every year and engaging with the community outside of the Library. The Red Bank Police Department will host the event including a free cookout from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the municipal parking lot on **Tuesday, August 4th**. Visit our table for information about upcoming programs, our new virtual branch and how to register for a library card. We'll have face painting, tattoos and goodies for the kids, too!

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Upcoming Events & Adult Programs



Let's Talk About Race is the Library's new, dynamic series of discussions that will explore race and culture in the context of literary works and the social mores of cultural identity and class. Sessions will be held each month from August through November and have been designed to encourage open and honest conversations that will be both informative and enlightening. Attendees will hear from guest speakers and view compelling mixed-media that support the themes of the group discussions. Gilda Rogers will serve as curator and moderator of the program. **Let's Talk About Race** opens **Wednesday, August 26 at 7 p.m.** in the Meeting Room of the Library with a presentation by Sid Bernstein founder of Citizens for a Free Diverse & Open Society and author of "America: A Country in Search of a New Dream." This program is free but registration is required. Visit the Reference Desk or call 732-842-0690 x111 to register.

Ongoing Adult Programs

Artists' Workshop meets the first Thursday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Devote time monthly to your art with the guidance of Joe Bergholm, Artist-in-Residence. All painting and drawing media except oils, please.

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 is required.

Readin' on the River adult book discussion group meets the third Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Library. For more information about the book of the month and to register, call us at 732-842-0690 x110.

Yoga for Adults meets every Friday from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. Please bring your own yoga mat. First come, first served. Limit of 20 people age 18 and over.

Red Bank Senior Center Book Club in cooperation with the Red Bank Public Library hosts a book discussion group on the last Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. except in December. Red Bank Borough residents age 60 and over are welcome to join the Center and participate in this and all of its other great programs.

Computer Tutors are available for one hour, one-on-one sessions by appointment. To learn computer and internet basics, please schedule some time with one of our knowledgeable and patient volunteers. Visit or call the Adult Reference Desk to register.

The **Jersey Inchkins** is a club made up of 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.

Back to High School ~ by Lisa Iannucci, Librarian



It was the Eisner family's intent to have the Library serve the role of museum as well as library, and we are very proud of our New Jersey History Collection of archival materials, including artifacts, postcards, yearbooks, oral histories, and an extensive and diverse array of historical photographs. Director Elizabeth McDermott has long been the guiding force behind the support and promotion of this collection as a museum, research center, and repository of Red Bank history.

Due to budget constraints, the physical contents of the New Jersey History Room have become somewhat inaccessible, so we have found ways to provide virtual access via digitization. Our goal is to digitize items that are visually appealing and to which patrons feel a personal connection. Last year our Director initiated the plan to work with Innovative Document Imaging (IDI) to digitize a number of Red Bank Regional High School (RBRHS) yearbooks from our local history collection. With the support of our administration and funding from our Friends organization, we were able to submit to IDI a total of 41 books spanning the period from 1922 to 1980. This range of materials was selected in order to engage active members of the RBRHS alumni association and include some of our older, more fragile materials. As a result, the books are now available to peruse via our website at www.redbanklibrary.org. Also available in enhanced format is the *Red Bank Register* from 1878-1991. We plan to digitize other items that strongly connect with patrons, including more yearbooks, historical images of Red Bank, and personal photographs. If you have a yearbook you would like to share or if you would like to fund the scanning of additional materials, please call Librarian Lisa Iannucci at 732-842-0690 x111.

With both time and money in limited supply, we see digitization as a cost-effective tool to make our collections easily discoverable and accessible to our patrons wherever they may be. Let us know what you think about this digital trend. What would you like to see next?

Harry Greenwood's Legacy ~ by Elizabeth McDermott, Director

Henry Irving "Harry" Greenwood was born August 11, 1920, and died November 27, 2014. Harry graduated from Red Bank High School in 1938. He was the Assistant Editor of *The Log*, the school yearbook, and also one of two Staff Historians. Harry spent much of his life donating his time and energies to non-profits like the Salvation Army and the Red Bank YMCA.



Harry, along with Dan Dorn, Jr., was the first Red Banker to be interviewed for our ongoing oral history efforts. (This two hour interview is available on <http://www.njdigitalhighway.org/>). Harry also stayed involved in Library events, attending programs along with friend and Red Bank Lion member, Cy Sidun. Harry Greenwood was inducted into the 2005 RBR Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame and was also a key member of his Class of 1938 reunion committee.

I think it was serendipity that Harry and I met and became fast friends. Our mutual love of history and of Red Bank gave us much in common. Harry was a long time member of the Red Bank Lions Club and also treasurer. When Harry learned that the New Jersey History Room at the Library needed funds, he gathered the other "Lions of Red Bank" and organized the first of several donations from this 95 year old Red Bank organization. I think this generosity got the attention of other donors because the next year an anonymous donor gave stock to the Friends of the Red Bank Public Library, specifically to support the History Room.

As a result of these generous donations, we were able to digitize 41 Red Bank High School yearbooks which are now available to search from our website. I think Harry would be very pleased to know that he made this project possible.

