

Director's Chat

From the Desk of Elizabeth McDermott

We are about to say goodbye to another successful year at the Red Bank Public Library.

- ◆ We welcomed visitors over 45,000 times this past year.
- ◆ We offered over 100 adult events.
- ◆ We hosted over 160 children's programs.

And we are planning much more in 2017 which is our 80th anniversary year, including new initiatives, additional hours, enhanced digital offerings, and many engaging programs for adults, children and families. Check out the calendar on our new website for our monthly offerings and look for an 80th Anniversary calendar highlighting a few special events.

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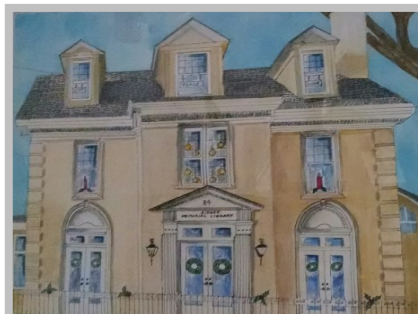
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2016 Annual Appeal

The Foundation for the Red Bank Public Library has just sent out the 2016 Annual Appeal letter. This is the third appeal the Foundation has sent to the Red Bank Community. The money raised by this appeal is unrestricted, unless otherwise specified, and will enable the Foundation to fund many initiatives. For example, proceeds from the 2015 Annual Appeal were used to purchase equipment for a new Mobile Maker Space. Importantly, this new equipment will be used to prepare promotional material and enhance programming for special Library events such as NJ Makers Day on March 25th. Also, the funds were devoted to enrich Children's Room programming and purchase necessary equipment, including updated scanners and color copiers.

The current 2016 Annual Appeal emphasizes the value of Library patronage reported by individuals who routinely use its services. In conjunction with the Library's first formal Strategic Plan (2016), the findings of an extensive public survey revealed that patrons were most impressed by the value of the Library to the greater Red Bank community, the feeling of kinship among patrons that it inspires, the opportunity for individual enrichment that it affords, and the sense of tranquility that is derived from its beautiful location. This year's appeal reminds potential gift givers about these benefits. According to the Strategic Plan, proceeds from this year's appeal will be devoted to sustaining and growing the History Room, the Children's Room, and the Library's outdoor grounds. Developments in these areas will be highlighted throughout 2017 during which the Library will celebrate its 80th anniversary as the Eisner Memorial Library.

Celebrating 80 years



Eileen Wozniak's original painting of the Eisner Memorial Library.

The Red Bank Public Library is pleased to announce that we will be reopening our Local History Room in 2017! In conjunction with next year's celebration of our 80th Anniversary, the History Room will once again be open to the public for research use. Save the date of May 20 for our Grand Re-Opening and Reception!

The mission of the Local History Room is to collect, maintain, and preserve materials about local history for the benefit of historians and library patrons, now and in the future. We have some exciting things in the works, so please stay tuned to the Local History News page of our website for updated information. In the meantime, we continue to accept your contributions of photographs, papers and memorabilia in support of our mission to preserve the history of our Library and of Red Bank and the surrounding area. And please visit our Historic Red Bank Facebook page, too!



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Adult Programs

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. All media except oils, please.

Computer Tutors are available for 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.

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 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.

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. except in January 2017 when they will meet on 1/7. 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 group of like-minded crafters who knit and crochet. They meet to work on individual projects on the first Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. and the third Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. All ages are 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.

Our **Chess Club** is open to all ages. Join us on Thursday evenings at 6:45 p.m. RBR Chess Team members will challenge you and give you tips to improve your game. Or, perhaps, you can teach them a thing or two!



Throughout the year we will be celebrating our 80th Anniversary with fun family programs with a historic twist. A **Vintage Valentine Craft Party** in February and a **Dairy Program** (with ice cream making!) in June are just a couple of examples. Don't forget our usual programs and other special events like our **Annual Bagpipe Program** in March, and our continuing monthly series **Let's Talk About Race**.

Visit our website at www.redbanklibrary.org and view our full calendar for more information about these and other offerings. Your feedback and suggestions for future programs are always welcome, too!

Online Catalog

Our Library's online catalog has a new look and feel! The upgraded version includes a detailed help page that instructs users how to use different features, a revamped list tool that allows users to create personal title lists, a feature that translates the catalog into Spanish, and a link to video tutorials providing visual guidance to using the catalog. There are also links to some of our great digital content like **Zinio** magazines, **eLibraryNJ**'s great collection of electronic books and audio, and **Hoopla** movies, books, comics and more. So don't let a little winter weather stop you from enjoying what we have to offer - check out our catalog to get started!



DID YOU KNOW?

You can **renew items**, **pay fines** and **reserve materials** online. All you need is your Library Card Number and your PIN. Look for these services on the **Home Page** of our website under the heading **LIBRARY INFO**. Don't know your PIN? Visit one of our service desks to find out and then change it to something you will remember!

Catch Up With The Friends



Founding member, Sue Shaloum (center left) surrounded by her "Friends"

Farewell to a Friend....

