

Rockin' their socks for World Down Syndrome Day



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Celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph at SJA



On March 20, St. Joseph Academy celebrated St. Joseph with a feast put together by the cafeteria staff.

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Many library services are available 24/7 at www.atlantibrary.org.

To view their full calendar of events, visit atlantibrary.org. Registration required for all programs.

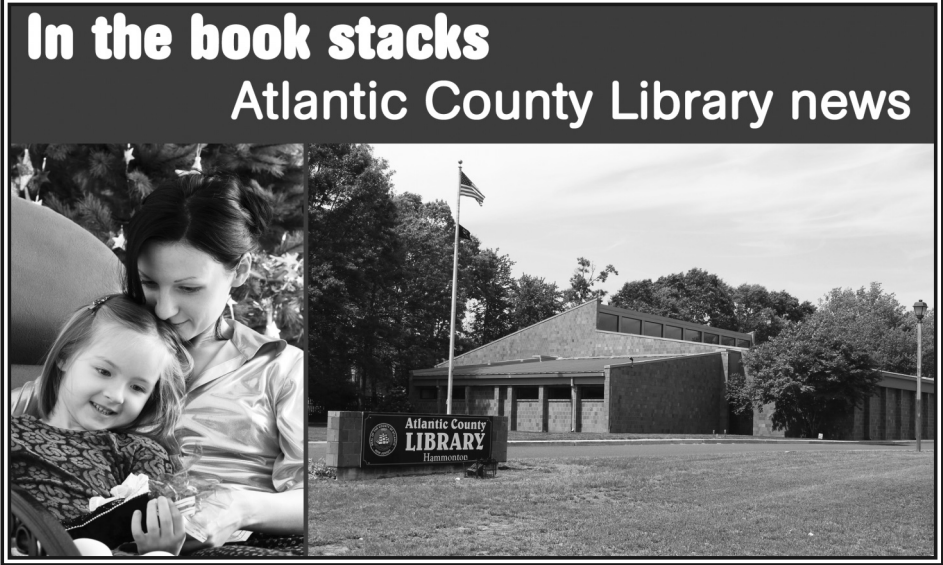
Masks are optional, but social distancing is still in effect. All programs are subject to change or cancellation.

The library will be closed Good Friday, April 7.

Toddler Storytime and Craft: All children ages 1.5 to 3 are invited on Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 10:30 a.m. Registration is required. The latest books and some old favorites will help introduce new vocabulary and reinforce learning. Children and their caregivers will enjoy stories, songs, crafts, games and movement while building language and literacy skills.

Lego Club: Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. Open to ages 5 and older. Registration is required. Gather with other Lego lovers to build something and share with other young engineers. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination!

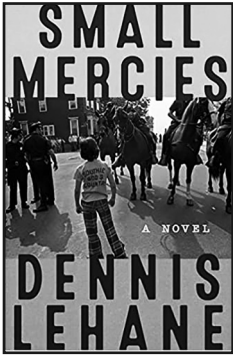
Kids Spring Craft-Volcano Egg Dyeing: Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. For ages 5-12. Registration is required. Join



us for a Spring evening of fun. Dye eggs the volcanic way using baking soda and vinegar. Supplies are provided.

Crafting Social Hour: Saturday, April 8 at 1:30 p.m. Suggested for teens and adults. Registration required. Do you like to chat with others while crafting? Bring your projects with you, (knit, crochet, cross-stitch, embroider, stencil, jewelry-making, etc.) and pass your creative time with new friends. Join us each month while working on individual projects. Refreshments provided.

Spring Craft for Adults-Mason Jar Lid Suncatchers: Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. Open to adults. Registration required. Make a colorful suncatcher for



Spring using a canning jar lid. All materials are provided.

Maker's Space Sewing: Saturday, April 22 at 1:30 p.m. Open to teens and adults. Registration required. Discover how to sew both by hand, and with machines. Also learn how to take measurements, select a pattern, and choose fabric.

Family Movie Night: Wednesday, April 26 at 6 p.m. watch *Rumble*

(Rated - PG). For ages 4 and older. Registration required. Join us for movies on the big screen. Refreshments will be provided; please advise staff of any food allergies. Guardians must remain with children age 9 and under.

Recommended Reading: Upcoming titles that will be circulating in our collection soon:

Small Mercies

A Novel by Dennis Lehane

In the summer of 1974 a heatwave blankets Boston and Mary Pat Fennessy is trying to stay one step ahead of the bill collectors. Mary Pat has lived her entire life in the housing projects of "Southie,"

the Irish American enclave that stubbornly adheres to old tradition and stands proudly apart.

One night Mary Pat's teenage daughter Jules stays out late and doesn't come home. That same evening, a young Black man is found dead, struck by a subway train under mysterious circumstances.

The two events seem unconnected. But Mary Pat, propelled by a desperate search for her missing daughter, begins turning over stones best left untouched—asking questions that bother Marty Butler, chief-tain of the Irish mob, and the men who work for him, men who don't take kindly to any threat to their business.

Homecoming

A Novel by Kate Morton

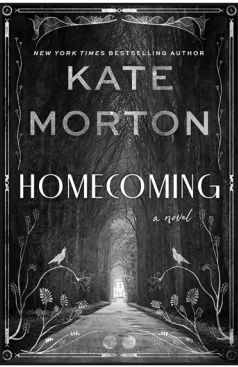
Adelaide Hills, Christmas Eve, 1959: At

the end of a scorching hot day, beside a creek on the grounds of a grand country house, a local man makes a terrible discovery. Police are called, and the small town of Tambilla becomes embroiled in one of the most baffling murder investigations in the history of South Australia.

Many years later and thousands of miles away,

Jess is a journalist in search of a story. Having lived and worked in London for two decades, she now finds herself unemployed and struggling to make ends meet. A phone call out of nowhere summons her back to Sydney, where her beloved grandmother Nora, who raised Jess when her mother could not, has suffered a fall and is seriously ill in the hospital.

At Nora's house, Jess discovers a true crime book chronicling a long-buried police case: the Turner Family Tragedy of 1959. It is only when Jess skims through its pages that she finds a shocking connection between her own family and this notorious event—a mystery that has never been satisfactorily resolved.



Guest speaker for WCC on Pop-Up Library



Courtesy Photo

Camden County Pop-Up Library founder Tom Martin was the March guest speaker at the Woman's Civic Club general membership meeting. He thanked the club for their continued partnership and gave an overview of the program. This free books program offers pop up table libraries throughout Camden City and Philadelphia as well as Book Arks throughout the county, and state. They just added a free bookstore in center city Camden which is open on Saturday's. The library is currently collecting books in Spanish, gently used books for all ages, puzzle books and magazines for their program. You may contact members Natalie Cortellessa or Pat Berenato for more information or book donations.



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