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● LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

## Meet Jay Oliver aka The New Guy



**Jay at work**

We welcome Jay Oliver, our new New Guy. He has extensive experience in the New Jersey library system. We thank Luke Vista for being the former New Guy who has successfully grown into a seasoned Perth Amboy Free Public Library Librarian.

**Is your name-Jay- short for anything?** Good question, because I often get asked that. My name is just Jay. It's not short for anything – like Jason. I was named after my grandfather's brother, Jay.

**What attracts you to library work?** After college I decided I wanted to do work that is meaningful and helping people, in a neutral and friendly context, is something special

In addition, public libraries continue to evolve in an interesting way. So I knew I could make the experience as great as I want to make it.

### **What would you like to accomplish during your first year?**

I will make use of all of my experience and skills as a librarian to make a great impact. I've worked as a Teen Librarian, in Adult Services as a Reference Librarian, and as a library Technology Specialist twice. I have a strong technical background and love interacting with people in a fun way. I plan to bring a lot of fun, cool innovations to the Perth Amboy Public.

### **What is your favorite book?**

I like The Brothers Karamazov a lot. It's Dostoevsky's last book, and it goes further in dealing with themes about Christian Existentialism than even Crime and Punishment. And it just has so much heart and intelligence in it.

### **What is something you are proud of?**

I'm proud of the work that I've done as a librarian--especially when being my most creative, and feeling like I've succeeded at it. I feel great and in my element when doing teen programs. I also enjoy writing articles for libraries and solving critical tech issues.

# F. Luis Mora

## From the Archives:

July 27, 1874 – June 5, 1940

F. Luis Mora was considered the first Hispanic Master painter. His father, Domingo Mora, immigrated from Uruguay to Perth Amboy as a talented sculptor. Domingo was the chief designer for the Perth Amboy Terra Cotta Co. There, he designed architectural sculptures for hundreds of buildings, including New York City's Metropolitan Opera House. F. Luis Mora's paintings are currently held or on display in 34 museums, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York (8) and the Smithsonian American Art Museum. Mora's works are also held by The Butler Museum of Art in Ohio, The Newark Museum, The Telfair Museum in Savannah, The New York Historical Society, The Museum of the City of New York, the Toledo Museum of Art, Yale University Art Gallery, The National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa, National Arts Club in New York. Phoenix Art Museum, The National Academy of Design in New York, San Diego Museum of Art, and many others.

### Family relationships:

Mora's mother was Laura Gaillard, a cultured French woman originally from the Bordeaux region of France. Laura Gaillard Mora had two sisters, Ernestina and Gabriella, who married into the Bacardi family, famous for its rum.

F. Luis Mora was married for 31 years to Sophia ("Sonia") Brown Compton Mora, daughter of Perth Amboy's Mayor Compton. They had one daughter, Rosemary, who never married and never had children; and therefore, Mora's direct lineage ended with her.....Wikipedia



Mora's portrait of Andrew Carnegie whose grant made the Perth Amboy Free Public Library possible.



**A Young Beauty**  
F. Luis Mora



**GRANADA**  
F. Luis Mora

## **HERSCHEL'S HELPFUL HOMEBOUND HINTS**

### **Herschel Chomsky**

One of the many services that our library proudly provides is Homebound Delivery.

As a general rule we deliver & pickup on Wednesday's. However, we are flexible. The service is for Perth Amboy residents who are either handicapped or elderly. To receive homebound services, patrons must have a valid library card or call to receive one. We deliver books, periodicals or forms that we can provide.

For more information please call the library at 732-826-2600 or email:

**[herschel@lmxac.org](mailto:herschel@lmxac.org)**

## **THE CHILDREN'S ROOM**

### **Tiffany Diaz**

At the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, we offer library cards for even the youngest members of our community. If you have a baby living in Perth Amboy, they can get a library card right from birth. And it's not just for the little ones – we also make library cards for teenagers and adults in our Children's Room.

