

Bridgeton

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January 2024 Newsletter



A Public Library That Offers Many Programs And Services For Children, Tweens, Teens And Adults

Good morning loyal readers and patrons,

Well we made it through another year and now that we are stuffed with delicious cookies, pies and eggnog, we can start to plan for next year. Hopefully your holidays were merry and bright.

You may have noticed that the books on the large type shelves have been neatly organized. That is because hardworking staff members have been/are rearranging and weeding them (a process of removing books that have not circulated in several years). Our plan is to replace those books new ones for the patrons to enjoy. The goal is to eventually weed the other sections of the library as well, including

the children and juvenile sections.

But do not worry book lovers, these books are not thrown out, a crime such as that could not possibly stand at this library. The books removed will be applied to our annual Book Sale (flyer with more details in the 'Upcoming Event's section below). Those that do not sell are donated. Thanks to grants and donations from patrons such as yourselves, we are able to buy these new books and tidy up the library.

This year we are planning on having plenty of fun and free events for the community so be sure to keep an eye on the newsletters. We hope to see you soon!

Warmly,

Andrea

Library Associate

Head of Volunteering



Quote of the month:

"Graphic novels are not traditional literature, but that does not mean they are second-rate. Images are a way of writing. When you have the talent to be able to write and to draw, it seems a shame to choose one. I think it's better to do both."

Marjane Satrapi



Announcements / Anuncios

BPL's monthly Board of Trustees meeting is Thursday, January 11th at 4:45 pm. This meeting is open to the public / La reunión mensual de la Junta Directiva de BPL es el jueves 11 de enero a las 4:45 p.m. Esta reunión está abierta al público

Upcoming Events

Zoobrary comes back to the
Bridgeton library
for January 2024!

JANUARY 16, 2024

ZOOBRARY at the Library

The Bridgeton Free Public Library
150 East Commerce St.
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Starting at 11:00 am

JOIN ANIMAL KEEPER &
EDUCATOR, ALISON AND
CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR MS
ADARIA AT THE BRIDGETON
LIBRARY FOR STORY TIME AND
TO MEET SOME ZOO ANIMALS!



16 DE ENERO DE 2024
ZOOBRARY
en la biblioteca

The Bridgeton Free Public Library
150 East Commerce St.
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

A partir de las 11:00 am

¡ÚNASE A LA EDUCADORA Y
CUIDADORA DE ANIMALES, ALISON Y
A LA DIRECTORA DE NIÑOS, LA SRA.
ADARIA, EN LA BIBLIOTECA DE
BRIDGETON PARA ESCUCHAR
CUENTOS Y CONOCER ALGUNOS
ANIMALES DEL ZOOLÓGICO!



Experiential Arts Lab comes back to the
Bridgeton library
for January 2024!



FREE!
COMMUNITY ARTS LAB CLASSES
AT BRIDGETON LIBRARY



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!

SAVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

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GRATIS! **CLASES DE LABORATORIO DE ARTES COMUNITARIAS**

AT BRIDGETON LIBRARY

**GRADOS K - 4
LABORATORIO DE ARTES
EXPERIENCIALES
SÁBADOS, 1:30-2:30
6, 13, 20, 27 DE ENERO**



Los estudiantes se sumergen en juegos y técnicas que exploran formas de enriquecimiento creativo que incluyen danza y movimiento, música y sonido y artes visuales. ¡Los niños de Arts Lab desarrollan sus habilidades artísticas, aprenden a expresarse y se divierten!

¡APARTA TU LUGAR HOY!

[AppelFarm.org](https://www.AppelFarm.org)

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Friends of the Library Winter Book Sale

Saturday, February 17-Saturday, February 24, 2024.

