



Queens Library

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100th ANNIVERSARY
OF INCORPORATION

April 17, 1907 - April 17, 2007

*Happy 100th
Anniversary*



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Enriching Lives for 100 Years

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1907-2007*

When the first public library in Queens opened, it served a population of just over 150,000. One hundred years later, Queens Library serves 2.2 million people in the most ethnically diverse county in the United States. In 1910, Queens County had 17 branches and a circulation of 749,064. Today, there are 63 community libraries, including the Central Library, with circulation reaching a record-breaking 20 million in 2006.

The Library, like the borough, has a rich history. Founded in 1896, it wasn't until April 17, 1907, at its incorporation, that the Library officially became The Queens Borough Public Library. Since then, Queens Library has demonstrated a century-long commitment to providing books, enrichment programs, and information for all, in many languages and – true to its original purpose – without regard to social standing, free of charge. Newcomers to the borough found a public library waiting for them, even if it was in a rented storefront or arrived in a bus once a week. Today, no one in Queens lives more than a mile from a community library.



Celebrate with Us

Visit your community library in April for anniversary events, Storytelling Month, National Poetry Month, National Library Week, and Immigrant History Week. We invite you to attend an event or two and celebrate with us. This is a sampling of events taking place in April. Visit www.queenslibrary.org or call 718-990-0778 for more information. Programs are subject to change without notice. Admission to all events is free.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17 @ 1:00 PM

QUEENS LIBRARY 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION -- PARTY WITH CRAFTS

Party with crafts. For all ages.

QUEENS LIBRARY AT BROAD CHANNEL
16-26 CROSS BAY BOULEVARD, (718) 318-4943

TUESDAY, APRIL 17 @ 4:00 PM

AN AFTERNOON OF HAITIAN STORYTELLING

Kric! Krac! Marie-Jose Bernard, professional storyteller and educator, presents storytelling for all ages. In English & Haitian-Creole.

QUEENS LIBRARY AT CAMBRIA HEIGHTS
218-13 LINDEN BOULEVARD, (718) 528-3535

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 @ 3:00 PM

HOW WE CAME TO QUEENS: AN INTERGENERATIONAL STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

Storyteller Robin Bady guides parents and children to work together and create a story about how their family or others arrived in Queens. Learn storytelling and theater techniques. Preregistration required.

QUEENS LIBRARY AT NORTH HILLS
57-04 MARATHON PARKWAY, LITTLE NECK, (718) 225-3550

FRIDAY, APRIL 20 @ 4:30 PM

MAYAN FESTIVAL

Enjoy a display of beautiful Mayan crafts followed by a performance of Mayan folk dances and a fashion show of typical native Guatemalan Indian dress and costumes.

QUEENS CENTRAL LIBRARY

89-11 MERRICK BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, (718) 990-0778

BEGINNING SATURDAY, APRIL 21 @10:30 AM

QUEENS FAMILY HISTORY WEEK: TOPICS IN GENEALOGY

Join the Library in a week of insightful genealogical programs taught by experts in the field. Learn how to get started, research your family history, utilize the latest genealogy database, access records from NYC repositories, and use a variety of genealogy resources. Registration and sessions begin April 21 at 10:30 a.m. at the Central Library. Programs held April 21 - 28.

QUEENS CENTRAL LIBRARY

89-11 MERRICK BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, (718) 990-0778

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 @ 2:00 PM

CARNEGIE HALL CONCERT SERIES: GINO SITSON BAND

Vocalist Gino Sitson mixes jazz, gospel and blues elements with his African roots, singing most of his lyrics in Medumba, one of the languages of his native Cameroon.

QUEENS LIBRARY AT LANGSTON HUGHES

100-01 NORTHERN BOULEVARD, CORONA, (718) 651-1100

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 @ 3:00 PM

DRAMA OF ELLIS ISLAND STORIES

This one-act drama, by The Hypothetical Theatre Company, Inc., tells the stories of immigrants who came to U.S. between 1892-1924, traveling in steerage and arriving on Ellis Island.

QUEENS LIBRARY AT FOREST HILLS

108-19 71 AVENUE, (718) 268-7934

MONDAY, APRIL 23 @ 6:30 PM – RICHMOND HILL
SUNDAY, APRIL 29 @ 3:00 PM – KEW GARDENS HILLS

SPRINGTIME POTPOURRI

Join storyteller and singer Sara Tilevitz for stories and songs in Russian, English, Hebrew and Yiddish that celebrate themes of spring, love and hope.

QUEENS LIBRARY AT RICHMOND HILL

118-14 HILLSIDE AVENUE, (718) 849-7150

QUEENS LIBRARY AT KEW GARDENS HILLS

72-33 VLEIGH PLACE, FLUSHING, (718) 261-6654

MONDAY, APRIL 23 @ 7:00 PM

KEEPING JAZZ ALIVE IN LOUIS ARMSTRONG'S NEIGHBORHOOD SERIES CONCERT

Enjoy an evening of music representing all genres, featuring Rudy Simpson's Jazz Unlimited Orchestra and vocalist Walter Jackson.

QUEENS LIBRARY AT EAST ELMHURST

95-06 ASTORIA BOULEVARD, (718) 424-2619

TUESDAY, APRIL 24 @ 4:00 PM

QUEENS LIBRARY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION -- CRAFTS FAIR!

All ages welcome to enjoy an afternoon of crafts; have fun celebrating the Library's 100th anniversary of incorporation! Seating is on a first-come basis in Rooms A & B, Lower Level.

QUEENS LIBRARY AT FLUSHING

41-17 MAIN STREET, (718) 661-1200

Photos on next page:

Top left: The adult reading room of the Carnegie library in Flushing, 1910

Top right: Queens Library at Flushing, 2006, from the 2nd floor staircase looking into the first floor lobby area.

Bottom left: Children's Room, Richmond Hill Branch, 1910.

Bottom right: Children's Room, Queens Library at Richmond Hill, 2006.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 @ 10:00 AM

THE WAY WE WERE IN 2007: TIME CAPSULE BURIAL

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of incorporation, Queens Library is burying a time capsule, with items contributed by children from all over Queens. The Banjo Rascals will entertain with music that has stood the test of time.

QUEENS LIBRARY AT QUEENS VILLAGE

94-11 217 STREET, (718) 776-6800

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 @ 3:30 PM

FOLKTALES, MUSIC AND DANCE FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Potri Ranka Manis narrates stories, in English & Tagalog, around traditional dance and music featuring kulintang (native gong) and other traditional instruments. Accompanied by dancer Kinding Sindaw.

QUEENS LIBRARY AT BROADWAY

40-20 BROADWAY, LONG ISLAND CITY, (718) 721-2462



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