

THE VPL GAZETTE

FAN FAVORITE RETURNS

by Hannah Garrahan

FanCon Strikes Back! The Vineland Public Library will be hosting its next FanCon on October 2nd.

FanCon is a day dedicated to everything fandom, from Marvel to Anime.

Vineland Public Library's FanCon offers a great variety of local artists, vendors, and entertainment for the community without all the expenses and travel time of larger conventions. People can spend the day enjoying their favorite fandoms and making great memories for free, and that's what makes our FanCon so special" said Caroline Fricke, Library Associate.

Attendees will have the chance to cosplay as their favorite characters and enjoy a variety of entertainment options, such as face painting, a photo booth, a wand making craft table, a lightsaber making demo, and much more. There will also be several food trucks to choose from.



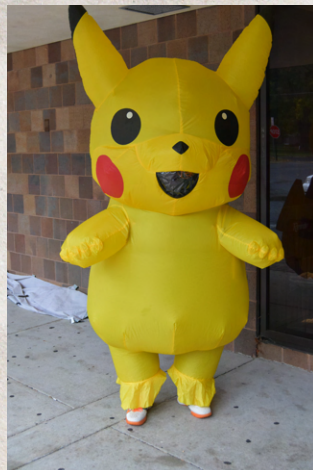
2022 FanCon Logo by Lexi Rodrigez

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The Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man from Ghostbusters and Pikachu from Pokemon made an appearance at FanCon 2019.

FANDOMS ASSEMBLE!



Staff Photos

An impressive display case full of items from many different fandoms at FanCon 2019.

From the Desk of:

Dr. Luis F. Amberths Jr.



Original Artwork by Lexi Rodriguez

I want to start my contribution to the inaugural edition of the VPL Gazette by expressing how amazing our library staff is. The VPL is strong! I firmly believe that we are the jewel of the City of Vineland. While that is a very strong statement, we work towards meeting and exceeding that bold claim with our efforts every day.

Here is a little about me, I was born in Paterson, NJ several decades ago.

My family moved to Vineland while I was in elementary school. I was raised in Vineland and while I was not born here, I identify as a Vinelander to my core. I have had several opportunities to live elsewhere and Vineland has always drawn me back. I love the fact that my kids are Vineland born and bred.

My involvement with our library began when I was in middle school. It was the only place my parents allowed me to walk to. This was, is, and will continue to be a safe and welcoming space. I am proud to have been entrusted with leading our library into the future.

With that statement in mind, this newspaper will be published to inform our community of all the services and programs that we have and will have beyond the lending of books. We are the hub of this community and we strive to use all of our partnerships with other institutions of our community to connect them to every segment of our community.

If you are reading this, please share it with your family, friends, and neighbors. Our library has something for everyone. If you would like to suggest that we add something (any media type or program), please reach out to us and we will do our best to accommodate. We hope to see you here at the Vineland Public Library real soon, Where Knowledge Grows!

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Fan Favorite Continued

Janice Girone, Library Assistant, will be in charge of a Mad Hatter Craft during FanCon. "Attendees can expect to really let their creativity flow as they get to make their very own Mad Hatter Hats! In the craft they can tap into their wacky, wonderland selves and create a hat that is 110% representing who they are. It is a fun program, although it may require some patience when putting on some decorations" said Girone.

While Alice in Wonderland is not often the first thing that jumps to mind when it comes to fandoms, Girone deeply believes it is one. "I would whole heartedly consider Alice in Wonderland a fandom. Alice even has her very own rides and appearances at Disney, so how could it not be? I believe anything, and I mean anything, could be a fandom. As long as it has a solid group of supporters that are obsessed, I would consider it a fandom."

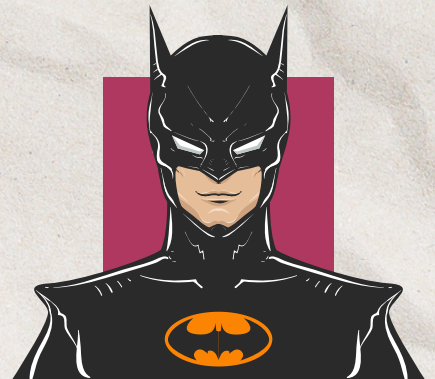
The fandom life is not always easy, with clashing ideas and opinions. However, the common ground shared does form a bond. "I think by nature people like to come together, communicate and have a good time. Fandoms give people a unique reason for coming together and allow them to make new friends and spend time celebrating something they love!" said Kelly Reeves, Library Associate.

