

# February at a Glance ...

FRI	1	10:30	Sit-N-Stitch
FRI	1	11:00	Poets Corner
SAT	2		Pop-Up Shop <i>GV Axxesorries</i>
SAT	2	10:30	Current Events Discussion Group
SUN	3	10:30	POV Documentary Film <i>Joe's Violin</i>
SUN	3	1:00	POV Documentary Film <i>Brooklyn Castle</i>
MON	4	1:30	Coupon Club
TUE	5	1:00	Great Courses
WED	6	7:00	Socrates Café
FRI	8	11:00	Tech Express
SAT	9		Pop-Up Shop <i>BVR Trendz and Designs</i>
SAT	9	1:00	POV Documentary - Trio of Short Films
TUE	12	1:00	Great Courses
WED	13	11:00	Book Café <i>Session 1</i>
WED	13	11:00	Short Story Discussion Group
WED	13	11:30	Blood Pressure Screening
WED	13	1:00	Book Café <i>Session 2</i>
WED	13	1:30	Genealogy Club
THU	14	1:00	Best of Broadway's Romantic Melodies
FRI	15	10:30	Sit-N-Stitch
FRI	15	2:00	Friday Afternoon Movie <i>Incredibles 2</i>
SUN	17	2:00	Musician's Showcase <i>Regina Goldy</i>
SUN	17	3:00	3D Printer Demonstration
MON	18		Library Closed
TUE	19	10:30	Coffee and a Book
TUE	19	1:00	Great Courses
TUE	19	6:30	Library Board of Trustees Meeting
WED	20	11:00	Poetry Reading
THU	21	11:00	Page Turners
THU	21	6:00	Sewing
MON	25	2:00	Non-Fiction Book Discussion Group
MON	25	3:00	Sewing
TUE	26	4:00	Friends of the Library Meeting
WED	27	12:00	Lunch with Friends <i>Napkin Folding</i>
THU	28	2:00	Library 30th Anniversary Trivia Game "1989" Edition



**Please be sure to register for programs requiring registration, as they may be cancelled due to low registration.**



The Monroe Township Library Foundation provides Pop-Up Shop rental space on select Saturdays between 10:00am and 4:00pm. Local residents with their own direct sales businesses may visit one of our service desks or our website for an application to sell merchandise.

**February 2:** *GV Axxesorries*  
**February 9:** *BVR Trendz and Designs*

## Upcoming March Events

**Strange Things: A Cryptozoology Conference**  
**Saturday, March 9 at 1:00pm**  
 Rutgers professor and folklorist **Angus Gillespie** presents cryptids, creatures from the sasquatch to zombies. Registration not required.

**Musician's Showcase**  
**Sunday, March 17 at 2:00pm**  
 Indie Folk Artist **Brian Curry** performs. Registration not required.

**Princeton Symphony Orchestra Performance**  
**Monday, March 18 at 1:00pm**  
 Chamber music by **The Verona Quartet** Offered in partnership with the *Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission*. Registration not required.

**Pickets and Persistence**  
**War Service & Women's Suffrage**  
**Wednesday, March 20 at 1:00pm**  
**Carol Simon Levin** portrays Jeannette Rankin America's first female member of Congress. Registration not required.

**Go, van Gogh**  
**Thursday, March 21 at 2:30pm**  
 An overview of the life of Vincent van Gogh and its influence on his art will lead to a lively discussion. Funded by the *NJ Council for the Humanities*. Registration not required.

**Makerfest**  
**Saturday, March 23 from 11:00am to 4:00pm**  
 Calling All Makers! We're looking for exhibitors of all ages to come and show off what you make! Demonstrate Electronics, Crafts, Science, Technology, Art, Hobbies. Exhibitors may sell their merchandise during the event for a \$15 donation to the *Friends of the Monroe Township Library*. Space is limited. Call 732-521-5000 x140 or email [shrubes@monroetwplibrary.org](mailto:shrubes@monroetwplibrary.org) to apply.



