

1937 80th ANNIVERSARY 2017



Director's Chat

From the Desk of Elizabeth McDermott

Our 80th anniversary celebration is in full swing – the Staff, Volunteers, Board, Friends and Foundation are all contributing to a banner year. A year full of anniversary events is proving to be popular. On May 20th we will celebrate our “Birth Year” as we recognize 1937 as the year the Eisner Family donated their home to the Borough of Red Bank for use as a Library. In honor of this event we have displays at the Library, the Borough Hall and the County Clerk’s building in Freehold where we recognize the wonderful history of Red Bank. Visit our website www.redbanklibrary.org for more information. Or better yet, stop in and experience “the most remarkable place in town.”

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YOUR TOWN
By Terry McCue

80th Anniversary Celebration
May 20, 2017

EVENTS

Walking Tours of Historic Red Bank
10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Annual Book Mark Contest &
80th Birthday Party for Children
11:00 a.m.

Reopening of the Local History Room
Noon

Refreshments in the Eisner Room
1:00 p.m.

Local History Room - Rebirth

In 2014, we closed the New Jersey History Room at the Red Bank Public Library. When we reopen the room for visitors on May 20th it will be named the **Local History Room**. Over the past couple of years, we confirmed there is significant interest in Red Bank history through the popularity of our *Historic Red Bank* Facebook page, our Oral History Program, and the Pop Up Museum during the 2014 Sidewalk Sale. So work has continued behind the scenes despite the doors being closed. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers Sue Goldberg & Nancy Tarbell, we were able to grow the collection and keep it relevant to our community. Efforts included: digitizing the Red Bank High School yearbooks dating back to 1922 as well as maps of town from decades ago, archiving historical photos donated by the family of Anthony Trufolo, installing exhibits at the Library and Borough Hall, and more. Most recently the Foundation funded our subscription to Ancestry.com.

Stop in and peruse our unique collection of local directories, photos, memorabilia and exhibits housed on the 2nd Floor of the Library. We are proud to offer a combination of resources and online tools to historians, authors, genealogists and anyone curious about Red Bank’s past. The Local History Room will be open on Wednesday afternoons, with additional hours in the near future. We invite you to come and learn something new about your town.

Do you have any interesting family treasures, local keepsakes, or Red Bank Business memorabilia. If so, please consider donating it to the Local History Room. If interested, please call 732-842-0690.

Continuing 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 free 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. through June 1. Then on June 15, **Conversational English** will be offered. Register at any time by contacting the Literacy Volunteers of Monmouth County at 732-571-0209 or visit their website www.lvmonmouthnj.org.

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 Reference Desk for 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 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 and levels are welcome to join in. No registration 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. This program is free and no registration is required. First come, first served. Limit of 20 people age 18 and over.

Let's Talk About Race is a discussion series that takes place on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate and explore issues of race, gender, class, and culture in the context of literary works and social history. Multimedia presentations, guest speakers, and panels support the themes of our discussions. These have included Women in the Workforce, The Challenges of Being Muslim in America, and Race in Education, to name a few. Enlightening and informative exchanges are to be expected! Registration is recommended.

An **Adult Summer Reading Program** will be offered this year from June - August with the theme *Build a Better World*. Anyone can participate. Win prizes for reading and participate in fun activities. More information is available at the Circulation Desk.

Up & Coming Special Programs



We are celebrating our 80th Anniversary throughout the year with fun family programs for all ages.

Saturday, June 3: Remember the Milkman? Join us for this program tracing the history of local dairies with a presentation, antique milk bottles on display and ice cream making, too!



September 23: The New Jersey Cranberry. Learn about the history of the cranberry in our state and sample early American recipes. This program will be offered in partnership with the NJ Council for the Humanities. Our guest speaker will be Judith Krall-Russo.



December 2: Historic Holiday Party! Make vintage holiday decorations and treat yourself to some old-fashioned holiday goodies! We might even sing some holiday tunes...

