

THE VPL GAZETTE

HOLIDAY EDITION

Friends of the Vineland Public Library Booksale

The highly requested, and always looked forward to, Friends of the Vineland Public Library book sale begins on Saturday, November 5th. The book sale will then run through the rest of the month, ending on Wednesday, November 30th.

All proceeds from the book sale, and all other money raised by or donated to the Friends of the Library, goes directly towards helping to support the Vineland Public Library's needs. Throughout the years, the Friends of the Vineland Public Library have generously provided funding for programs, services, and various items for the Library.

Friends of the Library groups can be found all over the country in just about any library. As a volunteer organization, a Friends Group dedicates their time and energy in finding ways to support and advocate for the best interests of their Library. Through their diligent efforts, they secure donations and funds for their Library when it might not be otherwise possible for a library to do so.



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From the Desk of:

Dr. Luis F. Amberths Jr.



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Greetings everyone. I want to begin this edition's contribution by wishing everyone Happy Holidays. This time of year is especially wonderful, but I believe it is a prime opportunity to help those who are in need. Please take some time to give to a worthy cause. We thank each one of you for every contribution, big or small. It takes a village.

Since the first edition, we have been very busy planning and holding various events and programs. From our Story Time for Toddlers to the Senior Classes facilitated by Casa Prac, there is something for every citizen of our City. I am going on record to say that the best is yet to come. From the exciting new programming to upcoming renovations on the horizon that have begun, to the amazing additions to our collection, next year promises to be very bright!

The staff began the planning process for this newspaper with the goal of promoting our amazing library, but it was already becoming so much more. We want to be an access point to the greatness of the City of Vineland. We are very thankful and appreciative of how well the VPL Gazette has been received. We thank everyone for their suggestions and positive feedback.

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

Thursday, November 17th, 2022 at 5:30pm

Wednesday, December 14th, 2022 at 5:30pm



Salute to Veterans



With heartfelt thanks and the deepest gratitude, The Vineland Public Library salutes and honors all Veterans.

American Revolution (1775 - 1783)

War of 1812 (1812-1815)

Mexican War (1846-1848)

American Civil War (1861-1865)

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World War I (1917-1918)

World War II (1941-1945)

Korean War (1950-1953)

Vietnam War (1964-1975)

Desert Shield / Desert Storm (1990-1991)

Global War on Terror (2001-Current)



The Vineland Public Library will host a Veterans Recognition Ceremony on Saturday, November 12th at 12 p.m.

Vineland Veterans Day Ceremony
Friday, November 11th, 2022 at 11 a.m.
at Landis Park



Author Spotlight: Rafael A. Marti



Rafael A. Marti is a Veteran of the United States Army, where he was the Administrative and Assistant Agency Security Manager for an entire Separate Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) of over 4,000 personnel. After being Honorably Discharged, he was an Operations Coordinator for International SOS, Inc. and became the CEO of Casa PRAC, Inc., a non-profit social services organization in Cumberland County, NJ. He is a Lifetime Member of The US Veterans of Foreign Wars and resides in New Jersey. The Vineland Public Library is pleased to welcome Mr. Marti on November 12th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. where he will be signing his book "Phonix Reborn."

Acts of Kindness: Holiday Edition



by Melinda Devonshire



At this time of year, it is fairly easy to find acts of kindness. There are several organizations and charities that make it easy for us to donate to while we go about our daily activities. While these are absolutely worthy causes, there are many other organizations and charities you can donate to as well to spread small acts of kindness.

The best Christmas gift I ever gave my daughter was when I adopted a honeybee in her name. She did not want anything for Christmas and did not want us to waste our money on things she probably would not want or need. I decided I still wanted to give her something though. After researching a few ideas, I found a site about adopting a honeybee. I read everything I could about it and decided to go for it. She was thrilled to get the adoption certificate and a small bee pendant necklace. There are several options to give a gift of kindness through donations like this for all types of various causes. It does take a little leg work to make sure it is a reputable organization, but it is so worth it.



Donating to a local organization in someone's name is always a good gift idea too. You can put the receipt in a box with something that signifies the organization. For instance, if it's a library, you can place the receipt in a book.

If donating is not something you wish to do, there are a few other ways to spread little acts of kindness this holiday season. I know many people do not like to give gift cards, but you can always throw in some lotion, bath products, candy or treats that the person likes along with the gift card and put it all in a box, so they have something to unwrap.

