

May at a Glance ...

WED	1	11:00	Book Café <i>Session 1</i>
WED	1	1:00	Book Café <i>Session 2</i>
WED	1	7:00	Socrates Café
THU	2	11:00	Meet the Author
FRI	3	10:30	Sit-N-Stitch
FRI	3	11:00	Poets Corner
FRI	3	3:00	Music Circle
SAT	4		Pop-Up Shop <i>Foundation Jewelry Sale</i>
SAT	4	10:30	Current Events Discussion Group
SUN	5	10:30	POV Documentary Film <i>Voices of the Sea</i>
SUN	5	1:00	GEN X 1989
MON	6	1:30	Coupon Club
MON	6	3:00	Sewing Class
TUE	7	1:00	Great Courses
WED	8	11:00	Glucose and Cholesterol Screenings
WED	8	11:00	Short Story Discussion Group
THU	9	2:00	International Film <i>After the Wedding</i>
THU	9	6:00	Sewing Class
FRI	10	2:00	Friday Afternoon Movie <i>First Man</i>
SAT	11		Pop-Up Shop <i>BQ Boutique</i>
SAT	11	1:00	POV Documentary Film <i>Minding the Gap</i>
MON	13	2:00	Non-Fiction Book Discussion
TUE	14	1:00	Great Courses
WED	15	12:00	Tech Express
WED	15	1:30	Genealogy Club
THU	16	11:00	Page Turners
THU	16	2:00	Natural and Organic Gardening
FRI	17	10:30	Sit-N-Stitch
FRI	17	11:00	English Tea Traditions and Royal Weddings
FRI	17	6:00	Retirement Reception for Director Irene Goldberg
TUE	21	10:30	International Book Club
TUE	21	1:00	How to Break Up with Your Clutter
TUE	21	6:30	Library Board of Trustees Meeting
WED	22	11:30	Happy Gardening Seminar
FRI	24	11:00	"The Telegram" Presentation
SUN	26		Library is Closed
MON	27		Library is Closed
TUE	28	2:00	Louise Penny Book Discussion
TUE	28	4:00	Friends of the Library Meeting
WED	29	10:30	Project Healthy Bones
FRI	31	2:00	Friday Afternoon Movie <i>Bohemian Rhapsody</i>



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. **Saturday, May 4: Library Foundation jewelry sale**
Saturday, May 11: BQ Boutique

Upcoming June Events

- Illegal Drug Trends in Our Area**
Saturday, June 1 at 10:30am
Current Events special presentation by Special Agent **Gregory Saunders**, Drug Enforcement Administration. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is not required.
- Bookkeeping & Accounting Info Session**
Thursday, June 6 at 11:00am
Light refreshments will be served. Registration is not required.
- World Wide Knit in Public Day**
Sunday, June 8 from 11:00am to 3:00pm
Registration is not required.
- Native Plants for Pollinators**
Thursday, June 13 at 2:00pm
Middlesex County Master Gardener presents. Register at the Welcome Desk.
- Creating Your Best Life, How to Pursue Meaningful Goals and Live with No Regrets Workshop**
Saturday, June 15 from 10:30am to 12:30pm
Susie De Lima Verde and Roopak Desai present. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Register at the Welcome Desk.
- TC Carpenter: Musician's Showcase**
Sunday, June 23 at 2:00pm
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration not required.
- Census Bureau Jobs & Applicant Event**
Wednesday, June 26 from 10:00am to 12:00pm
2020 jobs presentation & help with applications. Register at the Welcome Desk.
- "Piano Dave" Schlossberg in Concert**
Thursday, June 27 at 1:00pm
Limit of 4 tickets per person. Register at the Welcome Desk.
- Beyond the Basics for Your iPhone**
Friday, June 28 at 10:30am
Presented by AARP. Register at the Welcome Desk.
- Eating Healthy on a Budget Presentation**
Friday, June 28 at 10:30am
Registration not required.

