February 2022 Happenings

Join author and organizing humorist Jamie Novak
Thursday, February 17 at 7:00 PM
on Zoom

ORGANIZE FOR THE UNEXPECTED:
Create Your Emergency Plan Today

In an emergency, are you ready to leave your home in one hour? Do you or does someone else know where your important papers are filed?
Jamie Novak will share what belongs in your GO BINDER and all her must-know lists and tips to get things in order.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
Register & receive Zoom login info at
www.monroetwplibrary.org/virtual-programs

ANSWERING THE CALL:
ARTISTS OF THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022 @ 7 PM

Between the world wars, African American artists produced an extraordinary output of painting, sculpture and photography answering a call to action from Professor Alain Locke (Howard University). Diverse in style, these artists often told the story of important events in African American history, including The Great Migration.
In this Zoom presentation, art historian Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions discusses artists associated with this movement, including Horace Pippin, Aaron Douglass, Augusta Savage, Archibald Motley, Jr., James Van Der Zee, and Jacob Lawrence.

Registration not required. Zoom Meeting ID and passcode may be found on our website at:
www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar

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*NOTE: if you took the practice test here last July, this is the SAME TEST
Films

Black History Month Film*
Friday, February 4 at 2:00 p.m.
2018 film based upon the novel by Angie Thomas. Starr Carter, a black teen, witnesses the fatal police shooting of a close friend. Covering themes of race and racism, *The Hate U Give* addresses the tension between the police and the communities they're supposed to serve and protect and the differences between teens growing up in predominantly African American neighborhoods and those from more affluent white neighborhoods. Runtime is 2 hour and 13 minutes. Rated PG-13. This program will be held in person at the Library. *Registration is required.

International Film Discussion
Thursday, February 10 at 2:30 p.m.
Hosted by the Friends of the Monroe Township Library. This month we will watch and discuss “In Safe Hands” (French) A bright-eyed baby boy is followed from his birth, when his mother gives him up for adoption, to the moment he gets adopted. 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 monroetw.kanopy.com/video/safe-hands. This program will be held via Zoom. Registration is not required.

Friday Afternoon Movie*
Friday, February 25 at 2:30 p.m.
Join us this month for a screening of *Groundhog Day*, a 1993 comedy in which a self-centered Pittsburgh weatherman finds himself inexplicably trapped in a small town as he lives the same day over and over again. Runtime is 1 hour and 41 minutes. Rated PG. This program will be held in person at the Library. *Registration is required.

Continuing Programs

Genealogy Club*
Wednesday, February 16 at 2:00 p.m.
Beginner and experienced genealogists welcome. This program will be held in person.
*Registration is required.

Needle Crafts

Sit-N-Stitch*
Fridays, February 4 & 18 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.

Sewing Class: Pillowcases*
Thursday, February 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Learn how to make pillowcases! Students must take the Meet Your Sewing Machine class or have prior machine sewing knowledge to take this class. Ages 18 and over. **Students must bring 2 yards of fabric to class. This will make 1 pair of standard size pillowcases.**

On Display

The work of artist Karen Terry will be on display in the Fine Arts Gallery through February 2022.

Replicas of WWII military aircraft from the collection of Robert Martin will be in the lobby display case through February 2022.

Meetings

The Library Board of Trustees
Tuesday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m.

The Friends of the Library
Tuesday, February 22 at 4:30 p.m.
Book Discussion Groups

**Book Café**
Tuesday, February 1 at 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, February 2 at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Due to the popularity of this program, we have added a Tuesday morning and Thursday evening session. What have you been reading? We want to know! Join other book lovers for a lively discussion. Find your next great read or share what you have enjoyed. This is a hybrid program. Join us via Zoom or in person.
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**Evening Book Café**
Thursday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m.
Due to the popularity of this program, we have added a Thursday evening session. What have you been reading? We want to know! Join other book lovers for a lively discussion. Find your next great read or share what you have enjoyed. This is a hybrid program. Join us via Zoom or in person.
*Registration is required.

**New York: A Novel Book Discussion**
Tuesday, February 8 at 11:00 a.m.
Join us for the first of a three-part series about New York: A Novel by Edward Rutherfurd. This session covers the beginning through the Revolutionary War (page 350). Reserve a copy through our online catalog or by calling the library. The ebook and audiobook are available through eLibraryNJ using the Libby app. This is a hybrid program. Join us via Zoom or in person.
*Registration is required.

**Coffee and a Book Discussion Group**
Tuesday, February 15 at 10:30 a.m.
Join us to discuss Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett. Reserve a print copy on the library website or by calling the library. Both the ebook and audiobook are available from eLibraryNJ through the Libby app. This program will be held in-person.
*Registration is required.

**Page Turners**
Thursday, February 17 at 11:00 a.m.
Looking for something to read or add to your reading list? Library staff presents and recommends a variety of titles pertaining to a different topic, both new and old titles. The theme for this month is New Jersey Authors. This is a hybrid program. Join us via Zoom or in person.
*Registration is required.

**Non-Fiction Book Discussion**
Wednesday, February 23 at 11:00 a.m.
Join us for a discussion of Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019 edited by Ibram X. Kendi. This is a book of essays. Read only the stories that interest you. Reserve a copy through our online catalog or by calling the library. The ebook and audiobook are available through eLibraryNJ using the Libby app. This is a hybrid program. Join us via Zoom or in person.
*Registration is required.

**Short Story Discussion Group**
Thursday, February 24 at 2:00 p.m.
We will discuss “Crazy Sunday” by F. Scott Fitzgerald in The Best American Short Stories of the Century, and the following two titles, available at the Welcome Desk: “The Story of an Hour” by Kate Chopin and “The Man Who Turned Out Not to Be Alistair Cooke” by Rhina Espaillat. This is a hybrid program. Join us via Zoom or in person.
*Registration is required.

**Health & Wellness Reading Club**
Monday, February 28 at 2:30 p.m.
Join us for a discussion of Pleased to Meet Me: Genes, Germs and the Curious Forces That Make Us Who We Are by Bill Sullivan. Reserve a copy through our online catalog or by calling the library. calendar or by phone at (732) 521-5000. This is a hybrid program. Join us via Zoom or in person.
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February at a Glance

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**Amedeo Modigliani: Virtual Art Tour**

**Thursday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m.**

The *Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission* presents a virtual tour of the artwork of Amedeo Modigliani on exhibit at the Barnes Foundation. Registration is not required. Scan the QR Code below, or click the link on our website to join [www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar)