



Monroe Township Library Children's Events



June - July 2009

Imagine, create, Participate!

You're invited to participate in the summer reading program "**Be Creative**" at the Monroe Township Library!

- This summer, when a child reads for five hours (or for pre-readers, *read to* for five hours), he/she will receive a book of their choice. When a child reads for ten hours, he/she will receive a coupon for a free ice cream from *Mendoker's Bakery*.
- Those who read twenty hours will be entered into a special drawing for an iPod shuffle and iTunes gift card!
- Visit the Library starting Monday, June 29th to register and be sure to attend our Scholastic Book Fair, going on June 29th through July 1st!
- Summer reading registration will also be available online – visit our website for details!



Summer Stars

Are you a kid between the ages of 9-12 who likes to act, design and create? Join us over four weeks as we put together a small play! Help make scenery, props and costumes and be a star in the show! A production of the play will be held at the library on Monday, September 14th. Parents, friends and neighbors are welcome to attend!

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
August 10, 17, 24, 31



Theater Festival

Yosi's Pajama Party
(Come in your pajamas!)
Tuesday, July 7
7:00 p.m.
Ages 3 and up

Peter Pan
Presented by
Duet Productions
Tuesday, July 21
7:00 p.m.
Ages 4 and up

Trapped at Triple Tree
Presented by
Piccirillo Science
Tuesday, August 11
7:00 p.m.
Ages 4 and up

Free tickets are available one week before the performance at the Youth Services Desk.

Scholastic Book Fair

Mark your calendars!! The Library is sponsoring a special "Buy-One-Get-One-Free" book sale! Preschool through elementary age reading levels.

Monday, June 29 — Wednesday, July 1

10:00 am - 8:30 p.m.



Kids for Kids Used Toy Sale

Monday, July 27

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Stop by anytime between 3-7 p.m. and see what bargains you can find. All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

All items will be "buy one get one free" between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



Diary of a Summer Kid

Are you a fan of *Diary of a Fly* or *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*?

Come create your own journal so you'll be ready to document every moment of your busy summer.

The group will meet once in July to get started and then again at the end of the summer in August to share favorite journal entries and exciting stories! For children ages 8-12.

Wednesday, July 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m.

**Registration for this program begins on
Tuesday June 2 at 9:30 am**

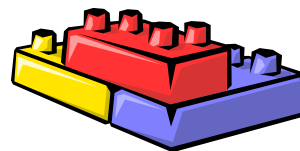
Cupcake Decoration Contest and Party



We want to see your most creative cupcakes - any theme is welcome! Please bring at

least six decorated cupcakes, as well as the recipe and instructions for your creation, to the Library on **Monday, August 3**. An awards and tasting party will be held at 3:00 p.m. for all of our bakers! All ages are welcome!

**Register at the Youth Services Desk
beginning Tuesday, June 2.**



Lego Day™

Thursday, July 16

Bring an original Lego creation (already made at home) between 10:00 a.m. and noon. From 12:30-2:30 voting will take place. Winners will be announced at 3:30 p.m. Preschoolers through sixth graders are invited to enter. Prizes will be given in each age group.

Library Rockstar

Think you have what it takes to be a super star? Come practice to be the next great American rock band at the Monroe Township Library in our rock band contest! Prizes will be given to the best contestants. For children ages 8 and up. **Registration begins Tuesday, June 2.**

Monday, July 20 at 2:00 p.m.



Storytimes

Toddlin' Tots

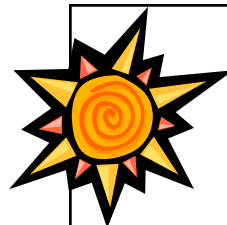
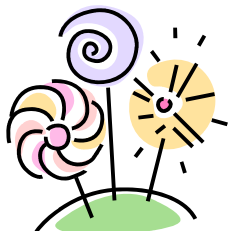
Rhymes and playtime for infants 6 - 12 months and their caregiver. The half-hour session is filled with fun, music and free play.

Registration is not required.

Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

June 15, 22, 29

July 6



Wee Folk

A storytime for the younger child. Caregivers and children ages 18-24 months are welcome. **Registration begins Tuesday, June 2 at 9:30 a.m.**

Children must be 18 months old by the start of each program.

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

June 11, 25

July 2, 9



Terrific Twos

A program for ages 24-36 months and caregiver.

Registration begins Tuesday, June 2 at 9:30 a.m. Children must be 24 months old by the start of each program.

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

June 10, 17, 24

July 1,

OR

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

June 11, 25

July 2, 9

Baby Time



A parent and child story time for babies 12 - 18 months and their caregiver. Filled with music, stories and fun and a chance to meet others with young children.

