Highlights:

- We have weekly Children’s activities held here at the library! See our flyer on page 2 for more details.
- September 10th is World Suicide Prevention Day. See page 3 for more details.
- Children’s Fall books on page 5.
- We went on a river cruise! See pages 6-7 for pictures.
- On 8/12 we were treated to some amazing jazz and musical insights on the process by guitarist Abe Ovadia and his bassist. See page 8 for more details.
- We had the summer reading pizza party see page 9 for photos.
- Students learned about physics and chemistry and gravity and mass and matter from Ms. Shelby from Talewise photos on page 10.
- On 8/26 we celebrated our teen poets and their contributions to our 2nd Annual Teen Poetry Competition with a pizza and sub party. Photos on page 11.
- Ms Adaria shares some of her relaxing photos from Bridgeton Park on pages 12-13.
- Ms Adaria will resume Story Time Saturdays from 10:30-11:15 starting on Saturday, Sept 9
- BPL’s monthly Board of Trustees meeting is Thursday, August 10th at 4:45 pm. This meeting is open to the public
- Appel Farms Experiential Arts Lab will be back on Saturdays starting Sept 9– Sept 30 from 11:30-12:30 with Ms. Liv, Grades K-4
Legos & Minecraft & Board Games

Every Wednesday!!  3:45—4:45 PM

Come create and play Legos and Minecraft with us and your friends!!
We also have many fun board games!! Ages 6-11

Story Time Saturdays

We read a few fun stories, do some yoga stretching, sing a few songs and make fun crafts, some to take home!!
Please joins us with your children aged 1-5 on Saturday mornings from 10:30-11:15 am!!

*Please call us at 856-451-2620 or check our FB page for any program changes or cancellations!
150 E. Commerce Street in downtown Bridgeton
Sun, September 10th is World Suicide Prevention Day

“World Suicide Prevention Day is observed on September 10 each year to promote worldwide action to prevent suicides. Various events and activities are held during this occasion to raise awareness that suicide is a major preventable cause of premature death.”

“Events and activities for World Suicide Prevention Day include:
The launch of new government initiatives to prevent suicide.
Conferences, open days, educational seminars or public lectures.
Media programs promoting suicide awareness and prevention.
Memorial services or candlelight ceremonies to remember those who died from suicide.
Organizing cultural or spiritual events, fairs or exhibitions.
Launches of publications about suicide awareness and prevention.
Training courses about suicide and depression awareness.”

“The epic story of tomorrow can't be written if it ends today.” — Unknown

“The most beautiful rocks are those that have weathered the storm.” — Unknown

Resources

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
https://afsp.org/
“Established in 1987, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is a voluntary health organization that gives those affected by suicide a nationwide community empowered by research, education and advocacy to take action against this leading cause of death.”

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
https://988lifeline.org/
“We can all help prevent suicide. The 988 Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals in the United States.”
Dracula lives—and he’s hunting for his bride.

Vampires may not walk among us, but FBI agents Della Hamilton and Mason Carter know real monsters exist. They’ve witnessed firsthand the worst humankind has to offer. They’re still catching their breaths after the apprehension of two such monstrous killers when they’re met with horrific news: Stephan Dante, the self-proclaimed king of the vampires, has escaped from prison, followed only by a trail of blood.

All too familiar with Dante’s cruelty, Della and Mason know the clock is ticking. But as Dante claims more victims, a chilling message arrives. The vampire killer seeks his eternal bride—Della herself. Playing into Dante’s desires might be the only way to stop the carnage once and for all, assuming they can outwit him. Della is confident the agents have the upper hand, but Mason knows every gamble runs the risk of not paying off, and this time, the consequences could be deadly.

