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# SOUTH JERSEY REGIONAL LIBRARY

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# YOUTH NEWS

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Row 1: Cecelia Trace (Sleeping Beauty), Nigel McCray (Knight), Sean Wus (Spiderman), Erin Dougherty (Tea Pot), Phillica Pioppi (Reader).  
Row 2: Chelsi Biener (Cinderella), Jackie White (Princess), Rebecca Grubb (Juliet), Marina Hansen (Little Red Riding Hood), Lisa Pollilo (Pirate Girl), Kristen Knorr (Princess), Rachel Crestitelli (Dorothy – Oz).  
Row 3: Ashlee Hitcher (Snow White), Tommy Kavalchick (Cat in the Hat),

## Delsea Freshmen Write Children's Books for Read Across America Day

As part of their state service-learning leader school project, the freshmen students of Delsea Regional High School in Franklinville invited the second grade students from Aura and Janvier Elementary Schools to the media center this past February for their annual Read Across America celebration, a day of fun and good reading. Traditionally, Read Across America Day is held on March 2 in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday

In preparation for this celebration, the students listened to guest speakers including children's author, DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan who shared writing tips with the students and Franklin Township Library director, Denise Saia and library assistant, Linda McBride who shared examples of children's books.

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## 2008 NJLA Performers' Showcase

The NJLA Performers' Showcase is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 6 (9:30 am to 3 pm) at the Monmouth County Library and will feature something new this year: back-up performers, additional exhibits, and an increased roster of performers.

Who are and why have back-up performers? A no-show performer and the last minute cancellation of another performer during last year's Showcase left the committee and attendees with quite a shortened schedule of performances. Luckily, musician Spook Handy was dropping off his brochures and offered to fill in thus prompting the idea of back-up performers.

Additional exhibits are those of the back-up performers and that of a performer, whose presentation would be difficult to showcase in a 15 minute time slot but the committee felt worthwhile for attendees to meet.

When selecting performers, the committee is faced with such a wealth of quality performers that they want to showcase as many as possible yet maintain the integrity of the Showcase. By slightly shortening the time slot for each performance, committee members were able to add two

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## Letter from the Co-editors' Desk

Congratulations to the Media Center Specialists who have worked with the Franklin Township Library for the past six years in sponsoring evening storytime/craft programs. All the programs are hosted by seventh grade students from Delsea Middle School, Franklinville. Those participating in the programs include Mary Moyer (Delsea High School), Tina Moschella (Delsea Middle School), Karen Cowen (Reutter School and Main Road School Libraries), Joyce Francis (Janvier School Library), Denise Saia (Franklin Township Library), and Ann Wodarczyk (Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill).

Prior to the programs, interested seventh graders are treated to a mini-storytime workshop hosted by Denise Saia. The students become familiar with picture books and are taught how to read to the children. The popular and very successful programs will begin again in the fall.

We thank everyone who took the time to write and submit articles to Youth News. Have a wonderful summer.

**Co-editors: Ann Wodarczyk and Denise Saia.**



## Hosting a Teen Volunteer Fair @your library®

If you are looking for a young adult program that offers strong appeal to teens *and* their parents, try hosting a Teen Volunteer Fair. Since community service is now a graduation requirement for many public high schools and/or religious organizations, this type of program fills a niche by providing additional volunteer opportunities for teens.

There are a few issues to consider before hosting a fair. What time of the year will guarantee the most attendance at the fair? Who will be your target audience? Does your community have local organizations in need of volunteers? Does your library have meeting space large enough to accommodate a significant number of booths?

The Franklin Township Library just hosted a Teen Volunteer Fair on April 30<sup>th</sup>. We deliberately chose this date to coincide with National Volunteer Week which was April 27<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. The end of April is also the time of year when the library begins to get requests for summer employment and/or volunteer opportunities for teens.

