



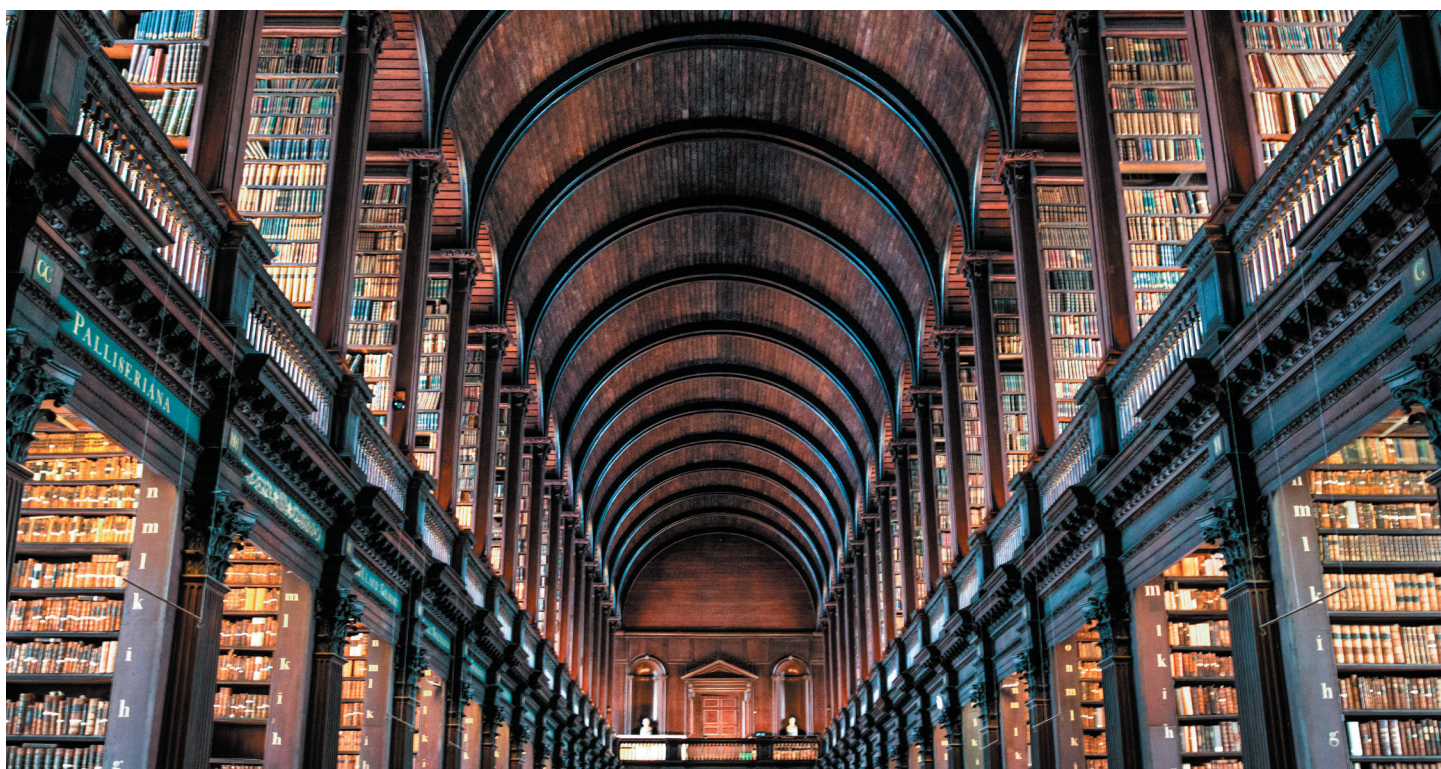
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A Room Filled with Books



By **Elissa Matthews**, *Book Lovers Dispatch*

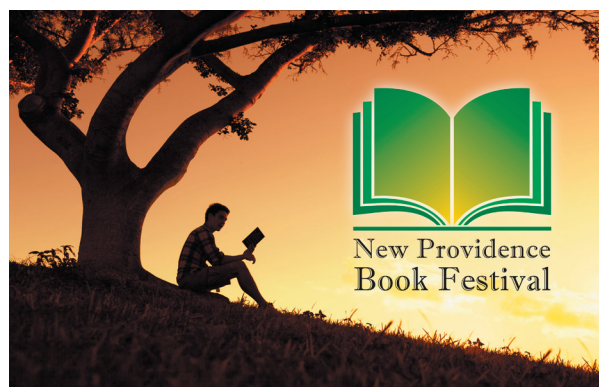
A glorious room in a medieval castle, a crystal chandelier casting its glow over polished wooden shelves stretching from floor to ceiling, filled with our favorites. A quiet room in a cabin on a lake, a few comfortable chairs, a

crackling fire, shelves stretching from wooden floor to oak beamed ceiling, filled with our favorites. A clean, virtual digital structure, hyperlinked folders stretching from root directory to desktop layout, filled with our favorites. Why do we humans love our libraries so?