We understand that parenting can be a handful, and toddlers can have their moments, but rest assured, we won't ask parents or guardians to leave.

For added convenience, our downstairs restroom is equipped with a changing table, making it easier for patrons with babies.

Our Children's Room is a fantastic space for kids up to 7th grade. It offers a wide range of resources to cater to different

ages and interests. For the youngest ones, we have board books and materials for babies and toddlers. Older kids who are advanced readers can explore some teen novels in our fiction collection.

We also have a dedicated section for Spanish language materials, suitable for all ages up to 7th grade. In addition to our collection, we provide working computers for kids and offer a selection of audio books that patrons can listen to. If you need headphones, they are available at the front desk.

And don't forget, teens and adults are always welcome to use the Children's Room at any time. It's a versatile and inclusive space for the whole family to enjoy.

## **CATALOGER'S CORNER**

### **David Morey**

Collection development is an important component of a library's operations; to that end, here are some recent book arrivals at our library:

- The Invisible Hour: a novel by Alice Hoffman
- Tides of Fire: a Sigma Force novel by James Rolling
- Tom Lake: a novel by Ann Patchett
- Out of Nowhere by Sandra Brown
- Tucker by Chadwick Moore
- Sure, I'll Join Your Cult: a memoir of mental illness and the quest to belong anywhere by Maria Bamford
- Near Miss by Stuart Woods and Brett Battles
- None of This is True: a novel by Lisa Jewell
- The Senator's Wife: a novel by Liv Constantine
- One of Us is Back by Karen McManus
- Song of Silver, Flame Like Night by Amelie Wen Zhao
- Payback in Death: an Eve Dallas novel by J.D. Robb
- Canary Girls: a novel by Jennifer Chiaverini
- The Only Survivors: a Novel by Megan Miranda



# Anton's Doctor Who 60th Anniversary & More



**Anton Massopust  
speaks as the 5th  
Doctor Who at the  
Perth Amboy Free  
Public Library's  
Doctor Who 60th  
Anniversary  
Extravaganza  
Saturday, November  
18, 1PM!**

Imagine a series where you can go almost anywhere, meet historical figures, battle alien monsters and travel across time and space and explore the universe. The stories can be funny, scary, dangerous, and heartwarming with wonderful companions to share the journey. The Doctor himself is a unique and interesting character. Where in all of television can you find a character who regenerates with a new lead actor and restarts while keeping the past intact and still be different, surprising, and you can't wait to see what happens next.

Anton Massopust III is a longtime Doctor Who fan going back to the 1970s to the Tom Baker - Peter Davison eras, to the earlier William Hartnell, Patrick Troughton, and Jon Pertwee episodes to the modern Doctors. Anton has watched every episode of Doctor Who multiple times, and some of the newly found lost episodes restored through animation. Anton has a complete Doctor Who DVD Collection and a massive collection of Doctor Who Books, Audio Adventures, Comics, Magazines and Autographs.

Make sure you mark your calendar for Saturday, November 18, 1pm to experience the sights and sounds of Anton's Doctor Who 60th Anniversary Extravaganza.

**Volunteer with us!**

**Visit : [PAFPL.org/teens/volunteer-opportunities](http://PAFPL.org/teens/volunteer-opportunities)**

Opportunities are open to all ages

**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**



# PERTH AMBOY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S NEWLY ADDED RESOURCES

A large graphic with a background of vertical stripes in blue, light blue, yellow, orange, and red. The words "FREE ONLINE TUTORING" are written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center. Surrounding this central text are eight white, cloud-shaped callouts with black outlines, each containing a service offered by Brainfuse:

- 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
- create your own flashcards
- send your paper to the writing lab

