The Bridgeton Free Public Library seeks to be a community center that provides its citizens with materials and services to enrich their diverse personal, educational and professional lives.
The library will be closed on:

- July 4th for Independence Day
- August 31 for Labor Day
- October 12th for Columbus Day
- November 5th for Election Day
- November 9th for Veteran's Day
- November 28th for Thanksgiving
- November 29th for Day after Thanksgiving
- December 25th for Christmas Day
PUBLIC NOTICE

At the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bridgeton Free Public Library held Thursday, November 12, 2020, the Trustees resolved that the monthly meetings of the Board be held at 4:45 pm on the following dates in 2024:

January 11, 2024
February 8, 2024
March 14, 2024
April 11, 2024
May 9, 2024
June 13, 2024
July 11, 2024
August 8, 2024
September 12, 2024
October 10, 2024
November 14, 2024
December 12, 2024

The public is invited to attend

Quote of the month:

“Writers are historians, too. It is in literature that the greater truths about a people and their past are found.”

Read more at https://www.brainyquote.com/topics/literature-quotes_2.

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New English Adult Books

You Could Make This Place
Beautiful
Maggie Smith

In her memoir You Could Make This Place Beautiful, poet Maggie Smith explores the disintegration of her marriage and her renewed commitment to herself. The book begins with one woman’s personal heartbreak, but its circles widen into a reckoning with contemporary womanhood, traditional gender roles, and the power dynamics that persist even in many progressive homes. With the spirit of self-inquiry and empathy she’s known for, Smith interweaves snapshots of a life with meditations on secrets, anger, forgiveness, and narrative itself. The power of these pieces is cumulative: page after page, they build into a larger interrogation of family, work, and patriarchy.

The Wives
Simone Gorrindo

This profoundly intimate memoir about marriage, friendship, and the power of human connection tells the story of one woman’s experience of joining a community of army wives after leaving her New York City job.

When her new husband joins an elite Army unit, Simone Gorrindo is uprooted from New York City and dropped into Columbus, Georgia. With her husband frequently deployed, Simone is left to find her place in this new world, alone—until she meets the wives. Gorrindo gives us an intimate look into the inner lives of a remarkable group of women and a tender, unflinching portrait of a marriage. A love story, an unforgettable coming-of-age tale, and a bracing tour of the intractable divisions that plague our country today, The Wives offers a rare and powerful gift: a hopeful stitch in the fabric of a torn America.

Long Island
Colm Toibin

Eilis Lacey is Irish, married to Tony Fiorello, a plumber and one of four Italian American brothers, all of whom live in neighboring houses on a cul-de-
sac in Lindenhurst, Long Island, with their wives and children and Tony’s parents, a huge extended family. It is the spring of 1976 and Eilis is now forty with two teenage children. Though her ties to Ireland remain stronger than those that hold her to her new land and home, she has not returned in decades.

One day, when Tony is at work an Irishman comes to the door asking for Eilis by name. He tells her that his wife is pregnant with Tony’s child and that when the baby is born, he will not raise it but instead deposit it on Eilis’s doorstep. It is what Eilis does—and what she refuses to do—in response to this stunning news that makes Tóibín’s novel so riveting and suspenseful.

Welcome to the Bridgeton Library’s Summer Reading program for 2024. This year’s theme is Adventure Begins at your Library! The program is open to all ages. Go to www.bridgetonlibrary.org to register.

Please use the Registration link to register yourself and/or your kids. Then use the Book Log link to start logging your books and time spent reading.

Don’t forget to come in to the library for your fabulous prizes once you hit the 60 minute and 120 minute marks and beyond. Prizes include books and book sets, art supplies, puzzles, games, toys, and more!

We also have fun and adventurous activities and events to celebrate our Summer Reading program which runs from July 2 through August 17. Please join us for one or more of these fabulous, fun and free programs!

List of upcoming programs:
Saturday, July 13 from 12:30 to 1:30 Master Storyteller Michelle Wilson presents: Multi-Cultural Stories From Around the World. Michelle takes us on a trip without leaving our seats, as she offers classic and original tales from around the world. Suitable for toddlers and up, because everybody loves a good story! Snacks and beverages will be served! No registration required for this free program.

Saturday, July 27 at 11am, the critter caravan from Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge will be here sharing their live rescue critters with you! www.cedarrun.org for more information about them. No registration required for this free program.

Thursday, August 8 at 11 am, the Housel of Fun and Fitness will be presenting their Summer Reading Daring Adventure show! This interactive read-aloud program has kids up and moving while entertained by great books! Kids will enjoy snippets of well-loved stories followed by an “Adventure Begins” related activity, game or dance. More info here: https://houselfitness.com/our-programs No registration required for this free program.

