January 2023 Happenings

Documentary Film
Mariupol. Unlost Hope
Sunday, January 8
2:00 p.m.

Based on the diaries of local journalist Nadia Sukhorukova, this film follows five residents of Mariupol and their eyewitness accounts of Russia’s war against Ukraine during the first month of the invasion. Presented by the Leonid Foundation. This program will be held in person. Space is limited. Reserve your free tickets in advance through our website at www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar.

Boheme Opera NJ
Poor Little Buttercup
Wednesday, January 18
1:00 p.m.

This lecture performance features the songs and stories from the satiric operettas of Gilbert and Sullivan. Romantic ballads and rousing patter songs abound in shows including H.M.S. Pinafore, The Pirates of Penzance, The Mikado, and others. Sponsored by Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission. This program will be held in-person at the Library. Registration is required.

Beekeeping for Everyone
Saturday, January 21
11:00 a.m.

Learn about the practice of beekeeping and sustaining our honey bee population including an overview of beekeeping, a demonstration of some tools of the trade and plants to help sustain bees and how you can help honey bees sustain our vegetation and way of life. Presented by local beekeeper Lisa Evans. This is a hybrid program. Join us via Zoom or in person. Registration is required.

Taking Great Photos
Tuesday, January 24
6:00 p.m. OR
Wednesday, January 25
1:00 p.m.

Register to attend just one of these sessions. Take better photos and have more fun with photography, regardless of the camera or smartphone you use. Learn the fundamental building blocks of great photos and some useful tips about light and composition that you can apply to all your photos. This program is for photographers of all ages and skill levels interested in taking great photos or just having fun with photography. The presentation will be hosted by photographic artist, teacher and Princeton Photography Club president, Dave Burwell. Sponsored by Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission. This program will be held in-person at the Library. Registration is required.

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Continuing Programs

Caregiver Support Group
Wednesday, January 11 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, January 11 at 2:00 p.m.
Beginner and experienced genealogists welcome to discuss research, share findings and resources. This program is held in person. Registration is required.

Films

Documentary Film Screening “Mariupol. Unlost Hope”
Sunday, January 8 at 2:00 p.m.
Please see page one for more details.

International Film Discussion: “The Syrian Bride”
Thursday, January 12 at 2:30 p.m.
Hosted by the Friends of the Monroe Township Library. This month we will watch and discuss “The Syrian Bride” (2004, 1hr 36min). A Syrian woman living in a Druze Village in the Golan Heights is to marry a man who is living in Syria. She may never return to her home village once she crosses into Syria. Many complications occur. 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.

Needle Crafts

Sit-N-Stitch
Fridays, January 6 & 20 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. Register at the Reference Desk, online at www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar or by phone at (732) 521-5000.

Meet Your Sewing Machine
Thursday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. OR Monday, January 30 at 3:00 p.m. (choose one session)
Learn about sewing machines with this hands-on session for adults, ages 18 and over. Learn how to wind a bobbin, thread a needle and practice stitching. Space is limited. This program is held in-person. Registration is required.

Technology

Device Advice
Mondays, January 9, 23 & 30 at 10:00 a.m.
Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24 & 31 at 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays, January 11, 18 & 25 at 4:00 p.m.
Thursdays, January 12, 19, & 26 at 3:45 p.m.
Need one-on-one tech help? Register for a 45-minute one-on-one 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 is held in person. Registration is required.

3D Printer Demonstration
Thursday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m.
See a 3D printer in action, understand how it works, and learn how it is used at the Library. All ages welcome, but space is limited. This program is held in person at the Library. Registration is required.

Meetings

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Friends of the Library Meeting
Tuesday, January 24 at 4:00 p.m.

On Display
Multi-media abstract paintings by Monroe resident Martin Graifer will be on display in the Fine Arts Gallery through February 2023.
Book Café
Wednesday, January 4 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.

Virtual Author Talk: Dana K. White & Watch Party
Tuesday, January 17 at 2:00 p.m.
Start your new year calm and collected by learning to become better organized and clutter-free. Join us in-person at the library to watch a livestream of the virtual author talk with bestselling author and decluttering expert, Dana K. White, creator of popular podcast and blog, A Slob Comes Clean, as she imparts tips from her books “Organizing for the Rest of Us” and “Decluttering at the Speed of Life”. Following the watch party, stick around to share your decluttering and organizational tips with other attendees and library staff. Register to participate in person at the Welcome Desk, by phone at (732) 521-5000 or online at www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar. If you only plan to attend the virtual author talk remotely, register at www.monroetwplibrary.org/author-talks to receive a link to the virtual author talk.

Page Turners
Thursday, January 19 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 New Year, New You (self-help, organization, DIY, etc.). This is a hybrid program. Join us via Zoom or in person. Registration is required.

Non-Fiction Book Discussion
Monday, January 23 at 2:00 p.m.
Join us for a discussion about "In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex" by Nathaniel Philbrick. This is a hybrid program. Join us via Zoom or in person. Registration is required.

Short Story Discussion Group
Thursday, January 26 at 2:00 p.m.
We will discuss "The Second Tree from the Corner" by E.B. White in The Best American Short Stories of the Century edited by John Updike and "What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank" in What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank by Nathan Englander. This program is held in-person. Registration is required.

January Virtual Author Talks

** View previously broadcast author talks and upcoming author talks at www.monroetwplibrary.org/author-talks.
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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**