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Smithsonian sports exhibit coming to Historical Museum



Only six New Jersey locations will serve as host to 'Hometown Teams'

The Atlantic City Historical Museum, presented by the Atlantic City Free Public Library, will be the temporary home of an exciting new exhibit in spring 2014.

The museum is one of just six New Jersey locations selected to host "Hometown Teams" — a traveling exhibition created by the

Smithsonian Institution that celebrates American sports and sportsmanship.

The Atlantic City Historical Museum is the second stop on the Hometown Teams' 2014 tour of the state. The exhibit will remain at the museum for about six weeks.

"We are honored to host an exhibit from a well-known institution such as the Smithsonian in Atlantic City," Library Archivist Heather Halpin Perez said. "We think it'll be a great opportunity for residents

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More computer training added for library members

The Atlantic City Free Public Library has instituted changes to its computer training program that will make taking classes easier and more convenient.

One of the changes is that pre-registration is no longer required. The classes, which are open to Atlantic City Library card holders, are now on a first-come, first-served basis. Those interested in attending are asked to bring their Atlantic City Library card to class.

Another improvement is that there is an increased number of classes.

The schedule features 6-7 sessions per month, about double the number of sessions that had been offered in recent months.

Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3079, for more information.

COMPUTER AND INTERNET BASICS

Mondays, May 6 and 20, and June 17, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Tuesdays, May 7 and 21, and June 4 and 18, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Learn basic computer concepts and terms, how to use a mouse and keyboard, and become comfortable getting around the Internet.

JOB SKILLS BASICS

Mondays, May 13 and June 3, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Tuesdays, May 14 and June 11, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Learn how and where to search for jobs on the Internet, strategies to get a job and practice filling out a sample online job application.

MICROSOFT WORD BASICS

Tuesday, May 28, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Monday, June 24, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to create, edit, save and print Word documents by making a resume. Resume templates will be provided.

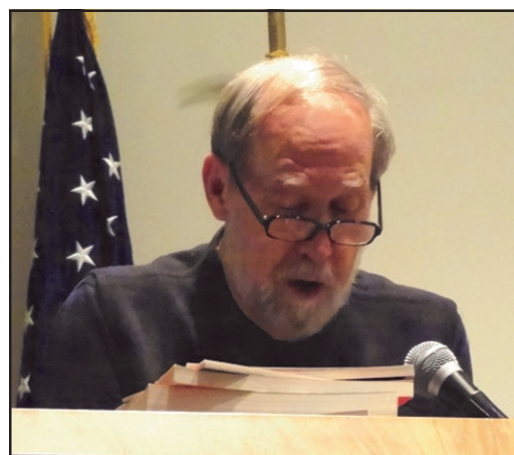
Summer Reading Program gets started with party on June 25

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will officially kick off its Summer Reading Program for children and teenagers with a party Tuesday, June 25, at 2 p.m. in the Main Library's second-floor meeting room.

The launch party, which is for kids ages 17 and younger, will include great stories, games, refreshments and special guests.

Those who sign up for the Summer Reading Program at the party will get to take home a free book to start their summer of reading. The children's Summer Reading Program theme is "Dig Into Reading!" and for teens it's "A Grimm Summer."

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A National Library Week celebration for the books

This year's National Library Week (April 14-20) was one to remember for the Atlantic City Free Public Library. Among the highlights were a grand opening ceremony for the new Atlantic City Richmond Branch Library (top) and poetry reading by Pulitzer Prize winner Stephen Dunn (left).

Library wins NJLA public relations award

The Atlantic City Free Public Library has been named a recipient of a 2013 New Jersey Library Association Public Relations and Marketing Award.

The annual NJLA contest features several categories for libraries to enter their work, and each category is broken up into divisions based on library operating budget.

The library won the award in the Program Announcement category. The library submitted

a flyer it created for "The Atlantic City Experience: The Roaring '20s" discussion it presented in October.

Don Latham, the library's Public Information Officer, produced the program announcement. The library also won NJLA public relations awards from 2008-10.

The winners will receive their awards at the NJLA Conference Honors and Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, June 4, at Revel.