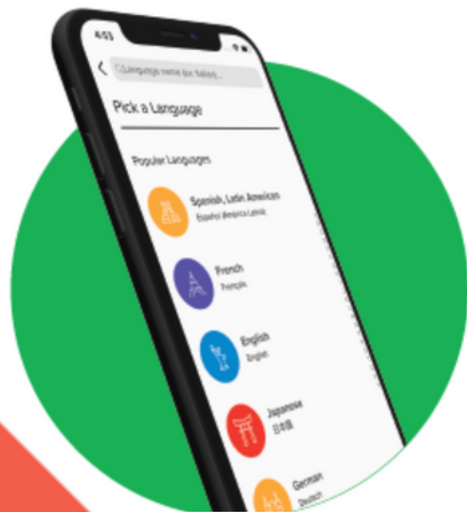
Visit [PAFPL.org/resources/brainfuse](http://PAFPL.org/resources/brainfuse) for free tutoring and more!

# PERTH AMBOY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S NEWLY ADDED RESOURCES

## Language-learning centered around you.

Powered by intelligent technology and an adaptive algorithm, Mango empowers you to communicate with confidence, preparing you for uncharted experiences with language and culture.

Challenge yourself to discover something new. Visit  
[PAFPL.org/resources/mango-languages](http://PAFPL.org/resources/mango-languages)

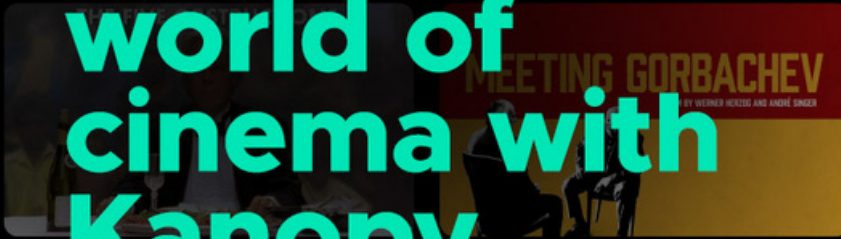
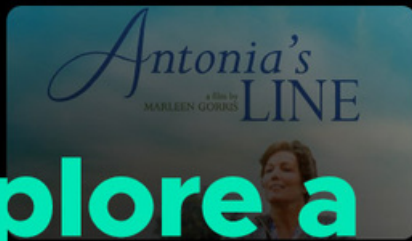


**MANGO**

**Start the  
conversation.**

# COMING SOON FOR FREE FOR PERTH AMBOY LIBRARY PATRONS!

Explore a  
world of  
cinema with  
Kanopy.



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Films that matter

Start today at [kanopy.com](https://www.kanopy.com)

FAVORITES US



# EVENTS

## ***MONTHLY PROGRAMS***

- Every Monday at 4pm: **Children & Teens Chess Club in the Children's Room**
- Every First Tuesday from 7-7:45pm: **Book Club reading** "Howl's Moving Castle" by Diana Wynne Jones
- Every Third Tuesday from 5-7pm: **Crochet Class**
- Every Fourth Tuesday from 5-7pm: **Game Night**
- Every Wednesday at 1:30pm: **Adult Chess Club**
- Third Thursday from 5:30-7:30pm: **Builders Club: Legos & Beyond**, for kids 3-13

## **HALLOWEEN TEEN JEOPARDY GAME**

Thursday, Oct 26, 4PM  
Ghoulish Trivia

Candy and a Prize for the FINAL Winner!!!

## **HALLOWEEN STORYTIME & CRAFTS**

Monday Oct. 30 & Tuesday, Oct 31,  
from 6PM - 7:30PM

Listen to chilling tales and create your own  
Halloween mask.

More candy and prizes for those who  
participate.

## **YOUR VISION & JOURNEY MATTERS TOO**

Saturday, November 4, 2023,  
From 12PM-4PM

Learn how to create your own vision board  
For young girls ages (13-17)  
Email thewomengathering@gmail.com to  
register

## **LET'S TALK BUSINESS**

Thursday, November 16, 2023,  
From 6PM-8PM

Meet with certified SCORE Mentors to learn  
how you can turn your business idea into a  
reality. Call 732-826-2600 to register.