Visit our website at www.redbanklibrary.org and view our full calendar for more information about these and other offerings.



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New Books, DVDs & Audiobooks are added to our Adult's, Young Adult's & Children's Collections frequently. Come and check out current, fresh and topical fiction, non-fiction, biographies and more! Or ask a staff member for recommendations.



Catch Up With The Friends

Friends of the Red Bank Public Library will soon be able to check out **museum passes** with their library card, just like a book! The Friends have generously funded the program, set to start on May 20 at the Library's 80th Anniversary. For more information, stop by the Library on May 20 or go to www.redbanklibrary.org/support/friends after May 20.

Passes will be available for **Grounds for Sculpture**, the **Newark Museum**, and **Monmouth Museum**, along with a discount for the **Liberty Science Center**. If the program is popular, the Friends will look into expanding to other museums the following year. To become a Friend, stop by the front desk and fill out an application. All are invited to attend their monthly meetings, the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

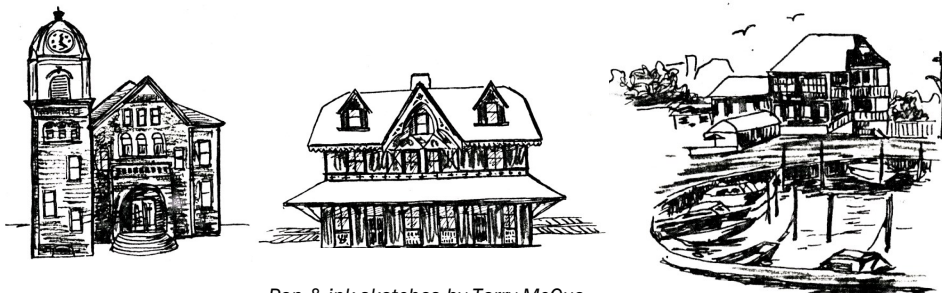
When the Library formally celebrates the 80th Anniversary as the Eisner Memorial Library on Saturday, May 20, there will be a special reason for four select students to celebrate. For the sixth consecutive year, the Friends held a **Bookmark Contest** in which Red Bank children in grades kindergarten through high school were invited to create a design focusing on the theme "I Spy My Favorite Place In Red Bank." These entries were returned to the Library in mid-April and then judged by three local artists – Joe Bergholm, Rosemary Pappa and Nancy Mail. Twelve winning bookmarks were chosen in categories K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and high school. Once again, the Woman's Club of Red Bank supported the contest by funding the printing of the winning bookmarks.

At 11:00 a.m. on May 20 in the Meeting Room, the Library will host a "Library Birthday Party" for children with cake, games and crafts. The highlight of the party will be the announcement of the 1st place winners of the Annual Bookmark Contest. Their masterpieces will be distributed to all of our guests and patrons throughout the year!

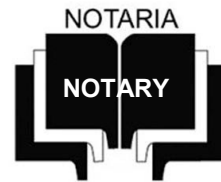
Discover Historic Red Bank Through Walking Tour

This walking tour was the brainchild of our Circulation Supervisor & Outreach Coordinator, Linda Hewitt. She said, "I always thought there should be a walking tour of Red Bank. It's a very historical town. So many people come to visit, to shop and to enjoy cultural events, there should be something to educate them about Red Bank's rich history." Well, now there is! Linda recruited the assistance of our long-time volunteer Kathy Lou Colmorgen who has an encyclopedic knowledge of Red Bank along with past Volunteer of the Year, Sue Goldberg, and devoted patron Barbara Withers. Together, they mapped out a one-hour walking tour including just some of Red Bank's many historic landmarks. They also researched the locations' backgrounds and found historic photographs and documents to enhance the presentation.

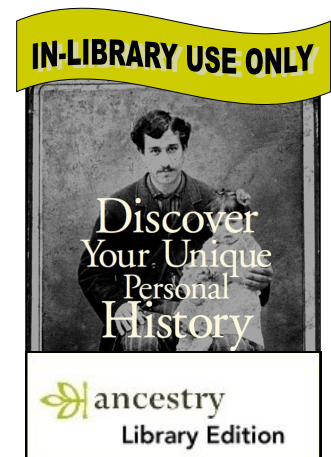
The guided tours will depart from the Library on Saturday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Registration is recommended by phone or through our website.



