

CHECK IT OUT!

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Mayor Chris Bollwage spoke to teens and adults to open a panel discussion with the theme of Empowerment during African American History Month on February 16, 2008. Programs will again be held at Elizabeth Public Library in collaboration with the Urban League Guild of Union County in February.

African American History Month live at EPL

The library will offer programs in collaboration with the Urban League Guild of Union County. Specifics will be available in January. The exhibit area will feature *The Sweet Language: The Art of Derek J. Dent*. Not only will there be new, original work by local artist Derek Dent, but there will be historical references with explanatory notes throughout the display. The exhibit will be available during Main Library hours. School and tour groups are welcome, and will benefit from calling 908-354-6060, x-7235, to arrange their visit.

The LaCorte and Elmora Branch Libraries will host programs about the African Americans in baseball. *Before You Can Say "Jackie Robinson" Black Baseball in America and New Jersey in the Era of the Color Lines* will be offered at Elmora Branch Library, Monday, February 2, at 7 pm, and *John Henry "Pop" Lloyd and the Communal Legacy of Negro League Baseball* at the LaCorte Branch on Saturday, February 21, at 1 pm. Both programs are offered through the New Jersey Council for the Humanities Horizons Speakers Bureau.

Elizabeth Public Library offers a trial of technology books on-line.

Information about technology changes fast. Public libraries are turning to on-line books to keep the most current information from favorite sources available 24/7 for patrons. To encourage patrons to try an on-line source, Proquest has offered a free trial of their latest book database, *Safari® Select*, a collection of technical e-books such as *For Dummies*, *David Pogue's Missing Manuals*, and *Visual QuickStart Guides*. The first 20 patrons to fill out an opinion form regarding *Safari® Select* will receive a small prize donated by Proquest. The forms are available from the Main Library reference desk. Even after prizes are gone—the library seeks patron opinion.

From January 5 to February 5, log in to the website <http://tinyurl.com/safariselect> in the library or from outside the library. The password for the database is "welcome."

Happy Birthday, Mr. Lincoln, from EPL

Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday will be February 12, 2009. EPL will host events throughout the month to celebrate the President's life. A Lincoln reenactor from the American Historical Theatre is scheduled for the LaCorte Branch on January 31 at 1 pm, a Children's Room Program at all branches is scheduled for February, the Elmora Book Club has chosen a book about the conspiracy around President Lincoln's assassination, and Reference Department Head Robert Barbanell will offer a program that will teach the use of library databases, with Abraham Lincoln as the subject. Details are available by department in this newsletter.

The Library will be closed:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 19
Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
Thursday, February 12
President's Day
Monday, February 16

Main Library Hours

M-F 9 am - 9 pm
Sat 9 am - 5 pm
Please note Branch hours on Page 3

Adult Services 908-354-6060, x-7203



Author John A. Nagy will make a presentation regarding his work, *Rebellion in the Ranks: Mutinies of the American Revolution*
Main Library Auditorium
Saturday, January 10
2pm

In Search of:

Abraham Lincoln

In Introduction to the Databases of the Elizabeth Public Library

Main Library
Saturday, February 21, 2:30-4 PM
Elmora Branch Library
Monday, February 23, 6-7:30 PM



Wednesday Morning Movies

10 am in the Main Library Auditorium

- January 7 *Baby Mama* starring Tina Fey and Amy Poehler
- January 14 *Harvey* starring James Stewart
- January 21 *Chaplin* starring Robert Downey, Jr.
- January 28 *Meet Dave* starring Eddie Murphy
- February 4 *The Way We Were* with R. Redford and B. Streisand
- February 11 *One Touch of Venus* with R. Walker and A. Gardner
- February 18 *The Love Guru* with Mike Myers and Jessica Alba
- February 25 *Gigi* with Leslie Caron and Maurice Chevalier
- March 4 *Hancock* starring Will Smith
- March 11 *Rear Window* starring James Stewart and Grace Kelly
- March 18 *Young @ Heart* (documentary)
- March 25 *The Outlaw Josey Wales* starring Clint Eastwood