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New Providence Book Festival

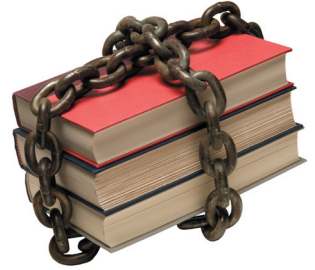
On **Saturday, September 21, 2024**, 9 AM to 3 PM, the Salt Box Museum will host the New Providence Book Festival on its grounds at 1250 Springfield Avenue, New Providence, NJ. Over 15 New Jersey authors, across various genres, will be on hand to discuss and sign their books. All are invited to attend this cultural event. A raffle will be held. Refreshments will be available. The Salt Box Museum will be open to all visitors free of charge. The rain date is September 28th. Learn more at www.newprovidencebookfestival.com.



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The Folly of Book Banning

Book banning has been on the rise in the last few years. Some see it as a political advantage. The irony is if you tell someone they can't have something, they want it even more, whether its ice cream or a book. If you can't find it in a school library, you can find it in a public library. If you can't find it there, try online, or better yet, go to a book show or festival.



People who ban books never end up on the right side of history. No one ever said, "Oh thank goodness, 'so-and-so' banned that book years ago." Yes, there are good books and bad books, but the same can be said of people. It is our strong belief in the overall virtuosity of books that has led us to publish this newsletter and support readers, libraries, book shops and book festivals. Always be on the side of books.

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Psychologists tell us that human intelligence is fundamentally pattern oriented for survival -- we know "this shape" means "tiger", while "that shape" means "deer". We know "this smell" means ripe fruit while "that smell" means rancid meat. The more information we have, the more specific that information, the safer we are. "This sound" is an owl, "that sound" is a wolf. But the more information we acquire, the more we have to organize it, otherwise it's just a big mess. (Anyone beside me own the cartons of unsorted family photos going back a few generations?)

Psychologists tell us we love libraries because they make us feel safe: masses of information, all organized, all rapidly available at hand, leading us toward food and away from predators.

But libraries can't just hoard information. The

library is the quiet heart of knowledge and community, offering a haven where the curious converge to learn, to discuss, to create. We expect our librarians to encourage and support us and our children in learning and growing. In 1212, the Council of Paris condemned any monasteries that forbade loaning books, reminding them that lending is "one of the chief works of mercy."

As we move from clay tablets to Windows tablets, there is so

much information to deal with! It's no wonder we're overwhelmed by the tsunami of news, fake news, yesterday's news, tomorrow's weather, and turn to pictures of cats, if only just occasionally. But humans have an uncanny knack for getting things figured out eventually, and you know the library is going to be there, right in the middle, gathering, organizing, and leading the way.

**"A room without books is like
a body without a soul."**

— Marcus Tullius Cicero

Visit the Salt Box Museum



1350 Springfield Avenue, New Providence, NJ

www.NewProvidenceHistorical.com 908-665-1034

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For Thriller Author, It's About the Fun

By Elissa Matthews, *Book Lovers Dispatch*

Pamela Hegarty is the Amazon bestselling author of *The Seventh Stone*, *The Emerald Tablet*, and *Goldenfire*, all in the Christa Devlin adventure series. Her own life reads like one of her novels: she's journeyed to more than fifty countries on six continents. She's climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, backpacked the Inca Trail, and camped with lions in the Serengeti. She's been a travel writer, a public relations writer, and now she's shifting gears to thrillers for middle school readers.

"Every ten years or so I change gears," she told us. "I go where I feel I can have the most fun and be the most creative."

That's what inspired her to move over to a younger audience. "Thrillers, even YA thrillers, are becoming more and more brutal, to be blunt. I wanted to give middle-grade readers the chance to have fun. In my books, kids ride giant seahorses, search for fabulous treasure, and just have amazing adventures."

