Happy New Year! We hope you have enjoyed what the Library had to offer in the past year and welcome to those new customers who have discovered this “hidden gem”. The Library staff and board have enjoyed all of your visits and know that you are going to be pleased with the upcoming programs and activities that are planned for the New Year.

Preparations are being made for an exciting all-day party to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the West Deptford Free Public Library at its present location. It is going to be the event of the year. Look for information about this fabulous event in this issue of “Check It Out”.

As we celebrate 20 years in our wonderful facility, we want to continue to acquaint you with the staff. The next staff member to highlight is our Reference Librarian, Cheryl Rheiner. Cheryl has been on the Library staff since 1986. She graduated from Glassboro State College with a Bachelor’s in music education and a Master’s in library science. She also received a Certificate of Advanced Study from the College of Information Science & Technology, Drexel University. Before coming to West Deptford, Cheryl was an elementary school librarian in Vineland, a high school librarian at Holy Spirit in Absecon, and a medical librarian at Delaware State Hospital. She also interned at the Information/Reference desks at Cherry Hill Free Public Library. She has been on the staff at Gloucester County College as an adjunct librarian for 10 years.

Cheryl has been a member of the Reference/Interlibrary Loan and Information Access committees of the South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative. She is currently a member of the Reference Services Committee and Readers Advisory Roundtable of the New Jersey Library Association. She has also served on the last two Long-range Planning Committees of the West Deptford Free Public Library, as well as the current one. She has staffed the statewide virtual reference service, Q and A NJ, since its inception in 2002.

She was a six-year member of the Vestry at her church and a long-time member of the Gloucester County Community Chorus. Her interests outside the Library are music, reading, quilting and gardening. Cheryl is an asset to our Library family. She is always ready to help out all of our visitors who come to the Library. Her professionalism is natural and her ability to work with all of you is what makes the Library “the place to be.” When you are at the Library, look her up and say hello.

Winter is here and the Library is a warm and busy place to spend your time. Make sure that the Library is one of the stops you make when you need a friendly atmosphere. The West Deptford Free Public Library has it all!

Mrs. April Maska, Board President
SAVORING SUNDAYS III

January

Showcase Exhibit - India
Performance – “Traditions of India”
Originating in Hindu temples more than 2,000 years ago, Indian dance combines movement, mime, and music in equal measure. Join us as Ramya Rammurayan and her dancers, adorned with beautiful costumes, jewelry and makeup, replicate a temple sculpture and bring this mystic view of the universe to life.
All Ages • Sunday • January 27 • 2:00 p.m.

February

Performance – “Celebrating America’s Multicultural Heritage”
Experience the multicultural mosaic that is uniquely AMERICAN with this interactive presentation of audio visuals, songs, games and movements by Bruce Segal.
All Ages • Sunday • February 24 • 2:00 p.m.

March

Showcase Exhibit – Colombia
Performance – “¡Flamenco!”
Experience the emotional power and stirring beauty of the flamenco tradition as the dancers of Andrea Del Conte Danza Espana demonstrate this Spanish art form.
All Ages • Sunday • March 30 • 2:00 pm

A Library for All Seasons

During the year, the Library plans to transform the plaza into a welcoming area to relax with a book, visit with friends, access the Internet, enjoy a variety of performances and activities or just commune with nature. An information station with details about the makeover will be available at the Library’s Anniversary Celebration. You can help with the transformation by purchasing a paver in memory or in honor of someone, for the birth of a child, etc. Pavers may also be purchased in memory or in honor of a pet. We also welcome individuals, organizations and businesses to contribute to this effort by underwriting the transformation cost of a section of the plaza. The WDFPL is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and all gifts are tax deductible.

Introducing A New Column – Feedback!

Many of you use the suggestion box at the Library to share ideas on how to make services at the West Deptford Free Public Library even better. This column is a way to answer your questions and let you know what action is being taken regarding your suggestions. Thank you for your continued interest in the West Deptford Free Public Library.

Suggestion: Newer rock CDs
Action: Please leave a list of your favorite artists with staff at the Information Desk and we will update this collection.

Suggestion: More large print books
Action: Recent donations have allowed us to substantially increase the number of materials in this area.