FanCon will be held on Sunday, October 2nd from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m at the Vineland Public Library.
For more information, please visit [facebook.com / VPLFanCon](https://facebook.com/VPLFanCon)

Who is the best Batman?

The Vineland Public Library Staff is currently debating who the best Batman is.
To vote for your favorite Batman email us or vote online!

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| 1. Michael Keaton | 5. Christian Bale |
| 2. Adam West | 6. Ben Affleck |
| 3. Val Kilmer | 7. Robert Pattinson |
| 4. George Clooney | |



8. Trick Question: Michael Keaton IS Batman

Vote at <https://forms.gle/SUivUYr8EbRLvjCh6>
or email your answers to vplgazette@vinelandpubliclibrary.org

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With heartfelt appreciation, the Vineland Public Library would like to thank their Board of Trustees for all they do for the library.

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VPL Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule

The public is encouraged to attend our Board of Trustees Meetings!

Thursday, September 22nd, 2022 at 5:30pm

Thursday, October 27th, 2022 at 5:30pm



Congrats to East Vineland Little League



East Vineland Little League 15/16 All-Stars Team. Photo from East Vineland Little League Facebook Page

The Vineland Public Library would like to send a heartfelt congratulations to East Vineland Little League 15 / 16 All-Star Team on their Little League World Series Run. The entire city is so proud of the hard work and dedication you showed throughout your season!



Unsure of what you want to watch? Have no fear! The Vineland Public Library is offering BAM (Book and Movie) boxes, along with binge boxes. Each box is based around a theme. For more information, please stop by the circulation desk!



False Alarm Leads to Unexpected Fun



Photos taken by Hannah Garrahan



On July 26th 2022, the Vineland Public Library experienced a false alarm with our fire alarms. The Vineland Fire Department arrived to ensure the library was all clear. After the all clear, some of Vineland's bravest handed out fireperson hats to the children who had to evacuate from the library and gave them a tour of the fire truck!

A Trip to the Library and A Tour



Lacey Medio and her children, Thomas, 3, and Lydia, 1, were all smiles on August 29th, 2022 when they bumped into some of Vineland's Finest at the Vineland Public Library. Officers Don Felice and Bill Burris treated Thomas and Lydia to a tour of their patrol car, which included hearing the sirens and a view from the front seat.

Cozy Up With A Mystery

by Hannah Garrahan



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. When people hear the term mystery novel, often times they think of books filled with intense depictions of violence and gore. However, there is a type of mystery novel that gives you the rush of solving a crime, without all the gory detail that will leave you up at night: the Cozy Mystery.

"I like them because they're entertaining and not too deep in blood / guts / gore / morbid. They're more about the person solving the mystery" said Melinda Devonshire of The Vineland Public Library and one of the leaders of the Cozy Mystery Book Club.

What defines a cozy mystery? More often than not, the crime occurs off page, without intense details of violence. Also, the protagonist tends to be "...female and not in law enforcement so there are many funny moments and always a love interest between her and usually a cop but sometimes other professions but most in law enforcement. Her family, friends, coworkers always try to talk her out of doing stupid things but it never works" continued Devonshire.

The cozy mystery book club is a place where attendees can be free to express their opinions and have fun. "People can expect a lot of laughs in our book club. Everyone has different opinions on the book. It's interesting to me that something I would never pick out of the book someone else focuses on. It could be the person's hair color or shoes. The one I'm reading now always wears heels. I keep saying you can't run in those" laughed Devonshire.

The Cozy Mystery Book Club takes place at the Vineland Public Library every other month. The next two meetings will be:

- No 1. Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith on Monday, October 17th, 2022
- A Holiday Yarn by Sally Goldenbaum on December 12th, 2022

Library Events:

September:

- Storytime for ages 3-5 years old. September 7th, 14th, and 21st.
- Baby Toddler Storytime. September 8th, 15th, and 22nd.
- Teen Programs 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Every Wednesday.
- Fun with Fondant. September 12th, 5 p.m to 7pm.
- Coloring Cafe. September 13th, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Writers Society. September 15th, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Afternoon Book Club. September 28th. 2 p.m.
- Veteran's Information Sessions. September 8th and 13th. (Please call for times)
- Board of Trustees Meeting. September 22nd. 5:30 p.m.