## **DOCTOR WHO'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY EXTRAVAGANZA**

with Anton Massopust III  
Saturday, 11/18, 1PM

## **FRIENDS OF THE PERTH AMBOY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK SALE**

The Perth Amboy 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.

October 14, November 11, December 16

## **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 The Museum of Natural  
History NYC, Intrepid Air and Space  
Museum, and the Thomas Edison  
Museum in Edison, NJ. Please call the  
library for information:  
732-826-2600

**Subscribe to our  
Newsletter**

A stylized illustration of chess pieces in pink and yellow with blue outlines. A large pink star is in the top right corner. The text is in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

# CHESS CLUB FOR KIDS AND TEENS

WHO: AGES 6 AND UP! ALL  
CHESS SKILL/EXPERIENCE  
LEVELS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

WHEN: **MONDAYS @ 4:00 PM**  
BEGINNING MONDAY, OCT 9, 2023.

WHERE: IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM @  
PERTH AMBOY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,  
BEGINNING MONDAY, OCT 9, 2023.

WHAT: PLAY CHESS, LEARN  
CHESS STRATEGY, SOLVE CHESS  
PUZZLES! MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

WHY: FUN, LEARNING, CANDY,  
MAKING NEW FRIENDS!

FOR MORE  
INFO: CALL 732-826-2600  
OR VISIT [HTTPS://PAFPL.ORG/](https://PAFPL.ORG/)

**WEDNESDAYS @ 1:30 PM**

# **CHESS CLUB FOR ADULTS**



**All chess skill  
and experience  
levels are always  
welcome! Chess boards  
and pieces provided. Play, puzzle  
and learn strategy!**

**Beginning Wednesday,  
Oct 4, 2023 @ 1:30 PM**

**Location: Perth Amboy Free  
Public Library**

For more information call 732-826-2600  
or visit our website @ <https://pafpl.org/>





PERTH AMBOY FREE PUBLIC  
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# GAME *night*



*A night for Fun  
at your local library*



Bring your friends, co-workers  
or family to join the event!

[www.PAFPL.org](http://www.PAFPL.org)

Every 4th Tuesday of  
the month

5pm - 7pm

The Perth Amboy Free  
Public Library  
196 Jefferson Street

Chess - Dominoes - UNO - Connect 4 -  
Battleship - Family Feud - Scrabble -  
Wikipedia Game and More

To register please contact us:

**732-826-2600**



# HALLOWEEN

# TEEN JEOPARDY GAME

CALLING ALL TEENS, GHOULS AND GOBLINS!  
HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW HALLOWEEN? FIND  
OUT! TAKE THE HALLOWEEN JEOPARDY  
CHALLENGE! CANDY FOR ALL WHO DARE PLAY!  
CANDY AND A PRIZE FOR THE FINAL WINNER!!!  
MUAHAHAHA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

THURSDAY, OCT 26, 2023

@ 4 PM

Ghoulish Trivia

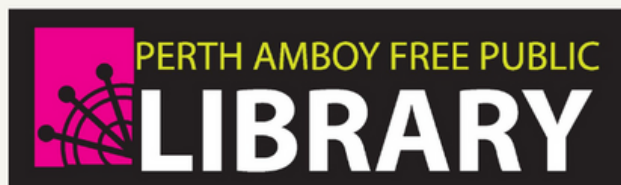
Frightful Fun



TRIVIA  
NIGHT



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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY



# Halloween Storytime & Crafts

Children of all ages are invited to  
listen to thrilling tales and create  
their own Halloween masks.

**Monday, October 30, 2023  
&  
Tuesday, October 31, 2023  
from 6pm-7:30pm**



196 Jefferson St.,  
Perth Amboy, NJ

For more information call,  
732-826-2600

[www.PAFPL.org](http://www.PAFPL.org)





PERTH AMBOY FREE PUBLIC

**LIBRARY**



YOUR  
*Vision & Journey*  
MATTERS TOO!

