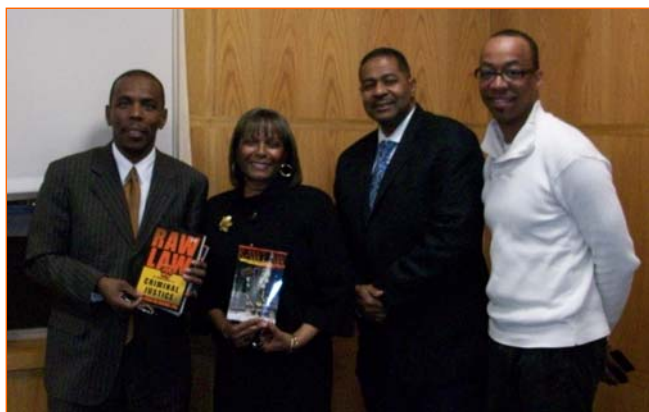


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The first of an author series that focuses on authors with ties to the City of Elizabeth featured Muhammad Bashir, Esq., public defender and author of *Raw Law*. From left to right: Muhammad Bashir, Library Director Dorothy M. Key, Special Events Coordinator Alonzo Jones and Library Board of Trustees Vice President John Whitley.

National Poetry Month and National Library Week

April is National Library Week as well as National Poetry Month. The Children's Room will be hosting a "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" party to celebrate National Library Week on Wednesday, April 13. The Reference Department has invited Su Polo, a local expert on poet Ray Pospisil who has ties to Union, NJ, for a program entitled *From Bógota to Brooklyn: The Life and Poetry of Ray Pospisil*. On display on the second floor of the Main Library is "A Poem in My Pocket." Poetry books on display may be checked out, and poems for patron pockets are available to keep. In the branches, patrons are invited to compose or select poetry that celebrate libraries, and come to the branch for a community reading. Details are on available for this combined celebration on Page 5 of the newsletter.

May is Older Americans Month

Older Americans: Connecting the Community is the theme for the annual celebration of older Americans in May. The Media Department and Senior Space will sponsor programs that explore how technology is helping mature Americans live longer, healthier, and more engaged lives.

Options for borrowers now include downloadable audio and eBooks from Listen NJ

An EPL card and pin number are all that is needed to download audio and eBooks to Barnes and Noble Nooks, Sony eReaders, iPods, iPads, iPhones, and many more popular devices that include cell phones and eReaders. The service is detailed in a link on the library home page. Please do not hesitate to contact the library at Eplreference@elizpl.org for more information about Listen NJ.

Family and Youth READ-A-JAM will focus on literacy and health

Read-A-Jam: Reading Wonderland, is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, from 4:30-7:00 pm, at the Miller-Evans Logan Recreation Center, 161-163 First Street in Elizabeth. Presentations and display tables with information and giveaways will promote literacy and health awareness. Read-A-Jam is the result of a collaborative effort of EPL, the City of Elizabeth Office of Youth Services and Health First NJ.

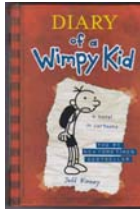


Summer events will take readers to "Novel Destinations"

A visit to the library will expand horizons this summer for readers of all ages...literally. The Summer Reading Program theme for Children is *One World, Many Stories*, and the seven week program will feature one continent per week. With a live penguin visit to start the exploration in Antarctica, the programs will include stories, games, activities, puppet shows and songs throughout the summer. The Teen Department will offer volunteer and reading enrichment opportunities, and the Reference Department will host a program about Hawaii to open the summer reading program, *Novel Destinations*. Details can be found on Page 3.

Children's Services: 908-354-6060, x-7209

All programs have limited seating. Advance registration is recommended for all programs.



National Library Week Celebration

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Party!
Main Library Children's Room
Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 pm

Spring Break Team Lego Competitions

Main Library Children's Room
Wednesday, April 20
Ages 8 and 9: 10:00 am
Ages 10 to 12: 2:00 pm



Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits

Elizabethport 5:30 pm, Monday, April 4
LaCorte 5:30 pm, Tuesday, April 5
Elmora 5:30 pm, Monday, April 11
Main 2:30 pm, Saturday, April 23

Registration begins Monday, March 21 at 9 a.m. Teams consist of 2 - 4 members all of whom must fall within the appropriate age range on the day of the competition. A maximum of six teams will participate in each session.