October:

- Chapter One Book Club. October 4th 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Adult Evening Book Club. October 13th. 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Teen Programs Every Wednesday 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Coloring Cafe 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Services for Veterans. October 11th, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Cozy Mystery Book Club. October 17th, 5:30 p.m.
- Fall crafts for Adults. October 18th. 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Writers Society. October 20th.
- Fun With Fondant . October 24th. 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Adult Book Club. October 26th. 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Board of Trustees Meeting. October 27th.
- Food Safety Classes.
October 3rd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 13th, 14th.

From October 7th to 28th, in the Tripp Room will be an Art Exhibit for Rosa Maria. Opening reception will be October 7th, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Rosa Maria



Play Ball!



Vineland High Football Schedule:

Friday September 2nd –
Bridgeton High School 6 p.m.
AWAY

Friday September 9th –
Clearview High School 7 p.m.
AWAY

Friday September 16th –
Kingsway High School 6 p.m.
HOME

Friday September 30th –
Washington Twp. High School 7 p.m.
AWAY

Friday October 7th –
Holy Spirit High School 6 p.m.
HOME

Friday October 14th –
Egg Harbor Twp. High School 6 p.m.
AWAY

Saturday October 22nd –
Pennsauken High School 1 p.m.
HOME

Thursday November 24th –
Millville High School 10:30 a.m.
HOME



Feel the Beat!

Vineland High School Band

Competitions:

Saturday, September 24th
Clearview Competition
Clearview Regional High School

Saturday October 8th
Millville Competition
Millville Memorial High School

Saturday October 15th
Clayton Competition
Clayton Stadium

Saturday October 29th
Abington Competition
Abington Senior High School

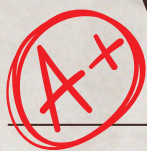
Saturday November 5th
Washington Twp. Competition
Washington Township High School



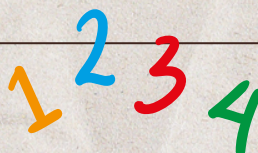
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September

Vineland Public Schools Schedule



<u>September 1st:</u> Dallago Preschool East / West Back to School Night 6:00 p.m. First Day for Teachers	<u>September 2nd</u> District Staff Workshop	<u>September 5th</u> School Closed (Labor Day)
<u>September 6th</u> First Day for Students 	<u>September 7th</u> Board of Education Meeting 5 p.m.	<u>September 8th</u> VHS Back to School Night 6 p.m.
<u>September 12th</u> Pilla Middle School Back to School Night 6 p.m.	<u>September 13th</u> Rossi Elementary Back to School Night 6 p.m.	<u>September 14th</u> Barse Elementary Back to School Night 6 p.m.
<u>September 15th</u> D'Ippolito Elementary Back to School Night 6 p.m.	<u>September 19th</u> Durand Elementary Back to School Night 6:00 PM	<u>September 20th</u> Winslow Elementary Back to School Night Time 6:00 PM
<u>September 21st</u> Mennies Elementary Back to School Night 6:00 PM	<u>September 22nd</u> Petway Elementary Back to School Night 6:30 PM	<u>September 26th</u> Johnstone Back to School Night 6:00 PM
<u>September 27th</u> Memorial Middle School Back to School 6:00 PM	<u>September 28th</u> Wallace Middle School Back to School Night 6:00 PM	<u>September 29th</u> Sabater Elementary Back to School Night 6:00 PM



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The Vineland Public Library: A History

by Pat Martinelli

Many people are not aware of the fact that prior to the construction of its first public library, Vineland was home to a library association that had "reading rooms" on Landis Avenue. By the late 19th century, Vineland's population had expanded so rapidly that local officials, prompted by the Vineland Woman's Club, decided it was time to form a free public library for the community.