A.C. weather talk to feature guests Skeldon, Foley

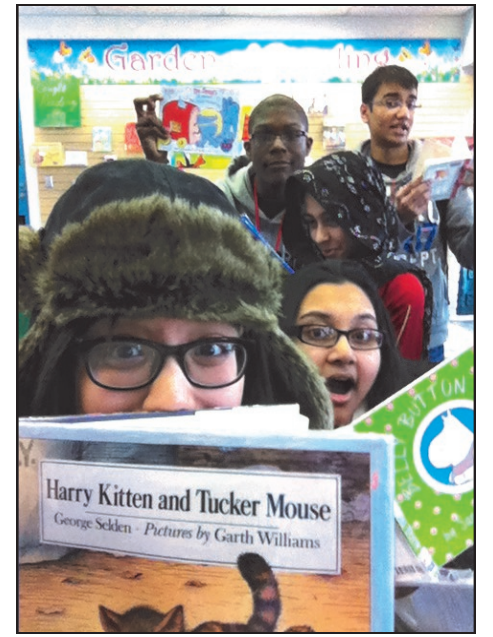
The Atlantic City Free Public Library will host a discussion, "The Atlantic City Experience: The Weather," on Saturday, May 18, at 11 a.m. at the Main Library.

NBC40 chief meteorologist Dan Skeldon and Atlantic City Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Foley will discuss weather forecasting, past storms and how to be prepared for weather emergencies.

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3064, for more information.



The Atlantic City Free Public Library's Summer Reading Program will include great books and programs for children of all ages and teenagers.



Whole family can enjoy Fun Day Sunday crafts

The Atlantic City Free Public Library invites people of all ages to attend the library's Fun Day Sunday programs. The programs often focus on seasonal or cultural crafts.

Visit the Youth Services Department or call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, to register. Space is limited.

Cinco de Mayo: Making Maracas

Sunday, May 5, at 2 p.m. Maracas are native to Mexico. Participants will build their own functional maracas, painted in traditional designs.

Stories Unfolding with The Origami Swami

Sunday, May 12, at 2 p.m. Participants listen to light-hearted stories with central characters who are mothers and grandmothers and learn how to create origami shapes to follow the story.

Japanese Daruma

Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m. Participants will make a Daruma doll, modeled after the founder of Zen Buddhism. It will serve as a reminder to never give up on goals and dreams, and as a symbol of personal courage.

Peace Signs: Mixed Media Mosaics

Sunday, May 26, at 2 p.m. Participants will learn about the various peace symbols and then choose one to be the centerpiece of a mixed media peace sign.

Turning Stories Into Paper

Sunday, June 2, at 2 p.m. Do you know that Hans Christian Andersen loved paper? He was a very popular paper cutter. Participants will create a paper cutting based on a fairy tale image.

Stepping Stone Mosaics

Sunday, June 9, at 2 p.m. Starting with a concrete disc as a canvas, participants will use a variety of glass, pebbles, sand and tile pieces to create an artwork suitable for display or as an outdoor garden stepping stone.

Father's Day

Sunday, June 16, at 2 p.m. Participants will create a mixed media flower pot using a variety of materials and paint, and then plant colorful spring flowers.

School's Out! What's Next?

Sunday, June 23, at 2 p.m. Come meet Youth Services staff, enjoy refreshments and hear about free summer library programs. Check out our collection and sign up for the Summer Reading Program. Children who commit to the program receive a free book.

Paddle Fan

Sunday, June 30, at 2 p.m. Cool off in style with a decorated and hand-made paddle fan.

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There will also be registration during the party for the Teen Read group. Those who sign up will receive a free book.

It's important for children to continue reading in the summer. According to United We Serve — President Barack Obama's nationwide service initiative — reading five books over the summer can prevent learning loss.

Kids engaged in summer reading activities are better prepared for the



new academic year, show improvement in spelling, writing style, vocabulary, and grammatical development. The number of books read during summer is consistently related to academic gains.

The complete Summer Reading Program schedule will be available in the July/August edition of the library's newsletter.

Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, for more information.



Photos that capture the spirit of American sports and showcase the athlete experience will be among those displayed. Examples of potential exhibit photos include these shots of the Grambling State University band performing during a football game (photo by Jesse Beals) and a Texas Little League team relishing a big win (photo by Brenda Read Photography).

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and visitors to see a national exhibit locally."

The Smithsonian developed a five-pylon display especially for smaller museums or rural audiences.

The central theme of the Hometown Teams exhibition is the ongoing cultural processes that have made America such a celebrator of sports, through teamwork, leadership and team pride. Through a selection of photographs, artifacts and memorabilia, the Hometown Teams exhibition explores various aspects of sports and teams, from how and why we play these games to what makes us fans and why we root for our home teams. The story is full of surprises about familiar games, histories of our teams and sports traditions, and how sports and teams have become such an integral part of American society.