Registration is not required.

Mondays at 9:30 a.m.

June 15, 22, 29

July 6



Mother Goose Time

A parent and child program for children ages 18—36 months. Join us for stories, music and fun.

Registration is not required.

Fridays at 9:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.

July 10, 17, 24, 31

August 7, 14



Saturday Stories!

A program filled with stories, music and fun for ages 3-5. *Registration is not required.*

Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

June 6

July 11, 25

August 8, 22



Drop-In Storytimes!

A program filled with stories, music and fun for ages 3-5.

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

June	3, 10, 17, 24
July	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
August	12, 19, 26

OR

Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.





June	4, 11, 18, 25
July	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
August	13, 20, 27

Registration is not required.



Express Bags

In a hurry? Don't have time to browse our collection? Stop by the Circulation Desk or run through the Drive Thru and pick up one of our "Express Book" bags that contain a pre-selected pack of assorted books and summer fun sheets for you and your child to share together.

-  Each bag has six pre-selected books for either toddler or pre-school age-children.
-  The books are checked out to you for a three week period.
-  The books can be renewed once for an additional three weeks.
-  The bags are available at the Circulation Desk and Drive Thru during Library hours.



EVENING TALES

An evening storytime for ages 3-5. Registration is not required.

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

June	9, 16, 23, 30
July	14, 28
August	4, 11, 18, 25



Monroe Library at Veterans' Park



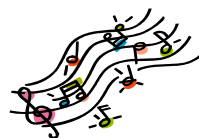
Nine weeks of live half hour storytimes sponsored by the Monroe Library. Registration is not required.

All ages welcome!

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

July	7, 14, 21, 28
August	4, 11, 18, 25
September	1

Music with Pat McKinley

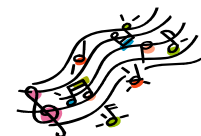


A musical program for infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

Registration is not required.

Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m.

June	9, 23, 30
July	7, 14, 21, 28
August	4, 11, 25



Donuts with Dad

Saturday afternoon fun with stories, crafts and snacks, especially for dads and their kids. Registration is not required.



Saturday, June 20 at 11:00 am

Arts and Crafts

Pig Shakers



Monday, June 8 at 11:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5

Make a Mask

Wednesday, June 17 at 11:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5



Gong Drums



Wednesday, July 1 at 11:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5

Sculpt-It-Up

Monday, July 27 at 11:30 a.m.

Ages 4-7



Paint Pals

Wednesday, August 12 at 11:30 a.m.

All ages

Spaghetti Art

Monday, August 24 at 11:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5



Registration is not required for arts and craft programs.

Design your Own Super Hero

It's super hero day at the Library. Come create your one-of-a-kind super hero costume at the Monroe Township Library. For children of all ages. Registration is not required.



Wednesday, July 29 at 11:30 a.m.

Summer Craft in a Bag

Come anytime during the specified hours and you will receive a bag with all for the items needed to complete a fun summer craft. You may take the craft home with you or work on it in the Library



Friday, June 26 12:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, July, 16 12:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, August, 21 12:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Book Bingo!

Children ages 5-8 are welcome .

Wednesday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m.



Create a Summer Scrapbook

Learn how to put together all those photographs and memories from summer 2009 in a unique scrapbook. Young people ages 10 and up are welcome. Registration is required and space is limited.

Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

July 28

August 4, 18, 25



Sidewalk Chalk

Art Show

Create a colorful one-of-a-kind design on the Library's sidewalk! All ages are welcome. Registration is not required.

Monday, July 13 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

(Rain date Tuesday, July 14)

Monday, August 17 from 10:30a. m. - 12:30 p.m.

(Rain date Tuesday, August 18)





Art Smart

Each session will highlight a different artist or style of art, and children will have an opportunity to create their own masterpiece. Children ages 5 -10 are welcome. Registration begins on Tuesday, June 2.

Van Gogh Starry Night

Thursday, July 9, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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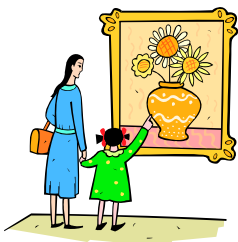
Thursday, July 23, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Frozen in Time: Exploring Pre-Historic Art

Thursday, August 20, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

OR

Thursday, August 27 7:00-8:00 p.m.



Free Museum Pass Program

If you are looking for something to do this weekend, check out the Monroe Library's **Free Museum Pass Program**. The Library has two (2) passes available for each of the following museums:

American Museum of Natural History, NYC

212/769-5000 for hours and directions or visit www.amnh.org.

Pass includes admission for 2 adults & 2 children.

Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, NJ

609/586-0616 for hours and directions or visit www.groundsfor Sculpture.org.

Pass includes admission for 3 people.

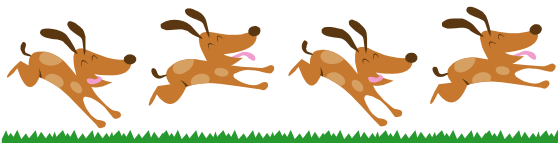
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC (NEW for 2008!)

212/570-3961 for hours and directions or visit www.metmuseum.org.

Pass includes admission for 2 adults & 2 children under age 16.

To check out a pass, Monroe Library patrons ages 18+ must be in good standing and their Library card can not have any overdue items, lost items, and outstanding fines. The patron must call the Library for pass availability one (1) day prior to pickup, and if the pass is available, it will be held for that patron for pickup the following day during Library hours. The pass must be returned to the Library within four (4) days of being checked out and the return must be done in person at the Circulation Desk. There will be a \$5.00 late fee each day the pass is past due, with a maximum fine equal to the pass replacement cost. The patron is responsible for the full replacement cost of the pass if it is lost. Visit the Circulation Desk for complete information regarding this program.





Dog Days of Summer Book Group

If you like reading, and you like dogs, chances are you will have a doggone good time in our summer book group! We will be reading *Marley: A Dog Like No Other*, *Ribsy* and *The Summer of Riley*. This is a multi-grade group, so bring a brother, sister or a friend from another grade to join in on the fun! Recommended for readers at a 3rd grade level or above.

Wednesday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m.

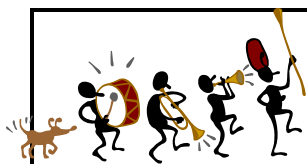
Marley & Me by John Grogan

Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Ribsy by Beverly Cleary

Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m.

The Summer of Riley by Eve Bunting



Creative Mania!

Come and be creative and join in the fun at the Monroe Township Library. Join *Kids for Kids* for their summer family fun event filled with games, arts and crafts and prizes.

Wednesday, July 15

Come anytime between
10:30 a.m. and noon.

Tickets will be available
beginning Monday, July 6.



THREE LITTLE PIGS

Presented by the
Library Puppeteers

Thursday, August 6

10:30 a.m.

Ages 3 and up

Free tickets available Monday, July 22.

Get Ready for September with

Tutor.com™



Students from Kindergarten to 12th grade, those in introductory-level college courses, and adult learners can visit the Monroe Township Library or the Library's Website from home to get on-demand, free help from qualified tutors.

Homework Help®, an online tutoring service from Tutor.com™ connects students to expert tutors (at no charge) in math, science, social studies, and English via the Internet. Spanish-speaking tutors are available to help students in math and science any day of the week between the hours of 2:00 - 9:00 P.M. *Live Homework Help* is easy to use. Children and teens simply go to the Library's Website, click on the *Live Homework Help* link and then enter their grade level and the subject they need help in. In just a few minutes, students are connected to a tutor in an Online Classroom for one-to-one help.

Available through our Website at

<http://www.monroetwplibrary.org>



BookFlix

Watch your favorite children's book come alive on your computer!

Be sure to check out *Scholastic BookFlix*, a new and interactive resource that links fact and fiction together. *BookFlix* pairs classic video storybooks with related nonfiction books that will be sure to build a love of reading and learning in any child. *BookFlix* is available by accessing our Web page from either home or the Library at www.monroetwplibrary.org.

The Eli Drapkin Stamp Club



Under the guidance of resident stamp collectors, young people ages 7-12 are introduced to the World of Stamp Collecting through guest speakers and stamp swapping. The club meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. in the Library. To register call 732-521-5000 ext. 116.



Be a FAN!

The Monroe Township Library is on "Facebook." Visit our page for program updates and Library news!



Kids for Kids

Kids for Kids is a volunteer group of young people ages 8 and up who plan and sponsor programs for kids. They publish the newsletter "Kids' World," sponsor a poetry and photography contest, volunteer at the Library and much more. To join, stop by the Library and fill out a *Kids for Kids* application or call 732-521-5000 ext. 116 for more information.



The August - September schedule of children's events will be available Monday, July 20.

Need to contact the Youth Services Department? You can email us at:

youthservices@monroetwplibrary.org



 **MONROE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**
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 Monroe Township
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732-521-5000
www.monroetwplibrary.org

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday	9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sundays	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Holiday Hours

Sunday, May 24 through	Closed	Memorial Day
Monday, May 25		
Friday, July 3—through	Closed	Independence Day
Saturday, July 4		