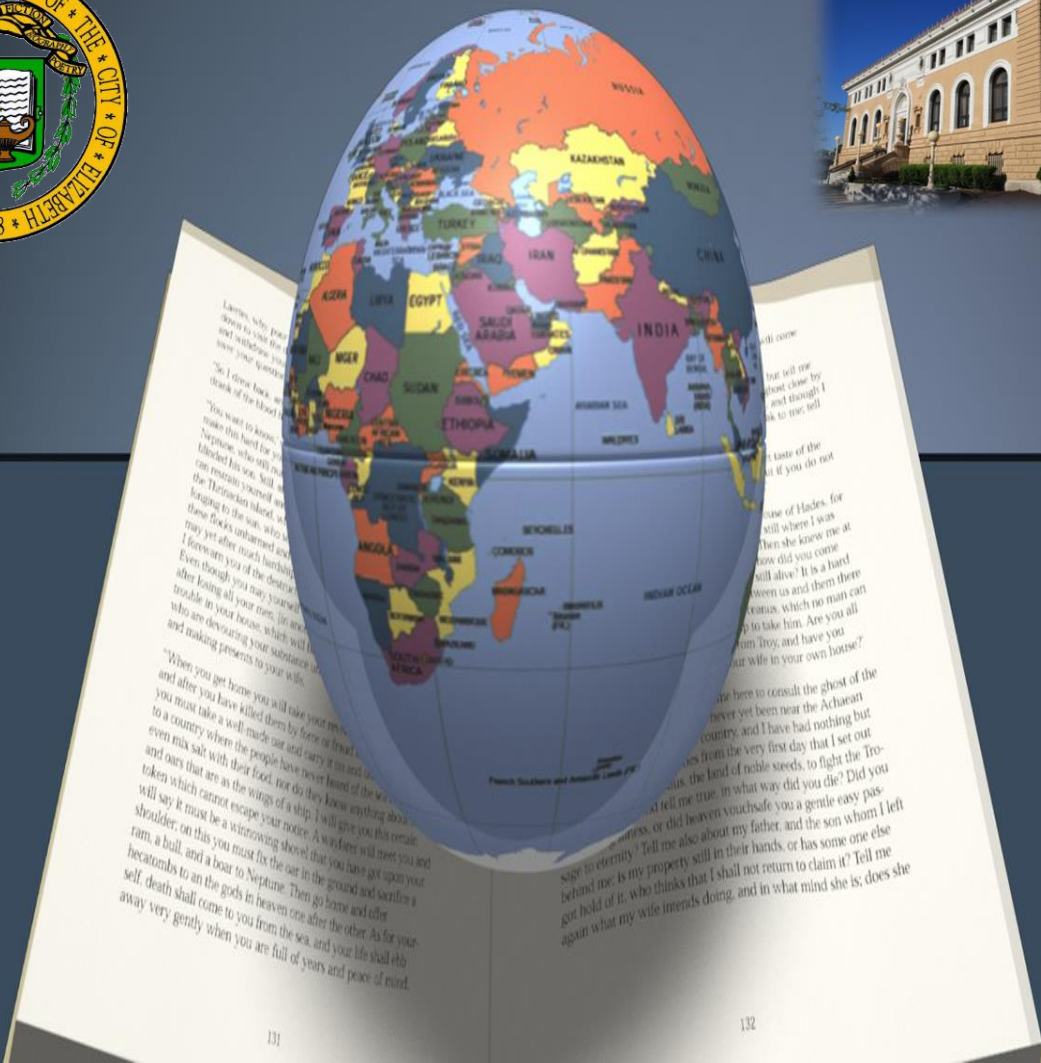


# Annual Report of the Free Public Library of the City of Elizabeth

July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014



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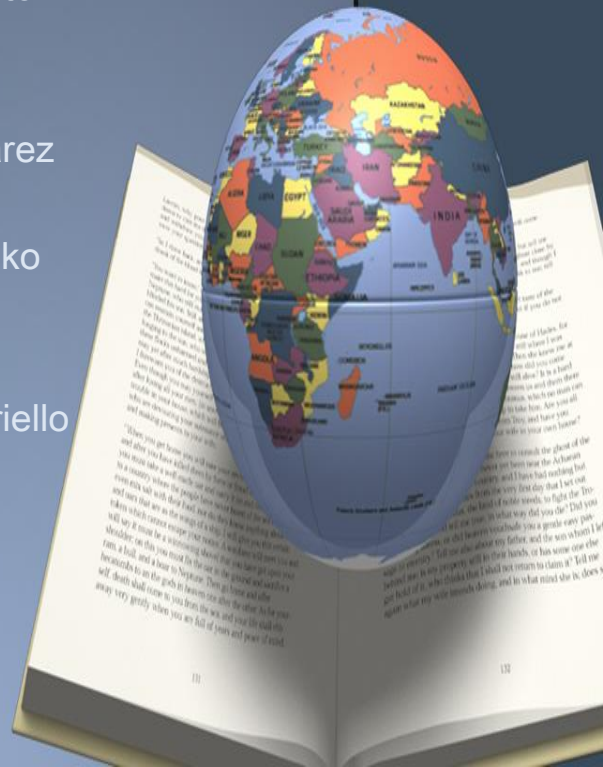
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MARYFAITH CHMIEL  
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

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August 1, 2014

As the Elizabeth Public Library continued its journey into its second century, I was proud and honored to take on the role of Library Director, upon the retirement of Dorothy M. Key in August 2013. A welcoming and dedicated staff made the transition easier, and my thanks and acknowledgement must go out to all, especially Assistant Director Monica Eppinger, Administrative Secretary Alexis Nixon, and Union Steward/Senior IT Technician Edwin Lopez.

As we plunged into work in the late summer/early fall, we seized the opportunity to apply for a LibraryLinkNJ Libraries-on-the-Go contract award. With the receipt of the \$10,000 award in October, we realized an opportunity to connect with the community via a mobile app. The result, rolled out to the public throughout the late winter and early spring, was beautiful, eye catching and inspiring. We used the artistic skills and eye of our Teen Library Associate Frank Castro to create a fresh logo that highlights our historic Main building in a crisp, graphic design. And the free app – available through iTunes, and Google and Android stores – provides instant smartphone access to information on our collections, programs, and hours. By the end of fiscal year 2013-2014, our app had been downloaded 349 times, with an average of 140 unique monthly users.

You can catch our new logo on all our print materials. This branding will help you appreciate the breadth and scope of our collections, programming and outreach.

We followed up our successful app endeavor with another grant application, this one to the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, and were the happy recipients of a \$3500 mini-grant that brought our Hair for All project to the community, beginning in May 2014. An exhibit, created with help from Monica Eppinger, Aimee Fernandez, Saye Cooper and Violeta Monje, traced the history of hair care and hair ornamentation in the African-American community, while a program called Storytelling allowed women to share the frustrations and rewards of managing their so-called crowning glory.

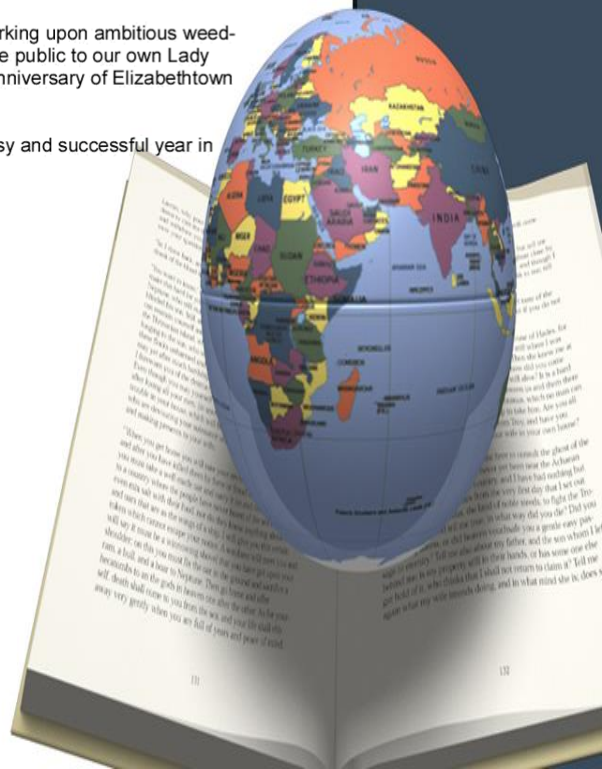
2013-2014 brought challenges as well as opportunities. There was the headache of our aging public elevator, an issue that is still unresolved, but upon which we are still working. For several weeks in January and February visitors to our Main location had to climb stairs in order to reach the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th floors. We had a brief success when our elevator vendor managed to manufacturer for us a mechanical part, getting the equipment back in working order, but it feels like every day we hold our breath, waiting for the next squeeze, squawk or complaint!

Another major issue was the discovery of asbestos tile in 4,500 square feet of our staff work space. Oftentimes there is no need to be alarmed about asbestos tile, if it is intact and in good condition. But ours was not. In February 2014 we initiated an asbestos removal project and followed this with new flooring throughout the affected areas. With some fresh paint, our Technical Services department has a whole new look, after nearly 40 years!

Between these major activities we also dealt with our collections and materials, embarking upon ambitious weeding projects and bringing fresh attention to our Local History Room. We introduced the public to our own Lady Elizabeth Carteret and, along with the entire City of Elizabeth, celebrated the 350th Anniversary of Elizabethtown and the State of New Jersey.

Enjoy reviewing our 2013-2014 Annual Report, and join us in anticipating another busy and successful year in 2014-2015.

  
MaryFaith Chmiel  
Library Director





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MARYFAITH CHMIEL  
LIBRARY DIRECTOR


As President of the Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of the City of Elizabeth, I am pleased to offer this 2013-2014 Annual Report to our elected officials and the community.