However, you do not need money to make someone's day. You can give someone special handmade coupons for your services such as cutting grass, raking lawns, watching kids, walking dogs, washing cars, ect. You can choose anything that would make that person's life easier, spreading kindness one small act at a time.



Angel Tree at the Library



Please stop in after Nov. 25th to grab an angel off the tree! Buy a gift for the child on your angel and bring it back unwrapped with the angel taped on it before December 19th. They will be distributed to local organizations. Give the gift of caring this year!



Preparing Your Fur Friends for Winter

Our Fur Friends become like family to us and we always want what is best for them. Which is why it is important to prepare them for winter in the same way that we prepare for it.

- Heating systems can make the air in a home extremely dry. perhaps consider using a humidifier to keep moisture in the air to prevent dry, flaky skin on your pet.
- Try to maintain a longer coat on your pet to ensure they have as much natural protection for the cold as possible.
- Try to avoid frequent bathing in order to protect the natural oils in your pets coat that help prevent dry, flaky skin.
- Pets use more energy during the winter months to try and keep warm. Increasing the amount of food you feed your pet can help replace the calories they are burning trying to stay warm.
- Always dry your pet when they come inside and check their paws for any ice or salt that may have gotten caught between their toes. Be careful when choosing which salt to use for melting ice.
- Make loud noises and / or bang on the hood of your car before starting it to make sure that any animals that may have sought shelter near the warm engine can move out of the way first.
- Always remember that if it is too cold for you, it is too cold for your pet.

- Consider making a visit to the vet to ensure your pet is in the best health possible before winter starts.
- Prepare a Pet Preparedness Kit in case of emergencies. Include medical records, any medications, and at least two week supply of food and water. For more, please visit: [Pet Disaster Kit Checklist \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/pet-preparedness/)

WHILE BEAUTIFUL, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT POINSETTIAS ARE POISONOUS TO CATS AND DOGS.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.aspca.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/cold-weather-safety-tips>



Dante Devonshire looks longingly out at the snow.

The Heater Man



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Hi All! I'm back and this time we are going to talk filters! Replacing air filters are a quick, easy and effective way to help your system work efficiently. It's important to change your air filters for both your heater and yourself. A clogged air filter will make your system work twice as hard which will not only increase your energy bill, but will put wear and tear on your system. Clogged air filters prevent easy flow of air through your system which could stop the blower. This could cost you quite a bit of money for maintenance.

Dirty air filters will circulate dust, dander and even mold through your home so if you have asthma or allergies they'll feel much worse. Pleated filters can be changed 2 or 3 times a year. Cheaper filters without pleats should be changed every month. If you have animals that shed, you may have to change both types of filters more often.

Ask your HVAC professional which air filters will work for you.

Not many people would think about what to do with the outside central air unit, but winter elements can damage parts of the unit over time. I suggest you cover the opening at the top with something heavy like plywood or a tarp so that rain, sleet or snow can't fall in. Do not wrap in plastic. This causes condensation and can cause damage to your unit.

Clean up the wet leaves and debris around the unit so that it's not sitting in moldy mildew leaves. The unit has to breathe. If your unit is out in the open you may want to plant a few shrubs around it to keep the cold wind off of it but ask your HVAC professional how far away to put them so that the unit has proper clearance, which is essential for proper air flow.

Dianna's Cleaning Tips

As the holidays approach, and family and friends draw near, now is the perfect time to do a little deep cleaning around the house to prepare for all the festivities.

- An often forgotten place to clean is your shower head! Mix equal parts white vinegar and water and place in a plastic bag. Submerge your showerhead into the mixture and secure plastic bag. Let sit for an hour. Remove bag and wipe showerhead clean.
- Freshen up those rugs! Sprinkle baking soda lightly onto your rugs, let sit for 1/2 hour and vacuum.
- Scuffed up hardwood floors? Take a sock or a tennis ball and buff those scuffs out. For bigger scuffs, add a little bit of baking soda to damp cloth and buff. Wipe with paper towel.
- Make your very own cleaning solution! Combine 4 tablespoons baking soda with one quart warm water in a spray bottle.



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by Hannah Garrahan

Libraries across the world are constantly evolving to meet the needs of their patrons and the Vineland Public Library is no different. As a way to meet the latest needs of our patrons, the Vineland Public Library recently introduced hoopla. A digital service used by public libraries, hoopla provides access to ebooks, movies, music, TV shows, and much more all from the convenience of your smartphone or tablet.

