



MONROE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

4 Municipal Plaza
Monroe Township, NJ 08831
(732) 521-5000
www.monroetwplibrary.org

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

APRIL 2024 HAPPENINGS



The Monroe Township Public Library opened its doors on April 1, 1989. My, how we've grown!



RAPTORS AND REPTILES
SATURDAY, APRIL 6
2:30 P.M.

Learn why raptors and reptiles are so well-suited to their habitats and which of their characteristics play an important role in our environment. Presented by the **Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge**. In person. Registration is required.



KNOW YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

Get an introduction and overview of the structure of our local government. Learn about voting qualifications, registration and voting options. Hear specifics about Monroe Township. Presented by the *Monroe Township League of Women Voters*. Hybrid. Registration is required.

3/22/2024



SOLAR ECLIPSE WATCH PARTY
MONDAY, APRIL 8
2:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

Join us to watch the solar eclipse! In the event of inclement weather, the eclipse will be livestreamed indoors. In person. Registration is not required.



FRIDAY NIGHT JAZZ
FRIDAY, APRIL 19
7:00 TO 9:00 P.M.

This special after-hours jazz music event features **John Bianculli Trio** and vocalist. Sponsored by the *Monroe Township Library Foundation*. In person. Tickets are required & will be available on April 1.



ANTIQUE APPRAISAL
TUESDAY, APRIL 30
6:00 P.M.

Gene Pascucci, owner of A-A Empire Antiques in Hightstown, will evaluate antiques and provide an estimate of their worth. Attendees should bring ONE small antique to be appraised. For larger antiques, bring a clear, detailed photo of the item, along with its measurements and other relevant information. In person. Registration is required.

Book Discussions

Book Café

Wednesday, April 3, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Hybrid. Registration required.

Coffee and a Book

Tuesday, April 16, 11:00 a.m.

Hybrid. Registration required.

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

Page Turners

Thursday, April 18, 11:00 a.m.

Hybrid. Registration required.

All You Need Is Love Book Club

Friday, April 19, 11:00 a.m.

Hybrid. Registration required.

The Book of Two Ways by Jodi Picoult

Short Story Discussion Group

Thursday, April 25, 2:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Virtual Author Talks

Virtual. Registration required.

www.monroetwplibrary.org/authortalks

The Foods, People, and Innovations That Feed Us—A Sweeping History of Food and Culture with Smithsonian Curator Paula J. Johnson

Tuesday, April 2, 2:00 p.m.

From Murder to Atonement—Confronting My Son's Killer with Diane Foley & Colum McCann

Tuesday, April 9, 2:00 p.m.

A Literary Examination of Power, Love, and Art with Xochitl Gonzalez

Wednesday, April 17, 8:00 p.m.

Continuing Programs

Poetry Group Workshop

Monday, April 8, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Socrates Café

Monday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Photography Club

Tuesday, April 9, 3:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Mix & Mingle Social for Adults with Special Needs

Tuesday, April 9, 5:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Caregiver Support Group

Wednesday, April 10, 11:00 a.m.

In person. Registration is not required.

Creative Writing Workshop

Wednesday, April 10, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Genealogy Club

Wednesday, April 10, 2:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Music Lounge

Thursday, April 11, 3:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Mahjong Club

Friday, April 12, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Pop-Up Shop