National Children's Book Week

Book Bingo in the Main Library Children's Room
Wednesday, May 4, 6:30 pm



Lapsit



Rhymes, songs, finger plays and verse for babies 0 - 2 years old.
11:00 am
Thursdays, April 7, 14, and May 5, & 12



All Aboard! (Trains)

Elizabethport 5:30 pm, Monday, May 9
LaCorte 5:30 pm, Tuesday, May 10
Elmora 5:30 pm Monday, May 16
Main 2:30, Saturday, May 21

Saturday Monthly Movie Matinee for Children

Main Library, Children's Room
Saturdays, 2:30 pm

April 9
Wallace and Gromit in the Curse of the Were-Rabbit

May 7
Thomas the Tank Engine Film Festival



Summer Reading Club: One World, Many Stories

The Children's Room will explore one continent each week.
Registration begins: Monday, June 20
Programs end: Saturday, August 13



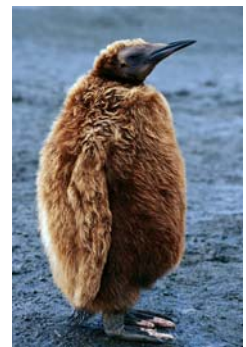
Summer Reading Opening Program:

Penguin Pointers

This 45-minute program will be given by Jenkinson's Aquarium and comes complete with a real, live penguin!



Elizabethport: Thursday, June 30, 1:00 pm
Elmora: Thursday, June 30, 3:00 pm
LaCorte: Saturday, July 2, 1:00 pm
Main Library: Saturday, July 2, 3:00 pm



Reference and Adult Services: 908-354-6060, x-7203

New Date



Prevention of Bullying
with Maurice J. Elias, Ph.D.
Thursday, April 7
7 pm, Main Library Auditorium

Maurice J. Elias, Ph.D., author of *The Educator's Guide to Emotional Intelligence and Academic Achievement* (2006), will speak on what parents can do relative to bullying. A new guide to resources in the Children's Room will be available.

Celebrating National Poetry Month, April, 2011:



**From Bogotá to Brooklyn:
The Life and Poetry of Ray Pospisil**

Su Polo Saturday April 23, 2011, 2:00 pm
Main Library Auditorium

Come celebrate National Poetry Month with writer **Su Polo**, who will discuss the life and work of poet **Ray Pospisil** (1953-2008).



The Carrie Jackson Trio
Saturday, June 25
2:00 pm
Main Library Auditorium

Enjoy the soothing sensuality of vocal jazz music with singer and Newark native Carrie Jackson and her band. One of the top jazz artists today, Ms. Jackson will entertain with jazz, pop, blues and gospel favorites.

Wednesday Morning Movies

Main Library Auditorium, 10 am

- April 6 *Salt* with Angelina Jolie and Liev Schreiber
- April 13 *Meet Me in St. Louis* with Judy Garland, M. O'Brien
- April 20 *The Last Station* with Helen Mirren and C. Plummer
- April 27 *Letters to Juliet* with V. Redgrave and A. Seyfried
- May 4 *Night Train to Munich* with Rex Harrison
- May 11 *Charlie Wilson's War* with Tom Hanks
- May 18 *Amelia* with Hilary Swank, Richard Gere
- May 25 *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* with M. Broderick
- June 1 *The Devil Wears Prada* with M. Streep
- June 8 *Knight and Day* with Tom Cruise and C. Diaz
- June 15 *The Caine Mutiny* with H. Bogart and V. Johnson
- June 22 *Father of the Bride* with S. Martin and D. Keaton
- June 29 *Bringing Up Baby* with K. Hepburn and C. Grant

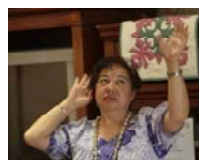
2012: The End of the Mayan Calendar
Saturday April 16, 2011, 2:00p.m.

Author Daniel Pinchbeck will discuss his work, *2012: The Return of Quetzalcoatl* and the Mayan prophecies of an unprecedented global shift in the year 2012.



Herbal Medicine: The Basics
Saturday, May 7, 2:00 pm
Main Library Auditorium

Virginia Ahearn, a twenty-year herbal practitioner, will discuss the basic principles of herbal medicine and demonstrate how easy they are to apply. Enjoy an afternoon of healthful information and a sampling of tea.



