



LIBRARY

National Library Week will be celebrated from Sunday, April 2 - Saturday, April 8, 2006. Come to the Library for the traditional open house on Sunday, April 2nd and enjoy homemade refreshments provided by the Friends of the Metuchen Library.

Register and obtain a library card for you and every member of your family over the age of 5. Just bring a form of identification showing that you live in Metuchen. Use your card to borrow items here or from most other public libraries in Middlesex, Union, Bergen, Passaic, and Morris Counties.

Your card is also the key to accessing a number of electronic databases or the catalog from home through our current website - www.metuchennj.org. Select the catalog, enter the barcode number on the back of your card and your PIN and log-on. You will be able to browse the catalog, reserve a book from home, or renew an item already charged out.

An added feature, implemented in February 2006, is the ability to download or transfer electronic versions of favorite books to your PC or personal electronic device. From the catalog, select the 'Over Drive' option, examine the list of available titles, make a selection, download the appropriate software if necessary, and then download the title. One hundred titles will be available always, or you may join the reserve list for hundreds of other titles, including titles from the New York Times Best Seller List. Listen to your selection at home on your computer, or transfer the

Selection to a CD and take it with you while traveling, or as you jog through Metuchen.

Have questions or comments? Call the Library at 732-632-8526 or contact the Library Director at mkokola@lmxac.org.

Technology Update:

Continuing our goal to provide residents access to new technologies, the Metuchen Public Library soon will be installing wireless access to the Internet. The new line and router will be provided at no cost by Cablevision, as a condition of the current contract with the Borough. Infolink, the regional library cooperative, will be providing the additional internal equipment and installation, as part of a grant from the N J State Library. Wireless access will be available throughout the building and we expect the signal to reach into the public parking lot. When completed, this project will allow you to access the Internet 24/7.

Plans are underway for our traditional Summer Reading Clubs for readers from preschool through high school. Look for more in-formation as summer approaches, but be prepared for fun, exciting programs and events, and prizes for all ages. Teen activities will be featured on our bulletin board. Please feel free to discuss these or any programs with our staff.

Exhibits:

Enjoy the following exhibits and displays, which have been scheduled through the summer:

April: Student Works - *Westerhoff School of Music and Art*

May: Student Works - *Creative Images*

June: "Safe Boating" - *Raritan Bay Power Squadron*

July: *Photographs by Tom Hodge*

August: Student Works - *Earth Songs*

Films:

The final offering in the Edna Newby International Film Series for Spring 2006 will be "**Italian for Beginner**" on **Monday April 3**.

The summer series will be held on consecutive Mondays, from July 18 through August 22, but the specific titles have not been selected yet. Contact the Library at 732-632-8526 for particulars.

All international films will be shown at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and free tickets will be distributed ½ hour in advance. Don't worry if you miss a film because of illness, vacation, or a busy schedule. The titles in this series have been purchased by the Library as DVDs and may be borrowed for 2 days and enjoyed at home.

Metuchen Book Discussion Group:

Join your neighbors for interesting conversations about books on the second Tuesday of each month, from September through May, at the Library at 7:30 p.m. The remaining titles and discussion dates for 2005-2006 are:

Dreams from My Father,
by Barack Obama
April 11

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