Before scheduling your meeting room, make sure that the local schools do not have an event planned for the date that you choose; this includes the elementary schools as many teens have younger siblings and may depend upon their parents for transportation to the library. Also, we have found that one and a half hours is ample time for the fair and have scheduled it from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; in our community, programs offered at night during the week seem to be better attended.

As for the target audience, we invited all teens in grades seven through twelve to attend the fair. While most nonprofit organizations are really looking for older volunteers, I always encourage younger teens to educate themselves about available opportunities sooner rather than later. There are only so many spots to be filled. A teen that expresses interest in community service while still in middle school is more likely to be contacted while in high school.

Next, list any nonprofit organizations in your community. As was already mentioned, teens often depend upon their parents for transportation so try to choose organizations with local volunteer opportunities. The Volunteer Center of Gloucester County located in Sewell offers a wonderful resource, *Guide to Volunteering in Gloucester County*, which will do a lot of the legwork for you. According to the Center's Web site, "the *Guide* assists residents who would like to donate their talent, energy, and time to help build a caring community. It is divided into three sections:

- How You Can Make a Difference — ideas for people of all ages, interests, and time
- Make It a Family Affair — a guide for youth and their families
- List of Agencies — volunteer opportunities at over 94 agencies with contact information" (Retrieved May 15, 2008, from [http://www.gloucestercountylvolunteers.org/volunteer-center-of-gloucester-county-about-us.asp?Page\\_ID=1111](http://www.gloucestercountylvolunteers.org/volunteer-center-of-gloucester-county-about-us.asp?Page_ID=1111)).

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performers, presenting a roster of 12.

Showcase information and registration will be available in the near future on the NJLA website: [www.njla.org](http://www.njla.org). We hope these changes will give the attendees a full day of networking. Indeed, instead of dinner and a show, they will enjoy "lunch and a showcase."

2008 Performers' Showcase Roster and Exhibits:

Spook Handy – music; Nora Maher – storytelling; Felix Petri – music/cultural; Apple Annie – science; Brian Richards – magic; Ernie and Neal – concert; Mr. Scott – comedy/music; Jennifer Levine – puppetry; Black Beans – percussion/cultural; Wondergy – science; Jennifer Slaw – juggling; Danny and Kim – concert; David Ngeim – exhibit/cultural; Macaroni Anne Cheeze; clowning/back-up; Junior Jam – concert/back-up, and terry Wincey – theater/cultural/back-up.

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Try to choose organizations that offer different types of volunteer opportunities. For example, we invited representatives from animal welfare organizations, always a popular choice for teens; healthcare agencies, such as local hospitals; performing art groups, such as theater troupes; and organizations running summer camps, such as the Scouts. Also, remember to save a booth for your Friends of the Library group and Teen Advisory Council. The Friends may need a few teens to help at book sales and a Teen Volunteer Fair is the perfect venue to showcase the library's Teen Advisory Council. Have Council members staff the booth and be sure to display Council literature and membership applications, as well as any books or resources on volunteerism. I also display a scrapbook of past Council activities, as well the library's newsletters and upcoming event and/or program information. Be sure to place the Council's booth in a prominent location; attendees won't miss it if the booth is right by the entrance! A bowl of chocolate candy is a surefire hook but cool door prizes, such as an iTunes®, Barnes and Noble, or local eatery gift card, also attract attention. Have the teen volunteers manning the booth be responsible for door prize tickets; counting the number of participants; and if your library has a digital camera, taking candid shots of the event.

Once you have your list of participating organizations, begin sending out contact letters approximately three months before the scheduled date of the fair. If you don't receive a response, follow these up with telephone calls a few weeks later. Keep in mind that some people prefer email. If telephone contact doesn't work, try emailing your letter or an event flyer to spark interest. It may take some patience, but you will eventually succeed. Once you book an organization for your event, immediately mail a confirmation letter with pertinent details, such as the expected time of arrival for representatives to set up their booths. Encourage them to bring organizational literature and items for display that would be used at any other recruitment event. Be considerate. If your budget allows, mention that the library will provide a sandwich tray, beverages, and snacks for the representatives. Many come directly from work and would appreciate not having to worry about dinner. Be sure to include vegetarian selections if possible.