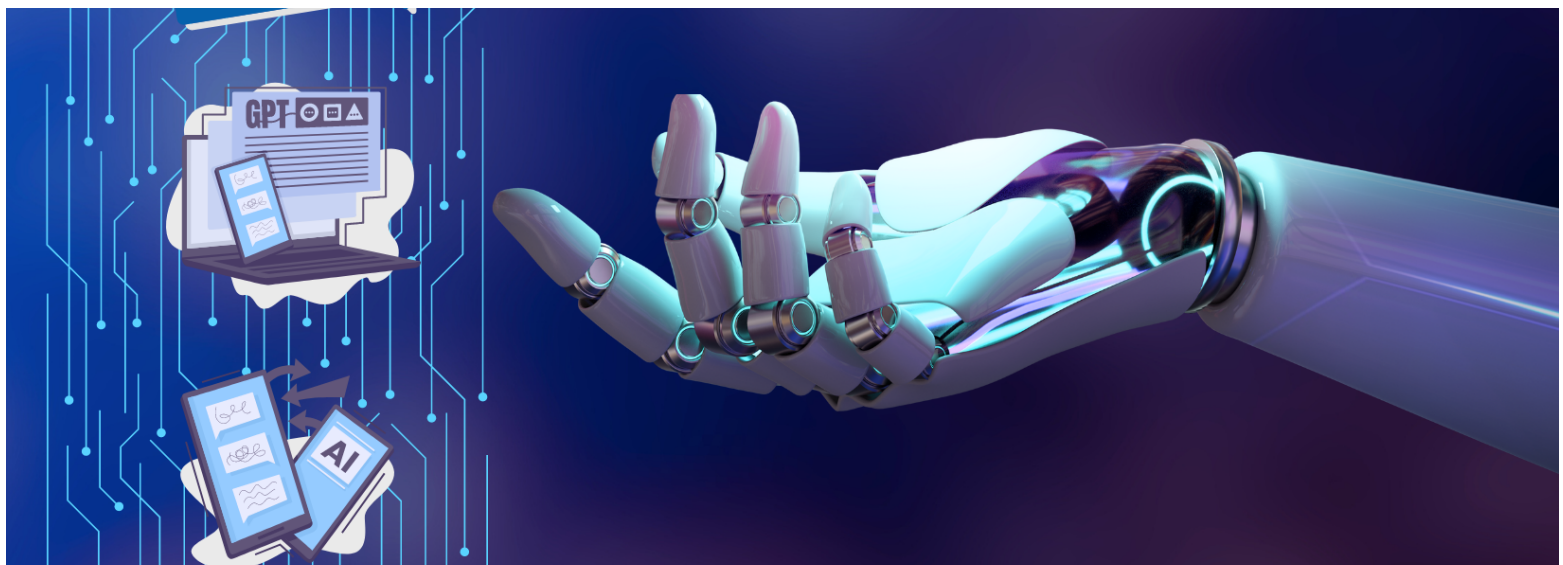
Backer Farm

Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

pasture-raised meat, eggs & jerky



For a complete listing of all programs, detailed descriptions, and to register, visit www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar or scan the QR code. Questions? Call (732) 521-5000.



Make & Create

Open Scrapbooking

Monday, April 1, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Sit-N-Stitch

Fridays, April 5 & 19, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Meet Your Sewing Machine

Monday, April 22, 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 25, 6:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Crafty Creations: Quilling

Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Crafty Creations: Kentucky Derby Fascinator

Wednesday, April 17, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Studio M Open Maker Hours

Studio M, the Monroe Township Public Library's maker studio, has a 3D Printer, Cricut Cutting Machine, Button Maker, Heat Press, Photo Scanner, and Portable Green Screens. If you would like to use the equipment, or see it in action, drop in on:

Mondays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Fridays from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Technology

Embracing the Future: ChatGPT Basics for the Technologically Unsavvy

Wednesday, April 24, 3:00 p.m.

Hybrid. Registration required.

Device Advice

Need some tech help? Register for a one-on-one 45-minute session to get advice about your device. Open to Monroe and Jamesburg residents.

Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Thursdays at 3:45 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Environment & Conservation

Recycling 101

Saturday, April 20, 11:00 a.m.

Hybrid. Registration required. Sponsored by Monroe Township Environmental Commission.

Seedling Distribution

Saturday, April 27, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

While supplies last. In person. Registration not required. In partnership with the Monroe Township Shade Tree Commission.



Health & Wellness

Understanding Vitamins & Supplements
Thursday, April 4, 10:00 a.m.

In person. Registration required.

Aging Well and Senior Health

Thursday, April 11, 10:00 a.m.

In person. Registration required.

Early Childhood Development Q&A

Friday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.

In person. Registration required.

English Language Instruction

Adult ESL

Mondays, April 8, 15 & 29, 6:00 p.m.

(no class on April 22)

In person. Registration required.

English Conversation Group

Wednesdays, April 10, 17, 24, 4:00 p.m.

(no class on April 3)

In person. Registration is not required.



Film

World Cinema Wednesday

Wednesday, April 3, 2:30 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.

Sweet Bean (Japan, 2015)

International Film Discussion

Thursday, April 11, 2:30 p.m.

Virtual. Registration required.

Los Lobos (Mexico, 2019)

Friday Afternoon Movie

Friday, April 26, 2:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Father of the Bride (1991)

Teens

Financial Fitness for Teens: Two-Part Class

Tuesday, April 23, 6:00 p.m., Part I

Thursday, April 25, 6:00 p.m., Part II

In person. Registration required.

Academic Pressures of High School/Self-Care for Students

Tuesday, April 30, 6:00 p.m.

Virtual. Registration required.

On Display

Lobby Display Case

Acrylic paintings by Lynn Miller

Fine Arts Gallery

Suburban Artists Guild

Meetings

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.

Friends of the Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 23 at 4:00 p.m.



For a complete listing of all programs, detailed descriptions, and to register, visit www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar or scan the QR code. Questions? Call (732) 521-5000.



Where We Started



Irene Goldberg (retired), Monroe Twp Library Director from 1989 to 2019 with Bob Isaacs, Library Trustee, April 1, 1989

Prior to 1989, Monroe residents had no public library. Library users paid for service from neighboring libraries. On April 1, 1989, the Monroe Township Public Library became a reality. Housed in 4,000 sq. ft. on the lower level of the Municipal Building, with a collection of 10,000 books and some videos, it soon outgrew this location.