The Historical Museum will re-



ceive funding from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities for programming related to the exhibition. Also, the Historical Museum will complement the Hometown Teams pylons by developing an exhibit with an Atlantic City sports history theme. "Atlantic City is an American sports story," Historical Museum Coordinator Beth Ryan said. "From Boardwalk Hall to the beaches, from the basketball courts to the baseball diamonds, we have many stories to tell. The Smithsonian exhibit will allow us the opportunity to bring these Atlantic City stories to light with special programming that visitors and residents of all ages can enjoy."



Hometown Teams has been made possible in Atlantic City by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

Hometown Teams is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institute and state humanities councils nationwide. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

For more information about Hometown Teams, please visit museumonmainstreet.org/hometownteams.

To learn more about the Atlantic City Historical Museum, please visit www.atlanticcityexperience.org or call (609) 345-2269.



**OLDER ADULTS
SPECIAL INTEREST SERIES**

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3119,
for more information

Arts & Crafts: Floral Arrangements
Monday, May 6, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest: Jackie Caplan
Create a pretty floral arrangement for your mom or yourself. Class is free and all materials are provided.

Senior Fitness: Line Dancing
Monday, May 13, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest: Rose Klein, Certified Fitness Instructor
Join the fun and get some good exercise with line dancing. Please wear comfortable clothing and footwear.

Arts and Crafts: Daruma Egg
Monday, May 20, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest: Jennifer Boyce, Glazed Over Studio
Join us as we celebrate Asian-Pacific American Month by making a Daruma Egg, one of modern Japan's most popular good luck talismans of good luck. Paint in the left eye when you make your wish, and then paint in the right eye when your wish is granted.

Library is closed for Memorial Day
Monday, May 27

Arts and Crafts: Wheel of Fortune
Monday, June 3, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest: Jackie Caplan
Come and join in the fun as we play Wheel of Fortune and win fun prizes.

Recycling
Monday, June 10, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest: Michelle Bellinger, Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) Public Education and Outreach
Learn more about how you can help the environment by recycling.

Technology— Apps for Older Adults
Monday, June 17, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest: Ben Saracco, Atlantic City Free Public Library Digital & Information Services Librarian
Learn how to use the latest and greatest free apps designed for older adults and try out several different models of tablet computers.

Senior Fitness: YogaChi
Monday, June 24, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest: Rose Klein, Certified Fitness Instructor
This combination of Tai Chi and yoga is flexible enough to be done in a chair.

Computer training

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for more information

(Please see story on page 1 for details)

FUN DAY SUNDAY ★

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050,
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(Please see story on page 2 for details)

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ALL PROGRAMS ARE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

ESL classes

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3079,
for more information

Beginning ESL
Wednesdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m.
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and June 5, 12, 19, 26
Learn the basics of English, especially communication and listening skills, and become more comfortable getting around your community.

ESL for Everyone
Mondays from 1 to 3:30 p.m.
May 6, 13, 20 and June 3, 10, 17, 24
Listen, read, practice conversation, learn writing techniques, new vocabulary, pronunciation and proper grammar. All levels of ESL are welcome to attend.

U.S. Citizenship
Tuesdays from 5 to 7:30 p.m.
May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4, 11, 18, 25
Learn about American civics, government and history while preparing to take the U.S. naturalization test, which includes a civics test and an English test. Understand the requirements and procedures to become a citizen.

Advance registration is required
Those interested in attending classes must register. Classes are open to adult Atlantic City Library members. Applications are available at the Reference Desk at the Main Library.

All sessions take place in the Main Library meeting room. Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3079, for more information.

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FILM SOCIETY

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Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112;
or, e-mail Theresa Hawkins at
thawki@acfpl.org for information.

View and Discuss: Friday the 13th
Saturday, May 11, at 1 p.m.
The original 1980 horror classic that launched an entire sub-genre and numerous sequels. It is rated R and runs 95 minutes.

Slasher Films
Monday, May 13, at 5:30 p.m.
This classroom session will focus on the history and impact of this sub-genre of horror films.

View and Discuss: Badlands
Saturday, June 8, at 1 p.m.
This 1973 classic drama stars Martin Sheen and Sissy Spacek and was directed by Terrence Malick. It is rated PG and runs 94 minutes.

Voice-over Narration
Monday, June 10, at 5:30 p.m.
This classroom session will focus on the history and impact of this often-used filmmaking device.