A patron with a Vineland Public Library card can access hoopla to explore and enjoy over a million titles. It is a short and easy process to set-up a hoopla account. After downloading the hoopla app onto your mobile device, all you have to do is create an account. To create an account, you will need your library account information, an email address and a password.

Once you find a title that you would like to borrow, simply click the **BORROW** button. Your selected title will be available to you immediately and it will automatically be returned to the hoopla library after the lending period is finished. You may borrow up to four items each month.

A resident of Millville or Bridgeton is welcome to change the home library associated with their library card to Vineland for a fee of \$25.00 a year in order to enjoy all that hoopla has to offer. Millville and Bridgeton residents are also welcome to obtain a library card through the Cumberland County Library and access hoopla for free with that card. Those who are not residents of the City of Vineland, Millville, or Bridgeton, are also welcome to obtain a Vineland Public Library card. Non-Residents can pay \$25.00 for six months or \$50.00 for a year. A Non-Resident has hoopla included in their Non-Resident fee.

The Friends of the Vineland Public Library have generously provided funding for hoopla.

For more information or additional help on hoopla, please visit hoopladigital.com.



Holiday Entertainment

Recommended Holiday Reading and Viewing



Holiday Children's Books at the Library

- A Charlie Brown Christmas by Charles Schulz - JE SCH
- How Do Dinosaurs Say Merry Christmas? by Jane Yolen - JE YOL
- You Are My Miracle by Mary Ann Cusimo Love - JE CUS
- Lil Rabbit's Kwanzaa by Donna L. Washington - JE Was
- My First Kwanzaa by Karen Katz - JE Kat
- Seven Spools of Thread by Angela Shelf Medearis - JE MED
- Eight Wild Nights by Brian P. Cleary - JE Cle
- The Golden Dreidel by Ellen Kushner - J FIC Kushner
- The Hanukkah Mice by Steven Kroll - JE Kro

Holiday Adult Books at the Library

- Twisted Tea Christmas by Laura Childs - MYS Childs Bk. 23
- The Christmas Bookshop by Jenny Colgan - FIC Colgan
- A Charmed Christmas by Sheila Roberts - FIC Roberts
- The Matzah Ball by Jean Meltzer - FIC Meltzer
- It's A Wonderful Woof by Spencer Quinn - MYS Quinn
- Celebrating the Jewish Year: The Winter Holidays - 296.43 Ste v.2
- Kwanzaa: From Holiday to Everyday - 394.261 Ang
- Kwanzaa: The Seven Principles - 394.261 TER
- Kwanzaa: Everything You Always Wanted to Know - 394.268 Mcc

Holiday Viewing for the Whole Family

- Love, Lights, Hanukkah - DVDH 1911
- A Veteran's Christmas - DVDH 2321
- A Bramble House Christmas - DVD HOL BRA
- A Royal Christmas - DVDH 7831



For more holiday books, along with audiobooks and movies, please visit [hoopla](http://hoopla.com).



Christmas Around the World

Japan

In Japan, Christmas means a KFC dinner with your loved ones. The KFC dinner tradition, started in 1974, has become so popular that you must order your dinner months in advanced.



Germany



In Germany, a special surprise is in store for the one who finds the pickle in the Christmas tree. It is believed that hiding a pickle in the Christmas tree started in Germany during the 16th century. The person who finds the pickle, gets a gift.

Netherlands

In Netherlands, children place their shoes near the fireplace in the days leading up to Christmas to be filled with treats and goodies. Carrots are also left in the shoes for Sinterklaas's reindeer.



Ukraine



In Ukraine, decorations imitate spiderwebs. According to legend, spiders helped decorate the tree of an improvised widow who could not afford decorations for her children. To the children's delight, they awoke to shimmering, intricate webs decorating their tree on Christmas morning.

Christmas in Vineland

by Pat Martinelli

Like most Americans in the 19th century, Vineland residents celebrated Christmas according to traditions that had been established in England during Queen Victoria's reign. In addition to exchanging small gifts, they also lit wax candles on a decorated Christmas tree, a practice started by the queen's consort, Prince Albert, in 1848.

They also addressed Christmas greeting cards or postcards, a practice that had also started in England in 1848. This annual ritual is one that many people throughout the United States still practice today. But as technology advanced, small gifts were often replaced by unique toys, books and other items among those who could afford them.

