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● LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

## Meet Luke Vista aka The New Guy



### Luke at work

**Introducing you to Luke Vista here are his answers to questions that will help you get to know him:**

**Does your name, Luke, have a certain significance?** My name, according to my mother, has a biblical reference, but according to my father it is from the main protagonist of the Star Wars franchise.

**What attracts you to library work?** Library work is enticing because of how the work is involved with the community.

Especially with the new vision the library has, it will be very exciting to see what the future holds.

**What would you like to accomplish during your first year?** I would love to get myself acclimated to the culture of the city. I would also like to help expand the technology and programming aspects within the library

**What kind of music do you like?**

I like to listen to pop/hip hop music. I listen to a lot of Kanye West.

**Do you play a musical instrument?**

I played the piano when I was younger, but I wasn't very good.

**What is something you are proud of?**

Earning an undergraduate degree in Finance and Business Analytics in 3 years and pursuing a Master's degree while working.

**Are you a sports fan?**

**Who are your favorite teams?**

I watch a lot of sports; basketball, baseball, and football in particular. I support the Dallas Mavericks, Cowboys (sorry) and the New York Yankees.

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Luke is a wealth of information about emerging technologies and will have completed his Masters Degree in Information Technology from Rutgers this August

## **Dr. Joseph Goldberger**

**July 16, 1874-Jan 17, 1929**

### **From the Archives:**

#### **Medical Hero**

Dr. Joseph Goldberger's family settled in Perth Amboy from Giralt, Austria-Hungary and lived on the corner of Gordon and State Streets before moving to Wilkes Barre, Pa. Dr. Goldberger blazed medical history by discovering the cause and cure for pellagra, the red death. The good Doctor entered the Public Health Service in 1899 as an assistant surgeon. In 1902 Surgeon General, Walter Wyamn, sent Dr. Goldberger to Tampica, Mexico to study yellow fever. After 5 years he was transferred to New Orleans and became one of the world's authorities on yellow fever, a disease of which he himself nearly died.

Dr. Goldberger grew a reputation as a "health detective". He seemed to have an instinct for detecting the cause of diseases that had baffled others for years. His work proved that both typhus and rocky mountain spotted fever, both insect-born, were separate diseases.

Dr. Goldberger's greatest triumph was the conquest of pellagra. Knowing little about the disease, he set out to learn all he could. He went to cotton-mill towns and fields. He found hundreds of people afflicted with skin lesions, weakness, digestive upsets and mental disturbances.

He studied two orphanages near Jackson, Mississippi, where half the children could be expected to suffer attacks of pellagra each year. Dr. Goldberger began to see patterns in the outbreaks. Although the children's diet was adequate in calorie count, adults received more protein in their foods. The children's diet was largely carbohydrate--corn bread, grits, cane syrup and molasses. Children would consume meat only once per week and high-protein veggies were seldom served. Though Dr. Goldberger arranged for the children to have meat four times a week and the signs of pellagra slowly began to disappear, the idea that the disease was caused by infection remained.

Dr. Goldberger set out to prove that he could produce and cure pellagra by dietary control. He experimented at the Mississippi State Penitentiary, with volunteers who were fed diets common to the region and the rest meat, milk, beans or peas. This showed that those with the protein-rich diet were healthy and the others showed symptoms of pellagra. This still didn't convince the establishment, hence the infection theory remained.

Dr. Goldberger launched another series of experiments using a group of 16, including himself and his wife ,by ingesting contaminated material. None of the volunteers caught pellagra! Finally the establishment was convinced pellagra was caused by a dietary deficiency. At that time vitamins were an unknown, but ultimately it was determined that the deficiency was caused by a lack of vitamin B.

From the Perth Amboy Free Public Library archives  
June 20, 1964, Gloria Landers, Evening News Staff Writer

# CATALOGER'S CORNER

David Morey



Just in: **"But Have You Read the Book? 52 literary gems that inspired our favorite films,"** written by Kristen Lopez. This new book examines 52 novels, comparing each one to the movie adaptation that followed it. For example, "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" started out as a flapper novel by Anita Loos in 1925 before Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell sang "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend" on the big screen in 1953. The collection of short essays in "But Have You Read the Book?" features a look at works such as: "To Kill a Mockingbird", "Wuthering Heights", "Little Women", "The Shining", "The Princess Bride", "Dr. No.", "Dune" and ""Valley of the Dolls".

## EVENTS

**Sat. , Jun 3:** WALK TO REMEMBER:

Sadowski Parkway and 2nd Street

**Sat., June 3 All Day** Cryptid

Festival, Live bands, Horror

Authors, Lectures and Presentations:

At Kearny Cottage 63 Catalpa Ave

**Sat., June 17, 2PM** Star Wars:

With Kenneth and Michael Gonzalez

## ANNOUNCEMENT

After 40 years of service to the community, Eddie Olavarria is retiring. Eddie's last day was Tuesday, May 16. With his usual humility he requested no fanfare. We are grateful for his generosity of spirit and words are not adequate to express our appreciation for his kindness and expertise. We extend an abundance of well-wishes to him for a happy, healthy retirement.

## THE MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM

This program is a service provided by the Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library. It enables library patrons to visit the The Museum of Natural History NYC, and the Thomas Edison Museum in Edison, NJ.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Brighton Ave. Teen Center  
56 Brighton Ave., Perth Amboy

2nd and 4th Saturday of each month  
(w/exceptions) Check the Friend's Facebook page for weather -related closings.

June 10, 24

Jul 8,12

Aug 12, 26

Oct 14

Nov 11

Dec 16

## Monthly Meet-ups

**First Thursdays:**

**6pm:** Readers By The Bay Book Club

**Third Tuesdays:**

**5-7pm:** Crochet Class

**6 pm:** THE GREEN TEAM

Call Joel Rosa 732-826-2600

**Fourth Tuesdays:**

**5-7pm:** Game Night

## CHILDREN'S STORY TIME:

Miss Tiff says:

"All the time is Story Time!" Ask her to read you a book during your next visit!





Library Hours  
 Mon/Tue/Thu: 9AM-8PM  
 Wed/Fri: 9AM-5PM  
 Sat: 9AM-4PM

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