Celebrate Women's History with special guest, Joan Morrison
Inside the American Mosaic: The Women's Experience
Main Library Auditorium
Saturday, March 28
2pm

Saturday Movie Matinees

2 pm, Main Library Auditorium

- January 24** *Ironman* starring Robert Downey, Jr.
- March 7** *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* with H. Ford and S LeBeauf

Reference Department 908-354-6060, x-7203



In the Spotlight:

Elizabeth Public Library Online Database:
Heritage Quest Online

Visit the Main Library reference desk at one of our online database computers, or log on from the comfort of your own home with your library card number at <http://www.elizpl.org/onlineref.htm>.

Looking for census documentation (dates of citizenship included) on relatives who emigrated to the United States?

A standout resource in print is

Finding Answers in U.S. Census Records R 929.107 SZU.

Visit the new Reference Department on the second floor of the library, or call with us your questions.

September/October Question: What was the name of Abraham Lincoln's funeral train, and on what date and time did this train pass through the city of Elizabeth?

Answer: *The Lincoln Special*, which passed through the city of Elizabeth on Monday, April 24, 1865, at 8:45 AM.

November/December Question: On Thursday, April 30, 1789, President-elect George Washington was inaugurated in New York City. Name the location with address of his inauguration. Also, complete this sentence from Washington's inaugural address: "Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency, and in the important revolution just accomplished in the system of this united government,..."

The first five patrons with the correct answer will receive a prize!

Teen Department 908-354-6060, x-7235



Jeff Rivera, author of the urban novel *Forever My Lady* will be at the Main Library Auditorium
Thursday, March 12, 5-6:30pm

Anime Club 5-7pm

Thursdays, January 8, February 5 and March 12

Teen Book Discussion Group 5-6pm

Thursdays, January 22, February 19 and March 19

Teen Advisory Council 5-6 pm, Monday, March 30

COMING SOON: EPL's Annual Teen Art Show

Monday, May 11, 6-8pm

(Artwork is due by Friday, May 8 - details to follow!!)

Celebrate summer in the spring! It is not too early to plan to spend your spring break, April 13-17 at the library with a taste of all of your favorite summer programs!

Children's Programs 908-354-6060, x-7209



During the month of January, come in to the Children's Department or any branch and add a wish to our Make a Wish Tree.

Drop-in crafts are also available at all locations

Dragons and More Dragons
Dragon fun for children ages 3-8.

- Elmora Branch Monday, January 26 at 7 pm
- Elizabethport Wednesday, January 21 at 6:30 pm
- LaCorte Tuesday, January 27 at 6:30 pm
- Main Library Saturday, January 24 at 2:30 pm



Saturday Matinee for Kids

Main Library Children's Room
2 pm



- January 10 Kung Fu Panda
- February 7 Madagascar
- March 7 Curious George



Branch Programs 908-353-4820



The Elmora Branch Library's Brown Bag Lunch Movies

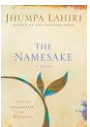


Tuesdays, 12 noon. Feel free to bring lunch with you.
Light refreshments will be provided.

- January 6 *Tale of Two Cities* with R. Coleman
- January 13 *Frequency* with Dennis Quaid
- January 20 *Beyond the Sea* with K. Spacey and K. Bosworth
- January 27 *The Italian Job* with M. Wahlberg & C. Theron
- February 3 *The Wedding Planner*, J. Lopez and M. McConaughey
- February 10 *The House of Mirth* with Gillian Anderson
- February 17 *Good Night, and Good Luck* with David Strathairn
- February 24 *The Terminal* starring Tom Hanks
- March 3 *End of the Spear* based on a true story
- March 10 *Serendipity* with John Cusack & Kate Beckinsale
- March 17 *Along Came Polly* starring Ben Stiller
- March 24 *Kundun* directed by Martin Scorsese
- March 31 *Bewitched* starring Will Ferrell & Nicole Kidman

Elmora Branch Book Club

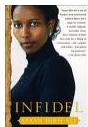
Thursdays, 9:30 am



The Namesake
By Jhumpa Lahiri
January 8



The Assassin's Accomplice
By Kate C. Larson
February 12



Infidel
By Ali Hirs
March 12

Abe Lincoln

On this 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birthday, let's celebrate his life.