During the first half of the 1800s, the celebration of Christmas was generally viewed as a private, family affair with special services held in different churches. However, by the time Vineland was founded in 1861, it was on its way to becoming as much a secular celebration as it was a religious one for most of America.

Throughout the country, new businesses were established to manufacture brightly-colored ornaments to hang from the trees. Interestingly enough, one of Vineland's most successful businesses, Rennoc Corporation, was known world-wide for their fabric Christmas decorations. Founded in 1958 by Richard Conner, who started production in the basement of his home, Rennoc would go on to produce more than 100 varieties of Christmas stockings from the traditional to those with sport themes as well as other holiday items.

During the 19th century, candy makers created the candy cane; originally plain white, the popular holiday treat eventually was blended into the red-and-white stripes that are a familiar sight today. And in 1863, a young illustrator named Thomas Nast created an American version of Santa Claus who annually brought presents to all deserving children on Christmas Eve.

During the early days of Vineland's settlement, Charles K. Landis hosted an annual holiday ball, where local residents enjoyed good food, music and dancing.



Photo courtesy of the Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society.

Although the town's expected growth had been delayed because of the Civil War, the party was usually staged at an area factory to ensure room for everyone.

In 1866, Frank D. Andrews noted in an article for the Evening Journal that the Friends of Progress, a local social activist organization, held a "sociable" on Christmas where "An original poem was read, tableaux presented, with dancing from 8 to 11 o'clock...". In December 1880, there was another holiday event where, he stated: "At Cosmopolitan Hall, the Children's Progressive Lyceum had a merry time the 25th and danced until a late hour.

However, in the years that followed, it seemed that most celebrations in Vineland were those held by local churches. The secular aspect of Christmas apparently still wasn't prevalent locally at that time, although on December 25, 1891, Andrews reported:

"A party of young ladies and gentlemen went about the borough singing carols" even though it was "an unpleasant dreary day."

Local shops, such as Leavitt & Sherburne on Landis Avenue, quickly realized the advantage of promoting Christmas sales, encouraging area residents to buy everything from everyday household items to more expensive personal gifts such as books, jewelry or gloves. Banks like the Vineland National Bank established Christmas club accounts, allowing their customers to save all year long for the holiday season.

In the early 1900s, Christmas seemed to remain quiet, family and church-oriented celebration for many area residents. A copy of the hand-written "Annals of Vineland," in the Society's archives reveals slight notations such as "usual Christmas entertainment" for the years 1900 and 1902

Between 1900 and 1910, no celebrations are mentioned but multiple weddings were scheduled on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

World War I and II forced a new level of austerity on the season but area residents still managed to celebrate the holiday. By the 1950s, school children in Vineland enjoyed rounds of activities that included school celebrations and practicing their parts for plays or concerts. And, for generations there was always the opportunity to hear an annual holiday concert offered by the Vineland Singing Ambassadors.

At the same time, area civic clubs and businesses began hosting Christmas parties for local residents and their staff. In 1954, the American Legion hosted a gala at their headquarters where members were asked to donate to funding a portable iron lung that would be available to the public. During the party, Adeline Vraila presented a report on an upcoming book swap where area children would be asked to trade their "undesirable comic books" for classic literature.

Another tradition, which is still practiced today, is the lighting of colorful lights are lit on Landis Avenue in preparation for the annual Christmas parade. Crowds gathered along the sidelines to cheer as marching bands, veterans and vivid floats passed by.

One small hitch in the parade was created when a national energy shortage forced a change in the traditional ceremony. According to an article in the November 23, 1973, issue of The Daily Journal: "For the first time in the history of the Christmas Parade, Santa Claus will forego boarding a fire truck and climbing its aerial ladder to 'turn on' the Christmas lights."

The parade always marked the start of the holiday shopping season for downtown stores including J.J. Newberry's, Dom Michael's and The Grapevine, which extended their hours to accommodate shoppers. These days, folks once again line Landis Avenue to enjoy the parade, which has become part of a larger holiday celebration.

While technology and the global pandemic has impacted how we currently celebrate Christmas, the spirit of the season remains the same. So, whether you're sending an e-card or shopping on-line for gifts, it's a time for celebration. Happy holidays, one and all!