In 1901, a board of trustees was organized to oversee the operations of the proposed library. Its members included Reverend R.B. Moore, Matilda T. Landis, Howard I. Branson, Dr. Mary J. Dunlap and William Chambers. The mayor of Vineland and the president of the Board of Education served as ex-officio members. Incorporated the following year, the new board soon became responsible for approximately 2,500 books and periodicals as well as the furniture and office equipment previously used by the association.

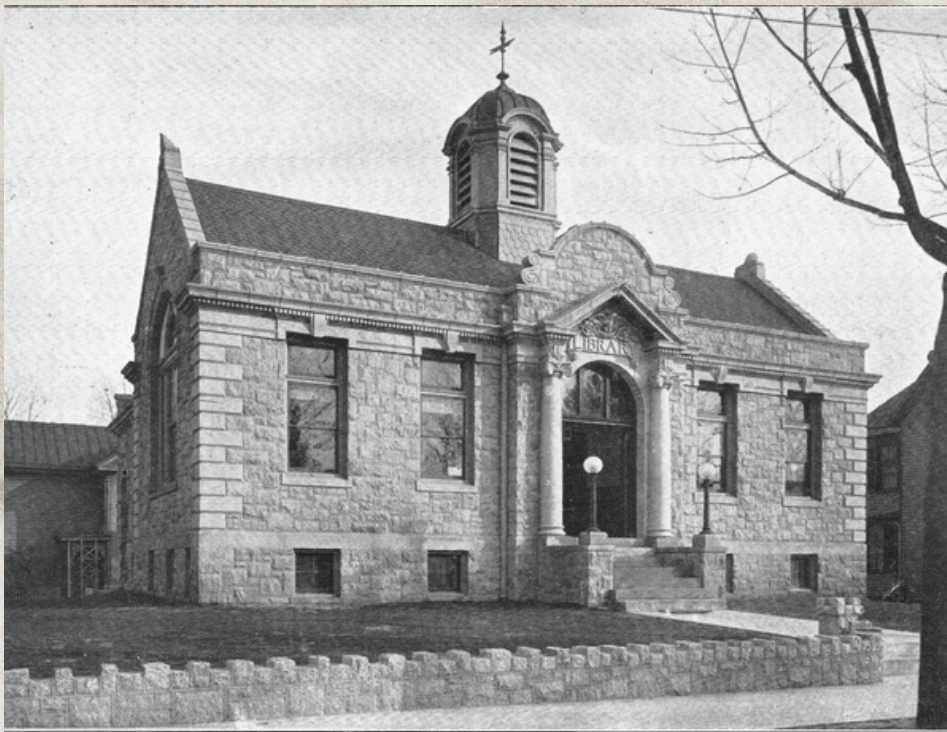


Photo courtesy of the Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society.

The new library moved into an upper room of City Hall and the community was quick to respond when it opened its doors. Before long, the collections were in great demand. According to the census, about 1,394 residents—roughly one-third of the population of Vineland and the surrounding Landis Township—were registered as library members.

The demand was so great that the board soon realized the need for a larger, more permanent home. The timing to create a free public library could not have been more perfect.

Photo courtesy of the Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society.

The Vineland Public Library: A History

Out in Pittsburgh, millionaire philanthropist Andrew Carnegie had recently formulated a plan to create libraries for communities across America and different countries around the world. By 1899, he had increased funding so that even more towns would benefit. As a result, about 1,700 libraries—commonly referred to as “Carnegie libraries”—sprang up throughout the United States.

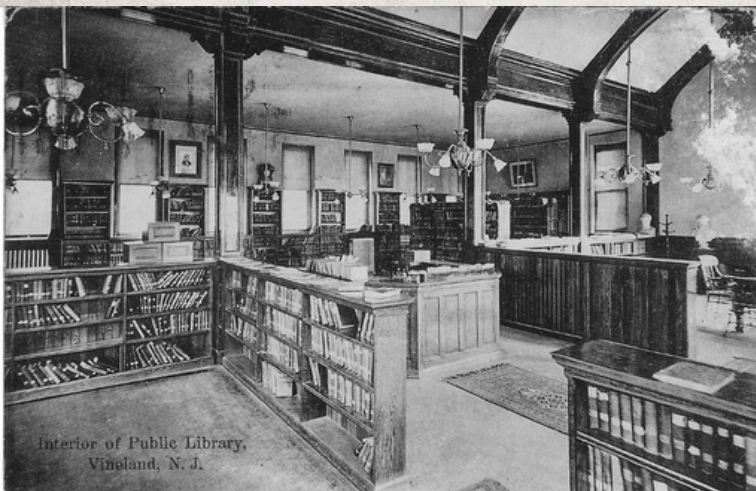
In 1903, the library board appointed a committee to contact Carnegie, who promised to donate \$12,000 for its construction and an additional \$1,200 a year for its maintenance. A dedication ceremony was held for Vineland's on September 19, 1905.

