

# THE BOOKMARK

EDITION 4 ●

SEPTEMBER 2023

● LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Dear valued members of the Perth Amboy Community:

As we step into the golden months of Autumn, it brings us immense joy to share the remarkable strides the Perth Amboy Free Public Library has taken to create an inspiring future for our beloved city. We are crafting a vision that celebrates the rich history of Perth Amboy and sets the stage for a bright tomorrow via:

- Renovation and Progress
- Expanding Programs for all ages
- Mango Languages: Unlocking Multilingual Horizons
- BrainFuse: Empowering through Education and Support
- Empowering Our Community: ESL and Citizenship Classes
- Preserving Heritage, Sharing Stories

None of this would be possible without the support of our partners-The Perth Amboy Board of Trustees, Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library and the Library's dedicated Staff. Together we unite in our commitment to enrich lives through the joy of reading and lifelong learning.

We thank our cherished library community and extend our heartfelt appreciation.

Your participation in our programs makes each day a celebration of knowledge and camaraderie. We look forward to even more meaningful memories and to nurture a community of enthusiastic knowledge seekers. Embrace the past, seize the present, and together let us shape a vibrant future!

With warm regards,

Joel Rosa  
Library Director  
Perth Amboy Free Public Library





We celebrate Herschel Chomsky's 35th year with the library!



## ***Herschel's Notary Notes***

The Library is proud to announce that it continues to offer notary services free of charge. The only thing charged is a smile of appreciation. But before you come in to get your documents notarized, there are several things to keep in mind.

First, while walk-ins are welcome, it is recommended that you call ahead as the Library only has a limited number of notaries. Also, make sure that nothing is signed until you appear before the notary; you may fill the form out beforehand, as long as it is not signed. You must bring a valid form of identification. If any witnesses are required for the documents, they must bring ID and sign in front of the notary.

It is important to note that the Library's notaries are not lawyers and cannot provide advice. Additionally, if the document is in Spanish, we have a translator available most of the time. For any other languages; however, an accepted translator must be present. Finally, when contacting the Library, please ask for Herschel or Tiffany if you have questions or concerns.

The Library is excited to offer this convenient service to its patrons and looks forward to helping you with your notary needs.

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Whereas New Jersey was the first State to ratify the Bill of Rights which was signed in Perth Amboy's City Hall. Whereas the official Constitution Day is Sunday, Sept 17 when the library is closed; We will observe it on  
Saturday:

### **Constitution Day**

**Saturday, September 16, 2023 (Sept 17)**

Come to the Library for a free pocket constitution  
while supplies last

# Cataloger's Corner-David Morey

Here are some new titles available for checkout:

- **Weapons of Opportunity:** A Nick Flynn novel by Dale Brown
- **1964-Eyes of the Storm:** photographs and reflections by Paul McCartney
- **Better the Blood:** a Hana Westerman thriller by Michael Bennett
- **On the Line:** a novel by Fern Michaels
- **The Librarian of Burned Books:** A novel by Brianna Labuskes
- **The Last Kingdom:** a novel by Steve Berry
- **I Know Who You Are:** How a amateur DNA sleuth unmasked the Golden State killer and changed crime fighting forever By Barbara Rae-Venter
- **The Five-Star Weekend:** a novel by Elin Hilderbrand
- **Palazzo:** a novel by Danielle Steel
- **Happiness:** a novel by Danielle Steel
- **The White Lady:** a novel by Jacqueline Winspear

## For Young Readers - Tiffany Diaz The Unwanteds Series by Lisa McMann

On an island lies the community of Quill, with a mix of farmland and residential areas, people are led by a High Priest and Six Governors. Every year, Quill celebrates the Purge. All the thirteen-year-olds are gathered and labeled as either Wanted, Necessary, or Unwanteds. Wanted are the ones who show intelligence and are allowed to be educated to earn government jobs. Necessary work the land and other manual labor. Unwanteds are the children who were caught being creative in some way. Any form of art or expression is forbidden in Quill. These Children are taken to a remote section of the island to be executed.

Alex Stowe and twenty others have been marked unwanted while his twin brother, Aaron, has been named a Wanted, but instead of facing the end, the Unwanteds come face-to-face with a powerful magician named Mr. Today. Using his powers, he created the land of Artime with a lush field, a magical mansion and a nearby jungle that is invisible to the residents of Quill. Mr. Today has protected the Unwanteds for many years, teaching them free expression, all forms of art and magic

See all the wonder of Artime. Come along with the Stowe brothers and see how much they grow through their journey. Find out what happens when Quill residents discover Artime and other secrets that have been kept.