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Chicken Pot Pie: A History

To Pie or To Dumpling?

by Melinda Devonshire

It may be surprising, but the origins of some of our most cherished food recipes often lay in the far distant ancient past. One such recipe is what we now call Chicken Pot Pie. What started out around 9500 B.C.E. as Gallette pies in Greece would eventually evolve into what European royalty nicknamed "coffins" during the medieval Crusades.

Whatever name you may choose to go by, gallettes or coffins, were pastries filled with various meats, oysters, mussels, lampreys and fish with a crust. During the sixteenth century, such pies became an English tradition. The pot pies crossed the Atlantic with the first American settlers.



Photo Courtesy of Pinterest

Pot pies can be cooked in a variety of ways including on the stovetop in a skillet, baked, or over a campfire. Pot pies can be filled with any number of ingredient combinations you love, which is what has made these pies so incredibly popular and versatile for thousands of years.

Today, most pot pies have a crust topping or a double crust (top and bottom). However, Pennsylvania Dutch Pot Pie has wide square egg noodles instead. I discovered this when I ordered Chicken Pot Pie in Lancaster County and found a crust-less bowl. It was more like chicken and dumplings than a pot pie to me, but it was still delicious. Perhaps, because it reminded me of when my mother used to make actual chicken and dumplings with drop dumplings in a big pot.

My mother also made pot pie with leftovers from the holidays. She would use turkey or ham, depending on what we had, much in the same way our ancestors did. She would then throw in some vegetables and gravy, along with some cut-up potatoes. I looked forward to that more than the actual holiday dinner.

In keeping with the tradition of using whatever you have on hand, pot pies can be made with pie crust (homemade or store bought), stuffing, cornbread, or biscuits, as a topping or a bottom.



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Several recipes in various versions can be found here:
https://www.huffpost.com/entry/pot-pie-recipes_n_1962584

Leftover Recipe Ideas

by Melinda Devonshire

Loaded Baked Potato Soup

There are no measurements with this recipe you just have to wing it! Use your left over mash potatoes to make a quick, easy soup. Sauté onions and garlic with butter or margarine in a pot big enough to handle 3 times the amount of left over potatoes you have. I've put in a bit of chicken broth to add some flavor as well. Cream or milk is added to get the creamy consistency that you like. Once you have it as thick as you like then add a dollop or 2 of sour cream. Extra add on: Bacon bits or cheddar cheese.



Orange Cupcakes With Cranberry Filling

My mother always had to have a can of jelled cranberry sauce on the table. It would just plop right out of the can whole. It creeped me out, but she insisted it be there every year. There was not one member of my family who ate it, so we ended up tossing it every year.

I decided I wanted the challenge of doing something with canned cranberry sauce to use in a leftover recipe. I came up with Orange Cupcakes with a Cranberry Cream Cheese filling topped with Cream Cheese icing.

To make this as easy as possible, you can use the Duncan Hines Supreme Orange Cake Mix. Follow the directions on the box for cupcakes. You may freeze these ahead of time and just pop them out closer to your holiday event. This saves time and also money because you can grab what you need out of the freezer and leave the rest for another event. We all have so many events during the holidays.

Leftover cranberry sauce, either homemade or jelled cranberry sauce, can be used as a filling either straight or mix with cream cheese frosting. I'd add a bit of orange zest if you have it. Jelled cranberry sauce will liquefy, so add either powdered sugar or frosting to compensate.

Cut out the center of your cupcake with either a sharp knife or an upside down piping tip. Gently pull out some of the cake. This is where you're filling will go. You can either spoon in or use a piping bag (a sandwich bag can be used just cut the corner tip out). Place a piece of cake on top and push down. It will stay down once you ice it with cream cheese frosting or another frosting of your choice.



Holiday Recipes

During the holidays, traditions become the center of celebrations. From caroling to football games, traditions are near and dear to the hearts of all those who celebrate during this time of year. No matter what holiday is being celebrated though, delicious food and treats are always involved. Over the next few pages, you will find a mix of traditional family recipes and new ones.

Dianna’s Traditonal Family Perogies Recipe

”My family always enjoyed perogies on the holidays, but you can enjoy them anytime” – Diana Ollie, Library Staff

Potato Filling

Boil 5 pounds of white potatoes until done. Peel and mash. Add 80oz of cream cheese, along with salt and pepper to taste, mix well and set aside.