Situated on the south-east corner of Sixth and Elmer Streets, the gray stone library soon welcomed readers, who avidly browsed its diverse collections. A small separate section of the main room was set up for younger readers, while large wooden tables welcomed older researchers who wanted to peruse the holdings.

The library served the public from that location for more than fifty years. However, when it eventually outgrew its surroundings, a campaign was waged to build a new library that could better serve the demands of the public. As a result, a new library (still known by that name to many patrons) was dedicated at 1058 E. Landis Avenue on August 8, 1976. The property on which it had been constructed had been donated by Dr. Charles C. and Lorraine Durand Cunningham, who previously had resided there for many years.



Photo courtesy of the Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society.



Today, the library remains an integral part of the community. At a time when rising prices are taking their toll on the average household, every reader from the youngest to the oldest, can find something of interest there. In addition to borrowing books, magazines, and videos, patrons can attend special events, programs and classes that are often offered either free of charge or for a nominal cost.

No doubt, Andrew Carnegie would be proud.

Photo courtesy of the Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society.

A Little Humor



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What book did the librarian
take out for her cat?

The Prince and the Paw-purr.

Random Acts of Kindness Challenge

Sometimes the world can feel dark and heavy, but some small, random acts of kindness can help ease those feelings for both the giver and receiver. The Vineland Public Library offers some ideas on how to spread kindness.

1. Buy Lemonade from a Child's Lemonade Stand
2. Smile at Someone Who Looks Sad
3. Drop some dessert off at your local fire station
4. Visit a Nursing Home
5. Rake someone's yard for free.

BONUS: Help those in need by donating to Code Blue. Some items that are always needed are: new socks, hats, grooming kits, toothpaste, band-aids, tissues, soap, and wash clothes. For a complete list of items, please stop in and take a look at our Code Blue donation box which has a complete lists of items needed. Collection ends October 9th.



Photo taken by Hannah Garrahan

Farm Fresh

Support Farmers, Shop Local



Throughout the fall, New Jersey's farmlands offer an array of delicious in season fruits and vegetables that help brighten the shorter days and fill our kitchen with delicious scents.

- Beets
- Cabbages
- Cantaloupes
- Watermelons
- Winter Squash
- Broccoli
- Brussel Sprouts
- Peppers
- Potatoes
- Pumpkins
- Rutabagas
- Shelling Beans
- Cauliflowers
- Celery
- Chard
- Cucumbers
- Escarole
- Eggplant
- Kale
- Leeks



Melinda's Simple Escarole Soup

Ingredients:



- Chicken Stock or Broth
- Escarole (thoroughly clean several times)
- Meatballs or Rotisserie Chicken (use your favorite recipe for the meatballs!)
- Pasta
- Garlic
- Parmesan Cheese (optional)

If using meatballs, cook separately prior to adding to soup. If using garlic and / or onion, sauté in soup pot. Next add chicken stock or broth and bring to a boil. Then, add pasta and cook until almost finished, add escarole and cook until wilted. Add meatballs or chicken.

- If using carrots, immediately place carrots into stock or broth and allow to cook before adding pasta.

Amounts can be adjusted to amount of people being served.

In Memoriam

The literary world lost two prolific and beloved authors over the summer with the passing of David McCullough and Stuart Woods.