Pen & ink sketches by Terry McCue



Bilingual Notary Services are now available at the Library! Whether in English or Spanish, documents can be notarized by one of our two certified notaries as a free service to our cardholders (or \$1 per signature for non-cardholders). We suggest you call ahead to ensure a notary will be available when you visit. Our complete Notary Services Policy can be found on our website at www.redbanklibrary.org.



Ever wonder about your family history and how you fit in? Historical records and photographs hold many of the answers. **The Ancestry Library Edition** database is now available to our patrons thanks to a donation from the Foundation for the Red Bank Public Library. With billions of records in census data, vital records, directories, photos, and more, it's an ideal resource for genealogical research. The Ancestry Library Edition can only be accessed at the Library and is not available for home use. For more information, speak to one of our Reference Librarians.

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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. - 5 p.m.

Remember The Dollhouse?



In celebration of our 80th Anniversary, the Eisner Memorial Doll House is back on display in the Children's Room.

It was commissioned by Children's Librarian Vicki Ross in the early 1970's and created by artist Genevieve Rindner with painstaking detail. The house is a piece of Library history that is enjoyed by visitors of all ages. Please stop in and take a peek!

Kids Corner

Countdown to Summertime!



The theme for our **2017 Summer Reading Program** is *Build a Better World!* There will be fun reading incentives for kids and teens, and lots of great programs throughout the summer for all age groups. The summer programs will be supported again with funds from the Friends of the Red Bank Public Library.



Last year our Children's Librarian Sira Williams created **Story Walk in Riverside Gardens**. Each week she installed a new story on panels along the pathways of the park. Each panel revealed one more page of the book, and visitors had to complete the walk to finish the story. It was a creative way to promote literacy, exercise and community engagement.

Due to the overwhelming popularity of the Story Walk, Ms. Williams will be expanding the program this summer. A generous donation from the **William Gross Charitable Foundation** will help fund the installation of permanent Story Walk fixtures in Riverside Gardens in partnership with the **Red Bank Parks & Recreation Department**. The Library will also create Story Walk on Library grounds for the Summer Reading Program.



Youth Volunteer Profile: Peter "PJ" Miraglia



Volunteering is a two-way endeavor – the volunteer must be committed, and the institution must provide an environment that is welcoming and rewarding. Sometimes the perfect combination of personality and challenging work occurs serendipitously to form the perfect match. This was the case with Peter Miraglia and the Red Bank Public Library.

Peter (we still call him PJ) joined our Computer Tutor team in 2011 as a sophomore at Christian Brothers Academy with community service hours to fulfill. He lived in Freehold and was driven each way by his parents, so we assumed that PJ would finish his hours and move on. However, once Peter started volunteering every third Saturday, he made friends and established a list of "regulars" which meant his tutoring schedule was always full. As time went by, we watched a shy young man blossom as his confidence grew and he participated in more activities at the Library.

After three years of volunteering, Peter left for George Washington University in Washington D.C. While majoring in International Relations, world travel beckoned, and his latest challenge is his semester abroad in Chile. He has been studying at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile in Santiago since February. He says "Life in Santiago has certainly been a change of pace, and learning to live in a different language took me a few weeks to get accustomed to. Chileans are notorious for speaking "chileno", or the country's dialect of Spanish, which is spoken very fast and includes many "slang" words ... While it proved to be difficult to understand the people of Santiago at first, especially the younger generation, it has been a great experience...I have noticed how Chileans are very welcoming and accepting, but they also do not care much for punctuality!"

Once he returns, Peter will start a summer internship at Morgan Stanley in Baltimore and then his final year at GWU. We are proud of his accomplishments and look forward to hearing about his next adventure!