In December the Friends group said goodbye to one of their founding members, Sue Shaloum, who is moving out of town. Sue helped to start the Friends in June of 2009 and through the years gave tirelessly of her time and energy. She also donated a wonderful painting which hangs in the stairwell leading to the Children's Room. She was there for every annual book sale and helped staff the children's book sale room because, as a retired school teacher from Brooklyn (25 plus years), she always wanted to help children develop a love of reading.

Sue believes that libraries are one of the greatest treasures in a community. She especially loves the Red Bank Public Library and feels we are very lucky to have such a "great town library".

Sue has two children and two sets of grandchildren, one in NJ and one in Oregon. Her NJ family is very sad because she is moving to Portland, Oregon and will now be close to her Portland family, who is very happy. Sue loves culture, and Portland's many offerings are enticing to her, but you can be sure that her first stop will be joining the Portland Library. As she noted, "Portland has a great library system," and she plans to join the Friends group there as well. Sue will be very missed in Red Bank, especially at the Library.

Looking for Friends....

The Friends of the Red Bank Public Library are looking for energetic, enthusiastic library lovers to join us! Put your ideas, talent and time to good use. Please come to one of our meetings every second Thursday of the month at 3:00 p.m., or call the Library for more information.

Staff Highlight: Maria Ramirez...From Volunteer to Valued Staff Member



Maria Ramirez has been with us for 5 years, but only 2 ½ years as an employee. That's because Maria first came to us as a volunteer. As a high school senior, Maria tagged along with her friend, Linda, who said "Hey, volunteering is fun – why don't you volunteer with me?" So Maria made a commitment to come to the Library on a regular basis and began to "work" by shelving books and doing other tasks to assist the Library staff.

Slowly but surely Maria became part of our team. She worked hard and approached all projects with a special spark that is unique to her. Maria is very creative, artistic, always smiling – and as a bonus, she has the wonderful talent of being fluent in two languages. Her ability to converse in Spanish has proved to be invaluable.

When we began to revitalize the Library in 2014, it seemed natural to ask Maria to become a permanent part-time employee. Since then, we have been forever grateful to have Maria on our staff. Her spirit and initiative are contagious. She surprises us with imaginative displays and creative digital ideas that always impress.

Maria is a staple at the front desk on Thursday nights when we host ESL classes, but she also works many hours a week in the Children's Room. All of the Tuesday Story Time children and families know Miss Maria who helps prepare their crafts and check out their books on those busy mornings. She conducts bilingual story times and leads our Anime Club for tweens/teens. Maria also helps update our Facebook page and publishes our monthly Library calendar of events in English and Spanish.

We love all our volunteers – they are part of our extended family. But Maria has stolen a piece of our respective hearts. Come volunteer at the Red Bank Public Library – join our team and become part of "the most remarkable place in town."



Children & Teen 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.

SPECIAL HOURS & CLOSINGS

Monday, January 2.....CLOSED

Friday, January 13CLOSED

Saturday, January 14.....CLOSED

On these dates the Library will be closed for long overdue building maintenance. We will be installing new energy efficient windows facing the river, both in the Adult area and the Children's Room.

Monday, January 16.....CLOSED
for **Martin Luther King Day.**

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.

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

NEXT SESSION: Saturday, February 4 at 11:00 a.m. Artist: Jim Dine

Make your own special *heart-filled* masterpiece for Valentines Day! 5 and up.

Log on to our website at www.redbanklibrary.org and view the Children's Room calendar for more information about our amazing programs.



STAR WARS PARTY: Thursday, **January 5 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**, join us to celebrate the release of the newest movie, **Rogue One: A Star Wars Story**. Show off your Star Wars expertise in a trivia game, enjoy Dark Side snacks, and play chess with the RBR Chess Club. Costumes encouraged. All ages welcome. RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/rbplStarWarsRSVP>



Thursdays at 6:45 p.m. Open to all ages & skill levels! Coaching & instruction provided by RBR Chess Club.



2nd & 4th Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. Hang with the Anime Club to watch anime, draw & paint, and learn about Japanese culture! *No registration required.



GRATITUDE is the best attitude

As we ring in the New Year, the Children's Room is celebrating the generosity of others because we just received two amazing gifts! The first was an additional Early Literacy Station for our youngest patrons. Foundation member Michael Gordon and his wife Sally donated the interactive computer in November. It has a touch screen and headphones and is loaded with activities, games and videos for children ages 18 months to 7 years old. According to Children's Librarian Sira Williams, "The Early Literacy Station that we've had for several years has always been a huge hit with the little ones. So many toddlers and young kids enter the Children's Room and march straight to that monitor!" Even the tiniest children love to play on the computer, and the games and songs on the system really reinforce their counting, colors, ABC's and more. Because it is often challenging for toddlers to take turns, adding the second station has been wonderful! The generosity of the Gordons towards the Children's Room has definitely put a smile on many young faces already!



A young patron and her Pop Pop play on the Early Learning Station after Story Time.

The Children's Room is also thrilled to announce that we recently received a \$5,000 grant from the William Gross Charitable Foundation. This money will be used to enhance the Children's Room and its offerings. Servicing young families with boys and girls ranging in ages from 0 to 13 years can be quite a challenge due to the wide range of needs and interests they present. This grant will help us to accommodate this ever-changing population in terms of materials, technologies and reconfiguring our space. "What an exciting time in the Children's Room!" says Sira. "There's a lot to look forward to in 2017!"