David McCullough 1933-2022

David McCullough passed away on August 7th, 2022 at the age of 89. McCullough wrote numerous non-fiction history books on topics ranging from the horrific Johnstown Flood in 1889 to the Wright Brothers. McCullough twice won the Pulitzer Prize and the National Books Award. Also, he was the recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



Photo from Simon and Schuster

Stuart Woods 1938-2022

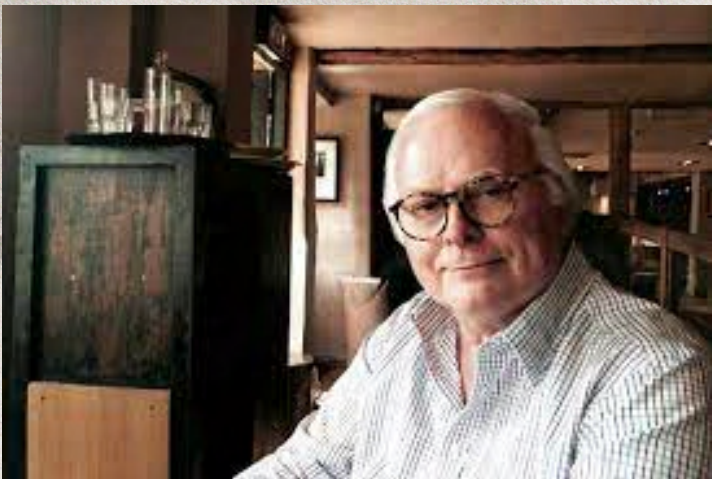


Photo from NY Times

Stuart Woods passed away on July 22nd, 2022 at the age of 84. Woods, perhaps best known for his Stone Barrington mystery series, often made the bestseller list. Woods won and received several awards throughout his decades long career.

School Bus Safety: Stop means STOP

We have all seen the horrific videos, a child gets off of a school bus and a car suddenly speeds past, narrowly missing the child. Sadly, sometimes the car does not miss and a gut-wrenching tragedy occurs.

However, tragedies such as these are completely preventable. With some safety tips for BOTH students and drivers, no family will ever have to know the pain of a tragic bus stop.



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At the Bus Stop:

- Arrive at least 5 minutes before the scheduled bus arrival
- Stand at least 6 feet away from the roadway while waiting for the bus.
- ALWAYS keep an eye on young children

Around the Bus:

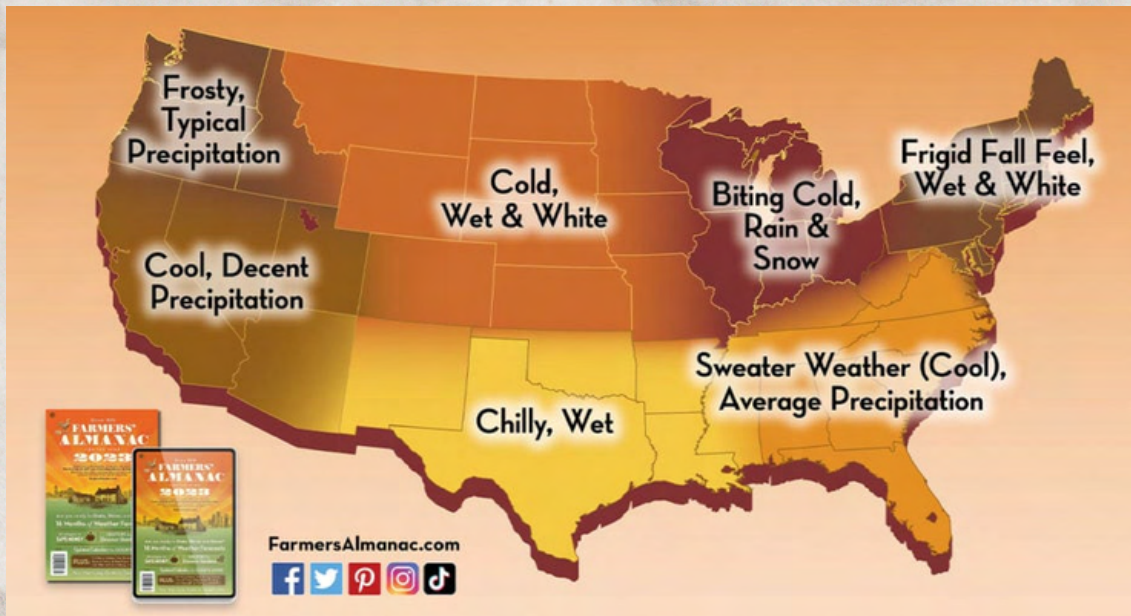
- ALWAYS cross in front of the bus by at least 10 feet . Make sure the bus driver has seen you before crossing.
- NEVER walk behind the bus
- If an item has been dropped, do not pick it up! Continue crossing and inform the bus driver.