If you wish to donate books, dvd's, cd's, or other materials to the sale, we have a few criteria for accepting them:

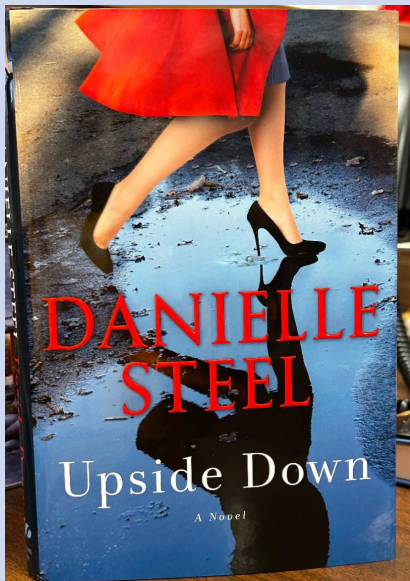
- They cannot be musty, dusty, moldy, water damaged or torn
- They cannot be more than 5-10 years old
- No encyclopedias, no school/college textbooks or reference books, please.

More Upcoming Programs

Upcoming programs for 2024's Black History Month and Woman's History Month: We will have exciting and educational

programs celebrating these historical months so please check for announcements on our FB page or check your email inbox for special event notifications!

New English Adult Books



Upside Down

Danielle Steel

Available in Large Type too!

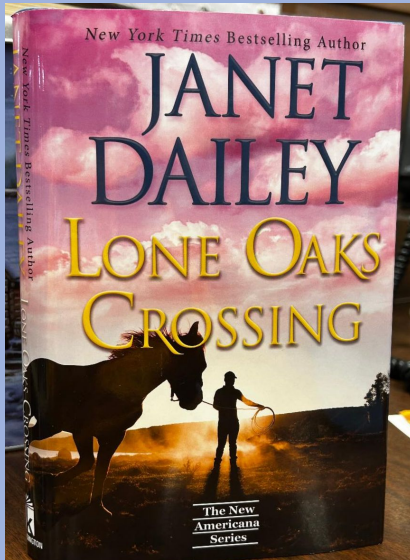
Oscar-winning actress Ardith Law is a Hollywood icon. Radiant at sixty-two, she is the epitome of glamour and a highly respected artist. But her success has come at a price: She has a strained relationship with her daughter, Morgan, who at thirty-eight still blames Ardith for putting her career before being a mother. Morgan is a successful plastic surgeon in New York City—and the distance from Ardith's Bel Air mansion is not lost on either of them.

Ardith became a single mother when Morgan was seven, after her unfaithful husband died in a helicopter accident. In recent years, she has found amiable companionship with fellow actor Bill West. But Ardith's comfortable world is turned upside down when she hires a temporary personal assistant, Josh Gray, while Bill is away filming in London. Josh's rough-around-the-edges persona is the opposite of what Ardith is used to, but an unexpected tragedy brings them closer, stirring up conflicting feelings in her for this younger man.

In New York, Morgan is swept off her feet by world-renowned TV anchorman Ben Ryan. Though more than two decades her senior, Ben is handsome, charismatic, and just as smitten as Morgan. But when a blackmail scheme puts his career—and their relationship—on the line, Morgan doesn't know where to turn. Perhaps . . . to her mother? As each woman navigates an unconventional romance, they cautiously approach each other on new terms and attempt to put aside their past for a new future.

In *Upside Down*, Danielle Steel tells an

unforgettable story of bold choices, second chances, and the hope of reconciliation.



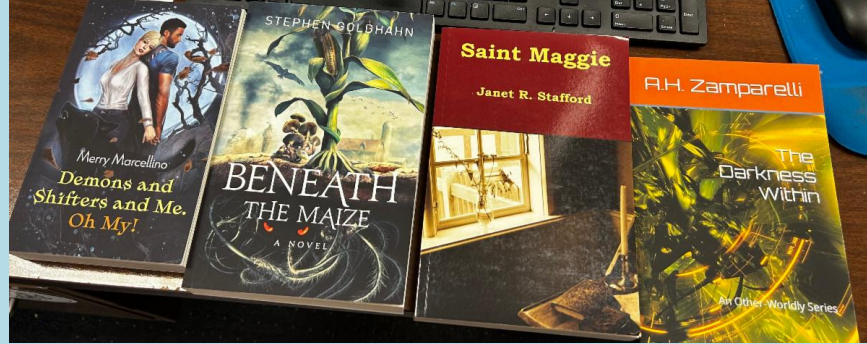
Long Oaks Crossing Janet Dailey

When news of her grandfather's stroke sends Jo Beth Ellis back to the family farm, she finds it in danger of foreclosure. Lone Oaks Crossing is in rough shape, but Jo has big plans—she'll use her expertise as a Derby-winning horse trainer to reinvent the property as a healing retreat. But renovating while trying to keep her independent grandfather in check is a huge job for one woman—and even more challenging when she receives her first client, the unruly fourteen-year-old Cheyenne, who is determined to do anything but cooperate. Jo is at the end of her rope when neighbor Brooks Moore offers her a deal she can't possibly refuse . .