Saturday, August 17, at 12 noon, we will have a pizza & prize party & MAGIC SHOW to wrap up our summer reading program with a bang: Magician Mark Wurst brings his hilarious reading-themed magic show to kids of all ages. The I LOVE to Read Magic Show is 45-minutes of family-friendly, interactive, comedy magic with lots of audience participation. The magic tricks are all centered around books and how important it is to read and use the library.

We hope you can join us for our summer reading fun; it’s just a click away!! All of our events and programs are FREE! For more information or if you have any questions, please email our Youth Services Director adariaar@bridgetonlibrary.org

Happy summer and happy reading adventures!!
Adventure Begins At Your Library
Lunch & a Movie for kids!
Tuesday - Friday 11:30 - 12:30
Beginning Tuesday, July 2nd
Bridgeton Free Public Library
150 East Commerce St.
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

To register and reserve a lunch:
Use the link below

To Register for the movie program use this link:
English Register Link
Para los niños!

Martes - Viernes 11:30 - 12:30
A partir del martes 2 de julio

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Registrarse y reservar un almuerzo:
Utilice el siguiente enlace

To Register for the movie program use this link:
Spanish Register Link
Bridgeton Library presents a FREE Maurice River Family Cruise w/Captain Dave!

Monday, July 15 from 1-3 pm
*please be there by 12:45 latest to check in

This is a gentle 2 hour pontoon boat ride down the beautiful and scenic Maurice river—eagles, ospreys, otters, etc!

** Free cruise is open to 16 participants, kids 14 and under must be accompanied by a caregiver.

REGISTER AT BRIDGETONLIBRARY.ORG

Cruise leaves from dock in downtown Millville on Ware Ave. Please park opposite boat dock.
Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge on Wheels is coming to the Bridgeton Library on Saturday, July 27 at 11 am

As part of our Summer Reading Adventure program, join us at the library to meet some extraordinary wildlife and their amazing handlers.

For more information about visiting Cedar Run please go to https://www.cedarrun.org/visit/refuge/

No registration is required for this free program.
Good for ages 3 and up with a caregiver.

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What is a Zine?

A zine (/ziːn/ ZEEN; short for magazine or fanzine) is a small-circulation self-published work of original or appropriated texts and images. Zines are the product of either a single person or of a very small group. (Wikipedia)

What to Expect

In our teen section a station will be set up with blank Zines and art supplies. Use this as a time to de-stress and be creative at no cost!

What to Zine

You can Zine anything; personal experiences, hobbies, stories!
Bridgeton Library’s Free Family Tubing Day!

Monday, August 12 from 11am-3pm

Limited to 12 participants-ages 12-18, plus 3 adult chaperones.

Please register at bridgetonlibrary.org
Meet up by 10:30 at Palace Outfitters & Restaurant-
Free lunch afterwards!
6924 Black Horse Pike, Mays Landing, NJ 08330
More Upcoming Programs!

Thursday, August 8 @ 11 am: House of Fun and Fitness will be here with their Daring Adventure Summer Reading show! Free to all and good for ages 5 and up. No registration required for this free program.

Monday, August 12, @ 10:30 am: Family River Tubing Day at Palace Outfitters and Restaurant. Free tubing and lunch. Registration is required for this free program. Please go to our website for info and to register, bridgetonlibrary.org.

Saturday, August 17 from 10-3: Bridgeton City Sidewalk Sale, the Bridgeton Library will have a table on our sidewalk for you to get some info and buy some good books!

Saturday, August 17 from 12-1: I Love to Read Magic Show with...
In The Works

**BRIDGETON CITY**

**TEEN/ADULT GN DISCUSSION**

We are in the works of creating a discussion group for teens & adults about Graphic Novels that we read once a month.

New to GN’s? Not an issue!
These discussions are open to any experience level!

Keep an eye out on our Instagram & newsletters for more info.

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MORE DETAILS TO COME!
SLIME PARTY
at the Library
(for older children & teens)

Have you ever wanted to create your own slime?

We are in the works of creating a massive Slime Party here at the Bridgeton Library!

Keep an eye out on the newsletter and our Instagram for more info!

COMING SOON

Ongoing programming:
Children's Events
STORY TIME
SATURDAYS
W/MS. ADARIA

10:30-11:15 AM

STORIES, MUSIC,
MOVEMENT,
CRAFTS & MORE
FOR KIDS 1-5 &
THEIR CAREGIVERS

BRIDGETON PUBLIC LIBRARY
150 E COMMERCE ST
DOWNTOWN BRIDGETON
856-451-2620

Ongoing programming:
Teen Events
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.

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Ongoing programming:
Adult Events
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

- 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.