Saturday, November 4, 2023  
from 12pm-4pm

Brought to you by:



Hosted by:  
**Jennifer Jaquez**

**The Perth Amboy Free Public Library**  
196 Jefferson St. Perth Amboy, N.J.

All supplies will be  
provided and light  
refreshments will be  
served.

To Register, email  
[thewomengathering@gmail.com](mailto:thewomengathering@gmail.com)  
Must RSVP by October 28th

[www.PAFPL.org](http://www.PAFPL.org)





# BOOK CLUB

**NOW STARTING AT 7PM**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

**FROM 7PM-7:45PM**

**IN THE ADULT LIBRARY**

**EVERY 1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.  
HELP US SELECT OUR NEXT BOOK!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 732-826-2600**

The Perth Amboy Free Public Library  
196 Jefferson Street. Perth Amboy, NJ 08861  
[www.PAFPL.org](http://www.PAFPL.org)



# *Free Crochet Class*

**EVERY THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
TODAY FROM 5PM-6PM**

**OUR NEXT CLASS IS ON  
NOVEMBER 21, 2023**

**Perth Amboy Public Library  
196 Jefferson St.  
Perth Amboy N.J.**

To Register, please call  
**732-826-2600**



# LET'S TALK BUSINESS WORKSHOP

Meet with certified SCORE Mentors  
to learn how you can turn your  
business idea into reality.



Thursday,  
November 16, 2023  
From 6PM-8PM



196 Jefferson St.,  
Perth Amboy, NJ

Limited Seating

**CALL TO REGISTER**

732-826-2600



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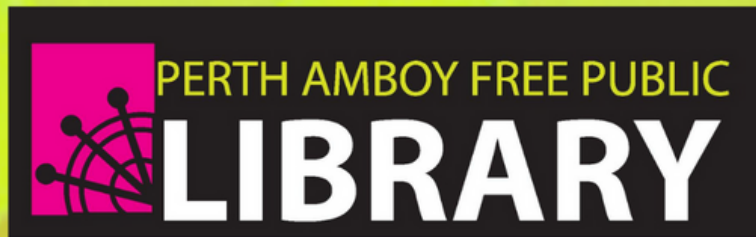


**Brought to you by:**



**Food and refreshments will  
be provided.**

**The Perth Amboy Free Public Library**



# **BUILDERS CLUB: LEGOS BEYOND**

**Every Third Thursday of the month.  
For kids ages 3 - 13.**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16. 2023  
5:30 PM - 7:30PM**

Bring your little architects to the library to enjoy a night of building! Let their imaginations soar as they embark on exciting LEGO missions, build incredible structures, and explore the wonders of teamwork.

Limited seats available. Must call to register.  
For more information call 732-826-2600







PERTH AMBOY FREE PUBLIC

**LIBRARY**



**MASSIVE BOOK  
COLLECTION**

**COMIC BOOKS  
GALORE**

**DVD COLLECTION  
AND AUDIO  
ADVENTURES**



**MAGAZINES  
AND  
AUTOGRAPHS**

## 60TH ANNIVERSARY EXTRAVAGANZA

ANTON MASSOPUST III IS A LONGTIME DOCTOR WHO FAN GOING BACK TO THE 1970S TO THE TOM BAKER - PETER DAVISON ERAS, TO THE EARLIER WILLIAM HARTNELL, PATRICK TROUGHTON, AND JON PERTWEE EPISODES TO THE MODERN DOCTORS, COME EXPLORE DECADES OF MEMORABILIAS COLLECTED BY ANTON AS HE PRESENTS AS THE 5TH DOCTOR WHO FOR THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY EXTRAVAGANZA!



**SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 18, 2023  
AT 1PM**



**PERTH AMBOY FREE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
196 JEFFERSON ST.**

**SPACE IS LIMITED. TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL 732-826-2600**

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