While working through your list of contacts, you should also be advertising the fair as much as possible. The usual publicity includes library signs, monthly newsletter, Web site, blogs and press releases to local newspapers and television stations. On flyers and signs, list the organizations that will be attending and remember to update the list as much as possible. Testimonials from teens that may have attended a past fair are great advertisement as well. Contact the local schools and request that the event be mentioned during morning announcements. Post signs at local businesses that teens may frequent. I kept a stack of flyers in my car and left them wherever I could. Send flyers to private and parochial schools and post to listservs for homeschoolers. In short, leave no stone unturned.

One week before the event, send reminder letters to participating organizations. Prepare a floor plan detailing the placement of the booths and booth assignments. Try not to place two of the same types of organizations in close proximity. Prepare signs for each booth.

On the day of the fair, you will find yourself directing traffic as each representative registers with you and sets up a booth. If enough organizations are involved, you may want to consider having a flyer available that details the event's floor plan for both representatives and attendees. Once the organizations are set up, be sure to circulate and network with each for future fairs.

On a final note, remember to send thank you letters to participating teen volunteers and organizations, as well as follow – up press releases with photographs to local newspapers. The teen volunteers will appreciate seeing their photographs published. You may also consider surveying the participating nonprofit organizations to ascertain whether the fair was a worthwhile recruitment event for them.

Following these suggestions should result in a successful Teen Volunteer Fair for all involved: the library, the nonprofit organizations, and most of all, the teens.

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## Key Ingredients Exhibit

The Woodbury Public Library is pleased to announce their program line-up for the Key Ingredients: America by Food Smithsonian Exhibit. Key Ingredients, made possible by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, is a traveling exhibition that explores the connections between America and the foods they produce, prepare, preserve, and present at the table. The exhibition will tour New Jersey and will give New Jerseyans an opportunity to celebrate their state's local food heritage. Key Ingredients will be at the Woodbury Library from October 25 to December 6. The exhibition is part of Museum on Main Street (MOMS), a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and the Federation of the State Humanities Councils. Support for MOMS has been provided by the United States Congress.

The program listings may be viewed on the library's website: [www.woodburylibrary.org](http://www.woodburylibrary.org) under Events Calendar. All of the programs are free but most do require pre-registration and some have limited seating. Most events will be held at the Woodbury Library and feature programs on Middle eastern foodways, a wine and cheese tasting, home brewing techniques, and programs on some of our favorite foods including the Jersey tomato, chocolate, and cheese.

The interactive exhibit includes fun activities and the library is happy to partner with teachers and librarians who would like to bring groups to see the exhibit. In addition, a useful Teacher's Guide is available online at [www.keyingredients.org](http://www.keyingredients.org). If you are interested in a printed version of the Guide, please contact Jessica Ferguson at the Woodbury Library - 856-845-2611 on Mondays or Thursdays.



## TumbleBook Library

The TumbleBook Library and Tumble Talking Books are now available online at the Gloucester County Library. Library customers can access the entire collection from any computer with an internet connection by logging on to [www.gcls.org](http://www.gcls.org), clicking on the TumbleBook icon and entering their GCLS library card number.

The TumbleBook Library is an online collection of talking picture books that teach kids the joy of reading in a format they love. TumbleBooks are created by adding animation, sound, music and narration to existing picture books in order to produce an electronic picture book that children can read or have read to them.

Click on the Story Books button to see an alphabetical listing by title of available books. Details on the book appear along with a brief description such as Author, Illustrator, Publisher, Tumble Time, and reading Level. Accelerated Reader information is also available for most titles. Select a title and the book comes to life. The text appears on screen and words are highlighted in a different color as they are read aloud so children can follow along. Users can manually turn the pages or use the auto button. In automatic mode, the pages turn by themselves and are narrated; while in manual, the narration and animation continue but children turn the pages at their own speed.

