



# MONROE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

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[www.monroetwplibrary.org](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org)

Monday-Thursday 9:30am-8:00pm  
Friday 9:30am-5:00pm  
Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm  
Sunday 10:00am-2:00pm



## September 2021 Happenings

### Live Music Program

**Sunday, September 12 at 12:00 p.m.**  
Longtime friends and fellow singer-songwriters **Sharon Goldman and Carolann Solebello** return to MTPL for a live music performance. This is an outdoor event, attendees must bring their own chairs and/or blankets. **Registration is required.**

### Friends of the Library Membership Drive Event

**Saturday, September 18 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**  
Renew or start a new Friends membership. Jazz guitarist **Gustavo Caraballo** will perform. A balloon artist will make balloon animals and everyone may “color the courtyard” with sidewalk chalk. Light refreshments may be enjoyed outside. Thanks to your support the Friends provide wireless and remote printing, fund the museum pass program, award scholarships to outstanding students, fund summer programs for young readers and offer various programs throughout the year for your enjoyment and education. We hope to see you there!

### Adult STEM Project

**Tuesday, September 21 at 4:00 p.m.**  
Why should kids have all the fun? Join us to make a Pyramid Catapult. Adults only ages 18 & up. This program will be held in person. **Registration required.**

### College Applications Workshop

**Thursday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m.**  
This virtual workshop will be held via Zoom and will cover how to take charge of the college application process during and after Covid-19. It is suitable for families of middle school through high school juniors. Be prepared to take notes. **Registration is required.**

### Bookmobile Events



**Bookmobile Visit to Thompson Park**  
**Tuesday, September 14 from 2:30 to 4:15 p.m.**  
The Bookmobile will be at Thompson Park alongside representatives from the Jamesburg Public Library for a library card sign-up event. Browse for materials on the Bookmobile and play lawn games. We will be located in the parking lot across from Grove 3A near the gazebo. Everyone is welcome!

**Saturday Bookmobile Tour About Town**  
**Saturday, September 25 from 10:00 to 4:15 p.m.**  
The bookmobile will be visiting four different stops around town. The schedule is:

- 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
The Pines on Brandon Avenue & Samantha Drive
- 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. - Heritage Chase  
Talmadge Drive by Mounts Mills Road
- 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
10th Street between Avenue G & Avenue H
- 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.  
Mill Lake School Parking Lot

### Mental Health Seminar

**Wednesday, September 29 at 6:00 p.m.**  
Learn about mental health for parents navigating the back to school time during the Covid-19 pandemic. **Scott Kelsey**, a Stability Network Leader, will share his story. This program will be offered in person. **Registration is required.**

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## Continuing Programs

### Sit-N-Stitch\*

**Fridays, September 3 & 17 at 10:30 a.m.**

Socialize with stitchers & crafters of all skill levels. Bring your own supplies. This program will be held in person. \*Registration is required. Register in advance at the Reference Desk, online at [www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar) or by phone at (732) 521-5000.

### International Film Discussion

**Thursday, September 9 at 2:30 p.m.**

Hosted by the Friends of the Monroe Township Library. This month we will watch and discuss ***The Silent Revolution*** (2019, Germany). A film about the extraordinary courage of young individuals in a time of political oppression, "The Silent Revolution" is the gripping true story of a group of students in 1956 East Germany, and how their lives are changed forever by a harmless human act of solidarity. Please view the film in advance at your leisure and join us for the discussion. Films are available to stream for free on Kanopy, accessible with your library card online at <https://monroetw.kanopy.com/video/silent-revolution>. This program will be held via Zoom. Registration is not required. Please visit the Library's website at <http://www.monroetwplibrary.org/virtual-programs> for meeting ID and password information.

### Monday Meditation

**Mondays, September 13, 20 & 27 at 9:00 a.m.**

Grab a chair or mat and enjoy guided breathing exercises, meditation, and simple stretches to start your day! We will not meet on Monday, September 6. This program will be held via Zoom. Registration is not required. Please visit the Library's website at [www.monroetwplibrary.org/virtual-programs](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org/virtual-programs) for meeting ID and password information.

### Genealogy Club\*

**Wednesday, September 22 at 2:00 p.m.**

Beginner and experienced genealogists welcome. This program will be held in person.

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## George Ivers Lobby Display

Matchstick monuments by **Myron Kaplan** will be on display through September 2021.

## Fine Arts Gallery

Works by local artist **Siripala Ranaweera** will be on display through October 2021.