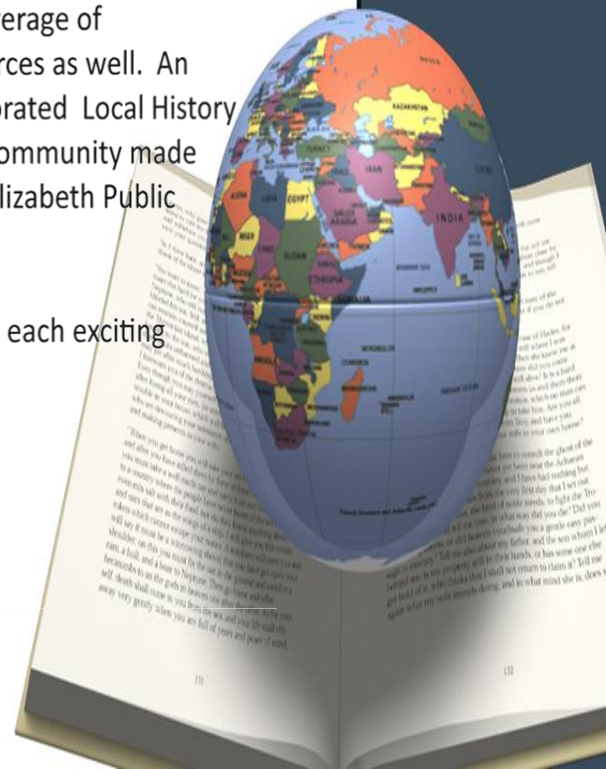
This past year was one of exciting opportunities and changes for the Library. The retirement of Director Dorothy M. Key, after 8 years of service, led to a lengthy search that culminated in the hiring of our current director, Mary Faith Chmiel. Ms. Chmiel brings more than 12 years experience as a library director, as well as a passion for public libraries and a commitment to customer service. The Board anticipates many successful years of progress and innovation under Ms. Chmiel's guidance.

Along with welcoming a new Board of Trustees Member, we managed a budget of \$4.2 million and committed ourselves to excellence through the process. The Library has proudly participated in the Citywide celebration of the 350th Anniversary of Elizabethtown with an art exhibition, monthly quizzes and more. We plan to continue to do so through the end of 2014.

In order to exhibit the array of events offered, an expanded newsletter is available online at <http://www.elizpl.org/Newsletters.html> and in print at all our Library locations. Not only does the newsletter provide coverage of Library endeavors, but information on our numerous resources as well. An energized staff, dynamic children's programming, a reinvigorated Local History Room, and a proud history of service and outreach to the community made 2013-2014 a memorable year for all of us associated with Elizabeth Public Library.

We hope that you take advantage of our services and enjoy each exciting opportunity.

  
Veronica Alvero  
Board President





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## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR J. CHRISTIAN BOLLWAGE

Providing exciting educational tools, access to resources as well as rewarding activities, the Elizabeth Public Library is a place to learn, connect and broaden horizons. It is also a destination for research, providing individuals with the opportunity to utilize books, periodicals, DVDs as well as the Internet to expand their knowledge, complete assignments and discover the world.

As the fourth largest municipality in New Jersey with a population of nearly 125,000, it is vital that educational, informational and recreational opportunities are available. The City of Elizabeth continues to be a strong supporter of library services and projects, including the renovation and restoration initiatives at the Main building. This remarkable structure is one of many throughout our community and is listed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places.

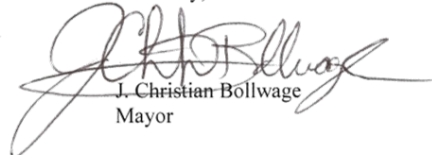
While the number of our residents continues to grow, the need for additional assistance has also increased. The Elizabeth Public Library remains committed to meeting the requirements of the community by enhancing programs, upgrading technology and improving the ability to link users from anywhere, via the new, free ElizPL app.

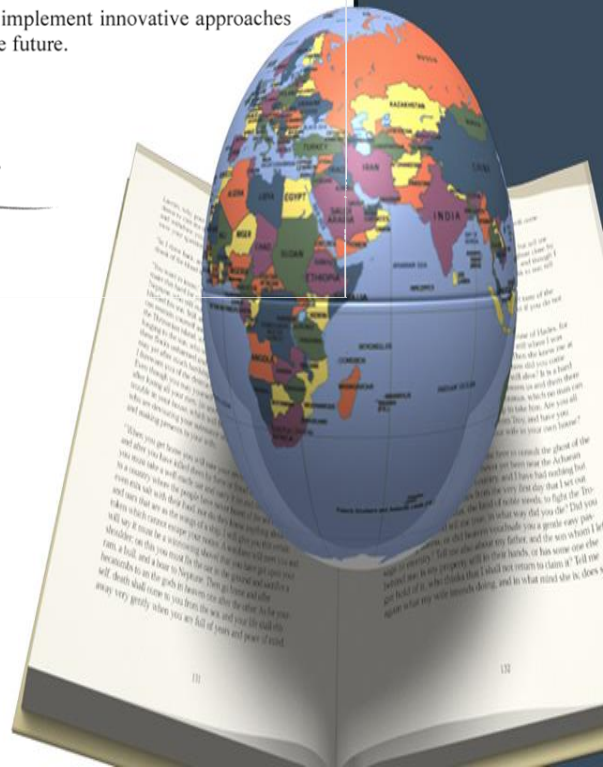
Through preservation and conservation efforts, the City of Elizabeth continues to restore landmarks within its historic districts, beautify neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life throughout the community. In addition to our proud history, which is being commemorated with 350th anniversary celebrations throughout 2014, Elizabeth is also known for its culture and diversity. Wonderful restaurants as well as impressive artistic and musical performances can be found across our city. Exciting shopping and entertainment, such as The Outlet Collection - Jersey Gardens and AMC Loews Theater, draw millions of local and international visitors each year; along with our Special Improvement Districts, which continue to thrive with businesses along Broad Street and Elizabeth Avenue.

Together with the Main Elizabeth Public Library, the Elmora, LaCorte and E-Port Branches provide locations where adults, adolescents and children can gather to express their creativity, hone skills and develop new interests. From raising awareness to building self-confidence, reading enhances understanding, promotes excellence and transforms lives.

Under the direction of Mary Faith Chmiel, the Elizabeth Public Library continues to implement innovative approaches and deliver quality services to the community. Best wishes for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

  
J. Christian Bollwage  
Mayor



**A RESOLUTION OF TRIBUTE**  
**Celebrating the life of**



***Idella LaPierre***

**WHEREAS**, the Elizabeth Public Library, Elizabeth, New Jersey, recognizes the passing of Idella La Pierre as a member of the Library Board of Trustees and a tremendous loss for our Library; and

**WHEREAS, Ms. LaPierre** was appointed in 1998 and served until her death in 2013, she held the offices of President, Vice President, and Secretary, and served with distinction; and

**WHEREAS, Ms. LaPierre's** dedication, service, and knowledge of the community was significant in providing direction to serve the informational, instructional, cultural and technological needs of the citizens of Elizabeth; and

**BE IT SO RESOLVED**, that the Elizabeth Public Library issues this Resolution to express our deepest sorrow and to recognize the outstanding contributions made by this model citizen to her library and community at large

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the family and a copy be retained in the Local History Room of the Elizabeth Public Library.

**APRIL 16, 2013**

**ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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# Hair for All

The library held an exhibit and two programs, plus two films, that explored the cultural and historic significance of hair, particularly with respect to Elizabeth's African-American community.



115 Board St. ... Elizabeth Public Library ... Mr. Romeo, who also leads a new merchants association for this stretch of Front Street, said.



**Hair for all:** Since 1968, the hair salon has been a place where women of different colors and textures meet. At the intersection of fashion, self-esteem and political change.



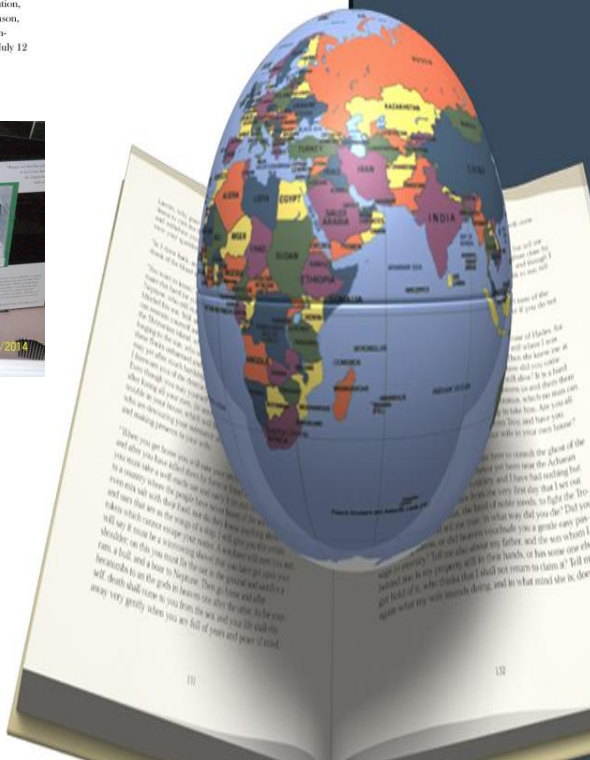
These events were made possible by a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in these programs do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities or the new Jersey Council for the Humanities.