- Stories, crafts and fun for children
- Main Library Saturday, February 21 at 2:30 pm
- Elmora Branch Monday, February 23 at 7:00 pm
- Elizabethport Wednesday, February 17 at 6:30 pm
- LaCorte Thursday, February 19 at 6:30 pm

Koalas and Kangaroos

Stories, crafts and fun about Australia's favorite animals

- Main Library Saturday, March 21 at 2:30 pm
- Elmora Branch Monday, March 23 at 7:00 pm
- Elizabethport Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 pm
- LaCorte Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 pm

Lapsit: Rhymes, songs, finger plays and verse for babies, newborns - 2 year olds

- Tuesdays at the Main Library, 11:00 am
- January 13 and 20
- February 17 and 24
- March 17 and 24

Abraham Lincoln: Man of Sorrow

LaCorte Branch Library
Saturday, January 31, 1 pm

A reenactor will offer insight in our country's great emancipator. Presented by the American Historical Theatre and the New Jersey Council for the Humanities Horizons Speakers Bureau.

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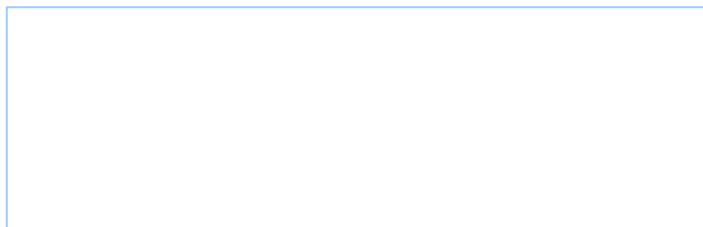
Recapturing a New Jersey Legacy: John Henry "Pop" Lloyd and the Communal Legacy of Negro League Baseball

LaCorte Branch Library
Saturday, February 21st at 1 pm
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Elmora Branch Hours	LaCorte Branch Hours	E'port Branch Hours
740 W. Grand Elizabeth, NJ 908-353-4820 M W 9 am-9pm TThF Sat 9 am-5pm	418-34 Palmer St Elizabeth, NJ 908-820-4298 M W F Sat: 9am-5pm TTh: 12 pm-8 pm	102-110 Third St Elizabeth, NJ 908-289-9032 M W: 12pm - 8pm TThF Sat: 9am-5pm

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Save the Dates:

Registration for tax return preparation assistance courtesy of VITA and TCE will begin the week of **January 19th**. Appointments will be available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm beginning in February. Please call 908-354-6060, x-7234, or stop by in person at the Rahway Avenue Circulation Desk.

Women's History Month Programs at EPL

Femina Sapiens: The Greatest Story Never Told
Presented by author Frank Ancona, PhD and the New Jersey Council for the Humanities Horizons Speakers Bureau.

Elmora Branch Library
Wednesday, March 18th at 7 pm

Inside the American Mosaic: The Women's Experience
presented by Joan Morrison and the New Jersey Council for the Humanities Horizons Speakers Bureau.

Main Library Auditorium
Saturday, March 28 at 2pm

Check It Out, the newsletter of Elizabeth Public Library, will be available by e-mail. Contact Monica Eppinger at meppinger@elizpl.org if you would like to begin receiving your newsletter electronically. You will be added to a Google list for receipt of EPL news, and you'll be helping EPL to go green.