The Blackbird Trilogy

Book 1: Whispers at Dusk
Book 2: Secrets in the Dark
Book 3: Cursed at Dawn

Heather Graham
Cursed at Dawn
**The Fall of Freddie the Leaf** by Leo Buscaglia PhD

Appropriate for all ages--from toddlers to adults--and featuring beautiful nature photographs throughout, this poignant, thought-provoking story follows Freddie and his companions as their leaves change with the passing seasons and the coming of winter, finally falling to the ground with winter's snow. An inspiring allegory that illustrates the delicate balance between life and death, The Fall of Freddie the Leaf has helped a generation of readers navigate death and dying, grief and bereavement, the passage of time, and loss of a loved one.

**Fall Is Not Easy** by Marty Kelley

A tree tells why, out of all four seasons, autumn is the hardest

Be sure to check out our other children’s books!
On August 19th Adaria and Mrs C. took families out on a Maurice River Cruise. We saw many birds, otters and even a cat! We also enjoyed snacks and the captain gave us really neat trivia about the area. The weather was great and the river was wild and scenic!
On 8/12 we were treated to some amazing jazz and musical insights on the process by guitarist Abe Ovadia and his bassist. Thank you to the Friends of the Library and to the CCC&HC grant that made it possible to bring this type of entertainment to our patrons and the community!
The theme of the 2023 Summer Reading program was **All Together Now**.

As if we **all work together now** to make it happen, our world would be a much nicer, safer, cleaner, more environmentally friendly place to play, to work, to live and love, and to read in!!!

Kindness and Unity equals Friendship!!!
Here is Ms. Shelby from Talewise with all of her ingredients and doo-dads. The kids loved being able to participate and watch as she guided them through many different scientific experiments and methods. The students learned about physics and chemistry and gravity and mass and matter. It was a great way to end the summer program for the 21st Century Pathways program. Big thanks to Ms. Christal Griner and all the teachers of the program for coming to the library for programs all summer long and for having us there at QML school for this special show!

This program was made possible in part by the Community Development Block Grant. We are grateful for their support of the Bridgeton Library and our programs!
On 8/26 we celebrated our teen poets and their contributions to our 2nd Annual Teen Poetry Competition with a pizza and sub party. The teens all received a copy of the book plus journals to encourage them to keep writing!! They were thrilled to see their poems published. Teens from BHS and CRHS, their families, and teachers attended the event. Ms. Adaria put the book together and chose images that reflected the tone of the poems. You can stop by the library and purchase your own copy for only $10. All proceeds go to youth programming! Big thank you to the CCC&HC grant!!
Your pages of ZEN from the beautiful Bridgeton City Park - photos by Adaria Armstrong 8.31.23

This park is an absolute treasure in the middle of Bridgeton, please come and check out all the natural beauty, flora, fauna, peace and tranquility that surrounds you!
Did you know? The Sunset Lake fish ladder provides safe passage of fish to the estuary!
Upcoming Events!

Saturday, Oct 14 from 2-4, Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble will be back with us once again!!

Early Nov (TBD) a "short course" of environmental stewardship for Bridgeton Area School kids, 3-5 graders with 4-6 local environmental groups. Last Fall we had CU Maurice River, the American Littoral folks, Pinelands Preservation Alliance, Pinelands Adventure Tours, The Authority, the Atlantic County Utilities Authority.

Saturday, Nov 18- Indie Author Day-Local and state wide authors display their book(s) for sale and sign them for you!!

We have a lot of great programs and events for this fall, please join us!
**Story Time** with Ms. Adaria on Saturdays at 10:30 am to 11:15 am. Please call to confirm or visit our FB page for cancellations.

**Clubs:**
Legos/Game Club and Minecraft Club and Board Games every Wednesday from 3:45 to 4:45 pm

**Digital Learning Center** - IPads at the Library!!! Give your brain a tune-up by logging into your school Clever account or just check out our entertaining software.

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**Did you know? Some interesting facts about books:**

“People say the longest sentence to ever be printed in literature belongs to Victor Hugo. The claim is that in Les Misérables there is a sentence which is 823 words long..”


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**Quote of the month:**

“I kept always two books in my pocket, one to read, one to write in.”

Robert Louis Stevenson

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