Tumble Readables offer favorite classic children's literature. Older students can read such classics as Black Beauty, Alice in Wonderland, and Anne of Green Gables. The Tumble Readables collection includes an innovative text size slider that allows the reader to adjust the text size so it is right for him/her, making reading online fun and accessible.

The TumbleBook Library also includes a collection of special resources to enrich each child's learning experience. The online search function allows you to search by title, author, publisher, and language and reading levels. You can add your favorite title(s) to the My Favorites for easy access at any time. Story related jigsaw puzzles and matching games are available to enhance the learning experience. The Language Learning section includes a growing selection of books in Spanish and French. Many are bilingual titles that allow the user to read the book in two languages.

The TumbleBook Library is a collection of licensed titles from children's book publishers such as Simon and Schuster, Chronicle Books, Candlewick Press, Charlesbridge Press, Harcourt, Little Brown, Walker and Company and Lerner Books, just to name a few. New authors and titles are added regularly.

Tumble Talking Books include unabridged high quality audio versions of classics of American and world literature, nonfiction, fiction, and children and teen books. Plays and drama, including all cast versions of popular Shakespeare plays, are also offered. Tumble Talking Books gives users the option to bookmark their place and return and **listen**

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## Gloucester County Libraries Host "Circle of Authors"

On April 17, LOGICAL, a group of ten Gloucester County libraries working together to offer their customers the most complete resources possible, hosted a "Circle of Authors" event to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Library Week. Twenty-one local authors participated in this event which took place at the Franklin Township Community Center in Franklinville.

Guest speaker John Bond, author of *You Can Write and Publish a Book*, encouraged everyone to write the book they all have inside.

The libraries that comprise LOGICAL are: Deptford Free Public Library; Franklin Township Library; Gill Memorial Library, Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library; McCowan Memorial Library; Monroe Township Library; Wenonah Public Library; West Deptford Free Public Library; Westville Public Library; and Woodbury Public Library.

National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April—and the perfect time to discover how you can join the Circle of Knowledge @ your library.

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## Book Evaluation All Day Program

On Friday, May 16, the South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative's Book Evaluation Program held its final meeting of the 2007/2008 school year at Seneca High School. Thirty-four school, public and special librarians who are focused on children's and young adult services attended the meeting. Our guest speaker was children's author and illustrator DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan. Born in Brooklyn, DiSalvo-Ryan attended the School of Visual Arts prior to working for Hallmark Cards. Published since 1980, her award winning illustrated books included renowned authors Beverly Cleary, Mary Pope Osborne, Jean Fritz, Jane O'Connor, Patricia Reilly Griff, Jean Marzollo and Amy Hest. DyAnne's newest title, The Tree Wars, a middle grade novel based on the heroic preservation of a historic site of trees in Haddon Township, NJ, is still in progress. DyAnne's presentation, Who Inspires You, was a look into all the real people who inspired her to write her neighborhood series. DyAnne signed books after her presentation. Following the presentation was lunch and a discussion of the best and worst books of the year.

The SJRLC Book Evaluation Program benefits librarians in two ways: first, we get high quality, newly published books to review. The reviews are written by South Jersey librarians and are posted at <http://www.njac.org/bookeval/>. Anyone can search for our reviews. Secondly, for every two books that a librarian reviews, he/she gets to keep one instantly. The program now has 47 active reviewers and last year, over 2100 books were reviewed. If you are interested in becoming a reviewer, please email Jean Wipf, next year's host, at [wod@jersey.net](mailto:wod@jersey.net) or visit <http://www.sjrlc.org/bookeval/>.

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## 2008-2009 Book Evaluation Schedule

**South Jersey Group – all meetings are Wednesdays at 3:30 pm**

Sept. 17 – Ocean City High School, 501 Atlantic Ave., Ocean City.