To achieve this, Innovative Digital Imaging (IDI) picked up, digitized and returned our yearbooks to everyone's delight. Digital Memory Media, a subsidiary of IDI, will be on site for personal collections in the fall. See *the Friends* event below.

Catch Up With The Friends



On Wednesday, June 24 the Friends of the Red Bank Public Library hosted its 2nd Annual Volunteer Luncheon. Our dedicated volunteers were thanked and recognized as essential to the success of the Library. Sue Goldberg was awarded the honor of Volunteer of the Year and Mayor Menna was in attendance to officially present Mr. Gerry Eisner (*pictured left*) with the Historical Legacy Award from the Mayor's Charity Ball for his continued generous support of the Library and the town of Red Bank.

Members of the Friends are now hard at work organizing a new and different fundraiser for the Library. Did you ever wonder whether an item you own is old – and valuable? **Save the Date of**

Oct 17th from Noon–5:00 p.m. for **What's in Your Attic?**, an event that you won't want to miss! The Library will also sponsor a **Digital Preservation Event** on the same day. Digital Memory Media www.dmmem.com will be on site to preserve your collections of prints, photographs, slides, or movies! Stay tuned for more details.

Children's Services Librarian, Sira Williams, says "The Friends provide amazing support for our Children's Room programming! We truly appreciate all of their help. They are the best!" Miss Sira is referring to the treats the Friends supplied for the recent Leader Reader series which featured special story time readers - John Ward, David Prown and Mayor Menna, as well as the funding for this summer's Ice Cream Social and Super Duper Hero Party.

The Friends of the Red Bank Public Library are in need of 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 beginning in September.



Sue Goldberg has been volunteering for the Library since November 2011 and has been instrumental in helping with so many things we do and have done at the Library. As many volunteers, Sue, a retired teacher and volunteer also for the Bronx Zoo, started at the RBPL by learning how to page and read our shelves. When we held our 75th party for the Library, Sue spent endless hours here helping to prepare the exhibits for our celebration. In 2013, Sue took over putting our monthly displays together and helping with book displays. She started scanning the newspapers to collect items that were noteworthy about the Library and collecting things happening in the community. She has been a major help in the NJ History Room. Sue Goldberg is a dedicated volunteer whose attention to details has made our Library a better place for both patrons and staff. We are lucky to have her and all our committed volunteers who work so hard – without whom we could never achieve all the things that we do.



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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.



Summertime brings all kinds of activity to the Children's Room. The **Annual Summer Reading Program** is well underway. This program encourages early literacy and motivates children to enjoy a summer of reading, learning, and fun! The theme of summer 2015 is "Every Hero Has a Story," and children have been reading like crazy, earning prizes and participating in many fun programs. There is still time to participate! For more information about the program and how to register, contact the Children's Room at 732-842-0690 x115.

ONGOING PROGRAMS:

STORYTIMES Drop in and join us 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.

New! **CREATORS' LAB: FULL STEAM AHEAD!** Experiment, Innovate and Make Something New! **DATE:** Wednesday, August 5 at 6:00 p.m. and the first Wednesday of every month. This program is for kids ages 8-12. It is free and registration is required.

MOVIE TIME: PAUL BLART: MALL COP 2 (PG) Hang out with friends and watch this funny, family film. **Snack, too!** **DATE:** Thursday, August 27 at 6:00 p.m.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:


New! **CREATING COMICS!** Work online, make your own comics, then share with friends! **DATE:** Saturday, August 15 at 11:00 a.m. This program is for kids ages 8-12. It is free and registration is required.

PRE-K SCI-TIME: HOMETOWN HEROES For children ages 3-5. Come for a short video, snacks and a science project related to our topic. **DATE:** Wednesday, August 19 at 1:30 p.m. This program is free and registration is required.

SUMMER READING FINALE: MEET RED BANK POLICE PATROLMAN AND HIS K-9 PARTNER! Treats and crafts, too! Open to children of all ages. **DATE:** Friday, August 21 at 3:00 p.m. Children who submitted at least 1 summer reading log will also receive their participation certificates. This program is free and registration is required.

ARTSY SMARTSY Subject: Louis Tiffany and his famous stained glass. Make your own stained glass masterpiece! **DATE:** Saturday, September 26 at 11:00 a.m.

Log on to our website at www.redbanklibrary.org and view the Children's Room calendar for more information about our programs. Visit the Children's Room or call to register for any of our amazing programs!



**Booksale Room—
Bag Sales**
Every first Tuesday and Wednesday of the month fill a bag for \$5.00! The Library will provide the bag(s); you fit as many books, DVDs, and CDs as you can in it! Inquire at the Circulation Desk for more information.

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Featured Artist: Kathy Keenan is a graduate of Kean University (formerly Kean College) where she studied Fine Art and Psychology. She has been creating water-color paintings for the past 10 years. Being an avid gardener, Kathy is attracted to florals and the natural beauty of gardens and landscapes. Kathy resides in Shrewsbury with her big black Lab Tess. Her work is on display behind the Circulation Desk.