Adult programs

The Atlantic City Experience: The Weather
Saturday, May 18, at 11 a.m.
(Please see story on page 2 for details).

Learn to Download eBooks and Audiobooks
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
May 29 and June 26
(These programs will be held in the library's Teen Space)
Learn how to check out and read or listen to free eBooks and audiobooks from the Atlantic City Free Public Library's lending website. Bring your tablet, smartphone, or laptop, but none is needed to attend. Please bring your Atlantic City Library card. Several different models of eBook readers will be available to try as well!

Youth Services: Children and Teens

Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050,
for more information.

Need Homework Help?
Call Youth Services (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, to make an appointment with a librarian for personalized assistance in using library resources to help with homework and information literacy.

Pre-school Rhyme Time
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
May 2, 9, 16, 23 and June 6, 27
Features stories, songs, finger plays and crafts. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Library story times are a fun way to help your child develop skills they will need to be ready to read. Ages 3-5. The May 2 program honors Mother Goose Day.

Baby Bounce and Play Group
Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.
May 2, 9, 16, 23 and June 6, 27
This program is designed to introduce infants to the world of sounds and stories. Best suited for infants 0-24 months.

Comic Drawing
Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and June 6, 13, 20, 27
Marvel DC Comic Illustrator Joe Del Beato will lead the instruction. In May, Del Beato will focus on Asian characters who have been featured in comics, cartoons and graphic novels. All materials are supplied. Ages 9-17.

Teen Book Club
Saturday, May 4, at 12 p.m.
Join us for a lunchtime meeting of the Teen Book Club! Bring some food, we'll provide the drinks. Free copies of this month's selection, "The Perks of Being a Wallflower," are available to keep for teens who wish to participate. Vote on the next book club choice at this meeting.

Paws to Read: Meet Molly the Therapy Dog!
Saturday, May 4, at 1 p.m.
Sunday, June 9, at 1 p.m.
Children have the chance to read to Molly the Therapy Dog in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. Molly is part of Therapy Dog International's "Tail Waggin' Tutors" program. This program encourages children to read by providing a nonjudgmental listener and furry friend. Children with allergies or fear of dogs should not attend. Best for ages 4-10.

Instant Mother's Day Gift
Saturday, May 4, at 2:30 p.m.
Never know what to get your mom for Mother's Day? Get an instant Mother's Day gift from this program by painting or using collage techniques on three mini canvases. Not artistic? Pre-cut templates will be available so your mom, stepmom, or grandma will adore you no matter what!

Creative Crafts
Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.
May 7, 21 and June 4, 18
Kids use their imagination to make and take home crafts with seasonal themes. Children less than 9 years of age must be accompanied by an adult/guardian. All materials supplied. Ages 6-12.

Tween Days in the Teen Lounge
Saturdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
May 11, 25 and June 8, 22
Kids are invited to play Xbox360, PlayStation3 and Nintendo Wii. Participants need a library card in good standing. Ages 9-12.

Children Book Club Honors Asian-American Pacific Heritage Month
Saturdays at 3 p.m.
May 11 and 25
Combine technology and reading in a special book club experience. Share a great book then learn how to make an interactive poster about it with graphics, video, sound and text. The featured book will be "Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking and Other Natural Disasters by

Lenore Look." Any child who joins the program also receives a free copy of the book to keep. Refreshments and crafts included. Registration is required. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050. Ages 8-11.

Tuesday Teen Coffeehouse
Tuesday, May 14, at 6 p.m.
Teen Coffeehouse Nights are open mic events for everyone to share music, stories, poems and art. Teens can share their own creations, or read from works that they enjoy. Warm drinks will be served and everyone is invited to speak or sit back and listen.

Teen Advisory Group Meeting
Saturdays at 2 p.m.
May 18 and June 1
Make your voice heard! Plan teen events, tell the library what materials we should offer and build some volunteer hours, all while eating free pizza!

Teen Resume Workshop
Saturday, May 18, at 3 p.m.
Want money? Want a job? You need to have a resume. Come to our resume workshop and learn what needs to go on a resume, what to put if you have no work experience, and how to make the whole thing look good.

Teen Zumba Nights
Wednesdays at 5 p.m.
May 22 and 29, and June 5, 12, 19 and 26
Bring your friends and follow endless combinations of Xbox Zumba routines. You'll have so much fun dancing you won't even realize you're exercising — relieve stress, look good and get healthy!

