Good morning loyal readers and patrons,

We hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Last month several exciting events took place for the library and this month we hope to be just as successful.

Please be sure to take our poll at the end of the newsletter.

Quote of the month:
“Literature adds to reality, it does not simply describe it. It enriches the necessary competencies that daily life
requires and provides; and in this respect, it irrigates the deserts that our lives have already become."

C. S. Lewis

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**Announcements / Anuncios**

*The library will be closed on / La biblioteca estará cerrada el*

- Saturday, Dec 23 for Christmas Day / Sábado 23 de diciembre para el día de Navidad.

BPL’s monthly Board of Trustees meeting is Thursday, December 14th at 4:45 pm. This meeting is open to the public / La reunión mensual de la Junta Directiva de BPL es el jueves 14 de diciembre a las 4:45 p.m. Esta reunión está abierta al público.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Zoobrary at the Cohanzick ZOO!!!**

Join Keeper Alison and Ms. Adaria from the Bridgeton Library at the Cohanzick Zoo for Zoobrary on Tuesday, December 19th from 11-12. Bring your
listening ears and gentle touch fingers as we read stories and learn about the beautiful creatures found at the zoo and around the world in their native habitats.

Experiential Arts Lab comes back to the Bridgeton library for January 2024!
GRADES K - 4
EXPERIENTIAL ARTS LAB
SATURDAYS, 1:30PM-2:30PM
JANUARY 6, 13, 20, 27
Students immerse themselves in games and techniques exploring forms of creative enrichment including dance and movement, music and sound, and visual arts. Arts Lab kids develop their artistic skills, learn to express themselves, and have fun!
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New English Adult Books

A Christmas Vanishing
Anne Perry

Charlotte Pitt’s clever grandmother investigates the sudden disappearance of her dear friend in this chilling holiday whodunit by New York Times bestselling author Anne Perry.

Mariah Ellison, Charlotte Pitt’s grandmother, accepts her longtime friend Sadie’s gracious invitation to spend Christmas with her and her husband, Barton, in their picturesque village. But upon arrival, Mariah
discovers that Sadie has vanished without a trace, and Barton rudely rescinds the invitation. Once Mariah finds another acquaintance to stay with during the holiday season, she begins investigating Sadie’s disappearance.

Mariah’s uncanny knack for solving mysteries serves her well during her search, which is driven by gossip as icy as the December weather. Did Sadie run off with another man? Was she kidnapped? Has someone harmed her? Frustratingly, Mariah’s questions reveal more about the villagers themselves than about her friend’s whereabouts. Yet in the process of getting to know Sadie’s neighbors, Mariah finds a kind of redemption, as she rediscovers her kinder side, and her ability to love.

It is up to Mariah to master her own feelings, drown out the noise, and get to the bottom of what occurred, all before Christmas day. With the holiday rapidly approaching, will she succeed in bringing Sadie home in time for them to celebrate it together—or is that too much to hope for?

The Dress Diary
Kate Strasdin

In 1838, a young woman was given a diary on her wedding day. Collecting snippets of fabric from a range of garments - some her own, others donated by family and friends - she carefully annotated each one, creating a unique record of their lives. Her name was Mrs Anne Sykes.

Nearly two hundred years later, the diary fell into the hands of Kate Strasdin, a fashion historian and museum curator. Using her expertise, Strasdin spent the next six years unraveling the secrets contained within the album’s pages, and the lives of the people within. Her findings are remarkable. Piece by piece, she charts Anne’s journey from the mills of Lancashire to the port of Singapore before tracing her return to England in
later years. Fragments of cloth become windows into Victorian life: pirates in Borneo, the complicated etiquette of mourning, poisonous dyes, the British Empire in full swing, rioting over working conditions, and the terrible human cost of Britain’s cotton industry. This is life writing that celebrates ordinary people: not the grandees of traditional written histories, but the hidden figures, the participants in everyday life. Through the evidence of waistcoats, ball gowns, and mourning outfits, Strasdin lays bare the whole of human experience in the most intimate of mediums: the clothes we choose to wear.

**Things We Left Behind**
Lucy Score

Lucian Rollins is a lean, mean vengeance-seeking mogul. On a quest to erase his abusive father’s mark on the family name, he spends every waking minute pulling strings and building his empire. The more money and power he gains, the safer he feels. Except when it comes to one feisty small-town librarian…

Bonded by an old, dark secret from the past and their current mutual disdain, Sloane Walton trusts Lucian about as far as she can throw his designer-suited body. When bickering accidentally turns to foreplay, the flames are fanned, and it’s impossible to put them out again. But with Sloane more than ready to start a family and Lucian refusing to even consider the idea of marriage and kids, these enemies-to-lovers are stuck at an impasse. Until Lucian learns the hard way that leaving Sloane is impossible—the very least he can do is to keep her safe.