For Drivers:

- ALWAYS pay attention to your surroundings.
- Do not take your eyes away from the road.
- If a bus is stopped with lights flashing and stop sign out, STOP.

School Bus Safety Tips from The National Safety Council. For more information, please visit <https://www.nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/school-safety/buses-safest-transportation-for-school-children?>

Will Fall be Foul or Fair?



Graphic from Farmers Almanac

Farmers Almanac is predicting a colder than average Fall for most of the country with some regions experiencing precipitation of all kinds. For more information, please visit www.farmersalmanac.com

Energy Saving Tips



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With the colder months swiftly approaching, many people will be wondering how they can stay comfortably warm without hurting their budget. Energy.Gov, provides helpful tips on how to keep your home warm and your budget intact.

- Open your curtains that face south during the day and let the sun in to provide natural warmth.
- Cover drafty windows to prevent valuable warmth from escaping.
- Lower your thermostat to as low as you can stand during the day.
- Lower thermostat at night.
- Have regular maintenance performed on your heating systems.
- Lower your hot water heater temperature.
- Use energy efficient lights during the holidays.

For more information, please visit <https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/fall-and-winter-energy-saving-tips>



The Heater Man

Hi all! It's me, the Heater Man, with a few Fall tips for you.

As much as you may want to keep it from coming, winter will be here before you know it! Now is the time to prepare!

1. Call your HVAC professional to inspect and service your heating system. One of the worst things to happen during a cold winter's night is to have no heat. Emergency calls will cost you more, so you don't want to put this off too long.

2. Having a digital thermostat can be cost efficient if used correctly. Program it to lower the temperature at certain times of the day. For example, while you are at work or at night. It doesn't have to be a super fancy or complicated thermostat. Ask your HVAC service tech for more information.

3. If you own a fireplace make sure it's ready for the season. It will come in handy to not only help heat your house, but lower the cost of your heating bill. Make sure you get a qualified professional to inspect and clean your fireplace.

4. You may also want to check the weather-stripping on your doors this fall. It's the best time to replace the old inefficient ones. It will cut down on the cold drafts that will definitely be here this winter. Check all your windows as well, they may need to be caulked or have their own type of weather stripping replaced. If you feel a draft by your electrical outlets, they have socket sealers that can help with that. You can get them from any home improvement store.

You will be surprised by how these little things will save you in the long run. I'll have more tips for you in the next edition so keep a look out for me!

VPL Spotlight: Rair Causes

The Vineland Public Library believes in the power of spreading kindness and helping those less fortunate. In light of that, the VPL would like to put a spotlight on a non-profit called Rair Causes. Rair Cause's mission is to help children enjoy life experiences they otherwise may not have had. Jose Muniz explains below the inspiration behind Rair Causes and its impact.



Our mission at Rair Causes is to eliminate the financial and transportation barriers preventing the under-represented youth from participating in artistic, athletic, educational, and other activities that lead to a healthy lifestyle.

One of four children, raised by a single mother, planned thought-provoking experiences were far in between during my adolescence. Like many families growing up in the inner city, most of my life took place within a few block radius. We didn't experience the bright lights of Broadway, receive any lessons regarding emotional intelligence, nor were we exposed to wisdom concerning the true value of a dollar.

And as an adult I quickly realized the ups, the downs, and every experience in between shape us into who we are. Our team of decorated board members and volunteers, are motivated to introduce our youth to out-of-the-classroom experiences that advance their thoughts on what it means to live a healthy lifestyle.

Nonprofits play a fundamental role in creating more equitable and thriving communities. Nonprofits are important because they strengthen the fabric of our community. Like all of the other youth nonprofits in Vineland, Rair Causes is important because it assists in making our city a great place to raise a family.

- Jose Muniz

For more information about Rair Causes and their upcoming events, please email jmuniz@raircauses.org



Kids Corner

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Halloween



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Fun for the Mind

types of books



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