



Violet's Porch

The newsletter of the Jefferson Township

From the Director's Desk: *Before You Vote, Visit the Library*

Make an informed choice in this Presidential election. Visit the library to get the information you need.

With the recent conventions you may think you know all about the candidates, but did you know that at least two other candidates have been recognized by their party, and have gathered enough signatures to appear on the ballot in every state? Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate, and Guy John the Libertarian Party candidate, will be on the ballot with Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. According to the web site Ballotpedia, 1796 people have filed a Statement of Candidacy with the Federal Election Commission. Many of these candidates will not gather enough signatures to appear on the ballot. But what if they did? Your library could help you learn more about them.

There's much more to this year's Presidential election than can be learned from watching TV and listening to the radio. To make an informed choice, check out your public library.

Also, remember these dates – October 18, 2016 and November 1, 2016. To vote for President you must be a registered voter. The last day to register to vote in New Jersey is October 18, 2016. If you aren't registered you can pick up a voter registration form at the municipal clerk's office, download the form from www.morriscountynj.gov/elections, or pick up a form from the library. (In New Jersey, state law requires that every public library provide voter registration forms). If you will be filing a mail in ballot, formerly called an absentee ballot, you must apply with your town clerk, or download it from www.morriscountynj.gov/elections by November 1, 2016. It must be returned by November 8, 2016 to the County Board of Elections. You must be a registered voter to vote by mail. More information about voting can be found at www.morriscountynj.gov/elections.

"A man without a vote is a man without protection."

—Lyndon Baines Johnson



The library will be closed on

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 5

Lighthearted Local History

Take a ride with photojournalist and lifetime Morris County resident Jim DelGiudice at **Backroads of Morris County**, Tuesday, October 11 at 7 PM.

Jim will make stops at famous and not-so famous locations along Morris

County's back roads. He's used his eyes and voice to document the New Jersey scene for more than half his 57 years. He is an adjunct assistant professor at County College of Morris, and an adjunct lecturer at Columbia University.

Jim's presentations are always informative, inspiring, fun and accessible.

This is the ultimate road trip. Registration is recommended!

Rosetta Stone

Rosetta Stone Library Solution, a premier language-learning tool, is now available at the library!

You may choose to improve your English, or learn another language with this effective, easy-to-use program.

There are 30 languages to choose from, including Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, Persian (Farsi), Japanese, and Spanish.

To have the best experience with *Rosetta Stone Library Solutions*, the following **Best Practices & Tips** are recommended:

- Practice a little bit every day.
- Schedule practice time on your calendar
- Find a language partner (a great way to practice your new vocabulary together!)
- Immerse yourself in your new language
- Use the mobile application

For help with mobile application log-in, please ask for the instruction flyer at the library's main desk.



My Comforter

Anonymous

The world had all gone wrong that day
And tired and in despair,
Discouraged with the ways of life,
I sank into my chair.

A soft caress fell on my cheek,
My hands were thrust apart.
And two big sympathizing eyes
Gazed down into my heart.

I had a friend; what cared I now
For fifty worlds? I knew
One heart was anxious when I grieved —
My dog's heart, loyal, true.

"God bless him," breathed I soft and low,
And hugged him close and tight.
One lingering lick upon my ear
And we were happy — quite.



At left, children visit with **Michaelangelo the Therapy Horse**, who visited the library on June 29th.

Below, participants in a **One-Stroke Paining class** at the library on July 5 show off their "USA Bear" creations.



2016 Scholarship Winners



Each year, the Trustees of the Jefferson Township Public Library offer two scholarships to deserving Jefferson Seniors. The awards were established to recognize the contributions of long-serving volunteers and trustees of the library.

Applicants must be graduating seniors who are Township residents; who will be contin-

uing their education after high school; and who have a public library card.

The 2016 recipients are **Carly Shafer** (\$500 Jeanne Craig Scholarship,) and **Ina Joseph** (\$250 Rose Lange Scholarship.)

Each of the winners wrote of the importance of the library in their academic and personal lives. Ina Joseph stated

“By offering a place of solitude and study, the library serves as a creative outlet for the community.” And according to Carly Shafer “the library always offered a safe, quiet, warm environment for me to get my work done and gather my thoughts...”

Both scholarship recipients are wished the best of luck in their future endeavors!

For Stargazers

Attendance at summer library programs indicates quite an interest in the stars! One lecturer, Paul J. Cirillo of the NJ Astronomical Association, offered the following list of **Space & Astronomy Web Links**:

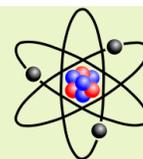
See the Space Station and other satellite! This site will easily show you how to see objects in orbit with binoculars or a telescope! www.heavens-above.com

Astronomy Picture of the Day Click on this site each day for a fascinating astronomy -based picture complete with explanation and links for more information. <http://pad.nasa.gov>

The Planets—provides an overview of the history, mythology, and current scientific knowledge of each of the planets and moons in our solar system. <http://nineplanets.org>

The NJ Astronomical Association (Observatory — High Bridge) An observatory open to the public on selected nights, in Voorhees State Park in High Bridge, NJ. This site give info and hours of operation. www.njaa.org

JPL/NASA—Contains information and pictures on all of NASA's JPL (Jet Propulsion Laboratory) missions. <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov>



**“Astronomy
compels the soul to
look upwards and
leads us from this
world to another.”**

—Plato

Coffee, Donuts & a Movie

Our Public Performance Site License allows us to legally screen selected movies at the library, for your viewing enjoyment! Refreshments served from 10:30 AM, show time is 11 AM.

Race — Thursday, August 18

An enthralling and inspiring drama about courage, determination, tolerance and friendship, based on the incredible true story of Jesse Owens, whose quest to become the greatest track and field athlete in history thrusts him onto the world stage of the 1936 Olympics. There he faces off against Adolf Hitler's vision of Aryan supremacy. (2016, 134 min., rated PG-13)



The Good Lie — Thursday, September 8

A group of Sudanese refugees given the chance to resettle in America arrive in Kansas City, Missouri, where their encounter with an employment agency counselor forever changes all of their lives. Starring Reese Witherspoon and Arnold Oceng, this is a “compelling, well-acted and deeply moving” drama. (2014, PG-13, 110 minutes.)



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OUR MISSION

The Jefferson Township Public Library is a haven for the investigation of life skills and interests, connecting a diverse community socially, culturally and intellectually.



“With every book, you go back to school. You become a student. You become an investigative reporter. You spend a little time learning what it’s like to live in someone else’s shoes.”

—John Irving

Farmer’s Almanac Fun

According to the 2016 *Old Farmer’s Almanac*, the best times to fish are when the fish are naturally most active, at sunrise and sunset, and also during a full moon.

Although most of us go fishing when we grab the time, there *are* best times, according to fishing lore:

- One hour before and one hour after high tides, and one hour before and one hour after low tides.
- During the “morning rise” (after sun-up), and the “evening rise” (just before sun-down and the hour or so after.)
- During the rise and set of the Moon.
- When the barometer is steady or on the rise.
- When there is a hatch of flies. (mayfly, e.g.)
- When the breeze is from a westerly quarter.

- When the water is still or slightly rippled.

Accordingly, mark your calendars, and try to squeeze in some time to go fishing from **August 2–18**; and from **September 1–16**, when the Moon is between new and full.

The *Old Farmer’s Almanac* is teeming with interesting and useful information, and it is lots of fun to browse through.

Find the library’s copy in the Reference area at R 317.3 Old.