Homeschool Open House
Tuesday, May 28, at 10:30 a.m.
Learn how to get the most out of your public library! Drop by to see what new materials and programs the library has to offer homeschoolers and network with other homeschooling families. Children are welcome.

Summer Reading Setup Party
Saturday, June 1, at 3 p.m.
We'll crank up some music or put on a movie, have snacks, and get to work making crafts and decorations for the kids and teen summer reading themes.

Tuesday Teen Coffeehouse – Study Hall Edition
Tuesday, June 11, at 6 p.m.
(Program will be held in the Teen Lounge)
Final exams are here, so instead of our usual open mic coffee house we'll be having a study hall with hot drinks, chill music and lots of ways to relax. Each teen that brings homework or study materials gets a free gift. Feel free to read your final papers for school out loud to the coffeehouse audience to get feedback.

School's Out, Rock Out Party
Wednesday, June 19, at 1:30 p.m.
(Program will be held in the Teen Lounge)
Congratulations on finishing another year of school! Come blow off some steam and celebrate your new freedom with music, gaming and prizes.

School's Over Cupcake Bash
Friday, June 21, at 2 p.m.
Decorate — and, of course, eat — cupcakes at the library. It's a great time to learn all about and sign up for the upcoming Summer Reading Program.

Summer Reading Program Launch Party
Tuesday, June 25, at 2 p.m.
(Please see story on page 1 for details)

Creative Collages
Friday, June 28, at 1 p.m.
Author/illustrator Eric Carle's artwork is unique and immediately recognizable. Using his stories and images as an inspiration, participants will use a variety of materials to create their own whimsical collage creatures!

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Did You Know?

May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the contributions of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. The term Asian-Pacific is broad, encompassing all of the countries of Asia and the Pacific islands of Melanesia, Micronesia (including Guam) and Polynesia (including New Zealand, the Hawaiian Islands and French Polynesia).

Take a look at some of the "Famous Firsts by Asian Americans." To get biographical information on these famous Asian-Pacific Americans throughout history, please see the Atlantic City Free Public Library's Premium eResource Gale Biography in Context.

Visit the library's website — www.acfpl.org — click on the Do Research tab and then Premium eResources. Biography in Context is listed under biography. Atlantic City Library cardholders can access Gale Biography in Context 24 hours a day from any device that has an Internet connection. Those who don't yet have an Atlantic City Library card can access it from a library computer. Here are some of the "Famous Firsts by Asian Americans."

First Academy Award winner: Haing Ngor, Best Supporting Actor of 1984 for his role in *The Killing Fields*

First Astronaut (in space): Ellison Onizuka, first spaceflight in 1985. Died in the 1986 Challenger disaster.

First to clone an AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) virus and work out its anatomy: Flossie Wong-Staal; considered one of the nation's top AIDS researchers.

U.S. Representative: Dalip Singh Saund, 1956, representative from California.

First U.S. Representative of Japanese descent: Daniel K. Inouye; he was the first American of Japanese descent to serve in the Congress, 1959, Hawaii. **Governor:** George R. Ariyoshi, 1974, governor of Hawaii. Bobby Jindal is the first Indian American to be a state governor (LA).

Mayor of a major U.S. city: Norman Yoshio Mineta, 1971, in San Jose, California.

First network news reporter: Connie Chung, 1974. In 1993, Chung became the first Asian American to be a nightly news anchor for a major network (CBS).



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Atlantic City, NJ 08401
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Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday, Friday and Saturday
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday
12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Richmond Branch Library

Ventnor and Windsor avenues
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
Phone: (609) 340-0215
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday and Saturday
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
(Closed Sunday & Monday)

A.C. Historical Museum

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at Garden Pier
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Atlantic City, NJ 08401
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International Night among library programs slated for this summer

As the weather heats up, so too does the Atlantic City Free Public Library's summer program schedule.

This summer, the Atlantic City Free Public Library and City of Atlantic City will once again co-sponsor the Atlantic City Library International Night Series at Kennedy Plaza and City Summer Concert Series at Gardner's Basin.

Also, we also have a full slate of programs planned for our Summer Reading Program for children and teens.

Please check the July/August issue of *Discovery* or visit www.acfpl.org in coming weeks for the complete schedule.



The Barley Boys, who play original, traditional and contemporary Irish music, are scheduled to perform at the Atlantic City Library International Night Series on Aug. 14. The group dazzled the crowd at last year's series.