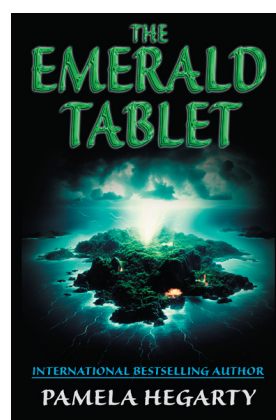
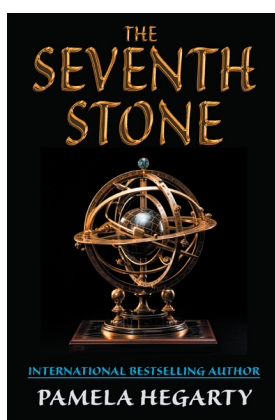
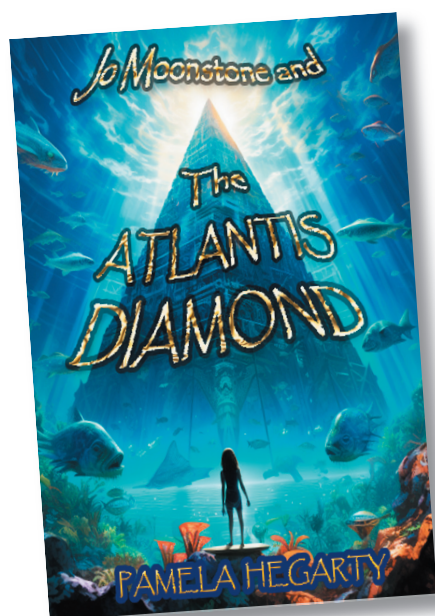
Her new series features Jo Moonstone, a 12-year-old girl who learns to live up to her unique potential. "Every child should be encouraged to live up to their potential in their own unique way."

Jo Moonstone and The Atlantis Diamond is the first book in the Jo Moonstone series and a welcome addition to any collection about adventurous, brave, female heroines learning to be their best selves.



Set in the underwater world of Atlantis, it features adventure, sci-fi, and fantasy elements. *Jo Moonstone and The Atlantis Diamond* is now available on Amazon.

You can also find Pam's adult thrillers on Amazon. "I've recently revised them. As I wrote through the series, the character of Christa Devlin became stronger and clearer than it started out in 2011. I knew I could deliver a better experience for the reader, and make the whole treasure-hunting world more fun." She'd love to connect with you through her website at www.pamelahegarty.com or follow her on Facebook at Pamela Hegarty Author. For Pam and her readers, it's all about the fun. Check out that waterfall scene if you don't believe us.



The New Providence Book Festival Returns!



Over 17 Authors Personally Signing Their Books!



New Providence
Book Festival

at 1350 Springfield Avenue, New Providence, NJ 07974.

Over 17 authors will be signing their books, across various genres, including J.M. Adams, J.R. Bale, Linda Barth, Michelle Cameron, Michael Stephen Daigle, Ted Delgrosso, Susen Edwards, Steven Falco, Steven Farkas, Sarajane Giere, Pamela Hegarty, Tom Kranz, Peter Lubrecht, Elissa Matthews, Andrea Stein, Sue Steinhardt and Suzanne Trauth.

The event will include author talks, panels, a raffle and refreshments.

Book Lovers Dispatch is very pleased to be a sponsor of the **New Providence Book Festival**, to be held on **Saturday, September 21, 2024, 9 am - 3 pm.**

The festival will be on the grounds of the Salt Box Museum, located at 1350 Springfield Avenue, New Providence, NJ 07974.

Hosting the festival is the New Providence Historical Society's Salt Box Museum, which was originally an 18th century farmhouse. Free tours of the museum and its collection will be available during the festival.

To learn more about this event, just go to www.NewProvidenceBookFestival.com.



Merchandise to support the festival can be purchased at NewProvidenceBookFestival.com.

Upcoming Book Events in 2024

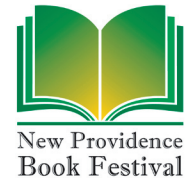
September 7, 2024
Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm

Authors Grove at Belvidere Heritage Day
Garret Wall Park
Belvidere, NJ 07823



September 21, 2024
Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm

New Providence Book Festival
Grounds of the Salt Box Museum
1350 Springfield Avenue
New Providence, NJ 07974
www.NewProvidenceBookFestival.com



October 5, 2024
Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm

Collingswood Book Festival
Haddon Avenue
Collingswood, NJ 08108
www.CollingswoodBookFestival.com