- Exhibit: Images of Beauty and Revolution in African-American Culture, May 31-July 12
- Storytelling Getting to the Root: Loving your hair and yourself, Saturday, June 21 1-3 PM
- Panel Discussion: Barbershop to Revolution, with recollections of barber Stephen Sanson, and the struggle to bring justice to African-Americans in the community, Saturday, July 12 1-3 PM



But it is important to recognize that the slaver approach to African hair was the converse of the traditional African relationship toward hair. As Sharon D. Clappelle notes: Our hair has been a functional messenger of our culture for centuries. Functional in that the very texture (and there are many) provided a natural barrier to the hot sunny climates of the African continent. A messenger in that for many tribes or clans a hairstyle denoted social class, marital status, religion, age, clan affiliation, geographic region, status within the community....(p. 5, *Nappi Journeys: The Twisted Road to Natural Hair*)





# We've got an app for that!

Thanks to the Mobile Contract Award from LibraryLinkNJ, the NJ Library Cooperative, the ElizPL mobile app is available for smartphones, tablets and other mobile device in Google Play, Apple, and all app stores. Search for books, music and more in the online catalog. Place and manage holds. Renew items you have checked out. Get hours, locations and maps for all locations. Scan the ISBN of a book at the bookstore and find out if the library has it on the shelf. Find out what events are happening at the library, and how to contact a librarian—all on the go. Programs on how to use the app, and to exchange favorite apps, were held, called “Appy Hours.”



## Mobile App is Here!

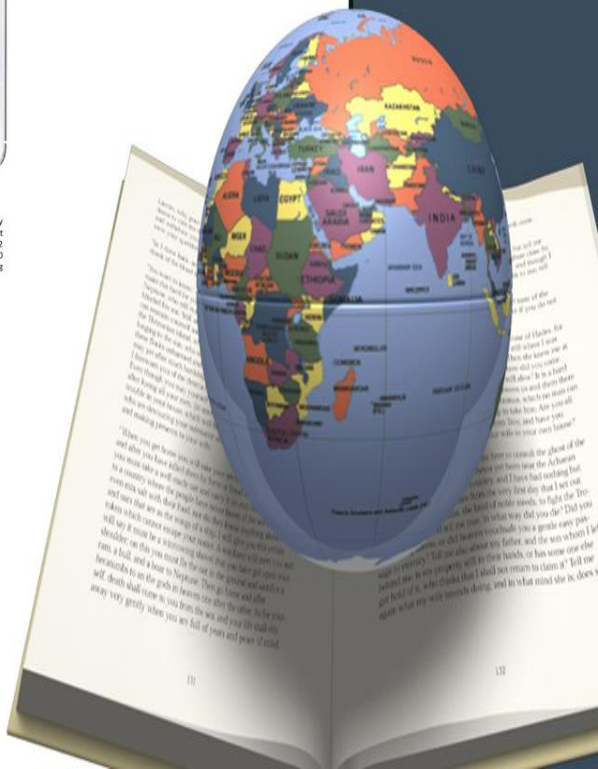
The ElizPL app makes it easy to find and discover books, place holds, renew items, get information about our locations, and keep up with the great events happening at your library.

### Features:

- Search for books, music, and more in the online catalog
- Place and manage holds
- Renew items you have checked out
- Get hours, locations, and maps for all locations
- Find the latest special events, classes, story times, and other programs
- Ask a librarian a question via phone or email.
- Access our databases for business or academic research
- Connect with the library on social network sites
- Enjoy our Elizabeth 350 trivia contest



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# Noontime Fall Concert Series

The Annual Noontime Fall Concert Series began on Thursday, October 3. The series began with Eco del Sur, and included a brass quintet from the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, classical pianists from Kean University and a Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts jazz duo.



# Local History

Our Local History Room was slowly transformed, with structure and order instated. We began by applying for a CAPES (Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service) assessment, which we received in April. As a result of this report by consultant Elsaly Palmisano, we have established fixed hours for use of the room (Mondays and Thursdays, 2:30-4:30 pm; Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm; by appointment), as well as policies and guidelines for the use of the materials.

The Genealogical Reference collection was moved outside of the Local History Room, allowing for more secure space for more rare materials. Decades of research stored in vertical files were moved into the room, while specific family genealogies were catalogued and similarly relocated. We began the processing of cataloguing materials and entering them into our online catalog for greater accessibility, and, to ensure we were following best practices for the preservation of our materials, began the process of storing delicate items in archival boxes.

What more appropriate project could there have been in this 350th Anniversary year of Elizabethtown!

**Our Local History Room**

Remember you are researching your family tree in an historic figure, our Local History Room, on the third floor of our Main Library, to learn more about our past. To ensure the safety and preservation of our early colonial items, access to the room is granted during stated hours, or by appointment only. Please address inquiries to the Reference Desk on the second floor.



Elizabeth Public Library staff (ca. 1913)

Find obituaries and other U.S. news content from local, regional, and national newspapers.

Find this link on our website at [www.elizpl.org/databases.html](http://www.elizpl.org/databases.html)



**Elizabethtown Newspaper 350**

The New Jersey Digital Highway is proud "one stop shop" for New Jersey history and culture. From the collections of the State Archives, the University of Delaware, and the Historical Society. Find it at <http://www.njdigitalhighway.org>



**Local History @ your library**

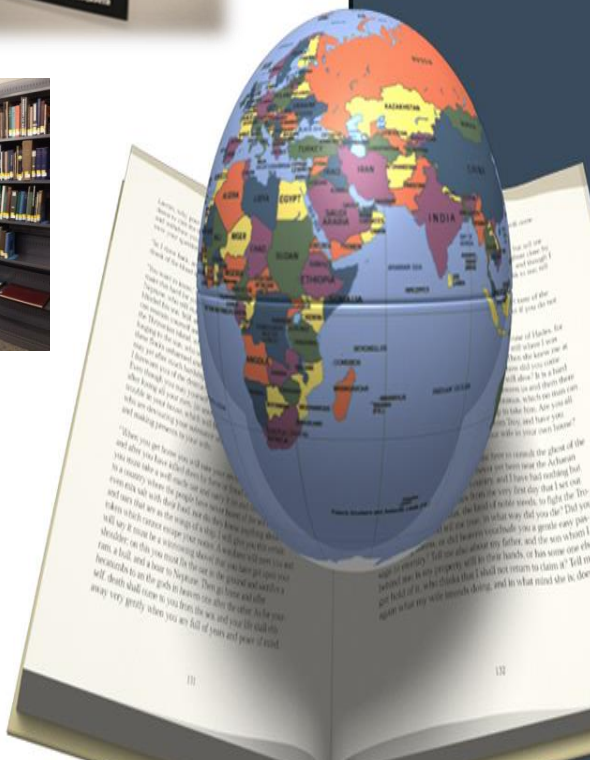


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Main Library**  
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(908)354-6566, ext. 7203

**Elizabethtown Branch**  
742 W. Grand St.  
Elizabethtown, NJ 07702  
(908)354-6100

**Lafayette Branch**  
400 Palmer St.  
Elizabethtown, NJ 07703  
(908)354-6108

**8 Port Branch**  
702 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St.  
Elizabethtown, NJ 07706  
(908)354-6102



- Elizabethtown, New Jersey: Rich with history**
- If you are wondering where you can go to begin researching the history of Elizabethtown, this is the place to start. The Elizabeth Public Library's local history collection is the largest in the state, and is available to you in several ways:
- City Directories
  - The people that lived in our city from 1882-1975, complete with addresses, dates of employment, and occupational data of death.
  - High school yearbooks
  - The library has yearbooks with some year gaps
  - 1882-1975, 1976-1978, 1979-1980, 1981-1982, 1983-1984, 1985-1986, 1987-1988, and 1989-1990.
- Elizabethtown Journal**
- The Elizabeth Public Library has the most complete collection of the Elizabeth Daily Journal newspaper from 1847-1981, and a limited number of issues of the predecessor, The New Jersey American from 1776-1847. An index for the years 1776-1847 is available for research, but of historical interest is still in our files.
- Elizabethtown Historical Files**
- This collection of files contains a wealth of data and information pertaining to local citizens, events, businesses and more.
- Union Maps**
- Our collection contains the 1837, 1855, and 1868 editions of the Elizabethtown City Maps.
- Other items of interest**
- A list of the following issues of local history you can find in our library are:
- Elizabethtown by John Ray Turner
  - Elizabethtown: The First Capital by John Ray Turner
  - Elizabethtown and Green County by Charles L. Aquino
  - The History of Elizabethtown, New Jersey by David C. Hartung
  - As We Were by Theodore Tilton
  - Elizabethtown: Government and Officials, 1844-1928
  - The History of Elizabethtown City Council, 1844-1928.
- Genealogical Resources**
- Our collection boasts a variety of reference books that can be used to help in researching your family tree. These can be accessed through our digital resources, large print, daughter of the American Revolution and Grand Partner of the United States of America are a few of the more notable. Genealogical resources are located outside the Local History Room and are accessible during all Main Library hours of operation.

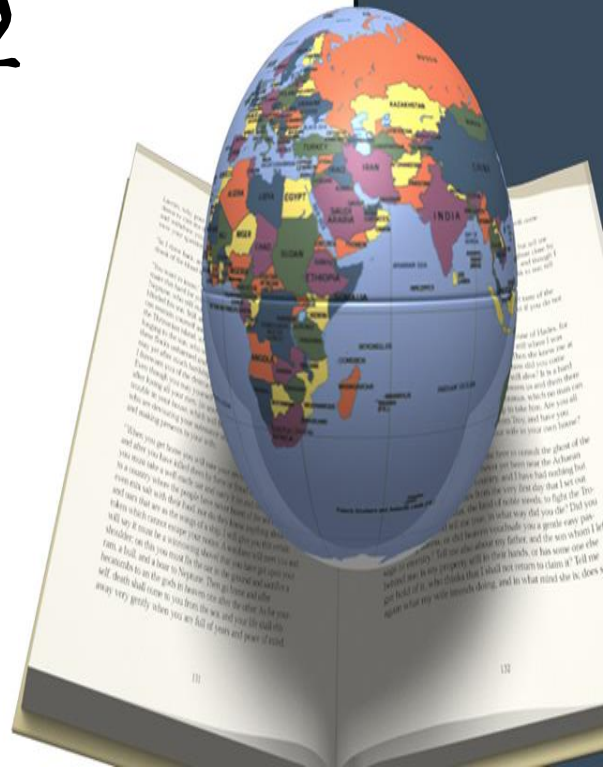


Elizabeth Public Library, 1914

Hours of Operation and Access The Local History Room is staffed 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, and 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Additional access is provided by appointment only. Please call 908-354-6566, ext 7202 or email [reference@elizpl.org](mailto:reference@elizpl.org) to schedule an appointment.

