

The Newsletter of the Hoboken Public Library

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Children's Holiday Programming a Success

On Thursday, December 16th the Children's Room hosted a multicultural Winter Celebration with Richard Stillman who took us on a musical journey around the world with instruments, songs and dances from the winter celebrations of many cultures, Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa included. Ninety children attended and had a wonderful time!

Later that evening, the teens had their own holiday celebration with a party planned and organized by members of the teen advisory board. They popped popcorn, baked treats, ate pizza and watched *The Nightmare Before Christmas* together. Another successful library event!

Teen Advisory
Board will meet at 6p.m. on
Thursday, January 6, 13, 20,
& 27. Newcomers are always welcome and we look
forward to seeing you there.
Come on in and get involved
in your library!



Students at our Holiday Program

From the Desk of the Library Director

Dear Library Patrons! I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year! I am happy to report that the library continues to thrive and provide excellent service to the residents of Hoboken. We have seen a constant increase in library attendance and use. The year 2004 has special meaning for us. We crossed the 100,000 mark as the amount of items circulated last year reached 113,000 with more than 150,000 people walking through the library doors.

Right before the end of the year, together with all BCCLS libraries, we migrated to the new updated graphic based circulation system. I am happy to acknowledge the effort of the library staff in making the transition smooth and effective. Our patrons' patience and understanding has been

commendable while we have been adjusting and mastering our knowledge and skills. I also would like to thank those patrons who took pity on us and brought in candies and cookies in a true holiday spirit! Our library patrons continue to enjoy the benefit of the consortium membership by actively reserving materials from other libraries. I am happy to report that we are also becoming a more active member by lending our materials to the other consortium libraries. Our staff has participated in training and group workshops provided by the BCCLS office. Your library is a live and vibrant place with numerous programs, especially for children and teens. We had another active year of summer reading. Our special performance of Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp was

attended by 80 children and caregivers. The most recent program of Holiday Troubadours was another success with about the same number of participants. A hugely successful program for teens was a recent library orientation for the ninth grade students of Hoboken High. More than 150 students were introduced to the world of reading by listening to book talks skillfully presented by our youth services librarian. Students met with a young adult book author and listened to music presented by young musicians.

So many programs were well attended last year and we will make the effort to continue bringing interesting and educational programs to the library.

Thank you for using the library! Please feel free to share your experiences and suggestions with me.

This Year I Will....Get Organized in 2005!

Great Self-help titles to help you keep your resolutions:

Simplify Your Household By Barbara Aaronson

Credit Card and Debt Management
By Scott Belkin

Organize Your Business Travel By Ronni Eisenberg

Chic Simple; Work Clothes
By Kim Johnson Gross

Repair Your Own Credit By Bob Hammond Taming the Paper Tiger By Barbara Hemphill

Organizing from the Inside
Out
By Julie Morgenstern

Simplify your Work Life By Elaine St. James

Calendar of Events Jan., 2005 **@your library**

All Children's Programming requires advanced registration unless otherwise stated. Please call 201-420-2348 to register.

**Young Adult Programs requiring advanced registration, please call 201-420-2348

Saturday, Jan. 1 Closed

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Monday, Jan. 3 Closed

Tuesday, Jan. 4 10:30 am Toddler Time 3:30 pm Storytime for ages 3-8

Wednesday, Jan. 5 10:30 am Story/Craft Time ages 3-5

Thursday, Jan. 6 6:00 pm—Teen Advisory Committee

Friday, Jan. 7

Saturday Jan. 8

Monday, Jan. 10

Tuesday, Jan. 11 10:30 am Toddler Time 3:30 pm Storytime for ages 3-8 6:30 pm Author Cameron Rue

Wednesday, Jan. 12 10:30 am Story/Craft Time ages 3-5 6:00PM YA Poetry Workshop

Thursday, Jan. 13 6:00 pm—Teen Advisory Committee

Friday, Jan. 14

Saturday, Jan. 15

Monday, Jan. 17 CLOSED

Tuesday, Jan. 18 10:30 am Toddler Time 3:30 pm Storytime for ages 3-8 Wednesday, Jan., 19

10:30 am Story/Craft Time ages 3-5 3:30 pm Story time for ages 3-7

Thursday, Jan. 20 6:00 pm—Teen Advisory Committee 6:30pm For Adults: Omnia Dynamics Lecture

Friday, Jan. 21

Saturday, Jan. 22 6:00 pm—Teen Advisory Committee

Monday, Jan. 24

Tuesday, Jan. 25 10:30 am Toddler Time 3:30 pm Storytime for ages 3-8

Wednesday, Jan. 26 10:30 am Story/Craft Time ages 3-5

Thursday, Jan. 27 6:00 pm—Teen Advisory Committee

Friday, Jan. 28 11:00am Baby & Me 6-18 mos.

Saturday, Jan. 29 6:00 pm—Teen Advisory Committee

Monday, Jan. 31

Call the Children's Room to confirm registration for each of these programs.

Registration isn't required for the after school story time on Tuesdays at 3:30. All are welcome.

Adult programs are held in the Reference Department unless otherwise stated.

Children's Room Hours

Monday

10:00 am—5:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am—8:00 pm

Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am—5:00 pm

> Sunday Closed

Library Hours

Monday 10:00 am—8:00 pm

Tuesday— Thursday 9:00 am—8:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am—5:00 pm

> Sunday Closed