## Drive-Thru Window

Place items on hold with your library card and pick them up when they're ready. Schedule an appointment on our website at [www.monroetwplibrary.org/curbside](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org/curbside) or by phone at (732) 521-5000.

## Digital Downloads

Download and stream a variety of media, like audiobooks, ebooks, magazines, music and movies, at any time of the day, from wherever you are! Our digital library is available 24/7. All you need is your library card number. Visit [www.monroetwplibrary.org/resources/digital](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org/resources/digital) to get started. Need help? Call the Reference Desk at (732) 521-5000.

**The Library will be closed on Sunday, September 5 and  
Monday, September 6 for Labor Day.**

## **Book Discussion Groups**

### **Book Café\***

**Wednesday, September 1 at 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.**

What have you been reading? We want to know! Join other book lovers for a lively discussion. Book Café is a perfect place to find your next great read or share what you have enjoyed. This program will be held in person. \*Registration is required. Register in advance at the Welcome Desk, online at [www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar) or by phone at (732) 521-5000.

### **Page Turners\***

**Thursday, September 16 at 11:00 a.m.**

Looking for something to read or add to your reading list? Library staff will present and recommend a variety of titles pertaining to a different topic, both new and old titles. The theme for this session is ***Stories of Note (books about music)***. This program will be held in person. \*Registration is required. Register in advance at the Welcome Desk, online at [www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar) or by phone at (732) 521-5000.

### **Non-Fiction Book Discussion\***

**Monday, September 20 at 2:00 p.m.**

Please join us for a discussion of Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland by Patrick Radden Keefe. Reserve a copy of the book through the library's [online catalog](#), by phone, or at the Welcome Desk. This title is also available in ebook and audiobook formats in the Libby app. This program will be held in person. \*Registration is required. Register in advance at the Welcome Desk, online at [www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar) or by phone at (732) 521-5000.

### **International Book Club\***

**Tuesday, September 21 at 10:30 a.m.**

Join a book discussion about What We Were Promised by Lucy Tan. Reserve a copy on the [library website](#) or by calling the library. This is a hybrid event. \*In-person participation requires registration. Register in advance at the Welcome Desk, online at [www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar) or by phone at (732) 521-5000. Registration is not required to participate via Zoom. Please visit the Library's website at [www.monroetwplibrary.org/virtual-programs](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org/virtual-programs) for meeting ID and password information.

### **Short Story Discussion Group\***

**Thursday, September 23 at 2:00 p.m.**

We will discuss the next two titles in The Best American Short Stories of the Century, "A Jury of Her Peers" by Susan Glaspell and "The Other Woman" by Sherwood Anderson. This program will be held in person at the Library. \*Registration is required. Register in advance at the Welcome Desk, online at [www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar) or by phone at (732) 521-5000.

# September at a Glance

WED	1	11:00	Book Café*
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FRI	3	10:30	Sit-N-Stitch*
SUN	5		<i>Library Closed</i>
MON	6		<i>Library Closed</i>
THU	9	2:30	International Film Discussion
SUN	12	12:00	Sunday Live Music Program*
MON	13	9:00	Monday Meditation
TUE	14	2:30-4:15	Bookmobile Visit to Thompson Park
THU	16	11:00	Page Turners*
FRI	17	10:30	Sit-N-Stitch*
SAT	18	2:00-4:00	Friends Membership Drive Event
MON	20	9:00	Monday Meditation
MON	20	2:00	Non-Fiction Book Discussion*
TUE	21	10:30	International Book Club*
TUE	21	4:00	Adult STEM Project: Make a Pyramid Catapult*
TUE	21	6:30	Board of Trustees Meeting
WED	22	2:00	Genealogy Club*
THU	23	2:00	Short Story Discussion Group*
THU	23	7:00	Taking Charge of College Applications*
SAT	25	10:00-4:15	Saturday Bookmobile Tour Around Town
MON	27	9:00	Monday Meditation
WED	29	6:00	Mental Health Seminar for Parents*

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## Upcoming October Event

### Knowledge is Power: What You Need to Know About Hereditary Cancer Risk Wednesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Raise your awareness of hereditary/genetic cancer risk, including breast, prostate and other cancers. This is a virtual presentation via Zoom. A panel of medical and genetics experts will discuss how to determine and reduce hereditary cancer risk. This program is presented in memory of Sheryl Lanman Nichols, who died of hereditary breast cancer in 2015 at age 34. Registration recommended.

## Museum Passes



We are pleased to offer museum passes again. A current list appears on our [website](#). Please note that some institutions have changed their hours of operation. Check with each museum before you visit to learn about any health and safety rules in place (for example, whether a mask is required for entry).