# Preserve Union County

The Elizabeth Public library has received a grant in the amount of \$40,000 for improvements to the Rahway entrance. The funds will be used to purchase automatic doors, refinish the existing terrazzo flooring, and update the first floor circulation area.



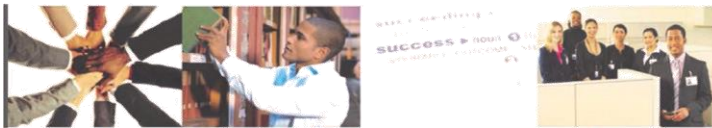


# Community Partnerships

# Hupsoo

## The Pursuit of Excellence Program

Hupsoo is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) partnership building organization providing vocational training, career guidance and inspirational activities to citizens of disadvantaged communities throughout New Jersey. They collaborate with local businesses, state and municipal agencies, and educational institutions, to help aspiring citizens succeed in their academic, business and personal pursuits.



The Elizabeth Public Library and Hupsoo Presents

**FREE... Teen Career Prep**

OUR GOAL IS TO EDUCATE, INSPIRE & PREPARE STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

**HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
GRADUATE FROM HIGH  
SCHOOL EARNING A  
25K-40K SALARY!!!  
Become a Highly Skilled Worker**

**Whether You want to go to  
College, Trade School, become an  
Entrepreneur or join the Military  
COME JumpStart Your Career!!!**

**Series 1: LEARN PC REPAIR**  
Earn Points in this program to win a Family Vacation!!!

The Program Schedule is **Every Other Saturday**  
starting February 8th 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

-And-

**Every Monday starting February 10, 2014 from  
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**Lunch on Saturdays and Snacks on Mondays**

**SEATS ARE LIMITED ENROLLMENT CLOSES FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

### OPEN ENROLLMENT

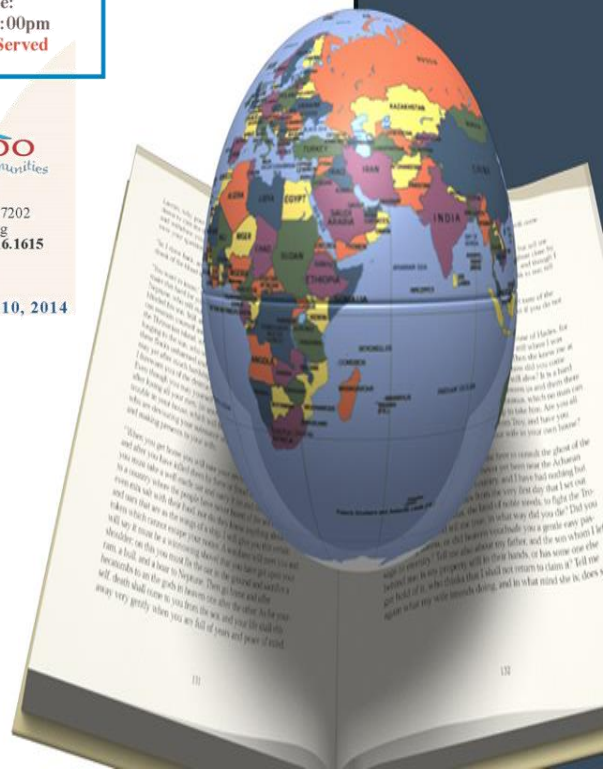
**Dates:**  
Monday, January 27, 2014  
Monday, February 3, 2014  
Monday, February 10, 2014

**Place:**  
Elizabeth Public Library  
Main Branch — 2nd Floor  
Computer Lab

**Time:**  
5:30 to 7:00pm  
**Snacks Served**

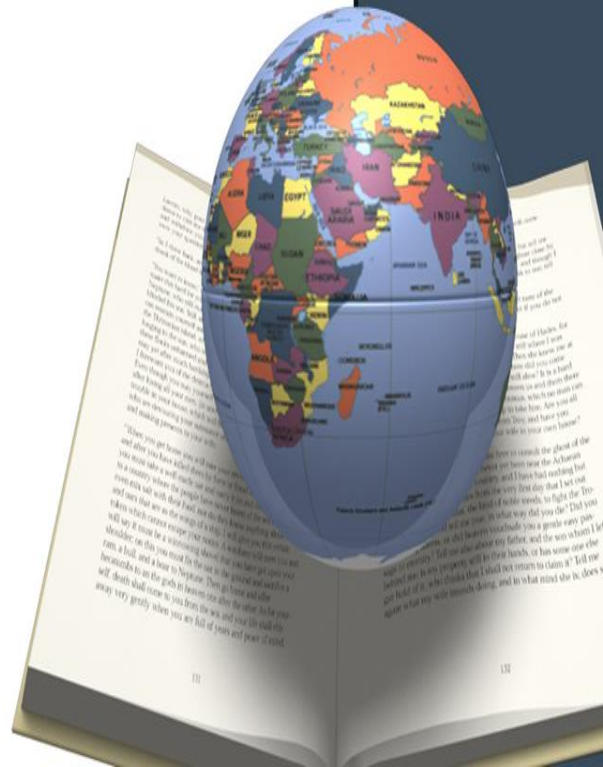


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# Jewish Family Services Citizenship Classes

Jewish Family Services is a nonprofit organization serving everyone who lives in Middlesex County and the surrounding areas. They are committed to helping individuals and families realize a fulfilling life experience at home, in the workplace, and in the community by providing effective social services, counseling, and advocacy through responsive, innovative programs. Beginning in May 2014 Jewish Family Services provided citizenship classes to assist immigrants and refugees. Jewish Family Services is government-certified to advocate on behalf of immigrants in matters brought before the US Citizenship and Immigration Services.



# New Jersey Council for the Humanities

## Face to Face: Created Equal

The New Jersey Council for the Humanities selected the Elizabeth Public Library as the opening venue for a Face to Face: Created Equal film discussion series on the topic of civil rights as part of the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. On Saturday, September 14th, Professor Christopher Fisher of The College of New Jersey led the discussion after a viewing of the documentary, *Slavery By Another Name* (2012).

### Freedom • Equality • Democracy How did/do/should we define these terms?

For students to seniors, this free documentary film series offers a unique opportunity to share personal experiences and reflections as part of a community-based conversation, facilitated by Christopher Fisher, Associate Professor of History, The College of New Jersey.

For More  
Information:



This series has been made possible by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and is a "Created Equal" project. "Created Equal" is part of the Bridging Cultures Initiative of the NEH, produced in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, to encourage public conversations about the changing meanings of freedom and equality in the United States.

**September 14, 2013**  
**2:00 PM**  
**SLAVERY BY ANOTHER NAME**

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(908) 354-6060

[www.elizpl.org](http://www.elizpl.org)

**September 22, 2013**  
**2:00 PM**  
**THE ABOLITIONISTS**

**Middletown Township Public Library**  
55 New Monmouth Road  
Middletown, NJ 07748  
(732) 671-3700

[www.mtpl.org](http://www.mtpl.org)

**September 29, 2013**  
**2:00 PM**  
**THE LOVING STORY**

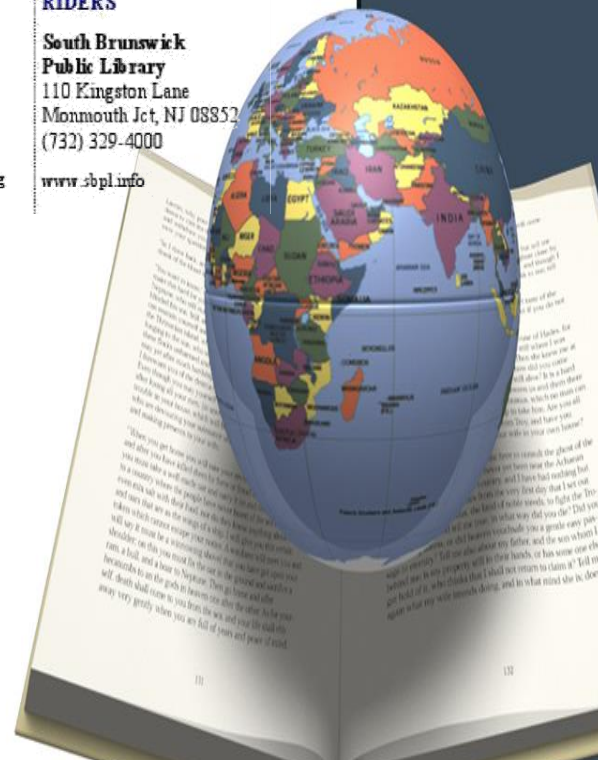
**Piscataway Public Library**  
500 Hoes Lane  
Piscataway, NJ 08854  
(732) 463-1633

[www.piscatawaylibrary.org](http://www.piscatawaylibrary.org)