Suggestion: Diaper changing tables
Action: There is a changing table in the women’s restroom and one in the Children’s Services Story Room restroom.

Organization Database

The West Deptford Free Public Library is developing a database of West Deptford organizations. If you would like your organization to be listed, please send your group’s contact information to the Library c/o Helene Gray hgray@westdeptford.lib.nj.us or drop it off at the Library’s Information Desk. Information needed: name, contact person, phone number, address, email, mission of organization, membership (requirements or limitations), meeting time, etc.
“T-Rex was awesome and LOUD”...
The Q’s (Quesada family) – Winners of Walking with Dinosaurs: The Live Experience tickets, a Wachovia Spectrum/Comcast Spectacor donation.

Paul Stankard, world renowned glass artist, signs copies of his latest book, No Green Berries or Leaves, following his flameworking presentation. Visit Paul at www.paulstankard.com to learn more.

Carolyn had Elizabeth all wrapped up during the Library’s Annual Teen Fright Night program.

Gene and Bette-Ann Schoeberlein, members of the Third Star Artists Guild, discuss the origins of yarn and demonstrate the creative process of spinning during their program, “From Sheep to Yarn.”

Cub Scouts of Webelos Pack 295 and den leader, Cheryl Reeve, research favorite titles in the Library catalog using advanced search techniques.

WDFPL visitors uncover tolerance lessons learned through history in the art gallery while viewing Survival of the Human Spirit: Triumph over Adversity, created by the Center for Holocaust Studies at Brookdale Community College, and drawn from its 2004 publication, To Tomorrow’s Children.
programs and events.

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Endowment for the Arts, the
Gloucester County Cultural &
Heritage Commission and the
Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Family Nights
& Family Days

Open to the general public –
registration requested

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Sunday • January 27
2:00 p.m.
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mosaic that is uniquely
AMERICAN… interaction,
audio visuals, songs,
games and movement with
Bruce Segal.

“Surprise…
Let’s Celebrate!”
Wednesday • March 19
7:00 p.m.
For over eight years he has
been, and continues to be, a
family favorite – so who better
to entertain us for the Library’s
20th Anniversary Celebration
than Mr. Malcolm and His
Interactive Theatre.

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Sunday • March 30
2:00 p.m.
Experience the emotional
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dancers of Andrea Del Conte
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this Spanish art form.

Preschool
Story Hour
Kidkins ages 3-5
who have not entered
kindergarten.
Mondays or Tuesdays,
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
January 28 - March 18

Evening Story Hour
Kiddies ages 3-6
Wednesdays
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
January 30 - March 12
(no class on Mar. 19
but join us for Family
Night.)

Two-Year-Old
Story Time
Kiddies
ages 24-36 months
Thursdays
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
January 31 - March 13

Toddler Time
Yiddie Biddie Kiddies
ages 13-24 months
Thursdays
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
January 31 - March 13

Spring Egg Hunt
Children ages 1-6
Thursday
March 20 • 1:00 p.m.
• Contact the Library for
guidelines and registration
information.

Library Kids’ Club –
After School Tuesdays
Grades K-4
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
January 29 - March 18
Crafts, stories, and an
occasional snack…
lots of fun!

Library Kids’ Club –
Winter 2008
Comments about their
families

Programs
and events.

Registration begins Monday, January 21
Please register your child in an age appropriate class –
according to child’s age at time of registration

Registration is required for all programs and events.
**Check It Out!**

**Adult Services**

**Don’t Retire! How Your Career Can Extend and Improve Your Life**

**Thursday • January 17 • 7:00 p.m.**

Much is being written these days about how retirees are interested in slowing down...a little...but not wanting to “give it all up”. Many people are motivated to continue to be involved—to be active—to be significant. Join Susanna Masters Miller, retired Academic Career Counselor and former Director of Marketing and Development, to discuss various techniques you can use to keep actively involved in your career.

**Big Band Concert**

**with Ed Coles and the Entertainers**

**Thursday • January 31 • 7:00 p.m.**

Swing into the New Year with Ed Coles and the Entertainers during a fun evening of music and song from the Big Band era with the voices of Mr. Bill Pollanger and Carol J. The *friends* of the West Deptford Public Library will provide refreshments for the concert.