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May 2019 Happenings

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

The Monroe Township Public Library announces the retirement of Director **Irene Goldberg** after 30 years of outstanding service and dedication. A reception will be held in her honor on **Friday, May 17, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:30pm** at the Monroe Township Library. All are welcome.

<p>Author Talk with Sarada Chiruvolu Thursday, May 2 at 11:00am Sarada Chiruvolu, author of <i>Home at Last</i>, will discuss her journey toward Higher Consciousness. Registration not required.</p>	<p>English Tea and Royal Weddings Friday, May 17 at 11:00am Learn about English tea traditions and etiquette along with royal wedding customs and ceremonies. Presented by tea historian, Judith Krall-Russo. Register at the Welcome Desk.</p>
<p>Music Circle Friday, May 3 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm Musicians of any level are welcome to play popular songs of various decades in a campfire-style setting. Songs will be done in simple 3-4 chord arrangements and lyrics will be shown on the projector for everyone to follow along. Registration is not required.</p>	<p>How to Break Up with Your Clutter Tuesday, May 21 at 1:00pm Professional organizer, author and motivational speaker, Jamie Novak, presents a humorous take on how to part with things you no longer use. Get organized today! Registration is not required.</p>
<p>Gen X 1989 Sunday, May 5 at 1:00pm We will shine a spotlight on the biggest events of 1989, our anniversary year. Guest speaker Krystian Milewski presents life growing up in West Berlin during the 80s to the city's transformation to a metropolitan hotspot of the 21st century. Registration is not required.</p>	<p>Happy Gardening Seminar Wednesday, May 22 at 11:30am Learn how to prevent injuries from yard work. Dr. Karen Kondos presents ways to reduce risk of injury while doing yard work with the proper use of body mechanics in this physical therapy seminar. Register online at www.monroetwplibrary.org or at the Welcome Desk.</p>
<p>Glucose and Cholesterol Screenings Wednesday, May 8 at 11:00am Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NJ will be conducting the screenings. Registration is not required.</p>	<p>The Telegram Friday, May 24 at 11:00am Julian Davis presents the story of an incident that led the U.S. into the Great War of 1914 and behind the scenes manipulations to bring others into the conflict. Registration is not required.</p>
<p>Natural and Organic Gardening Thursday, May 16 at 2:00pm Are you interested in gardening? Do you want fewer chemicals in your life? Nisha Khanna of the <i>Middlesex County Master Gardeners</i> will provide tips and techniques for natural and organic ways to get the most out of your garden. Register at the Reference Desk, by phone or online at www.monroetwplibrary.org</p>	<p>Project Healthy Bones Wednesday, May 29 from 10:30am to 12:00pm Fitness expert and personal trainer Liz Allen will guide you through osteoporosis prevention exercises to target the body's large muscle groups to improve balance, flexibility and strength. All fitness levels and all ages are encouraged to participate. Register at the Welcome Desk.</p>

Continuing Programs

Socrates Café

Wednesday, May 1 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.

Poets Corner

Friday, May 3 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, May 4 at 10:30am

Enjoy a discussion about domestic affairs and foreign policy. Light refreshments provided.

Register at the Welcome Desk.

Coupon Club

Monday, May 6 at 1:30pm

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

Genealogy Club

Wednesday, May 15 at 1:30pm

Fred Voss, professional genealogist and Ellis Island National Park Tour Guide, presents "Stories from Ellis Island."

Learn how immigrants arrived, how they were processed, and how to decipher squiggles on the manifest.

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

Book Discussion Groups

Book Café

Wednesday, May 1

Session 1 at 11:00am, Session 2 at 1:00pm

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

Short Story Discussion Group

Wednesday, May 8 at 11:00am

Leah Wagner moderates a discussion about "Los Angeles" by Emma Cline in Best American Short Stories and "Lucky Dragon" by Viet Dinh in O. Henry Prize Stories. Register at the Welcome Desk.