Fried Sauerkraut Filling

1 small can of sauerkraut, drained and rinsed.
1 teaspoon of onion powder
Salt and Pepper to taste
1/2 stick salted butter

Fry until golden in color



Dough

4 cups of flour
2 eggs
2 tablespoons oil
1/2 cup of water
1/2 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon salt

Mix all ingredients together in a bowl. Dough should be soft.

Directions:

Turn dough onto floured surface, roll dough out until 1/4 of an inch thick. Cut out rounds with a drinking glass or cookie cutter. Add filling to center of dough. Rub water along edges of dough, fold over, and pinch together with fingers. Boil until done and then fry until golden in color. Can be served with sour cream on the side.

Holiday Recipes

Dianna’s Breakfast Casserole Recipe

Diana’s Breakfast Casserole Recipe is the perfect dish for Christmas morning or New Year’s Day since it can be made the night before!

Ingredients

1/2 lb. of Hot Sausage
1/2 lb. of Mild Sausage
6 to 8 slices of bread, trimmed and broken up
1 teaspoon Mustard
1 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce
A Few shakes of Hot Sauce
2 cups of Shredded Cheese
2 cups of Evaporated Milk
6 eggs
1 small onion, chopped

Directions:

Spray a 13x9 pan with cooking spray. Line pan with bread pieces. Combine sausage, mustard and onion, mix well. Spread sausage mixture over bread. Sprinkle with half of the cheese. Beat eggs, Worcestershire Sauce, evaporated milk, and hot sauce together, pour mixture over the bread and sausage. Top with the remaining cheese. Cover and let sit for 2 hours in refrigerator. Bake at 350 degrees uncovered for 45 minutes. Casserole should be golden brown and done in the middle.



VPL Schedule of Events

November



Tuesday November 1st - Chapter 1 Book Club 6 p.m.



Wednesdays November 2nd, 9th, 16th – Preschool Storytime 10 a.m.

Wednesdays November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th – Teen Programs 4 p.m.

Thursdays November 3rd, 10th, 15th – Baby / Toddler Storytime 10 a.m.

Mondays November 14th & 28th -- Creative Outlet 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday November 3rd – Pearl Observatory Telescope Program 6 p.m.

Saturday November 12th - Rafael Marti 10am-2pm

Wednesday November 23rd – Afternoon Adult Book Club 2 p.m.

December

Monday December 5th - Mr. Bobby Holiday Music Program 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday December 6th – Chapter 1 Book Club 6 p.m.



Monday December 12th – Cozy Mystery Book Club 5:30 p.m.

Monday December 12th - Creative Outlet 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Tuesday December 13th – Coloring Café 2 p.m.

Wednesday December 28th – Afternoon Adult Book Club 2 p.m.

All times and events are subject to change.

Vineland Public Library Holiday Hours

Tuesday November 8th (Election Day) – open 9am-5pm

Friday November 11th (Veterans' Day) - open 9am-4pm

Wednesday November 23rd - open 9am-5 pm

Thursday November 24th - Closed (Happy Thanksgiving)

Saturday December 24th (Christmas Eve) - Closed

Monday December 26th (Christmas Observed) - Closed

Events Around Town



Vineland vs. Millville Football
Thanksgiving Day, November 24th
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Gittone Stadium



Vineland's Annual Christmas Parade "A Firefighter's Christmas"

Saturday November 26th (Rain Date: Sunday November 27th)

This year's parade will honor the City of Vineland Fire Department's 150th Anniversary.

Olde Fashioned Christmas on the Ave

Friday December 2nd 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday December 3rd 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.



Landis Theatre Events:

Friday November 4th - SuperTransAm: The 70's concert experience

Saturday November 5th - Toryn Green -Former Front man of FUEL

Friday November 18th -Last in Line

Saturday Nov 19th ELO Tribute Show

Saturday November 26th - Promised Land-Bruce Springsteen Tribute

Saturday December 3rd - Double Vision-Tribute to Foreigner

Friday December 16th - A Beatles Christmas with Studio Two-Beatles Tribute

Saturday December 17th - Christmas with Elvis-Matt Lewis & Long Live the King

Friday December 23rd - Shadows of the Night-Pat Benatar Tribute

Cumberland Players:

"A Christmas Carol".

8:00 pm shows are December 2nd, 3rd, 9th & 10th

2:00 pm shows are December 4th & 11th

Tickets can be purchased online at <http://cumberlandplayers.com/>
or box office opens 1 hour before Showtime.