October 12, 2024
Saturday, 11 am - 5 pm

Scary Stories Book Fest
Act 2 Books
2 Central Station
Flemington, NJ 08822



October 13-20, 2024

Easton Book Festival
Easton, PA
www.eastonbookfestival.com



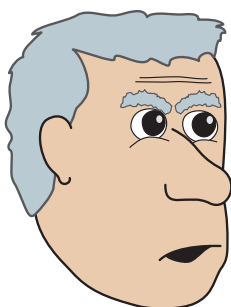
October 18 & 19, 2024

Morristown Book Festival
Morristown, NJ
www.morristownbooks.org

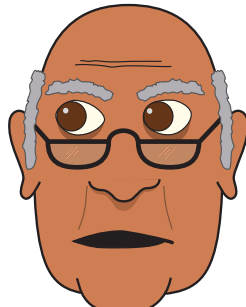


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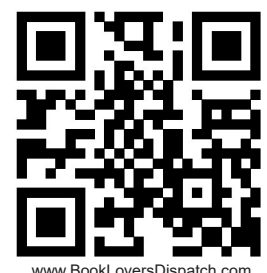
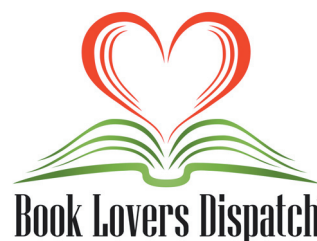
"The Curmudgeons"



*Why on Earth would I pay
\$2.99 for an e-book?*



*Wait, didn't you just spend
\$8 on a greeting card
with 7 words in it?*



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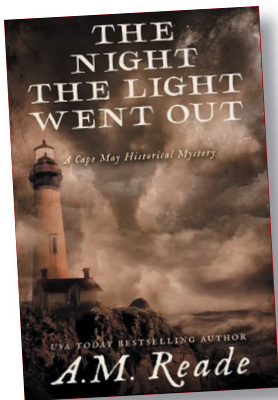
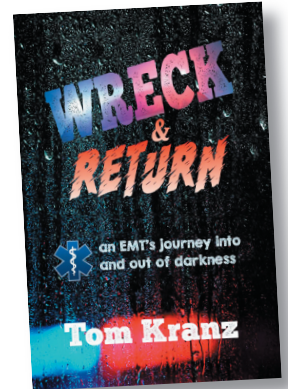
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Recent Book Releases

Wreck & Return

By Tom Kranz

Can one devastating mistake erase 20 years of good? The road to redemption for volunteer EMT Griffin Ambrose is dark, indeed—a crashed ambulance, a dead patient, an injured partner, then testing legally drunk. After going to jail, losing his EMT card and getting fired from his paid job, he contemplates a new life in exile. But some of his former patients haven't forgotten the good he did, the lives he saved. Will their support be enough for him to rise from oblivion? Learn more at www.tomkranzbooks.com.



The Night the Light Went Out

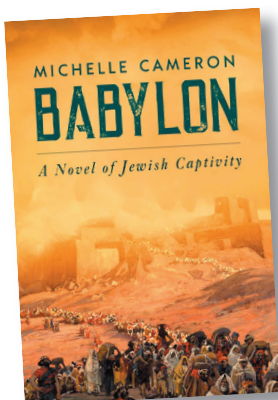
By Amy M. Reade

Nine souls are trapped inside the Cape May Lighthouse as a storm ravages the New Jersey coast. But the tempest escalating among those cut off from civilization may be even more lethal. Deputy Sheriff George Moore, a newcomer to Cape May, knows nothing of the dark histories of the eight other people confined with him. When the first victim falls, everyone is left reeling. But was the death natural or a cold-blooded murder? George must unravel the malevolent secrets swirling around him before it's too late. Learn more at www.amymreade.com.

Second Term

By J.M. Adams

Cora Walker, a DIA operative, learns of a terrorist plot in Benghazi and rushes to stop it. When her superiors ignore her warnings, she mounts an unsanctioned attempt to thwart the attack. Sixteen years after her heroic actions, Cora is the press secretary for the Speaker of the House. As a single mom, she's struggling to balance her job and her home life. Soon, things get more complicated as the lame duck president suspends *habeas corpus* and begins arresting members of Congress in a desperate attempt to retain power. Cora springs into action to save the Speaker and prevent catastrophe. It's an uphill battle for Cora until an explosive finale exposes what can really happen to democracy when political extremism reaches new heights. Learn more at www.jmadams.com.



Babylon

By Michelle Cameron

Everything changes for Sarah the day Nebuchadnezzar's army storms Jerusalem. Her peaceful life on the farm is ripped away: her city sacked, her temple desecrated, her people enslaved. Marched across desert sands to Babylon, Sarah and the remaining Judean people must find a way to keep their faith alive in a new and unforgiving home. Displaced within an empire of strange gods and unimaginable wealth, Sarah and her descendants bear witness to palace intrigue, betrayal, brutal sacrifice, regicide, and a new war brewing in the east. Learn more at www.michelle-cameron.com.