**Hawaii:
A Novel Destination**

Saturday, June 11, 2:00 pm
Main Library Auditorium

As a kick-off to the Summer Reading Programs for all, come and learn about the Hawaiian culture, language and maybe even dance the hula with Hawaiian expert Gail Mahealai Small. She will take us on a photographic journey through the islands and will talk about the most active volcano in the world.

Saturday Movie Matinees

2 pm, Main Library Auditorium

April 9
Despicable Me
with Steve Carrell, Will Arnett

May 14
A Hard Day's Night
with The Beatles

June 18
The Parent Trap
with Haley Mills and Brian Keith

Media Services: 908-354-6060, x-7152

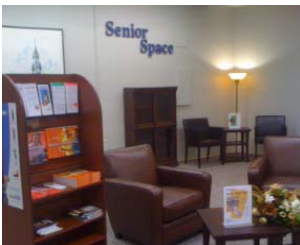
Popular computer classes are offered on multiple dates. All classes are held in the Community Learning Center computer lab on the third floor of the Main Library. Space is limited, so kindly call 908-354-6060, x-7238, or stop at the circulation desk at the Broad Street entrance to register for the one-session classes listed below.



Community Learning Center

Introduction to Computers I	Tuesdays, April 12, May 3 or June 7	6:00 – 7:00 pm
Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007	Thursdays, April 14 or June 9	2:30 – 3:30 pm
Make Money on the Internet	Thursday, April 14	6:00 – 7:00 pm
Introduction to Computers II	Tuesdays, April 19, May 10 or June 14	6:00 – 7:00 pm
Intermediate Word 2007	Thursdays, April 21 or June 16	2:30 – 3:30 pm
Create an E-mail Account	Tuesdays, April 26 or June 21	6:00-7:00 pm
Everything Digital	Thursday, April 28	6:00 – 7:00 pm
Everything Google	Thursday, May 5 or June 16	6:00 – 7:00 pm
How to Build a Website	Thursdays, May 12 or June 23	6:00 – 7:00 pm
Keyboard Typing Class	Tuesday, May 17	6:00 – 7:00 pm

Senior Spaces: Programs for Ages 55+



The EPL Senior Space is located on the third floor of the Main Library and was established with in part with a donation from TD Bank .

The Senior Space and Media Department will be offering special computer classes and programs in celebration of this year's theme for patrons 55+ years of age. Kindly register for these programs at the second floor Circulation desk of the Main Library. Classes are held in the Community Learning Center Computer Lab on the third floor of the Main Library unless otherwise noted.

Senior Space Website	Tuesdays, April 28 or May 18	2:30 – 3:30 pm
Facebook for Seniors	Thursdays, May 5 or June 23	2:30 – 3:30 pm
Exercise Your Brain: Senior	Wednesday, May 11	2:30 – 3:30 pm
Brain Games (Main Library Auditorium)		
Learning with YouTube	Thursday, May 12	2:30 – 3:30 pm
Who Do You Follow? Twitter for	Thursday, May 19	2:30 – 3:30 pm
Baby Boomers and Beyond		



Senior Game Days with Wii

10:30-12:30pm 4th Fl. Auditorium
April 28, May 26 and June 23

Knitting for a Cause

Main Library, 3rd Floor Senior Space
Thursdays, 10:30am-12:30pm
April 14, May 12 and June 9

Classic Musical Movie Marathon for Seniors

Main Library
4th Floor Auditorium
Monday, May 16, 2011
9:30 am-4:00 pm

Meet Me in St. Louis 9:30 am
Gigi 11:30 am and *Hello Dolly!* 1:30 pm



Teen Services: 908-354-6060



Shakespeare to Shange Tuesdays, 5:15-6:30 pm through May 22 Main Library Auditorium

A theater reading, discussion and exploration workshop for high school students with Lily Burd, Artistic Director.
Call 908-354-6060, x-7154 for more information.

Calling All Teens!!!

Wednesday, April 20th
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Main Library Auditorium

Teens are invited to visit the Main Library Auditorium to learn about programs that will be available for Teens during the summer, and to find out about volunteer opportunities. Input from teens on programs will also be welcome.

Beginning April 1: Computers in sections of the Teen Room on the third floor of the Main Library will be reserved for teens only.

Branch Services: 908-353-4820

Space is limited for programs. Kindly reserve a space by contacting Robert Barbanell at rbarbanell@elizpl.org or at the telephone number above.

Information Session:

HealthFirst NJ is one of the HMO's available to be selected by persons who have New Jersey Family Care Insurance and is for children from birth until their 19th birthday.