Non-Fiction Book Discussion

Monday, May 13 at 2:00pm

Join us for a discussion about A Secret Gift: How One Man's Kindness--and a Trove of Letters--Revealed the Hidden History of the Great Depression by Ted Gup. Moderated by **Irene Goldberg**.

Register and reserve a copy at the Welcome Desk.

Page Turners

Thursday, May 16 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 *International Titles*. Light refreshments provided. Register at the Welcome Desk.

International Book Club

Tuesday, May 21 at 10:30am

This month's title is Victoria by Daisy Goodwin (UK). Drawing on Victoria's diaries, as well as her own brilliant gifts for history and drama, Daisy Goodwin, author of The Fortune Hunter as well as creator and writer of the PBS/Masterpiece drama *Victoria*, brings the young queen even more richly to life in this magnificent novel. Moderated by **Monica Teixeira**. Coffee and cookies provided. Register and reserve your copy at the Welcome Desk.

Louise Penny Book Discussion

Tuesday, May 28 at 2:00pm

Join a book discussion moderated by **Paula Simon** about Canada's famous sleuth Chief Inspector Gamache and the good people of Three Pines, Quebec as they unravel a good mystery in Bury Your Dead.

Register at the Welcome Desk.

The Library will be closed Sunday, May 26 & Monday, May 27

Needle Crafts

Sit-N-Stitch

Friday, May 3 and 17 at 10:30am

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

Sewing Class: Learn to Sew Simple Café Curtains

Monday, May 6, 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Thursday, May 9, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Class is 2 hours. Students must also know the size/measurement of the window for which they are making the curtains and bring 2 yards of fabric to class. Students must take the Meet Your Sewing Machine class, or have prior machine sewing knowledge to take this class.

Ages 18 and over. Register at the Reference Desk, by phone or online at www.monroetwplibrary.org.

P.O.V. Documentary Films

Sunday, May 5 at 10:30am: *Voices of the Sea* In a remote Cuban fishing village, a young mother tries a second attempt at escaping to America for a better life. 1h, 23m

Saturday, May 11 at 1:00pm: *Minding the Gap* Coming-of-age story about three friends bonding together to escape volatile families in America's Heartland. 1h, 23m

This film is presented in collaboration with the award-winning documentary series P.O.V. (www.pbs.org/pov).

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The Great Courses - American Military History

Tuesdays, May 7 and 14 at 1:00pm

Each session consists of two 30-minute DVD, followed by a brief discussion and light refreshments. No registration.

May 7: America: Forged in War & George Washington Takes Command

May 14: Redcoats Fall to the Continental Army & Andrew Jackson and the War of 1812

International Film sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Thursday, May 9 at 2:00pm: *After the Wedding* 2006 Drama (Denmark) A manager of an orphanage in India is sent to Copenhagen, Denmark, where he discovers a life-altering family secret. Rated R, 2 hours

There will be no charge for International Films in 2019 as a 30th Anniversary bonus thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Library. Registration is not required.

Friday Afternoon Movies

Friday, May 10 at 2:00pm: *First Man* Riveting story behind the first manned mission to the moon, focusing on Neil Armstrong and the decade leading to the historic Apollo 11 flight. Biography/Drama/History, Rated PG-13, 2h 22m

Friday, May 31 at 2:00pm: *Bohemian Rhapsody* The story of the legendary rock band Queen and lead singer Freddie Mercury, leading up to their famous performance at Live Aid. Biography/Drama/Music, Rated PG-13, 2h 13m
Movies are free. Registration is not required.

Technology Assistance & Instruction

Tech Express

Wednesday, May 15 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm

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

Poems from the *Poets Corner* poetry group

Fine Arts Gallery

The photography of the *Padwee Family*

Meeting Schedule

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30pm

Friends of the Library Meeting

Tuesday, May 28 at 4:00pm

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