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Summer Programs Captivate Crowds

Passionate speakers, storytellers, and musicians thrilled audiences attending Library programs this summer. Caribbean



culture inspired several of these programs, including Caribbean Heritage Day, a Hai-

tian Festival, and a Haitian storytelling event for children.

On May 21, nearly 100

Hundreds treated themselves to Caribbean cultural delights during this summer's program season.

people streamed into the Library to hear speeches about Haitian history, watch traditional Haitian dances, blurt out an-



swers to questions posed during a history and culture quiz, and feast on delicacies.

Next on the Library's calendar was the much anticipated Caribbean Heritage Day, an event co-sponsored with the NJ Caribbean Community Cultural

...of all Ages and Backgrounds

Organization. More than 200 people clapped, swayed, and



Mother Goose pays a visit.

danced to live music during the event. A series of special events also captivated children's attention

and imagination all summer long. In July, for instance, Rick Mikula, also known as "The Butter-



Haitian food was served on May 21.

fly Guy," showed children how to identify species he'd brought along with him, while,

nearer summer's end, local musician Yosi and the Library's youngest patrons sang along to tunes composed by people around the world.



Berlyne Vilcant shares a Haitian folktale.

BE A FRIEND!



Friends of the
Irvington Public
Library:

- Enjoy the company of other book and internet lovers
- Encourage participation in Library activities

*Membership is open to **all** patrons residing in the Township of Irvington, the State of New Jersey, and the entire Metropolitan area.*

To become a 2008-2009 member, please complete the following:

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Enclosed is my check/money order for:

___ Student/Senior (\$5.00)

___ Individual (\$10)

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___ Club/Organization (\$35.00)

___ Lifetime Membership (\$75.00)

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Portrait of a Friend

Frieda Hester could have been a “Friend” of any number of northern New Jersey libraries. After all, she lived in East Orange for almost two decades before returning to her native Newark some years back – and still visits the libraries in each of those communities regularly.



But Hester, an avid reader since devouring Tomie dePaola’s *Pancakes for Breakfast* as a child, discovered that

discussing books at the Irvington Public Library was so enjoyable that she couldn’t say “no” when asked to become more involved with the organization.

Members of the Library’s book club “were asked one evening if we would re-start the *Friends*,” Hester recalls. “The group said ‘yes,’ we were interested...Some time passed and we then became organized.”

It was then that Frieda was nominated and elected President of the *Friends*.

December Book Club Selection

KiLL or Be KiLLed by Anasa Maat

During the latter part of the 1960s, many American cities fell into disrepair. That phenomenon left young African Americans with few career options, so record numbers of young Black men wound up enlisting in the military and fighting in Vietnam.

David Roberts was one of those who made that choice. During his three-year Army stint, he fell in love with Dorothy, a nurse who befriended him when he was wounded by enemy fire.

When Roberts returned to New Jersey, he wanted nothing more than a life with Dorothy

and recovery from another injury that haunts him – post-traumatic stress disorder. Can Roberts be whole again or will the trauma of war be with him forever?



—Adapted from the publisher

Find out by checking out the book and joining the Authorized discussion on December 9th at 6:00 PM.

Newark-born novelist, former teacher, and social worker Anasa Maat will be discussing her book at the Library next month.

Come in and meet her on Tuesday, December 9 at 6 PM!

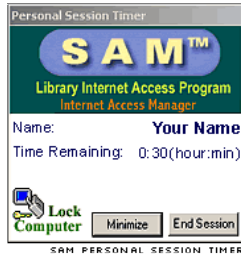
"SAM" COMES TO IRVINGTON

New Internet Sign-up Software Eases Computer Use

Using Irvington Public Library computers has just become easier!

Earlier this month, newly purchased computer software

was installed to enable Library patrons to reserve and use Library computers *without* having to bother with signup sheets or



be reminded by staff that their computer time is up.

What SAM Does

The first thing that the software application, called *Smart Access Manager (SAM)*, does is "recognize" a patron's Irvington or Newark Public Library card number. Once that happens, SAM permits a patron to reserve up to two one-hour sessions of computer time per day. SAM also keeps track of the time a patron spends on the computer, and shuts down when a session is over.

Visitors' Passes Available

Those who don't have library cards needn't find somewhere else to type a paper or access Websites because SAM is visitor-friendly, too.



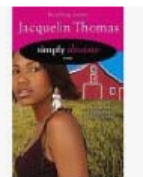
Out-of-towners and others without library cards may use the computers by creating visitor accounts for \$1.00 per one-hour session. The process and cost (\$.15 per page) of printing from computers remains the same.

TEEN BOOK CLUB IS OFF AND RUNNING

You've read another book that's made you think, laugh, or cry. But it's not a book for class – you picked it out yourself after reading a comment on someone's MySpace page, or hearing about it from a cousin overseas. Like someone to share the fun with, or argue about what the

author has to say?

Then join other book lovers in a just-started, teen-run book club for young adult (YA) book readers in grades 9 through 12. Once a month, the Irvington Public Library meet-



ing room is the gathering place for choosing books you'd like to discuss, and... oh, yes – for snacking on some goodies to help keep the conversation going. Just ask Library staff for details!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Now Playing...

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY AND BOOKS FOR KIDS PROGRAM



Come celebrate the holidays with your neighbors and friends!

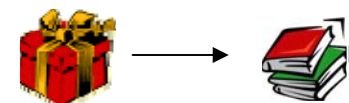
This year's holiday event, which is being sponsored by the *Friends of the Irvington Public Library*, will feature music, refreshments, prizes, and a visit from Santa Claus.

But wait – there's more...

Children who attend the **Wednesday, December 17th** event will receive a book cour-

tesy of *Books for Kids*, a statewide program that provides children living in underserved communities with a gift of a book each year.

The party starts at **5:00 PM!**





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LIBRARY SERVICES

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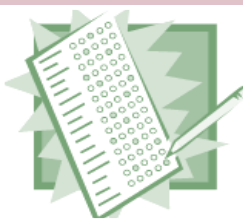
Computer classes: Want to look for a job online, type a letter to a landlord, or exchange recipes with family far away? Start learning how to do one – or all – of these things by taking our **free, beginner-level computer classes!**

Classes are offered every week, and seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Pick up a brochure and monthly schedule at the reference desk. Then ask a librarian to tell you more about what's covered in each class.

Notary Public Services are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Flyers describing the service, including the fees charged for each request, are available at the Library. Anyone planning to use this service is urged to call (973) 372-6400 to make sure that a Notary is available before they arrive.

Fax Services (sending only) are available at the circulation desk. Patrons are charged \$2.00 for the first page and \$1.00 for each additional page they send.

Exam Proctoring Services may be arranged with Library staff for a fee, due at the time the exam is taken, of \$25.00 per exam. Students wishing to have



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an exam proctored must make an appointment with Library staff in advance. Further information about these services is available at the Reference Desk.

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