A free-standing building was built on the current site of the Library in October 1997. The 20,000 sq. ft. building opened in 1997 and was expanded to 44,000 sq. ft. in 2009.

The community has undergone considerable growth and change since the Library began. What does the future hold? One thing is certain; our highly dedicated, skilled staff will continue to provide a level of personalized service that is unavailable at many other libraries of comparable size.

How We Are Celebrating

Library Bingo

Monroe Township Library cardholders of all ages are invited to visit the Library or Bookmobile to play our 35th Anniversary Bingo game between April 1 and June 30. See the Circulation Desk or Bookmobile for a bingo board and the rules/more information.

Friday Night Jazz

Friday, April 19, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Join us for a special after-hours jazz music performance by John Bianculli Trio and vocalist. Tickets are required and will be available at the Welcome Desk on April 1.

Youth Art Show

April 28 through May 12

Artists in grades K-5 will display their work on the theme *My Favorite Celebration*.

35th Anniversary Party

Friday, May 17, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Monroe Township Middle School Jazz Ensemble will perform and light refreshments will be served. Tickets are required and will be available at the Welcome Desk beginning April 26.

Golf Outing

Monday, June 10

Join us for a day of fun and friendly competition on the greens at Greenbriar Golf Course, with lunch and raffle to follow. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, visit www.monroetwplibrary.org/golf.

April 2024 at a Glance

MON	1	2:00 - 4:00	Open Scrapbooking	In-person
TUE	2	2:00	Author Talk: Paula J. Johnson	Virtual
WED	3	11:00	Book Café	Hybrid
WED	3	1:00	Book Café	Hybrid
WED	3	2:30	World Cinema Wednesday <i>Sweet Bean</i>	In-person
THU	4	10:00	Understanding Vitamins & Supplements	In-person
FRI	5	10:30 - 12:00	Sit-N-Stitch	In-person
SAT	6	2:30	Raptors and Reptiles	In-person
MON	8	11:00 - 12:30	Poetry Group Workshop	In-person
MON	8	2:00	Solar Eclipse Watch Party	In-person
MON	8	6:00	Adult ESL	In-person
MON	8	7:00	Socrates Café	In-person
TUE	9	2:00	Author Talk: Diane Foley & Colum McCann	Virtual
TUE	9	3:30	Photography Club	In-person
TUE	9	5:00	Mix & Mingle	In-person
WED	10	11:00	Caregiver Support Group	In-person
WED	10	12:30 - 2:00	Creative Writing Workshop	In-person
WED	10	2:00	Genealogy Club	In-person
WED	10	4:00	English Conversation Group	In-person
WED	10	6:00 - 7:30	Crafty Creations: Quilling	In-person
THU	11	10:00	Aging Well and Senior Health	In-person
THU	11	2:30	International Film Discussion <i>Los Lobos</i>	Virtual
THU	11	3:00	Music Lounge	In-person
FRI	12	10:00	Early Childhood Development Q&A	In-person
FRI	12	2:00 - 4:00	Mahjong Club	In-person
MON	15	6:00	Adult ESL	In-person
TUE	16	11:00	Coffee and Book	Hybrid
TUE	16	6:30	Library Board of Trustees	In-person
WED	17	4:00	English Conversation Group	In-person
WED	17	6:00 - 7:30	Crafty Creations: Kentucky Derby Fascinator	In-person
WED	17	6:00 - 8:00	Know Your Local Government	Hybrid
WED	17	8:00	Author Talk: Xochitl Gonzalez	Virtual
THU	18	11:00	Page Turners	Hybrid
FRI	19	10:30 - 12:00	Sit-N-Stitch	In-person
FRI	19	11:00	All You Need is Love Book Club	Hybrid
FRI	19	7:00	Friday Night Jazz	In-person
SAT	20	10:00 - 4:00	Pop-Up Shop: Backer Farm	In-person
SAT	20	11:00	Recycling 101	Hybrid
MON	22	3:00	Meet Your Sewing Machine	In-person
TUE	23	4:00	Friends of the Library Board Meeting	In-person
TUE	23	6:00	Financial Fitness for Teens, Part I	In-person
WED	24	3:00	Embracing the Future: ChatGPT Basics	Hybrid
WED	24	4:00	English Conversation Group	In-person
THU	25	2:00	Short Story Discussion Group	In-person
THU	25	6:00	Financial Fitness for Teens, Part II	In-person
THU	25	6:30	Meet Your Sewing Machine	In-person
FRI	26	2:30	Friday Afternoon Movie <i>Father of the Bride</i>	In-person
SAT	27	11:00 - 1:00	Shade Tree Commission Seedling Distribution	In-person
MON	29	6:00	Adult ESL	In-person
TUE	30	6:00	Antique Appraisal with Gene Pascucci	In-person
TUE	30	6:00	Academic Pressures of High School	Virtual



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