Elmora Branch Wednesday, April 20, 4:30-6:00 pm
 Elizabethport Monday, April 25, 4:30-6:00 pm
 LaCorte Branch Thursday, April 28, 4:30-6:00 pm

LearningExpress Library in Focus

Practicing for the SAT, polishing your resume or studying for the US Citizenship Exam are all good reasons to learn more about the LearningExpress database where you can do all of this and more.

Elmora Branch:	LaCorte Branch:
Saturday, April 16, 2:30 pm	Friday, April 29, 10:30 am
Wednesday, May 18, 6 pm	Saturday, May 14, 2:30 pm
Saturday, June 18, 2:30 pm	Saturday, June 25, 2:30 pm



Elizabethport Branch:
 Tuesday, April 21, 10:30 am
 Saturday, June 4, 2:30 pm
 Tuesday, June 21, 2:30 pm



Elmora Branch Brown Bag Movies

Tuesdays, 12 noon. Feel free to bring lunch.
 Light refreshments will be provided.

April 5 *Mad Money* starring D. Keaton and Queen Latifah
 April 12 *Space Cowboys* starring C. Eastwood and T. L. Jones
 April 19 *Funny Girl* starring B. Steisand and Omar Sharif
 April 26 *Shutter Island* with L. DiCaprio and Emily Mortimer
 May 3 *Castaway* with Tom Hanks and Helen Hunt
 May 10 *Julie and Julia* with Meryl Streep and Amy Adams
 May 17 *Marley and Me* starring Owen Wilson and J. Anniston
 May 24 *Flightplan* starring Jodie Foster and P. Sarsgaard
 May 31 *Conviction* starring Hilary Swank and Sam Rockwell
 June 7 *Due Date* starring R. Downey, Jr., and Z. Galifianakis
 June 14 *Unstoppable* starring D. Washington and Chris Pine
 June 21 *Life as We Know It* with Josh Duhamel & K. Heigl
 June 28 *Morning Glory* with R. McAdams and H. Ford

Pause, Rewind and Replay: TV on DVD

24: *Season 1* Two episodes per week will be shown on Wednesdays in the Elmora Branch from 2-3:30 pm. Call the Elmora Branch for details.

Eighteenth-Century Clockmaking

in New Jersey with David Sperling, M.D.

Elmora Branch Library
 Wednesday, May 11 at 6 pm

Elizabethport in the eighteenth century was a center of production of clocks in New Jersey.

This lecture will be accompanied by a slide presentation on clocks from this time period.



Computers and Your

Community Library:

Introduction to Computers

New to computers? Mouse and keyboard skills will now being offered in the branches.

Elmora Branch:	LaCorte Branch:
Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 pm	Monday, April 8, 10:30 am
Wednesday, May 4, 6:30 pm	Friday, May 13, 10:00 am
Monday, June 1, 10:30 am	Saturday, June 11, 2:30 pm

Elizabethport Branch
 Saturday, April 30, 2:30 pm
 Thursday, May 26, 2:30 pm
 Thursday, June 23, 10:30 am

Poetry Read-a-Louds:

National Library Week: Celebrate Your Library

In celebration of National Library Week and National Poetry Month we invite our community to compose poetry about their community library.

Elmora Branch: Wednesday, April 13, 5:30 pm
 LaCorte Branch: Thursday, April 14, 5:00 pm
 Elizabethport: Saturday, April 16, 11:00 am

Films at LaCorte

Weekly Classic Movies on Mondays at 9:30 am

For a complete list please see www.elizpl.org, click on Events.

Saturday Matinee Theater: 1:30 pm

April 2 *Mission Impossible* with T. Cruise
 May 14 *Independence Day* with W. Smith
 June 11 *The Day After Tomorrow* with D. Quaid

Thursday Movie Night: 5:30 pm

April 7 *Never Ending Story* with Noah Hathaway
 May 5 *ET* with Henry Thomas and Drew Barrymore
 June 23 *The Chronicles of Narnia* with T. Swinton
 June 30 *Up* with Ed Asner and Jordan Nagai

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908-820-4298
M W F Sat: 9am-5pm
TTh: 12 pm-8 pm

Elizabethport Branch Hours

102-110 Third St
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908-289-9032
M W: 12pm - 8pm
TThF Sat: 9am-5pm

The Library will be closed on
the following holidays:

Good Friday, Friday, April 22
Memorial Day, Saturday, May 28
and Monday, May 30