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One Big Read... for EPL and Kean University

Elizabeth Public Library will work with Kean University on a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) funded Big Read project. Members of the communities served by Kean University and Elizabeth Public Library will be encouraged to read and discuss *The Things They Carried* (1990) by Tim O'Brien, a renowned account of the experience of the Vietnam War. Programs planned will be held at both EPL and Kean University, and are open to the public.

Schedule of Big Read Events

Big Read Kick-Off: Kean, University Center, February 4, 3:30 pm

Big Read Films Series:

February 18, March 4 & 26, 3:15 pm, Kean University, CAS 106

February 10 & 24, March 10, 10:00 am EPL Main Library Auditorium

Children's Room "Little Read:" Outreach programs are available for schools, as well as drop-in activities for children and families. See P. 3

Teen Book Discussions and Author Visit, Danica Novgorodoff on March 5, 5-7 pm, Main Library Auditorium. See P. 2

Panel Discussions:

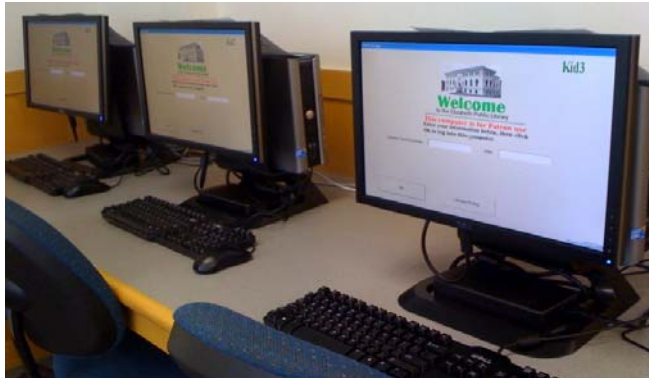
Kean University History Dept., CAS 106, April 8, 2:00 pm

Elizabeth Public Library Auditorium, March 29, 7:00 pm

Elizabeth Public Library: *A Piece of My Heart*, Ed. by Keith Walker, Literature discussion. Reading material will be provided. Main Library Auditorium, March 13, 2:00 pm

American Place Theater Presents: *The Things They Carried* Kean University, The Little Theater, March 25, 12:30pm

Author Visit: Tim O'Brien, Author of *The Things They Carried* Kean University, Wilkins Theater, April 14, 12:30 pm.



Elizabeth Public Library purchased new computers with funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Opportunity Online Hardware Grant with a 25% match from the city. The Main Library, Elmora Branch, Elizabethport Branch and LaCorte Branch received and placed a combined total of 69 computers.

Tax Return Help by Appointment @ EPL

Tax preparation assistance will again be available for eligible residents at EPL from February through April. Please call the Circulation Desk at 908-354-6060, x-7234 to make an appointment beginning Monday, January 18th.

African American History Month commemoration scheduled for February

Beautiful Also Are the Souls of My People will be the title of local artist Derek Dent's art exhibition during African American History Month. The Urban League Guild of Union County will also host programs during the month to mark the significance of the national celebration.

Library Hours:

Main Library and Branch hours are listed on Page 4

The Library will be closed on the following holidays:

New Year's Day

Friday, January 1 and Saturday, January 2

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

Monday, January 18

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Friday, February 12

President's Day

Monday, February 15



Angela Rodriguez and her children, who attend School 31, had the winning raffle ticket for a new, donated laptop given away during their attendance at an information session to promote Homework Help NJ, a New Jersey State Library and PSE&G sponsored program that provides communities with access to Tutor.com. Pictured with the Rodriguez family are Supervising Librarian Kimberly Paone and Library Director Dorothy Key.

Reference and Adult Services 908-354-6060, x-7203



Women's History Month Program
A Piece of My Heart: The Stories of 26
Women Who Served in Vietnam

Edited by Keith Walker
 Saturday, March 13, 2:00 pm
 Main Library Auditorium

A companion program to The Big Read, *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien. Reading material and refreshments will be provided.