**October 6, 2013**  
**2:00 PM**  
**FREEDOM RIDERS**

**South Brunswick Public Library**  
110 Kingston Lane  
Monmouth Jct, NJ 08852  
(732) 329-4000

[www.sbppl.info](http://www.sbppl.info)

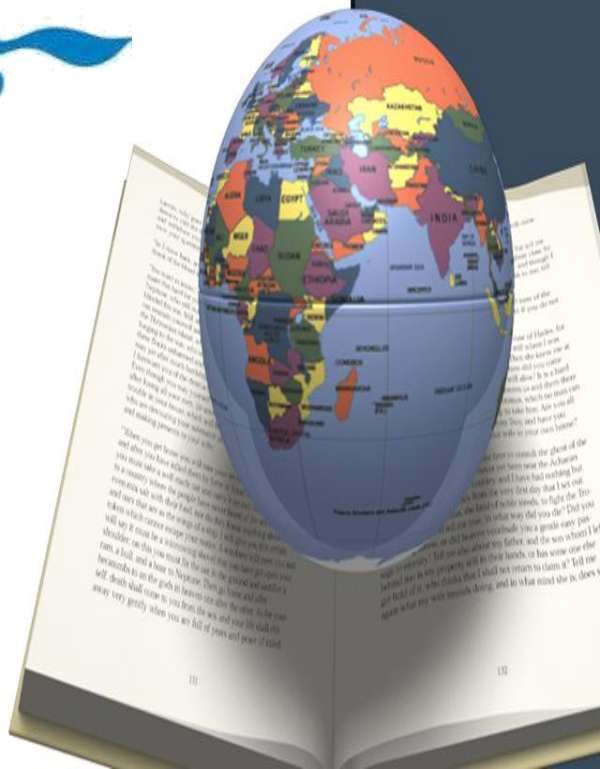




# Affordable Care Act

## Cognosante and Public Health Solutions

Working with Cognosante and Public Health Solutions, the Elizabeth Public Library provided almost daily information on and enrollment assistance with the Affordable Care Act. Trained Assistors and certified Navigators were on site at the Main location from October through April and again starting in June 2014 at Main and the Elizabethport branch.

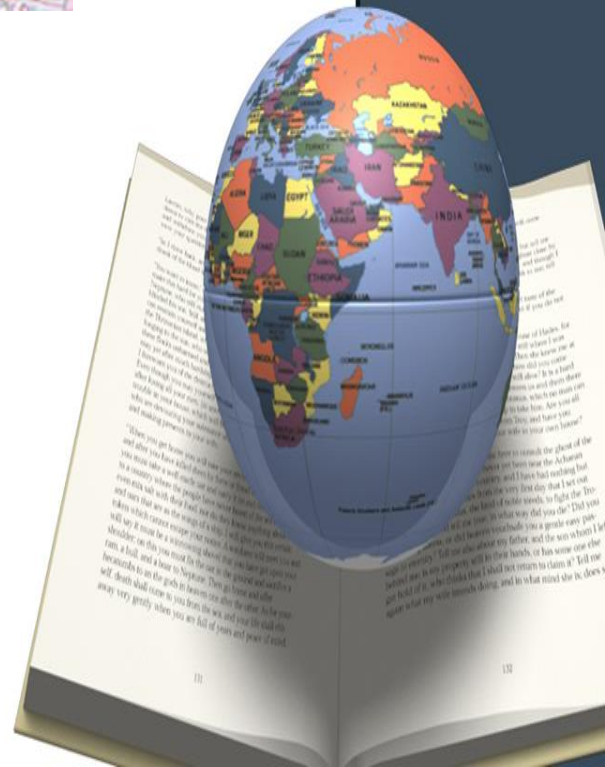
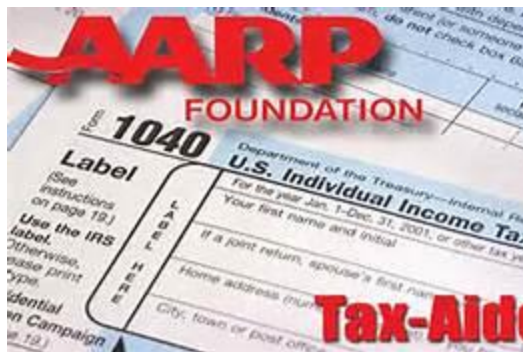


# AARP

## Income Tax Assistance

Once again, volunteers from AARP offered twice weekly tax preparation assistance at the Library. As usual, demand was great and appointments filled quickly.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is available free to taxpayers with low and moderate income, with special attention to those 60 and older. Through a cadre of trained volunteers, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide has helped low- to moderate-income individuals for more than 40 years in every state and the District of Columbia.





# Elizabethtown 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

As the city of Elizabeth celebrates its 350<sup>th</sup> birthday the Elizabeth Public Library has highlighted this milestone by holding an art exhibit, posting trivia questions in our newsletters, offering information at local events, and hosting appearances by Elizabeth Lady Carteret.



**Elizabeth Public Library Celebrates**  
The 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the State of New Jersey

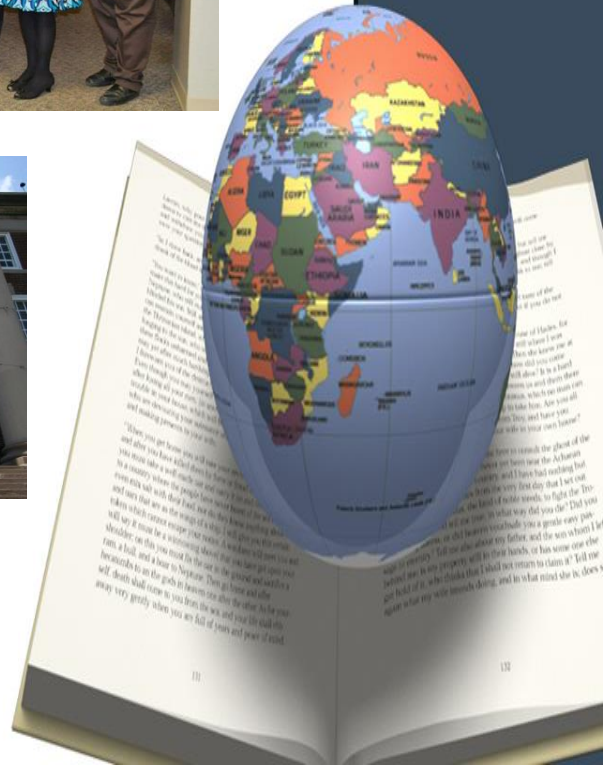
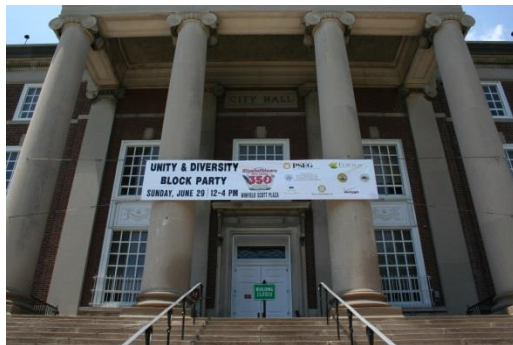
**Historic Elizabeth and Union County:**  
A Photographic Exhibit  
March 11–April 12, 2014  
Opening Ceremony, March 11  
10:00 a.m., Third Floor Gallery  
Main Library

The photos of 160<sup>th</sup> Yearlings have been gathered to honor the growing role of Elizabeth in the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the State of New Jersey with images of 35 of the historical sites in the region.

**New Jersey Rocks!**  
Photographer Walter Chmura's work offers a look at what life was like in New Jersey areas.  
Photographer Howard Green's photos and their families.

**Saturday, March 15, at 2:30 pm.**  
New Jersey Children's Chorus  
Kindly register by calling  
908.524.6200, x-1200

Visit [www.elizabethnj.com](http://www.elizabethnj.com) for more events.  
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# Department Happenings

# Branch Highlights

## New TV

AT LACORTE A new flat-screen television made our weekly movies more enjoyable.



AT ELMORA: Overflowing collections meant it was time for some serious weeding of low-circulation and less-popular materials, creating more space on the shelves for newer materials. This project continues into FY 2014-2015.



Weeding



**Spring Break**

AT LACORTE Spring Break activities the week of April 21 brought in nearly 70 children for a craft, three movies, and a book bingo

## "Women's History Through Time"

AT ELMORA Trish Chambers Productions helped us celebrate Women's History Month on March 17 with a performance of the First Ladies of the United States.



**Elizabeth Public Library**  
**February**

Trish Chambers Productions Presents:  
**First Ladies of the United States**  
 Elmora Branch Library  
 Monday, March 17, 7:00 pm

The program presents a collection of well-known facts from the lives of the first ladies of the United States. It also presents interesting and informative stories of their lives and the significant contributions they made to the nation's history.



# Branch Highlights



AT LACORTE AND EPORT STORY TIMES TOOK ON A NEW TWIST BEGINNING IN JANUARY OF 2014 AS A SATURDAY AFTERNOON STORY TIME WAS COUPLED WITH A BOOK BINGO.



## BOOK SALE AT ELMORA

Our first ever book sale ran from December 9 – January 11. Replete with paperbacks, hard covers, photographs, old records, and DVD's, the sale was a hit. \$146.00 was collected in the first eight hours alone. Volunteers, including Trustee Pearl Serratelli, Barbara Minuet, and Robert Einhorn, lent a hand in what we hope will be an annual event.



WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS



Story time and crafts at LaCorte

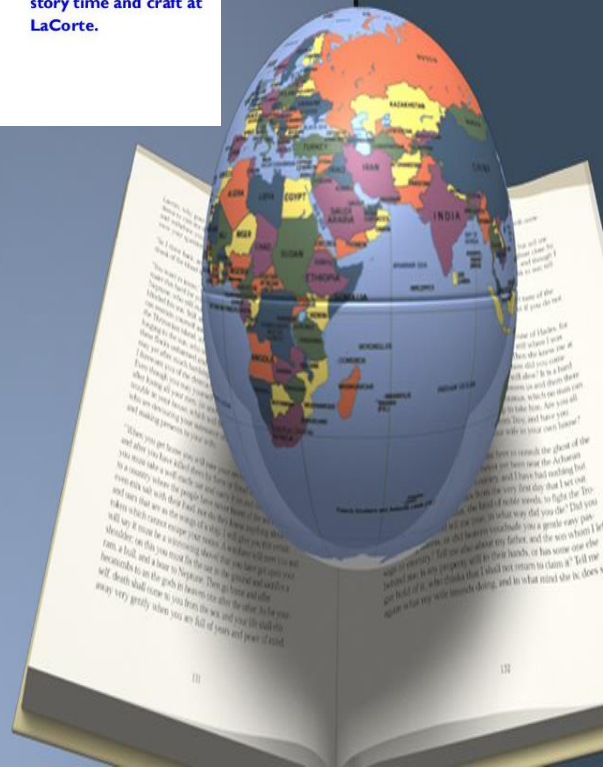


In October and November, Maria Lopez welcomed eighty-seven children from the third grade for a story time and craft at LaCorte.



## You Will Believe In Magic! Magician Mark Zacharia

Forty-two people enjoyed a summertime magic show by Mark Zacharia at the Elizabethport branch.



# Children's Highlights

Special programs over the school year included

- ❖ FOLA (Friends of Linden Animal Shelter) one Saturday afternoon
- ❖ A Hispanic Heritage craft workshop in October
- ❖ Our annual Children's Halloween Party
- ❖ The Annual Tea Party in January
- ❖ Storyteller Julie Pascal with her vivid African and African-American tales on February 15
- ❖ Walter Choroszewski's program "New Jersey Rocks!" on Saturday, March 15, as part of the 350th Anniversary celebrations of Elizabethtown and New Jersey

**September is Happy Cat Month!**



Do you have a cat or a dog?  
Do you have questions about how to take care of your pet?  
Would you like to adopt a cat or a dog?

Come join us on Saturday, September 28 at 2:30 p.m. in the Main Library!

Friends of Linden Animal Shelter will:

- Explain how to take care of your cat or dog
- Answer questions about pet care
- Introduce you to some cats and dogs that are available for adoption


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In addition to hosting 39 visits from school classes, the Children's Department participated in outreach to local schools at Back-to-School Nights, through visits to nearby nursery schools, and by a spring library card drive at Trinitas Pediatric! Monthly bilingual Lapsits proved consistently popular, as did story times for 2's and 3's, and the monthly children's Saturday matinees at Main. Christmas and Spring Breaks each saw a week's worth of activities, including Lego competitions, book bingo, craft workshops – and even an opportunity to get a pet worm, following a Worm Composting Workshop!

But probably the highlight of the year is the Annual Authors' Night, initiated and developed by Department Head Linda Gauld-Elichko. This event grows in popularity every year, with more authors asking to participate and more children and their parents attending.

**"-Si, Si Señora!"**  
A Bilingual Story Time to Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month



**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**  
Stories Told in English and Spanish  
Play a Game - Make a Hispanic Craft

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**It's National Hot Tea Month!**



**Will you have one lump or two?**

Join us at a Tea Party for Children of All Ages  
Saturday, January 18 at 2:30 p.m.

**Not just for the ladies...**  
Wear a fancy hat! White gloves are optional...  
We'll hear some stories, play a game, and make a craft.  
Black, green, and herbal teas will be served.

Don't miss the best Stop by the Children's Department at the Main Library or register by calling (908) 354-6060, X7209.

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# Children's Highlights

## Tell Me a Story!



Saturday, February 15 at 2:30 p.m.  
Fourth Floor Auditorium, Main Library

Do you know Anansi the spider? Do you remember how the camel got his hump? Families are invited to listen to Julie Pasqual tell African and African-American tales. You're sure to hear at least one or two of your favorites!

Registration is required for this event, so don't forget to register! Stop by the Children's Department at the Main Library or call (908) 354-6060, X7209.



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## Authors Night!



Thursday Night, November 14 - 6:30 p.m.  
Fourth Floor Auditorium, Main Library

Families are invited to meet Karen Bozzo, Patricia Brady-Danzig, Michelle Nelson, and Nancy Toomey, just four of the New Jersey authors of children's books who will be here for Authors Night. Each author will read a selection from one of their books and answer any questions you may have. Books will be available for sale following the program.



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**Dig Into READING**

**We're going on a Big Dig! Are you?**

Alexandra Yierro	Chanden Sandha	Demy Jimenez
Infiniti Booth	Mark Naguib	
Mariah Naguib	Nasir Green	Nicole Ruiz
Richard Jimenez	Sangram Sandha	
Seerath Pillay	Zamir Madrey	

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## Want a New Pet? How About a Worm?



Thursday, April 24 at 2:30 p.m.  
Fourth Floor Auditorium, Main Library

It's Earth Day Week! Mike of "Let's Bloom Together" will show you how to build your own worm composting bin - complete with a real, live, wiggly worm of your very own!

Registration is required for this event, so don't forget to register beginning Monday, March 31. Stop by the Children's Department at the Main Library or call (908) 354-6060, X7209.



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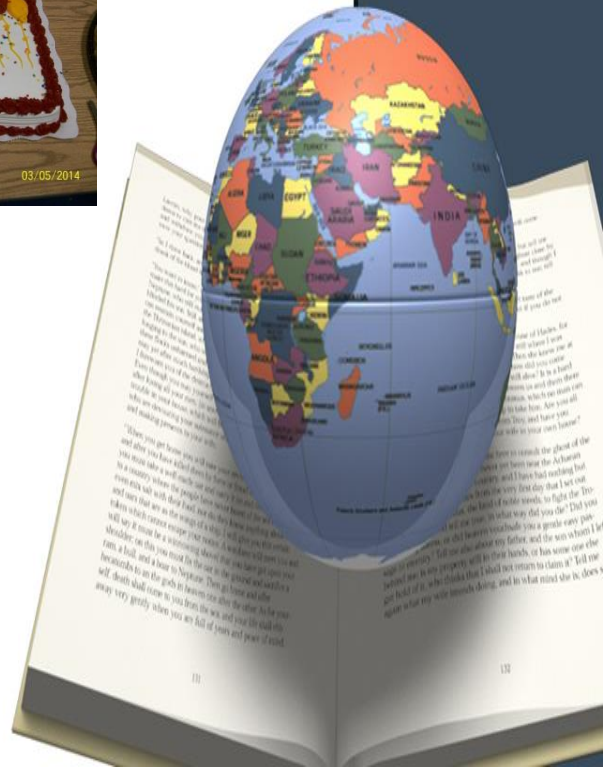
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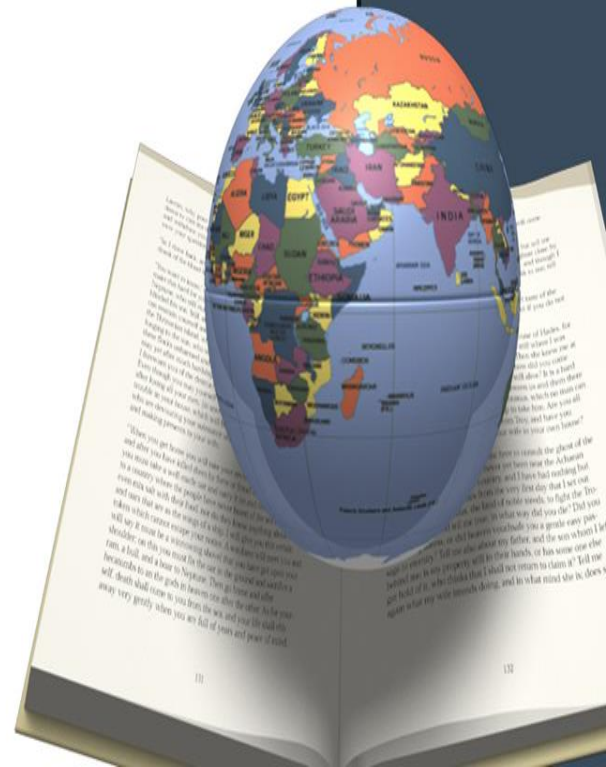
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# Children's Highlights



# Reference

**e-Resource Series**  
Learn to use some of the databases the library has to offer, free of charge, from home or from the library.

**SIGNUP REQUIRED. IN-PERSON OR**  
CALL (908)354-6060, X.7203

**Date**  
Fridays July 5, August 2, September 6  
Fridays, July 12, August 23, September 13  
Fridays, July 26, August 16, September 20  
Tuesdays, July 2, August 20, September 10  
Tuesdays, July 9, August 6, September 17

**Workshop Title**  
Transparent Language Online – Learn up to 80 languages online in real world contexts.  
Job & Career Accelerator – Learn how to find a job or boost your career.  
Learning Express – Learn how to access more than 800 online courses, tests, and e-books.  
Infobase Publishing (eBooks) – Find thousands of electronic books across a wide variety of subject areas.  
JerseyClicks – New Jersey's statewide portal for searching full-text databases.