**Immigration Integration Strategies for the Future**

**Thursday • February 7 • 7:00 p.m.**

Join Christine Thurlow Brenner, PhD, Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Administration and Director, Forum for Policy Research and Public Service at Rutgers University, as she uncovers the ways local governments are designing immigrant integration strategies in the new Latino destinations throughout the United States.

**Ballroom Dancing with Diane Alcavage**

**Thursday • February 21 • 7:00 p.m.**

Discover the fun of dancing the waltz. Come out to the Library for an evening of excitement and exercise to shake off the winter blues. Partners not needed. Ladies can lead. Refreshments follow the lesson! Call the Library to register as sessions fill up quickly.

**Beginning Yoga**

**Monday • March 3 • 7:00 p.m.**

Learn proper form, technique, and alignment of basic poses. Reduce stress, find focus, and balance in both the body and soul. Bring your mat and join us for an introduction to yoga with instructor, Jill Love.

**Nose & Sinus Solutions – A Kennedy Wellness Program**

**Thursday • March 13 • 6:30 p.m.**

Sinus infection? Nasal congestion? Postnasal drip? Allergies? These all too common problems as well as advanced treatment options will be discussed by Otolaryngist, Dr. Daniel Becker.

* Door prize giveaways and refreshments provided at all adult programs!

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**Gallery Exhibits**

**January & February**

**Charles Avitello’s Political Memorabilia**

**March**

**Youth Art Month –**

**Green-Fields, Oakview & Red Bank Student Artists**

**Book Discussion**

Sponsored by the *friends* of the West Deptford Public Library

**Thursdays @ 7:30 p.m.**

**January 3**  
*A Thousand Splendid Suns*  
by Khaled Hosseini

**February 7**  
*The Last Chinese Chef*  
by Nicole Mones

**March 6**  
*The Gods of Newport*  
by John Jakes

**West Deptford Historical Association**

During the past year the Historical Association held many informative meetings and had several very popular displays here at the Library. We were happy to see many of you at our meetings and to hear that you enjoyed the different themes we showcased during 2007. Our themes included a display on the Colonial Manor section of West Deptford; the Children’s Sanitarium and Playground, popularly known as “Soupy Island”; and a well received bridal gown display along with the history of our township churches. Additional exhibits included a display on the West Deptford Schools featuring some of our residents when they were students, and our annual look at families of our township and their special Christmas traditions. We thank all of you who support the preservation of our township’s history.

The New Year is bringing some new displays of interest to our community. Our first display will be the Verga VFW all-girl drill team. The second display, which will coincide with the 20th Anniversary Celebration, will be a history of the West Deptford Free Public Library. We can’t wait for you to enjoy these appealing displays.

We hope that you will join us as we continue our quest to preserve the history of West Deptford Township. If you are interested in different historical aspects of the township, stop by our next meeting. Check with the Information Desk at the Library for our meeting dates. As always, if you have something to share or donate to the Historical Association, give us a call. We would love to meet with you.

For more information, please call the library at 845-5593, April Maska at 845-1205 or Noreen Mikulski at 848-0396. Your treasures are our history.
Happy 20th Anniversary!

friends...

It’s time for the friends of the West Deptford Public Library to look back on a busy but satisfying year and make plans for a new year.

The friends had the privilege and vastly rewarding pleasure of hosting a variety of “Savoring Sundays” programs. Traveling around the world through stories, song and dance became an exciting experience for us as well as our Library patrons. Bring on more!

Thanks to so many customers, our book sale was a rewarding success. More donations are arriving daily so there will be another sale in the near future. Watch the newspapers and posters for more information.

The Adopt-A-Shelf volunteers have been most helpful in keeping books organized. We hope more Library patrons have a couple of extra hours a month to join in this worthwhile effort. The Circulation Desk has all the details.

2008 will again feature our Mother/Daughter Tea, West Deptford Day activities, the “Lights of Love” program, and of major importance, the Children’s Summer Reading Programs. The friends will also host more musical entertainment like Ed Coles and the Silvertones, Brian Betz, the Entertainers and more.

The friends look forward to participating in the Library’s big 20th Anniversary Celebration in March. We are also excited about the prospect of a coffee cafe in the Library.

The January 16, 2008 meeting of the friends will be an intense planning time – we hope more members take an active part. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month and an open invitation is extended to all.