Contact: Joan Vicari, 609-399-1290, x4222

Nov. 19 – Middle Township High School, 300 E. Atlantic Ave., Cape May Court House. Contact: Kelly Lasher, 609-465-1852, x518

Jan. 14, 2009 – Wildwood High School Library, 4300 Pacific Ave., Wildwood. Contact: Kathy Fulginiti, 609-522-7922, x409 (snow date 1/21)

Mar. 11 – Atlantic County Library, Pleasantville Branch, 33 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Pleasantville. Contact: Pam Saunders, 609-641-1778 (snow date 3/18)

**West Jersey Group – all meetings are Fridays at 9:30 am**

Sept. 19 – West Deptford Library, 420 Crown Point Rd., Thorofare.

Contact: Diane Cann, 856-845-5593

Nov. 21 – Deptford Library, 670 Ward Dr., Deptford. Contact: Susann Kaback, 856-848-9149

Jan. 16, 2009 – South County Branch, Camden County Library, 35 Coopers Folly Rd., Atco. Contact: Janet Ralston, 856-753-2537 (snow date 1/23)

Mar. 13 – Haddon Township High School Library, 406 Memorial Ave., Westmont. Contact: Arlene Baker, 856-869-7793 (snow date 3/20)

All day joint book evaluation and giveaway – May 15 (10 am to 2 pm) at the Woodbury Public Library



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again at their convenience. The collection also includes 65 Read-Along titles that combine large print online text with complete unabridged narration. The Tumble Talking Books collection is ideal for readers of all ages and abilities and those learning English as a second language.

The TumbleBook Library and Tumble Talking Books are available to everyone with a GCLS library card. To access TumbleBooks simply log on to [www.gcls.org](http://www.gcls.org) and click on the TumbleBook icon. Enter your GCLS library card number and begin to explore these great new resources.

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Marina Hansen (Little Red Riding Hood) and Tommy Kavalchick (Cat in the Hat)

## MailLit / Library in a Bag

MailLit is the new way to have books, DVDs, and CDs you have placed on hold delivered to your door. The customer will have the option to have the material mailed to them at no charge. When they are finished they can either drop the items off at a LOGIN member library or mail the items back at the customer's cost.

Funded through a grant from the South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative, MailLit will be available at the Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill, some time in early summer. As part of the same grant, The Burlington County Library will also be rolling out a similar service called "Library in a Bag", which will also launch early this summer.

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## Delsea Freshmen Write Children's Books for Read Across America Day

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The students then authored and published their own children's books that they shared with the Franklin and Elk Township elementary students. After Read Across America Day, the books the freshmen wrote will be displayed in the local elementary school and the Franklin Township Library.

Events of the day were an assembly for the local elementary students that included a reading promotional video produced by students Dan Colanduno, Evan Glick and Cameron Rambone, the reading of the Read Across America Oath and Delsea's choir sharing several Read Across American songs. Ninth grade students also produced reading activity and coloring pages, assisted the second graders in making Dr. Seuss hats and shared the books they had created with the students. The elementary children were also visited by various fairy tale characters – Cinderella, Belle from Beauty and the Beast, the Fairy Godmother, Juliet, and of course, the Cat in the Hat.

The entire event was spear-headed by Ms. Mary Moyer, Delsea's Media Specialist; Ms. Melissa Williams, district English department supervisor, and the freshmen English teachers. Read Cross America Day has traditionally taken place in only the elementary schools. This is the ninth time that Delsea has hosted the event to promote life-long learning.

## Teacher's Discovery Traveling Exhibits

The Franklin Township Library will be displaying the Claude Monet Traveling Exhibit this summer. The exhibit consists of three panels and accompanying copy and will be on display from July 7-18.

For information on all available traveling exhibits including pricing, contact Teacher's Discovery at 248-276-4913 (2741 Paldan Dr., Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326).

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