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random act of violence. The actors who were apprehended shortly after the incident specifically targeted this residence. Despite this, I would like to extend a few safety tips to borough residents:

1. Keep your doors and windows locked.
2. Be vigilant to anything out of the ordinary.
3. If you are going to be away from your residence for a time do not make it obvious.
4. Most importantly do not be afraid to report suspicious activity to the police department. Thank you.

The Metuchen Police Department will be holding it's Civilian Police Academy from September through November. The class is held Wednesday nights from 6:30-9:30 pm for interested borough residents or business owners. The class gives participants an inside look at the operation of a police department and includes many hands-on exercises. For information or to sign up for our next class, call Captain Rentenberg at 732-632-8548.

**Reminder:** The Metuchen Police Department will be sending out its annual alarm system renewal notices. The forms allow for updates in contact information in the event of an emergency. For residents with an alarm or who wish to have contact information on file with the police department and are not already on our mailing list, please contact the Police Department Records Bureau at 732-632-8551 or 732-632-8550.

The Metuchen Police Department will once again be involved in the Metuchen

Country Fair and will have a booth with several give away items.



## PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Technology Update:

During the summer, the Metuchen Public Library, along with other members of the Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium (LMXAC) moved to a new integrated online system. A number of special features are now available by accessing the catalog from home through the current Library webpage.

Go to [www.metuchennj.org](http://www.metuchennj.org), select 'government' then 'departments' then 'library' then 'catalog.' You will be connected to 'I Bistro,' the new online catalog, which includes the collections of 26 public libraries in 4 counties, and the Middlesex County College Library. For a quick search, just type in your request and the system will tell you which libraries own the item you want. But there's more!

At the top right corner, you may also type in the full bar code number from the back of your library card, and a personal identification number (pin), to check your personal account - to see the list of items you have borrowed, renew books, or request a new item. And you will no longer receive overdue notices in the mail because the system automatically will contact you by phone when the item becomes overdue.

Simply register yourself and every member of your family over the age of 5. Just bring some form of identification to

the Library showing that you live in Metuchen, obtain a library card and select your pin; for your security, you may change your pin at any time from home.

Cards in good standing will be honored at most public libraries in Middlesex, Union, Bergen, Passaic, and Morris counties.

### Exhibits:

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

**October-November:** Works contributed by members of Metuchen Art Works

**January:** Metuchen Edison Historical Society

**February:** Student Art and Poetry - Middlesex County Arts High School

### Blood and Platelet Drive:

The Library will sponsor drives for Whole Blood and Platelets on the following dates:

September 27  
October 25  
November 22  
December 27

Donations collected in the Community Room:  
**Whole blood from 2 - 7:30 pm**  
**Platelets from 2 - 6 pm**

*Give the gift of life!*

Call 732-632-8526 to register, or come at your convenience.

### Films:

Selections have been made for the Edna Newby International Film Series for Fall 2005 and Winter 2006:

**Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring (Korean)**  
**Monday, October 17**

**Since Otar Left (French)**  
**Monday, November 14**