Flight Leader –  
Johnnie Petach  
with a P40

## From the archives-

### **THE FLYING TIGERS**

Perth Amboy's own  
Johnnie Petach, Jr.  
Flying Tiger & Naval Aviator  
American Volunteer Group  
2nd Squadron Panda Bears

John E. Petach, Jr. was born July 15, 1918 during the closing months of WWI. He graduated from Perth Amboy High School in 1935 with honors. He loved music and was an accomplished singer. He sang in his church parish as a Cantor. In 1939 he completed his degree in chemical engineering from NYU. After graduation he applied to the U.S. Navy for admittance to the aviation program.

In 1937, Japan and China found themselves in an open war. Japan invaded China and China lost its eastern coastal areas. Japan could not occupy China, but its Imperial force inflicted heavy losses on China's armies and routinely bombed Chungking.

Claire Chennault, a retired veteran from the US Army Air Corp. He became a mercenary and was hired by Chaing Kai -Shek, generalissimo of China, to be Chief Air Adviser. Chennault canvassed the American aviation services for volunteers to fly to China thwart the Japanese aggression through China and to protect the Burma Road lifeline to China.

Officially known as the American Volunteer Group (AVG), the Flying Tigers were credited with destroying 29 planes and 1500 Japanese troops. The AVG lost nine men in battle. The planes were inferior dog fighters compared to maneuverable Japanese planes, but Chennault developed tactics to take advantage of the P40's heaviness and greater diving speed.

Johnnie Petach was an ace in the group. The US decided to assign a regular Air Force unit to China. Almost all of the original Flying Tigers returned home, but some were needed to stay and help the newly formed 23rd. Petach was ready to leave when he was asked to stay. On July 10, 1942, during what was to be his last mission, Petach went in on a dive bombing run when his plane was taken down, causing his sudden death. His bomb hit the target, but at the same instant his plane exploded having been hit by ground fire.

From "A Tribute To a Tiger", a Program in Honor of Flying Tiger and Naval Aviator:  
John E. Petach, Jr., Perth Amboy



## THE MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM

This program is a service provided by the Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library. It enables library patrons to visit the Museum of Natural History NYC, and the Thomas Edison Museum in Edison, NJ.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Brighton Ave. Teen Center  
56 Brighton Ave., Perth Amboy

2nd and 4th Saturday of each month (w/exceptions) Check the Friend's Facebook page for weather -related closings.

## Friends of the Library Meeting Dates:

Sep 9              Nov 11  
Sep 23            Dec 16  
Oct 14

### Library Hours

Mon/Tue/Thu: 9AM-8PM  
Wed/Fri: 9AM-5PM  
Sat: 9AM-4PM

Perth Amboy Free Public Library  
196 Jefferson Street  
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861  
732-826-2600

## MONTHLY PROGRAMS IN SEPTEMBER

### EVERY THIRD TUESDAY

5-7pm: Crochet Class

6 pm: The Green Team

(For more information, call Joel Rosa 732-826-2600)

### EVERY FOURTH TUESDAY

5-7pm: Game Night

### EVERY FIRST THURSDAY

6pm: Readers By The Bay Book Club

### EVERY THIRD THURSDAY

5:30pm-7:30pm: Builders Club: Legos & Beyond for kids

### CHILDREN'S STORY TIME:

Miss Tiff says:

"All the time is Story Time!" Ask her to read you a book during your next visit!

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Opportunities are open to all ages

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# UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

## 3RD ANNUAL HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

1 PM - 5 PM

RAIN DATE OCTOBER 7

PERTH AMBOY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

196 JEFFERSON ST. PERTH AMBOY, NJ

### WHAT TO EXPECT

LIVE LATIN BANDS

HISPANIC HERITAGE ART EXHIBIT

HISPANIC CULTURAL PERFORMANCE

HISPANIC FOOD

THE "MANNY PACHECO" ARTS AWARD CEREMONY

DOMINO TOURNAMENT

LATINO GREEK LIFE

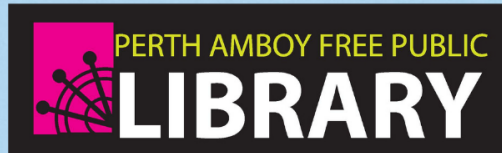
FUN KIDS ACTIVITIES

FACE PAINTING



Get ready for an electrifying extravaganza! Join us at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library's 3rd Annual Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on September 30, 2023, from 1pm to 5pm. This year, we're turning the spotlight onto YOU, our incredible community. Unleash your hidden talents, whether it's through sensational singing, mesmerizing dancing, or captivating open mic poetry. Let's make this a day to remember together! Secure your spot now by registering below:

[\*\*CLICK HERE TO REGISTER\*\*](#)



# WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

A SERIES OF HEALTH WORKSHOPS FOR THE PERTH AMBOY  
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY

DISCOVER A JOURNEY TO BETTER HEALTH AT OUR WELLNESS WEDNESDAY  
HEALTH EDUCATION SERIES, FEATURING REGISTERED DIETITIAN AND NURSE  
EDUCATOR TONJA WERKMAN FROM HACKENSACK MERIDIAN HEALTH.  
ALL EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT THE PERTH AMBOY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
LOCATED AT 196 JEFFERSON ST.