**THE ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS**

**The Case for or Against Conspiracy in the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy**

**Saturday**  
**November 16, 2013**  
**at 2:00p.m.**

**Main Library Auditorium**  
**11 South Broad Street**  
**Elizabeth, NJ 07202**  
**(908) 354- 6060, ext. 7203**  
**www.elizpl.org**

Walt Brown, Ph.D. in history from the University of Notre Dame and a former special agent of the U.S. Justice Department, is a longtime researcher of the Warren Commission and the assassination of John F. Kennedy. He is also the editor of *JFK! Deep Politics* and the author of several books on the subject including: *The People V. Lee Harvey Oswald* (1992), *Treachery in Dallas* (1995), *Referenced Index Guide to the Warren Commission* (1995), *JFK Assassination Quizbook* (1995), *The Warren Omission* (1996), and *The JFK Chronology* (2008).

**The Elizabeth Public Library Presents**

**Fun & Games on New York City's MTA Website**

Have fun while learning about the New York Subway System. Learn how to read a subway map, find out where the 468 subway stations are and navigate the 209 miles of tracks that make up the seventh busiest subway system in the world.

**Saturday July 20, 2:30p.m.**  
**Main Library 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium**  
11 South Broad Street  
Elizabeth, NJ 07202  
(908) 354-6060, ext. 7203

The USCIS & The Elizabeth Public Library present

A Naturalization Information Session & Overview of Customer Service Tools presented in Spanish and English

Una Sesión Informativa sobre Naturalización y Presentación sobre Servicios al Cliente en Inglés y Español

**Thursday April 24, 2:00 - 4:00p.m.**  
**2nd Floor**  
**Elizabeth Public Library**  
11 South Broad Street  
Elizabeth, NJ 07202  
(908)354-6060, ext. 7223 for more information

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

The Elizabeth Public Library Presents

**BANNED BOOKS**

Friday July 26, 7:00p.m.  
Main Library, 4th Floor Auditorium  
11 South Broad Street  
Elizabeth, NJ 07202  
(908) 354-6060, ext. 7203

**Can I save money by purchasing electricity from a new company?**

A Residential Customer's Guide to Shopping for Third Party Energy Suppliers

**Thursday, November 21, 2013**  
**7:00 pm**

**Elizabeth Public Library Auditorium**  
**11 S. Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ**

Librarians of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities will present "A Residential Customer's Guide to Shopping for Third Party Energy Suppliers." Learn how deregulation of the electricity market has made it competitive, and how it will benefit consumers. How to research the companies and what criteria to use when making a decision on which energy supplier to use.

The free presentation is 20 minutes long. A Q&A session will follow. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information call  
Elizabeth Public Library  
908-354-6060 x-7154  
<http://www.elizpl.org>

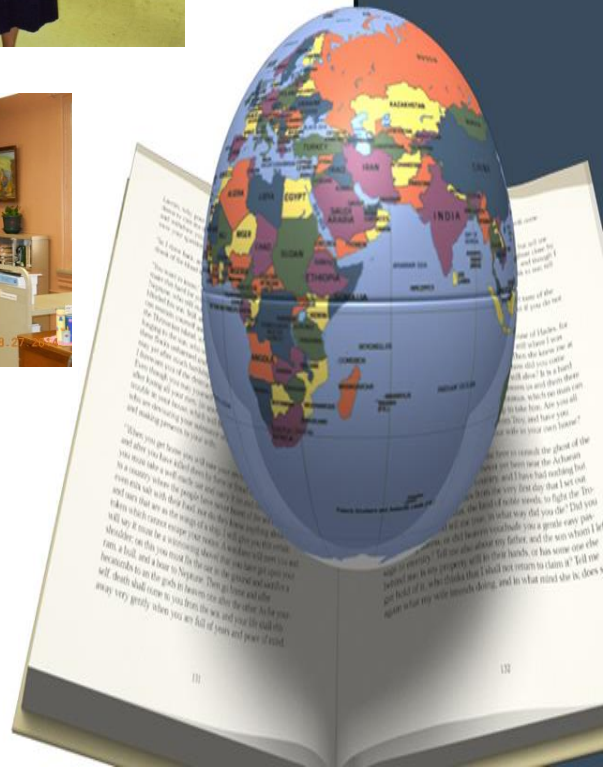
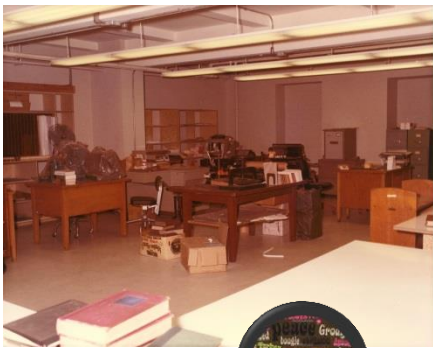


# Technical Services Highlights

The really “big” news from Technical Services during the past fiscal year was the renovation of the department. This is a part of the library that, of course, the public doesn't see.

And here are some stats covering the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014:

- ❖ Books added to collection: 12,758
- ❖ AV items added to collection: 876
- ❖ Books discarded: 22,061
- ❖ AV items discarded: 1,098



# Teens

## Internet Game Night

Friday, April 11th, 2014

6:30pm — 8:00pm

Computer Lab 3rd Floor

For kids 10 and up!

Bring some friends and join us for some internet game time!



To Register contact:  
Teen Department  
908-354-6060 x7237

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Elizabeth, N.J. 07202  
<http://www.eplclp.org>



Elizabeth  
Public Library  
Teen Summer  
Reading  
2013



July

August

From June 24<sup>th</sup> - August 2013, teens who sign up for the Teen Summer Reading Club may read any books they choose or books that focus on the theme of night or evening from a pre-selected list or from the shelves. To qualify for the following:

- 5 books read --- 1 free book
- 10 books read --- 3 free books
- 15 books read --- 5 free books

Teens who read 15 theme based books are eligible for a drawing for a \$25 Amazon.com gift card.

Teen Advisory Board  
and Reading Buddies  
6pm 10

Make a Dragon Paper  
Mâché Project 10-  
11:30am 11



Anime and Manga Expo  
10-11:30am 12

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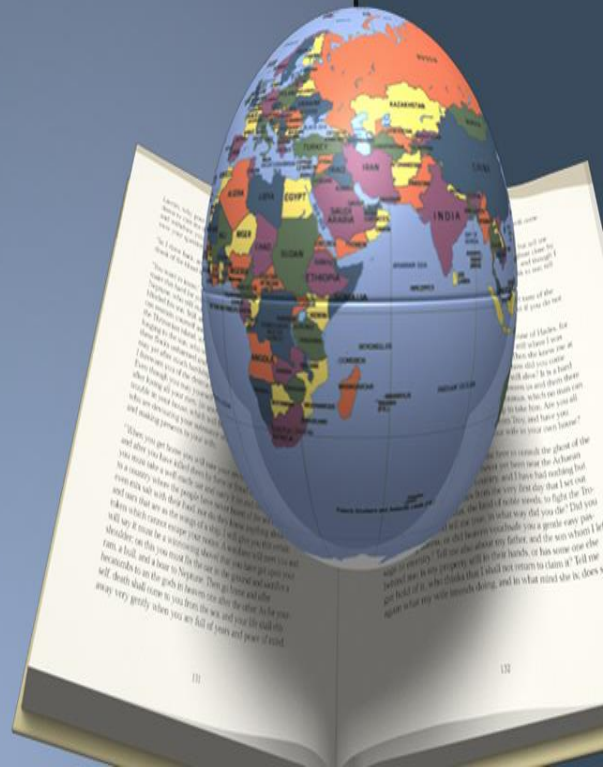
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Teen Advisory Board and  
Reading Buddies 6pm



All programs have limited seating. Registration is required for all programs 908-354-6060 x7235 or <http://nj.eplclp.org/olisp/sr/homepage.asp?ProgramID=5>

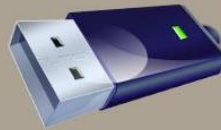


# Technology



## PRINTING

Printing at Main began moving from printers to copiers, a quicker and more economically practical procedure. Patrons can also save data by using copiers to scan information to a flash drive. Scanning from copiers is a money-free transaction.



## E-Rate

As part of our fiscal responsibility, we apply each year for E-Rate reimbursement for our telecommunications equipment, and for Internet and communications expenses.

<http://>

**USAC**  
Universal Service Administrative Company  
Schools and Libraries  
**E-Rate Funding Program**

**\$62,777.59**





# Statistics

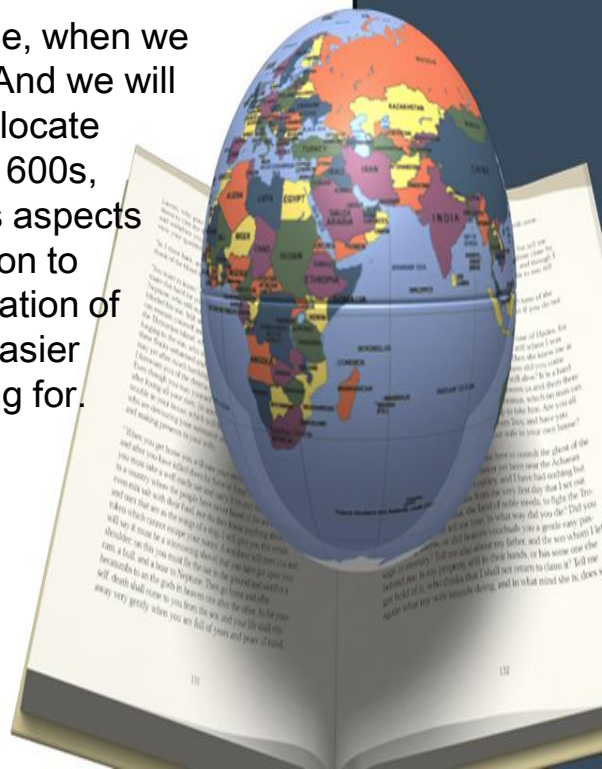
# Collections

In 2013 we began the lengthy process of weeding our collections. Books and information are like anything else: They must constantly be reviewed and kept up to date. Obsolete information can be misleading and dangerous. We began with the materials on the mezzanine, pulling items that had publication dates prior to 1994 and had not circulated in the last seven years. In this way we moved through the 000s to the 700s. More weeding, and then more shifting, remains to be done, but our reference staff is keen, and committed to this project. While it might be amusing to come across a 100-year-old book in our collection, if it has no historic value or intrinsic interest, it's just taking up shelf space.