**The Land of Lost Things**
John Connolly

“ Twice upon a time—for that is how some stories should continue...” Phoebe, an eight-year-old girl, lies comatose following a car accident—a
body without a spirit. Ceres, her mother, can only sit by her bedside and read aloud the fairy stories Phoebe loves in the hope they might summon her back to this world. But an old house on the hospital grounds, a property connected to a book written by a vanished author, is calling to Ceres. Something wants her to enter, to journey to a land colored by the memories of childhood, and the folklore beloved of her father—a land of witches and dryads, giants and mandrakes; a land where old enemies are watching and waiting... The Land of Lost Things.

Christmas in Painted Pony Creek
Linda Lael Miller

Tessa Stafford will do anything for her daughter, Isabel...even stay on the run to protect Isabel from her narcissistic grandmother. But when her car breaks down in Painted Pony Creek, Tessa gets caught up in the warm embrace of the town and feels safe enough to build a home—and a life—for them both. Love is the last thing on her mind until rugged cowboy and lawyer Jesse McKettrick’s sexy smile and easy way tempt her into imagining more. But can she trust this handsome stranger with her heart?

When Tessa and her adorable daughter blow into town, Jesse McKettrick is smitten—by both the little girl and her beautiful mother. He’s always wanted a family of his own. Maybe this Christmas, his wish will finally come true. But the walls around Tessa are impenetrable, and when Tessa’s past threatens their newfound future—and the family he’s come to love—Jesse won’t let them go without a fight.

New English Juvenile Books

The Royal Diaries Series

Donated by a patron,
"In each of the books, a fictional diary of a real female figure of royalty as a child throughout world history was written by the author. The Royal Diaries was a spin-off of Scholastic's popular Dear America series."


Donated by a patron,

"Each book is written in the form of a diary of a young woman's life during important events or time periods in American history."

New English Children's Books

*Nine New Jersey Bats* by Alicia Guide

Through playful collages and beautiful paintings, *Nine New Jersey Bats* tells the rhyming tale of 6 hibernating bats and 3 migrating bats that call New Jersey their home. As the different types of bats fly off, readers get a close-up look at each species and learn fast facts such as favorite foods & how the bat got its name. At the end, the author explains why all New Jersey bats are endangered or at risk of becoming so. Children and adults learn how they can help these bats through everyday choices & learn more about them through hands-on activities such as science experiments & dramatic play. This book is recommended for children ages 2-7, or anyone who wants to learn more about bats.

*Mary Had a Little Zoo* by Deborah Boerner Ein
This wonderful book is all about the early life of naturalist and botanist, entomologist, and author Mary Treat who went on to become a pioneering female scientist. As a child she had a great interest and respect for the natural world around her, especially plants and insects, and this book tells us all about it! Ms. Ein also wrote a biography about Mary Treat we have here at the library.

Froggy-T & Bunnie: A Hip Hop Tale by Dr. Kathleen E. Walls

In the story, Froggy-Fu & Mungoo, from The Adventures of Froggy-T & Bunnie ~ A Hip Hop Tale, Bunnie’s call about being bullied by the Bull-Lee brothers, sends Froggy-T on trip down memory lane to when he used to be a bully. As Froggy-T listens to his upset and scared friend, his anger begins to grow and he must make a decision on how he is going to handle himself, manage his feelings, help his friend, and deal with the infamous bullying Bull-Lee brothers.

Ongoing programming: Children's Events
Story Time with Craft! Ms Adaria & Ms Harriet visit her family museum and read holiday stories, then do a really neat Christmas tree craft!
Successful November Library Events!

Bridgeton Library is awarded the prestigious Gary F. Simmerman Community Leadership Award at the annual Business & Community Heroes Celebration 2023 by the Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce!!

The Grove at Centerton
November 1, 2023
The Bridgeton Library was among the honorees by the BACC on Wed, Nov 1. Pictured above from L-R are Karen Bracelin-Library Assistant/Tech Services, Adaria Armstrong-Acting Director/Youth Services Director, Andrea Cusano-Library Associate, Yvonne Custis-Friends of the Library President, and Gail Robinson-former library Director and FOL member. Adaria Armstrong accepted the award with a speech on behalf of the library. Below: The library had an opportunity to set up a table during the event for outreach and promotion of our programs, newsletter & library card sign up as well!
We enjoyed stories and learned all about turtles by meeting Sampson and Delilah, two lovely critters who live at the Cohanzick zoo! People must have missed Zoobrary, we had many families come out to join us! Next one is on Dec 19! Whoo-hoo!

