December 2022 Happenings

Book Sale
Friday, December 9
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 10
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Gently-used books for sale at bargain prices. Shop for hardcover, paperback, children's and young adult books, DVDs, audiobooks and CDs. Prices range from $0.25 to $2. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.

Boheme Opera NJ
Thursday, December 15
1:00 p.m.

This lecture performance *Sisters in Voice* features the life and careers of four iconic divas from the opera world: Isabella Colbran, Giuseppina Strepponi, Joan Sutherland and Renata Tebaldi. Sponsored by Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission. This program will be held in person. Registration is required.

New Jersey Library Association Store
Friday, December 9
Saturday, December 10
Sunday, December 11
during Library hours

Shop for everything book-themed: mugs, t-shirts, totes, bookmarks, journals, wine glasses, plush toys, and more. Merchandise featuring Harry Potter, Shakespeare, Alice in Wonderland, Sherlock Holmes, and Wizard of Oz to name a few, for everyone on your holiday list!

Heads-Up Seniors!
Fall Prevention
Friday, December 16
10:00 a.m.

Learn ways to increase safety in your home and around town. Prevent falls, avoid injuries, walk, bike and drive more safely, and receive a home safety checklist. Presented by the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey. This program will be held in person. Registration is required.

Winterfest
Saturday, December 10
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Ice sculpture artist, John Shersick, will transform blocks of ice into works of art, share stories and answer your questions. This event will be held outside in the library’s parking lot. Sponsored by Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission. Registration is not required.

Blood Drive
Thursday, December 29
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join the American Red Cross blood donation drive. You can make a difference in someone’s life! Registration is not required.

*Select programs require registration. Register online at [www.monroetwpibrary.org/calendar](http://www.monroetwpibrary.org/calendar) or by phone.

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Continuing Programs

Caregiver Support Group: Wednesday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m.
Kat Verdi, Certified Alzheimer’s and Dementia Care Trainer, leads the group. Her mission is to educate, empower and encourage caregivers. All are welcome. This program is held in person. Registration is not required. Sponsored by The Gardens at Monroe.

Genealogy Club: Wednesday, December 14 at 2:00 p.m.
Our December meeting will take place virtually on Zoom. Genealogist Eric Migdal will present a virtual guest lecture on the topic of Ethnicity and Migration. This virtual program will feature information about the formation of ethnicity through migration, and will cover family name changes and family name sequences. Eric will also show how ethnicity may get watered down through a few generations. Registration is required to receive Zoom login information.

Sit-N-Stitch: Fridays, December 2 & 16 at 10:30 a.m.
Socialize with stitchers & crafters of all skill levels. Bring your own supplies. This program is held in person. Registration is required.

Open Sewing
Monday, December 12 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. OR Thursday, December 15 from 6:30 p.m. 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. If you would like to use a pattern we have previously used in class, the pattern and information can be available to you. Students must take the Meet Your Sewing Machine class or have prior machine sewing knowledge to take this class. Ages 18 and over. Space is limited. This program will be held in-person. Registration is required.

Needle Crafts

International Film Discussion: Thursday, December 8 at 2:30 p.m.
Hosted by the Friends of the Monroe Township Library. This month we will watch and discuss “My Wonderful Wanda” (German). This satire of the haves and have-nots is set in beautiful Switzerland. It is a serious portrayal of class differences, but also has elements of a human comedy. View the film in advance at your leisure and join us for the discussion via Zoom. Films are available to stream for free on Kanopy, accessible with your library card online at https://monroetw.kanopy.com. Registration is required.

Technology Help

Tech Help Tuesdays
Tuesdays, December 6, 13 & 20, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Sign up for a half hour session for assistance with your phone, tablet, laptop or any technology device, e.g. navigating our website and online resources, how to use an iPad, tablet, Kindle, smartphone, laptop or other device, download books and media onto your device, how to access your email account. This program will be held in-person at the Library. Registration is required.

What We Offer Wednesdays
Wednesday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m.
Want to know what our library has to offer? Please join us for an overview of our Downloadable Media and Online Resources we provide. The library provides patrons online access to books, magazines, classes and more. This program will be held in-person at the Library. Registration is required.

Meetings

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m.

On Display

The Fine Arts Gallery will feature the photography of the Cranbury Digital Camera Club through December 2022.
Book Café: Wednesday, December 7 at 11:00 a.m. and 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 is a hybrid program. Join us via Zoom or in person. Registration is required for all participants.

Book Discussion: Thursday, December 8 at 2:00 p.m.
Join us for a book discussion of “Horse” by Geraldine Brooks. Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, “Horse” is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism. This is a hybrid program. Join us via Zoom or in person. Registration is required.

All You Need is Love Book Club: Friday, December 9 at 11:00 a.m.
Join us for a discussion about “The Bookish Life of Nina Hill” by Abbi Waxman. This is a hybrid program. Join us via Zoom or in person. Registration is required.

Page Turners: Thursday, December 15 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 Lost in Translation. This is a hybrid program. Join us via Zoom or in person. Registration is required.

Short Story Discussion Group: Thursday, December 15 at 2:00 p.m.
We will discuss "Miami-New York" by Martha Gellhorn in “The Best American Short Stories of the Century” edited by John Updike and "What Terrible Thing It Was" by Esmé Weijun Wang in “The Best American Short Stories” edited by Roxanne Gay. This program is held in-person at the Library. Registration is required.

Health & Wellness Book Club: Monday, December 19 at 2:30 p.m.
We will discuss “Moonwalking with Einstein: The Art and Science of Remembering Everything” by Joshua Foer in his yearlong quest to improve his memory under the tutelage of top "mental athletes". He draws on cutting-edge research, a surprising cultural history of remembering, and venerable tricks of the mentalist's trade to transform our understanding of human memory. This title is also available to download in audiobook format from eLibraryNJ through the Libby app. This program will be held in-person at the Library. Registration is required.

Coffee and a Book: Tuesday, December 20 at 11:00 a.m.
This month's pick is “Have You Seen Luis Velez?” by Catherine Ryan Hyde. Sixteen-year-old Raymond has no friends and is at odds with his family. No one realizes what a sensitive and kind young man he is until his neighbor, Millie Gutermann, asks him, "Have you seen Luis Velez?" A tender tale of new families born of chance. This is a hybrid program. Participate via Zoom or in person. Registration is required.

** View previously broadcast author talks and upcoming author talks at [www.monroetwplibrary.org/authortalks](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org/authortalks).
December at a Glance

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2023 Winter Reading Challenge

- January - Historical Fiction
- February - Memoirs/Biography
- March - Science Fiction

Enter a raffle each month to win a prize