Weeding was also done in our branches, with Elmora addressing the paperback collection and Elizabethport working on the Reference Collection.

But even as we weed, we buy. In FY 2013-2014, we spent \$135,000 on books, or approximately \$1.10 per resident. Look for us to improve those numbers in the coming year, while growing our circulation numbers.

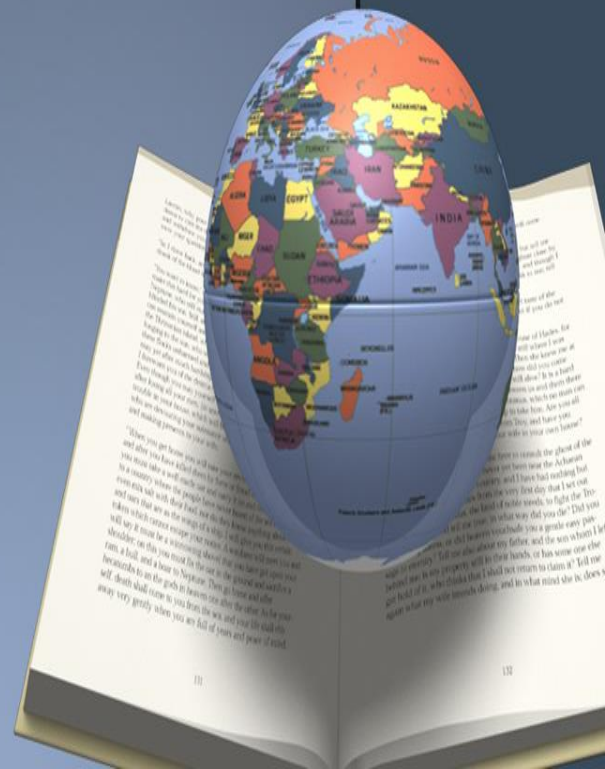
Our DVD collection was made more accessible, when we removed the display cases blocking access. And we will make further improvements as we shift and relocate certain disconnected sections, particularly the 600s, 800s and 900s. A new display area highlights aspects of our collection each month, from Urban Fiction to the Fab Four, aka The Beatles, and the installation of an OPAC terminal near the display makes it easier for visitors to find the materials they are looking for.





# By the Numbers

- ❖ Circulation – 111, 131
- ❖ ListenNJ – 2,782
- ❖ ELibraryNJ – 6,800
- ❖ Reference Transactions
  - ✓ Total Patrons – 14,928
    - 12,044 In Person
    - 2,873 By Telephone
    - 11 Emails
    - 13,326 Adults
    - 1,564 Teens
    - 38 Children



**REVENUE REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR 2013 - 2014**

As of June 2014

SOURCE	PROJECTED INCOME	CURRENT	YEAR-TO-DATE
<b>LIBRARY FUNDING</b>			
Municipal	3,927,452	327,287.66	3,600,164.26
State Aid	55,000		65,700.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,982,452</b>	<b>327,287.66</b>	<b>3,665,864.26</b>
<b>LIBRARY INCOME</b>			
Auditorium	0		-
Book Replacement Fee	0		-
Book Sale	1,000	76.50	1,927.25
Computer Printout	8,000	1,009.41	11,187.44
Fines & Fees	18,000	981.52	10,235.41
Interlibrary Loan	0		-
Lost Books	1,500	107.54	1,513.19
Library Card Replace Fee	1,000	137.00	1,508.00
Microfilm Reader Printer	200		263.80
Non-Resident Cards	70		-
Photocopy Machines	3,500	175.95	3,316.75
Polls	98		49.00
Sale of Used Equipment	0		-
Video Rentals	8,000	279.00	3,088.75
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>41,368</b>	<b>2,766.92</b>	<b>33,089.59</b>
<b>CONTRACTS</b>			
Restricted Contracts			-
Unrestricted Contract:			
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>INTEREST INCOME</b>			
Certificate of Deposit	0		-
Fines & Fees Account	3,500	189.48	1,134.97
Operating Account	2,000		-
Payroll Account	200		-
Unemployment Account	500		-
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>189.48</b>	<b>1,134.97</b>
<b>Budget Total</b>	<b>4,030,020</b>	<b>330,244.06</b>	<b>3,700,088.82</b>
<b>GIFTS</b>			
Restricted Gifts		240.00	462.00
Unrestricted Gifts			200.00
<b>GRANTS</b>			
Restricted Grants		1,725.00	46,736.59
Unrestricted Grants			-
<b>Gifts/Grants Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,965.00</b>	<b>47,398.59</b>

**FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014  
ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT**

As of Jul 17, 2014

Jun 14 - Jun 30

ADMINISTRATION	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROJECTED</u>	<u>LEFT</u>
Audits	13,000	12,400.00			600.00
Classified Ads	1,000	905.68			94.32
Insurance	122,100	122,030.39			69.61
E-Port Branch - Lease	14,100	14,004.00			96.00
E-Port Branch - Security	7,200	7,200.00			0.00
Last Books	1,000	224.89			775.11
Mileage	1,000	254.12			745.88
Office Supplies	23,000	29,931.02			(6,931.02)
Payroll Processing - ADP	16,500	16,969.60			(469.60)
Postage	2,000	1,222.40			777.60
Printing	-	0.00			0.00
Software	2,000	1,840.00			160.00
Telephone	14,500	13,655.55			844.45
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>217,400</b>	<b>220,637.65</b>	-	-	<b>(3,237.65)</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>					
Sirsi Network Fee	6,000	5,580.96			419.04
Equipment	4,500	9,271.35			(4,771.35)
Internet Service Provider	27,000	26,518.66			481.34
Internet Data Lines	60,500	60,034.47			465.53
Service Agreements	1,500	1,462.35			37.65
Software Maintenance	31,500	32,359.58			(859.58)
Supplies	2,800	2,059.83			740.17
System Support	2,300	2,229.72			70.28
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>136,100</b>	<b>137,287.20</b>	-	-	<b>(3,416.92)</b>
<b>BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE</b>					
Janitorial & Hardware Supplies	21,000	20,739.78			260.22
Library Vehicle	3,000	1,930.94			1,069.06
Life Hazard Registration	700	647.00			53.00
Repairs	63,000	61,312.37		7,300.00	(5,612.37)
Service Contracts:					
Cleaning Services	72,000	72,070.95			(70.95)
Elevators	10,300	9,765.65			534.35
Exterminator	2,500	2,595.00			(95.00)
Fire Alarm	1,100	1,050.00			50.00
Fire Extinguishers	1,020	1,011.10			8.90
Heating and A/C	41,400	41,120.25			279.75
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>216,020</b>	<b>212,243.04</b>	-	<b>7,300.00</b>	<b>(3,523.04)</b>
<b>FURNITURE AND MAINTENANCE</b>					
New Equipment	10,500	58,549.64			(48,049.64)
New Furniture	10,000	9,095.65			904.35
Service Contracts:					
ADT Security System	2,700	2,497.70			202.30
Material Security Systems	-	0.00			0.00
Office Equipment	2,000	1,593.55			406.45
Photocopy Machines	13,500	9,250.85			4,249.15
Reader Printer	1,000	175.00			825.00
Security	137,500	136,772.76			727.24
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>177,200</b>	<b>217,935.15</b>	-	-	<b>(40,735.15)</b>

**FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014  
ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT**

As of Jul 17, 2014

	<b>BUDGETED</b>	<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	Jun 14 - Jun 30		<b>LEFT</b>
			<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>PROJECTED</b>	
<b>LIBRARY MATERIALS</b>					
Audiovisual	20,000	16,183.88			3,816.12
Binding	500	0.00			500.00
Books	192,800	161,287.33			31,512.67
Computer Services:					
On-Line Databases	15,700	15,691.40			8.60
Palinet ILL Fees	-	0.00			0.00
Periodicals	35,000	24,732.95			10,267.05
Processing Supplies	5,000	4,460.72			539.28
Puppets, Puzzles & Toys	1,500	1,438.92			61.08
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>270,500</b>	<b>223,795.20</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,704.80</b>
<b>PERSONNEL</b>					
Dental Insurance	30,000	29,897.73			102.27
Gross Salaries	1,661,120	1,645,165.44			15,954.56
Health Benefits	599,000	598,904.89			95.11
Vision Care	2,300	2,104.91			195.09
Pension (Employer)	303,000	302,998.00			2.00
Prescriptions	105,000	110,012.59			(5,012.59)
Social Security (Employer)	98,430	98,008.49			421.51
Medicare (Employer)	23,000	22,921.33			78.67
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,821,850</b>	<b>2,810,013.38</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,836.62</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES</b>					
Meetings	2,000	74.59			1,925.41
Memberships	3,450	3,963.00			(513.00)
Training	5,000	4,075.50			924.50
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10,450</b>	<b>8,113.09</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,336.91</b>
<b>PROGRAMMING</b>					
Programs	5,000	3,150.20			1,849.80
Programs Supplies	4,000	2,453.07			1,546.93
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>5,603.27</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,396.73</b>
<b>UTILITIES</b>					
Electric	142,000	145,392.84			(3,392.84)
Gas	30,000	28,836.73			1,163.27
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>172,000</b>	<b>174,229.57</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,229.57)</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,030,520</b>	<b>4,009,857.55</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,300.00</b>	<b>11,132.73</b>