Here are the sweet sister leopards naping on a chilly morning at the zoo!
We are thrilled that our second annual Environmental Stewardship and Teach-in day was another great success here at the Bridgeton library. Joining us were many local and state environmental non-profit organizations, our local trash & recycling facilities and even the NJ DEP!! Local 7 & 8 grade students and their teachers came to learn by example from these extraordinary and dedicated folks. They learned how they can be involved by volunteering and gaining information for their possible future careers, also learning about the local natural areas like the Pinelands, the Cohansey and Maurice Rivers and how to get out and enjoy them!! So greatful to everyone who participated!

Kids going around doing scientific experiments and learning about their natural world, local waterways, parks, and flora and fauna of the region.
Educators & students; together we can make a difference!!

Kids doing an exercise about strength and power in numbers!

Story Time/Pathways Parents night at Buckshutem/Indian Ave schools - November 9 & 16, 2023

Ms Adaria read stories all about animals that live in trees and a
mystery at the New York Public Library. Several parents signed their kids up for library cards!

Kids at the Buckshutem school learn all about trees and who lives in them!

Kids of the Pathways Program at the Indian Ave School do a colorful craft with their parents!

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**Minas Duo Brazilian Music Program - November 11, 2023**

Patricia King and Orlando Haddad otherwise known as Minas, the Brazilian jazz duo from the Philadelphia area. Minas came to teach the kids about Samba and the Bossa Nova: two musical traditions from Brazil with African roots. The kids got to participate in a jam session, and some of our audience members were from Brazil! Minas has taught thousands of students about the cultural and musical traditions of Brazil.
Another successful Indie Author day has come and gone. We invited some old friends plus a great bunch of new authors we met at the Collingswood Book Fair to join us this year, some traveling 2 hours to get here! Friends were made, books were purchased, snacks were enjoyed and good conversations flowed all during the event. Below please enjoy pics of just a few of the illustrious authors who came to
share their literary creations with us. Thank you authors and book lovers!

Dr. Kathleen E. Walls, author, speaker, mentor, teacher, blogger, hip-hop b-girl, all around renaissance woman and her wonderful husband!
https://askdrwalls.com/
Ms Alicia Guide, batwoman, artist, author, and animal lover!

Faleeha Hassan, author, the "Maya Angelou" of Iraq and her friend, poet David L. Steinberg show us all how to get along!
Interested in a library card?
If you live in the city of Bridgeton it is free! Come to the library with a proof of address.
Live outside of the city limits? For $15.00 a year you can have a Bridgeton Library card, a great way to help support the library!

Get a Library Card

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/ special programs. For our virtual storytime library please go to: https://www.youtube.com/@bridgeton publiclibrary241/videos for 60+ virtual and traveling storytimes each with a craft!!

Did you know BPL offers the following services:
Computer/Internet, Printing, Faxing (outgoing or incoming) Copying, Scanning and saving to a flash drive or sending to email, digitization of Bridgeton Evening News going back to early 1900’s, Research and Reference, information and questions plus more! Notary service: Tues & Thurs 10-4

Clubs:
Legos/Game Club, Minecraft Club and Board Games every Wednesday from 3:45 to 4:45 pm-Good for ages 6-12

Teen Meet Saturdays
Every third Saturday of the month from 1-3 pm meet up for crafting.

Did you know we have a Museum?
Located in the lower level of the Bridgeton Library, the Woodruff Museum of Native American Artifacts features over 30,000...
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.

native local Lenape artifacts creatively laid out in display cases. Call 856-451-2620 to schedule an appointment to visit the museum.

Click to watch a virtual tour of the Library and Museum with Ms. Adaria!

Please take our poll

What would you like to see more of at our library in 2024?

- Family Friendly Programs
- Spanish Children and Adult Books
- Large-type Adult Books
- Non-Fic Adult Books
- Teen Programs
From all of us at the Bridgeton Library, please have safe and wonderful holiday(s)!
See you next year!

De parte de todos nosotros en la Biblioteca Bridgeton, ¡Por favor, que disfruten de unas vacaciones seguras y maravillosas! ¡Te veo el próximo año!

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Tuesday 10:00 am - 4:45 pm
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Friday 9:00 am - 4:45 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 3:45 pm
Sunday - Closed

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