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Money Tips for Teens

by **Melissa Vanes**

1. Write Down Your Needs vs. Your Wants. It's easy to spend money. What's not easy is spending money wisely. One way to help you spend money wisely is to separate your wants from your needs, spending money primarily on your needs. Try to think of the needs as immediate and what you will need in the next few months. Always ask yourself is this expense something I need or something I want. If it's a want, ask yourself if you really want that item and will you really use that item? You don't need stuff just collecting dust in your closet.

2. Start the Savings Habit. Start setting aside money for the future now while you are young and you can start a lifetime of healthy savings. Whenever you have any income, put away some money for the future. I would take 10% of any earnings you have and put it in a savings account. Only spend it on emergencies or something special.

3. Create a Budget. You may already have some income from weekly allowances (say \$13 per week for a 13 years old), birthday money from relatives, and you may have a part-time job when you are older. As you create a monthly budget, start listing all your income first, then list savings and expenses. "Pay Yourself First" means you must set your savings goals such as saving for a computer before listing fixed and variable expenses. Your total income should equal your total savings plus expenses.

4. Be Careful with Credit Cards. When you go to college, you may find credit card companies often entice you to sign up for their credit cards. They will try to convince you that a credit card is like having free money to spend while you only pay the minimum amount each month. This could add up fast and the more balance you have on a credit card the more interest you pay each month.

5. Be a Smart Shopper. Plan ahead weekly by making a list of groceries and stick to the list. Look for sales and use coupons

6. Get a Job. In order to increase your income and gain valuable life experience, you can get a part-time job when you're old enough, or start a side business. If you like taking care of kids, be a babysitter. If you love dogs, you can walk dogs for your neighbors. If you enjoy being in the garden then ask your neighbors if they need someone to mow their lawn.

7. Give Generously. There are many people in this world who are less fortunate and need some assistance to get back on their feet. Giving not only money, but sometimes your time as well goes a long way for someone. Volunteering is very rewarding.



For the Gamers



A preview of upcoming video game releases. For some of these games, if you look down the list it'll be repeats for Playstation / Xbox - and then for Switch. Some of these games are not new, but just being released on Switch after having already come out. Also, some of these games can be found for PC.

November

- Sonic Frontiers (Xbox / Playstation / Switch)
- Dark Pictures Anthology: The Devil in Me (Xbox / Playstation)
- Evil West (Xbox / Playstation)
- Saint Kotar (Xbox / Playstation)
- Pentiment (Xbox)
- Just Dance 2023 Edition (Xbox / Playstation / Switch)
- Harvestella (Switch)
- Pokemon Scarlet / Violet (Switch)
- God of War: Ragnarok (Playstation)
- Tactics Ogre: Reborn (Switch / Playstation) (Remake)
- The Knight Witch (Switch / Xbox / Playstation)

December

- The Callisto Protocol (Xbox / Playstation)
- Marvel's Midnight Suns (Xbox / Playstation)
- Hello Neighbor 2 (Xbox / Playstation)
- High on Life (Xbox)
- Dragon Quest Treasures (Switch)
- Crisis Core: Final Fantasy 7 Reunion (Xbox / Playstation / Switch) (Remake)





Creative Outlet Program



Writers and artists ages 15-29 who are looking for a (mostly) quiet place to get work done, are invited to the Vineland Public Library Teen Room the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, from 5:30-7 p.m. Bring your own devices or use the computers in the room. The program is designed to help give you a routine place to work. Please be respectful of other participants and keep the first hour for silent work. The last half-hour will be a time to share work or get feedback, if you so choose. If you would like to listen to music while you work, please bring your own earbuds / headphones. The program will be run by volunteer Taylor Devonshire. Participants are invited to bring their own refreshments.

To register, please visit:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9FW5n3_et9cqU7Sw2h0FPdAPSuPAjKB327WIVeKRq94ILg/viewform

A Little Library Humor



Fun for the Mind



Christmas Word Search

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S	G	I	N	G	E	R	M	A	H	T	A	E	R	W	M	Z	A
H	Y	S	E	M	E	A	N	S	A	M	T	S	I	R	H	C	N
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- SANTA
- CELEBRATE
- BELLS
- RUDOLPH
- MISTLETOE
- STOCKING
- CANDY CANE
- FROSTY
- REINDEER
- WREATH
- ELVES
- CHRISTMAS
- TREE
- JOLLY
- HOLIDAY
- SLEDGE