Saturday Movie Matinees

2 pm, Main Library Auditorium

January 16 *Transformers* starring Shia LeBoeuf & M. Fox
 March 27 *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* with D. Radcliff, R. Grint and Emma Watson



Wednesday Morning Movies

10 am in the Main Library Auditorium

January 6 *Sabrina* with Audrey Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart
 January 13 *Oceans Thirteen* with George Clooney and Brad Pitt
 January 20 *John Adams* with Paul Giamatti and Laura Linney
 January 27 *Miss Congeniality* with Sandra Bullock and Benjamin Bratt
 February 3 *Big Night* with Stanley Tucci and Tony Shaloub
 February 10 **The Big Read Film Series:** *Platoon* with Charlie Sheen
 February 17 *Twentieth Century* with John Barrymore and Carol Lombard
 February 24 **The Big Read Film Series:** *Good Morning Vietnam* with Robin Williams
 March 3 *Julie and Julia* with Meryl Streep and Amy Adams
 March 10 **The Big Read Film Series:** *Rescue Dawn* with C. Bale
 March 17 *My Sister's Keeper* with Cameron Diaz and Abigail Breslin
 March 24 *Sense and Sensibility* with Emma Thompson and Kate Winslet
 March 31 *High Society* with Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly



Get Ready to Garden:
Composting for Everyone

Tuesday, March 23, 6:30 pm
 Main Library Auditorium
 Kindly call x-7203 to register.

Reference Trivia: Answer to Fall Question – How long are the days, autumnal and vernal equinox? The answer: 12 hours, 9 minutes. Two good sources are Chase's Annual Events (R394.26 CHA), as well as the website for U.S. Naval Observatory data <http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/>

Winter Question: Who was thought to be the Jersey Devil's mother? The answer and the source will earn a prize.

Media Department

Monthly Computer Classes at EPL

Three-session classes beginning January 12th

Introduction to Computers

Tuesdays 6-7pm

Introduction to computers, Internet searching and e-mail

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007

Thursdays 2:30-3:30pm

Introduction to "the ribbon," working with text and working with templates.

Internet Applications

Fridays, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Creating a cover letter, job searching online and e-mailing your resume.

All classes are three-session commitments, and are held in the computer lab on the second floor of the Main Library. Pre-registration will take place at the Circulation Desk on the second floor in person. Pre-registrations open during the last week of the month before a course begins. New sessions will begin each month.

Teen Department 908-354-6060, x-7235

African American Literature on Display

Check out the Teen Advisory Council's Black History Month display in the Teen Department on the 3rd floor!

Women's History Art Contest

Enter our Women's History Month art contest! Students in grades 6-12 may submit one piece of artwork which demonstrates the theme of "Strong Women in History." Artwork will be displayed on the third floor in the Teen Department.

SPECIAL BIG READ EVENT:

Author **Danica Novgorodoff**

Friday, March 5, 5-7 pm

Main Library Auditorium



Ms. Novgorodoff's is the author of the graphic novel, *Refresh, Refresh*



Monthly Teen Programs

Anime Club

Thursdays: 5-7pm
 January 7
 February 4
 March 4

Teen Book Discussion Group

Thursdays: 5-6pm
 January 14
 February 11*
 March 11



*The Teen Book Discussion will include *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien

New! Friday Night at The Movies

5-7 pm
 Jan 29: *Wolverine* (2009)
 Feb. 26: *The Pursuit of Happyness* (2006)
 Mar. 26: *The Messengers* (2007)

Teen Advisory Council

Thursdays: 5-6pm
 January 21
 February 18
 March 18

Children's Programs 908-354-6060, x-7209



The Little Read:

Drop-in programs for children and families to participate in The Big Read!

- Make a Vietnamese dragon
- Make a wish and add it as a flower to the branches of our tree to commemorate Tet, Vietnamese New Year
- Story hours for groups, call x-7208
- Help to decorate the Children's Room with flags and lanterns during The Big Read

Lapsit: Rhymes, songs, finger plays and verse for babies, newborns – 2 year olds.

