March 2022 Happenings

Winterfest
Live Ice Sculpting Event
Saturday, March 12, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
In the Library Parking Lot

**John T. Shersick** will transform a four foot block of ice into a one-of-a-kind sculpture. He will share stories and answer questions as he works. **Sponsored by the Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission.** In the event of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled for March 19th. Registration is not required.

Scholarship Strategies: Find the Money You Need for College*
Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Learn the myths and misconceptions about the scholarship process and identify which scholarships you have the best chances of winning. This is a virtual event. Presented by **Jean O’Toole**, co-founder of Connections101.

*Registration is required.

Women's Rights: Alice Paul Live Lecture & Reenactment*

Friday, March 18 at 2:00 p.m.

**Alisa Dupuy** takes on the role of New Jersey native and suffragist Alice Stokes Paul in this one-woman show. **Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.** This is a hybrid program. *Registration is required for in-person participation.

Learn to use Hoopla for ebooks and audiobooks*

Monday, March 21 at 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to access ebooks and audiobooks using the library's Hoopla app from a computer, tablet or phone. This is a virtual program. Have your library card handy during this workshop. *Registration is required.

Bag Up NJ*
Saturday, March 19 at 11:00 a.m.

The Monroe Township Environmental Commission will discuss the upcoming ban of single-use plastic bags due to become law on May 4. This is a hybrid program. *Registration is required.

Aging Matters*
Wednesday, March 30 at 2:00 p.m.

Senior Care Solutions Specialist, **Christine Forte**, discusses support programs and services that meet the needs of home-care based elder adults. This is a hybrid program. *Registration is required for in-person participation.

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Continuing Programs

**Genealogy Club: 1950 US Federal Census**
*Wednesday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m.*
The 1950 US Federal Census: Are You Ready? Get up to speed on the history of the 1950 US Census. Professional Genealogist Thomas MacEntee presents why the 1950 US Census form is radically different than previous forms, and how the data will be accessed. Find out what you can do now to prepare for the April 1 release of the 1950 US Census and learn about volunteer projects related to indexing and finding aids. Virtual Lecture on Zoom. *Registration is required.

**Sit-N-Stitch**
*Fridays, March 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.

**Open Sewing**
*Thursday, March 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.*
Students will bring their own projects on which to work – there is not a planned project; everyone will be working on their own. Students must take the Meet Your Sewing Machine class or have prior machine sewing knowledge to take this class. Ages 18 and over. *Registration is required.

Films

**International Film Discussion: The Lesson**
*Thursday, March 10 at 2:30 p.m.*
This month we will watch and discuss “The Lesson” (Bulgaria, 2014). In a small Bulgarian town a young teacher is looking for the robber in her class so she can teach him a lesson about right and wrong. When she gets in debt to loan sharks, can she find the right way out herself? Please view the film 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/lesson](https://monroetw.kanopy.com/video/lesson). This program will be held via Zoom. Registration is not required. Hosted by The Friends of the Monroe Township Library.

**Women’s History Month Film Screening & Discussion: Hidden Figures**
*Tuesday, March 22 at 2:30 p.m.*
*Wednesday, March 23 at 2:30 p.m.*
Sponsored by The Friends of the Monroe Township Library as part of the Library’s Women In History series. Join us for this two-part event. Participate in one or both of these programs. First, join us in person on Tuesday for a screening of the film “Hidden Figures,” a 2016 Biography/Drama/History about a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. Rated PG, Runtime: 2h 7m. Then, join us for a discussion about the film on Wednesday. This is a hybrid event. Join in person or via Zoom. *Registration is required.

Friday afternoon movies have returned! Every month we show a different modern classic film. A disgraced basketball coach takes a job at a small Indiana high school and leads the small squad on a run for a state championship. Rated PG, Runtime: 1h 55m. This program will be held in-person. *Registration is required.
Book Discussion Groups

Book Café*
Tuesday, March 1 at 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 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. *Registration is required.

Evening Book Café*
Thursday, March 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. *Registration is required.

Women in History Book Discussion Series
Thursday, March 10 at 11:00 a.m.
Join us for a new book discussion series, focusing on women in history. Each session will cover a different title by Marie Benedict. This month we will discuss The Only Woman in the Room. Reserve a print copy on the library website at www.monroetwplibrary.org or by calling the library. This title is also available in ebook format from eLibraryNJ through the Libby app and Hoopla. This program will be held virtually via Zoom. Registration is not required. Please visit the Library's website at http://www.monroetwplibrary.org/virtual-programs for Zoom meeting ID and password information.

International Book Club*
Tuesday, March 15 at 10:30 a.m.
Join us to discuss Dear Child by Romy Hausmann (Germany). A kidnapping victim struggles to escape her abductor and prove her identity to doubting relatives 14 years after her disappearance. This title is also available for download in ebook format through eLibraryNJ using the Libby app. This is a hybrid program. Join us via Zoom or in person. *Registration is required.

Page Turners*
Thursday, March 17 at 11:00 a.m.
Looking for something to read or add to your reading list? Library staff will present and recommend books pertaining to a different topic, both new and old titles. The theme for this session is Books About Books. This is a hybrid program. Join us via Zoom or in person. *Registration is required for in-person participation.

Non-Fiction Book Discussion*
Monday, March 21 at 2:00 p.m.
Join us for a discussion of Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life by Barbara Kingsolver. Reserve a copy through our online catalog, at the Welcome Desk, or by calling the library. The ebook is available through eLibraryNJ using the Libby app. This title is also available through Hoopla in both audiobook and ebook formats. This is a hybrid program. Join us via Zoom or in person. *Registration is required.

Short Story Discussion Group*
Thursday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m.
We will discuss the next two titles in The Best American Short Stories of the Century, “My Dead Brother Comes to America” by Alexander Godin and "Resurrection of a Life" by William Saroyan. This program will be held in-person at the Library. *Registration is required.

On Display

Artwork of the Senior Watercolor Student Ensemble under the direction of Jeremy Taylor will be on display in the Fine Arts Gallery through April 2022.

Poster Art of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) will be exhibited in the George Ivers Lobby Display Case through March 31, 2022.

Meetings

Library Foundation Meeting
Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m.

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

The Friends of the Library
Tuesday, March 22 at 4:30 p.m.
March at a Glance

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Women’s History Month Trivia
Test your knowledge of women's history!

Women’s History Month Trivia
Honoring the contributions of women

Check out the Women’s History Month poster in the Living Room of the Library and answer trivia questions about triumphant, trailblazing women.

Submit your written answers to be entered into a raffle for a prize!

Artist-in-Residence
March is Maker month!

An artist-in-Residence program connects the public with art and the people who create it. Special studio space within the library allows artists to create on-site. Drop in, interact, and learn about different artistic processes.