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Monday-Thursday 9:30am-9:00pm  
 Friday 9:30am-5:00pm  
 Saturday-Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm



## February 2019 Happenings

**P.O.V. Winter Documentary Film Series**  
**Sunday, February 3 at 10:30am** *Joe's Violin* A donated musical instrument forges an improbable friendship between 91-year-old Holocaust survivor, Joe Feingold, and 12-year-old Bronx school girl, Brianna Perez. 30 minutes

**Sunday, February 3 at 1:00pm** *Brooklyn Castle* I.S. 318 is a Brooklyn school that serves mostly minority students from families living below the poverty line. This film is the exhilarating story of five of the school's aspiring young chess players who have won more than 30 national championships, the most of any school in the country. 90 minutes

**Saturday, February 9 at 1:00pm** A trio of shorts. **Earthrise** tells the story of the first image captured of the Earth from space in 1968 as told by the Apollo 8 astronauts (25 minutes). Next, in **Public Money** the citizens of New York City decide how to spend part of a public budget (15 minutes). Finally, the city of Cleveland attempts to break the world record by releasing over 1.5 million balloons at once in 1986 in **Balloonfest**. What could go wrong? (7 minutes).

*These films are presented in collaboration with the award-winning PBS documentary series P.O.V.*

Registration is not required.

**Blood Pressure Screening**  
**Wednesday, February 13 from 11:30am to 1:00pm**  
 Saint Peter's University Hospital Community Health Services will provide free blood pressure screenings in the Library. Registration is not required.

**Regina Goldy Musical Showcase**  
**Sunday, February 17 at 2:00pm**  
 New Jersey native **Regina Goldy**, accompanied by Tim Coyle, will sing you a story in her unique blend of folk, blues, and coffeehouse style music. *Sponsored by The Friends of the Library*. Registration is not required.

**Best of Broadway's Romantic Melodies**  
**Thursday, February 14 at 1:00pm**  
 Musical performance featuring **Jim Schubert**, actor, singer and 2016 winner of the prestigious international Lotte Lenya Singing Competition and pianist **Jeffrey Uhlig**, Principal Keyboard and Vocal Coach with the Ocean City Pops Orchestra, formerly with Princeton Symphony. Register at the Welcome Desk.

**Poetry Reading**  
**Wednesday, February 20 at 11:00am**  
**Vijay Joshi** will discuss the influence of Japanese poetry genres Haibun, Tanka and Haiku on contemporary American poetry. Registration not required.

**Lunch with Friends**  
**Wednesday, February 27 at 12:00pm**  
**Patti Pinho** will demonstrate the art of napkin folding with step-by-step instructions for festive holiday tablescapes. Bring your brown bag lunch. Light refreshments will be provided. *Sponsored by The Friends of the Library*. Register at the Welcome Desk.

**Trivia Game "1989" Edition**  
**Thursday, February 28 at 2:00pm**  
**MONROE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**  
**IS CELEBRATING 30 YEARS**  
 Celebrate the Library's 30th Anniversary by testing your knowledge of all things 1989. Anything associated with the year 1989 is fair game! Register as a team of 3 to 6 adult players, or sign up as an individual to be assigned to a team, starting February 4. Register at the Welcome Desk

## Continuing Programs

### Poets Corner

Friday, February 1 at 11:00am

A workshop and reading group for all ages. Please bring 12 copies of your work. Registration is not required.

### Current Events Discussion Group

Saturday, February 2 at 10:30am

Enjoy a discussion about domestic affairs and foreign policy. Light refreshments provided. Register at the Welcome Desk.

### Coupon Club

Monday, February 4 at 1:30pm

Clip, swap and trade coupons. Bring scissors and your stash of non-expired coupons. Registration is not required.

### Socrates Café

Wednesday, February 6 at 7:00pm

Socrates Café are gatherings around the world where people from different backgrounds get together and exchange thoughtful ideas and experiences while embracing the central theme of Socratizing; the idea that we learn more when we ask questions along with others. Join us and pose questions, listen to others, raise challenges and consider other alternatives. Monroe resident **Noreen Gumnic** moderates. Register at the Welcome Desk.

### Genealogy Club

Wednesday, February 13 at 1:30pm

Beginner and experienced genealogists are welcome. Registration is not required.

## Book Discussion Groups

### Book Café

Wednesday, February 13

**Session 1 at 11:00am** *for existing group members*, **Session 2 at 1:00pm** *for new members*

Discuss books that you have read. Light refreshments will be served. Register at the Welcome Desk.

### Short Story Discussion Group

Wednesday, February 13 at 11:00am

**Leah Wagner** moderates a discussion about "Cougar" by Maria Anderson in Best American Short Stories and "The Tomb of Wrestling" by Jo Ann Beard in The O. Henry Prize Stories. Register at the Welcome Desk.

### Coffee and a Book

Tuesday, February 19 at 10:30am

Join a book discussion moderated by **Monica Teixeira**. This month's title is The High Mountains of Portugal by Yann Martel. Coffee and cookies provided. Register and reserve your copy at the Welcome Desk.

### Page Turners

Thursday, February 21 at 11:00am

Library staff present and recommend a variety of new titles pertaining to a different topic each month, both new and old titles. This month's topic is *Books with an Asian Flavor*. Light refreshments provided. Register at the Welcome Desk.

### Non-Fiction Book Discussion

Monday, February 25 at 2:00pm

Join a discussion about Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson, moderated by **Irene Goldberg**. Register and reserve a copy at the Welcome Desk.

## The Library will be closed on Monday, February 18

## The Great Courses

### America's Founding Fathers

Tuesdays, February 5, 12 and 19 at 1:00pm

Professor Allen Guelzo, Gettysburg College, presents the men who shaped the U.S. Constitution in this DVD lecture series, in partnership with the Smithsonian.

**February 5:** Patrick Henry's Convention & George Washington's Inaugural

**February 12:** Alexander Hamilton's Reports & Thomas Jefferson's Party

**February 19:** William Findley's Whiskey & Benjamin Banneker's Survey

Each session consists of two 30-minute DVD lectures, followed by a brief discussion and light refreshments. Registration is not required.

## Needle Crafts

### Sit-N-Stitch

Fridays, February 1 and 15 at 10:30am

Stitch projects, assist others, share tips, projects and patterns. Bring your own supplies. Registration is not required.

### Sewing Class: Make an Envelope Pillow Case

Thursday, February 21 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Monday, February 25 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Students, 18 and over, must take the Meet Your Sewing Machine class or have prior machine sewing knowledge to take this class. \*\*Students must bring 1 yard of fabric to class.\*\* Register at the Reference Desk, by phone or online at [www.monroetwplibrary.org](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org)

## Friday Afternoon Movie

**Friday, February 15 at 2:00pm: Incredibles 2** - Former superhero dad Bob Parr is left to care for the kids while his wife Helen is out saving the world. PG, 1h 58m  
Movies are free. Registration is not required.

## Technology Assistance & Instruction

### Tech Express

Friday, February 8 from 11:00am to 12:00pm

Drop in with your electronic device to get personalized help from a Librarian. Bring your charged and registered device, and all necessary passwords. First come, first served.

### One-On-One Sessions By Appointment

We offer one-hour personalized technology assistance by appointment. Register for one-on-one help with a Librarian at the Reference Desk or by phone. Sample topics include:

- Microsoft Word, Excel, Office
- Email
- Internet searching, databases
- Facebook, LinkedIn, and other social media
- Ebooks, audiobooks
- Online job searching and applications
- Smartphones, tablets, laptops
- 3D Printer demonstration

## On Exhibit

### George Ivers Display Case

Monroe Township Middle School student artwork

### Fine Arts Gallery

Watercolors of **Dr. Indrani Choudhury**



## Meeting Schedule

### Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, February 19 at 6:30pm

### Friends of the Library Meeting

Tuesday, February 26 at 4:00pm