Jo may have sworn to leave the gambling and vicious competition of horse racing behind her, but training Brooks's gorgeous thoroughbred is a challenge she can't resist, especially when sulky Cheyenne takes a shine to him—and when Brooks is sinking an outrageous amount of money into rehabbing the farm, and even rolling up his sleeves to help. With a troubled teen's spirit and her grandfather's faith in her on the line, Jo steps into a tentative partnership with the undeniably attractive Brooks. Against all odds, she dreams of winning a trifecta—a champion horse, a happy family, and a forever love.

Featuring 2023 Indie Author Books





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Ongoing programming: Children's Events

**Library
Programs
for kids!!**



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

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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 join 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

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Story Time with Craft! Ms Adaria & Keeper Alison are at the Cohanzick Zoo in which Alison tells us some awesome facts about leopards and we get to see Nakia in all her goofy glory. We read a few very cool stories by Holly the Moon Bear's enclosure complete with a vulture posse, and color a leopard of your very own as our craft!



[More Videos](#)

Successful December Library Events!

2023 Friends of the Library Christmas Breakfast with the Staff

On Dec 1, our Friends of the Library treated the staff and volunteers to a delicious holiday breakfast. The Friends do so much for the library throughout the year with their plant and book sales and programs. We also enjoyed the musical talents of our long standing number one volunteer Jason Cellucci on the piano who regaled us with Christmas tunes. Thank you Jason and the Friends for bringing us such good cheer this holiday season.



Bridgeton Library staff and Friends starting the season right.



Super volunteer Jason Celluci and Adaria Armstrong.

Universal African Dance & Drum Ensemble

On Dec 2, The library was honored to have the famed Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble back here once again! Sadly, it was without the patriarch and founder of the UADDE, Robert Dickerson, who had recently passed. Just as Wanda and Robert Dickerson envisioned, the

UADDE will carry on with strength and grace, energy and enthusiasm. Our deepest sympathy and support for Mrs. Wanda Dickerson, their family, friends, and all of the UADDE community. We hope to have them back again in 2024!! More info about them & the positive impact the UADDE has on its community can be found here: <https://www.unitycommunity.com/>



Grammy award winner & multi instrumentalist, Nasir Dickerson, Adaria Armstrong, a young drummer, and Sierra Leone Pratt, Director of Community Affairs/Unity Community Center



Nasir on the Kora, a traditional West African instrument.





Zoobrary

Andrea and Lizeth from the library went to the Bridgeton Zoo on 12/19/23 to read to the kids about a bunny with Alison: Animal Keeper & Educator, who also read a story to the kids about an owl. The kids and staff involved had such a great time with one another and the fascinating creatures from the zoo!



Alison read *Animals' Santa* by Jan Brett to the kids.



Wisp William is an eastern screech owl. Besides being a dapper gentleman, he observed all the "awes" and "oohs" of the children as he went around the room with Alison and met the children and parents.



Andrea read *Harvey Hare's Christmas* by Bernadette Watts to the kids.



Brownie Girl is a Holland lop rabbit. All the kids took turns gently stroking her back and Brownie Girl behaved very, very well and enjoyed all the attention and love.



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/@bridgetonpubliclibrary241/videos> for 60+ virtual and traveling storytimes each with a craft!!



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,
video gaming, board games,
karaoke, movie watching, poetry
writing, etc.



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



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

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.



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

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Monday - Closed
Tuesday 10:00 am - 4:45 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am - 7:45 pm
Thursday 10:00 am - 7:45 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 4:45 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 3:45 pm
Sunday - Closed

*Hours subject to change, please see
website/Facebook for updates*

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