Tuesdays in the Main Library Children's Room, 11 am

January 5 and 12, February 2 and 9
March 2 and 9



Winter Olympics

LaCorte	Tuesday, January 19, 6:30 pm
Elizabethport	Wednesday, January 20, 6:30 pm
Main Library	Saturday, January 23, 2:30 pm
Elmora	Monday, January 25, 7:00 pm

Trickster Tales from Africa

LaCorte	Tuesday, February 16, 6:30 pm
Elizabethport	Wednesday, February 17, 6:30 pm
Main Library	Saturday, February 20, 2:30 pm
Elmora	Monday, February 22, 7:00 pm

Female Pirates

Elmora	Monday, March 15, 7:00 pm
LaCorte	Tuesday, March 16, 6:30 pm
Elizabethport	Wednesday, March 17, 6:30 pm
Main Library	Saturday, March 20, 2:30 pm

Saturday Matinee for Kids

Main Library Children's Room, 2 pm

January 9	<i>Snow White & the Seven Dwarves</i>
February 6	<i>Up</i>
March 6	<i>Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs</i>



Drop-in Crafts

All Branches

Drop in any time for a different monthly craft.



Branch Programs 908-353-4820

**Puppet Shows in the Branches:
Fun on a String with Miss Penny**



Elmora	Wednesday, March 10, 6:00 pm
LaCorte	Saturday, March 13, 2:30 pm



Tai Chi Classes for Older Adults
Elmora Branch Library
Thursdays, January 21 – March 25
2:30-3:30pm



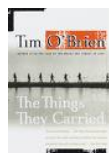
**The Elmora Branch Library's
Brown Bag Lunch Movies**



Tuesdays, 12 noon. Feel free to bring lunch with you.
Light refreshments will be provided.

Elmora Branch Book Club

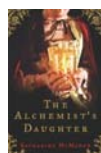
Thursdays, 9:30 am



The Things They Carried
By Tim O'Brien
February 11



The Help
By Kathryn Stockett
January 14

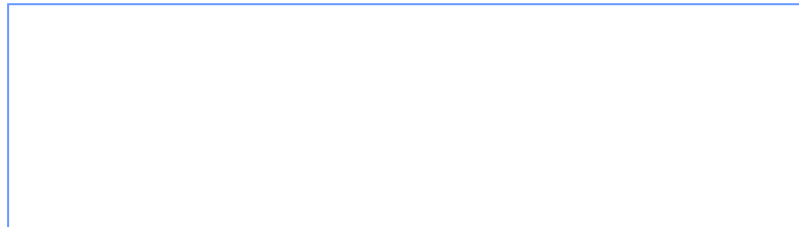


The Alchemist's Daughter
By Katherine McMahon
March 11

January 5	<i>Angels and Demons</i> with Tom Hanks
January 12	<i>Food, Inc.</i> (documentary)
January 19	<i>Oliver!</i> starring Ron Moody and Oliver Reed
January 26	<i>Imagine That</i> starring Eddie Murphy
February 2	<i>Paper Heart</i> starring Michael Cera
February 9	<i>All About Steve</i> with Sandra Bullock
February 16	<i>Ghosts of Girlfriends Past</i> with M McConaughey
February 23	<i>New In Town</i> with Renee Zellweger and H Connick, Jr.
March 2	<i>Murder by Decree</i> with Christopher Plummer
March 9	<i>King Lear</i> starring Laurence Olivier
March 16	<i>Public Enemies</i> with Johnny Depp
March 23	<i>Downhill Racer</i> starring Robert Redford
March 30	<i>Beyond a Reasonable Doubt</i> with Michael Douglas

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908-354-6060
Sat 9 am - 5 pm

Elmora Branch Hours

740 W. Grand
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908-353-4820
M W 9 am-9pm
TThF Sat 9 am-5pm

LaCorte Branch Hours

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TTh: 12 pm-8 pm

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TThF Sat: 9am-5pm



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