ON THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY'S FROM 11AM -12PM

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**

## Healthy Eating on a Budget

Learn how you can eat healthy and stay on a budget. Learn tips and tricks for efficient shopping and meal planning

**OCTOBER 11, 2023**

## Healthy Eating for One

Learn how healthy eating for one can be fast and affordable. Sample recipes will be Included with the presentation.

**NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

## Pre- Diabetes and Meal Planning

Learn how you can help prevent Diabetes through better meal planning.

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



Hackensack  
Meridian Health

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 732-826-2600

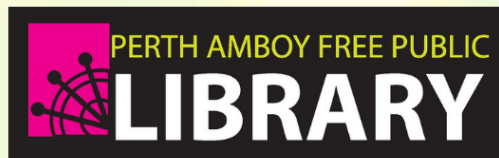
Register to 1 or more Wellness Wednesdays programs by clicking on the links below.

[September 13, 2023](#)

[October 11, 2023](#)

[November 15, 2023](#)





# RePLENISH

NOURISHING NEIGHBORS

A STORYTIME READING THAT TEACHES CHILDREN AND  
FAMILIES ABOUT FOOD INSECURITIES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

PERTH AMBOY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
196 JEFFERSON ST. (CHILDREN'S AREA)

FROM 12:30PM - 1:30PM



FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1 THROUGH 4.  
PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL 732-826-2600

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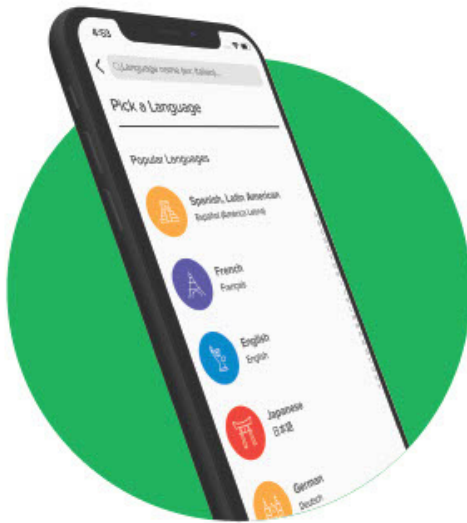


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Embark on a journey of linguistic exploration with the latest addition to our offerings – the **Mango Languages database**, now accessible for Perth Amboy Free Public Library patrons. Your library card is your key to unlocking a world of knowledge, granting you access to a treasure trove of over 70 language courses. From Spanish to Swahili, dive into immersive lessons that will have you speaking, understanding, and connecting in new languages like never before! Get started today by clicking on the link below.

**[CLICK HERE TO BEGIN LEARNING  
A NEW LANGUAGE](#)**



# ATTENTION STUDENTS!



## FREE ONLINE TUTORING

get help with  
homework

submit a  
question to us

access  
free lessons  
and resources

form online  
study groups

interact  
with a live tutor

online  
standardized  
test practice

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own flashcards

send your  
paper to the  
writing lab

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## Meet Luke Vista aka The New Guy



What would you like to accomplish during your first year? I would like to learn more about the technology and programming aspects within the library.

What kind of music do you like? I like to listen to pop/hip hop music. I also like to listen to Kanye West.

Do you play any musical instrument? I played the piano when I was younger but I wasn't very good.

What is something you are proud of? I am proud of completing my undergraduate degree in Finance and Business Analytics in 3 years and pursuing a Master's degree while working.

Do you have any sports and hobbies? I like to play basketball, baseball, and football in particular. I support the Dallas Mavericks, Cowboys (sorry) and the New York Yankees.

What attracts you to library work? Library work is enticing because of how the work is involved with the community. Especially with the new vision the library has, it will be very exciting to see what the future holds.

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Luke is a wealth of information about emerging technologies and will have completed his Masters Degree in Information Technology from Rutgers this August

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NEWSLETTER**

Introducing you to Luke Vista. Here are his answers to questions that will help you get to know him:

Does your name, Luke, have a certain significance? My name is a common name, but I like it. I also like the name Luke because it is a common name, but I like it. I also like the name Luke because it is a common name, but I like it.

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