May 2024 Happenings

Books, Bags, & Bling Sale
Friday, May 3
9:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
Saturday, May 4
10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

Gently-used books, pre-loved jewelry and evening bags for sale at bargain prices. Preview sale on Thursday, May 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a $5 admission fee. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.

Community Garden Plant Sale
Saturday, May 11
10:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

The Monroe Township Community Garden will be selling vegetable plants to help start your home garden. All proceeds will support local food pantries. Registration is not required.

Get To Know Your Indo-American Neighbors
Monday, May 13
2:30 P.M.

A panel discussion on the cultural beliefs of three different Indian religions, Sikh, Hindu, and Muslim. In person. Registration required. Sponsored by Friends of the Monroe Township Library.

35th Anniversary After Hours Party
Friday, May 17
7:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

Monroe Township Middle School Jazz Ensemble will perform and light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Monroe Township Library Foundation. In person. Tickets are required & will be available beginning April 26.

Classic Radio Road Show Performance
Sunday, May 19
2:00 P.M.

Experience a live performance of "My Favorite Husband" from the Golden Age of radio that inspired the sitcom "I Love Lucy", performed by Classic Radio Road Show Players. In person. Registration is required.

Indo-American Dance, Dress and Culture
Wednesday, May 22
2:30 P.M.

A live presentation of Indian dance, dress, and cultural identity. Sponsored by Friends of the Monroe Township Library. In person. Registration required.
Book Discussions

Book Café
Wednesday, May 1, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Hybrid. Registration required.

Page Turners
Thursday, May 16, 11:00 a.m.
Hybrid. Registration required.

Non-Fiction Book Discussion
Friday, May 20, 2:00 p.m.
Hybrid. Registration required.
The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession by Michael Finkel

Short Story Discussion Group
Thursday, May 23, 2:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Virtual Author Talks

Virtual. Registration required.
www.monroetwplibrary.org/author-talks

Wednesday, May 1, 3:00 p.m.
Douglas Brunt discusses his debut non-fiction work The Mysterious Case of Rudolf Diesel: Genius, Power, and Deception on the Eve of World War I.

Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 p.m.
Nina Simon presents her lighthearted whodunnit about a grandmother-mother-daughter trio of amateur sleuths, Mother-Daughter Murder Night.

Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 p.m.
Rebecca F. Kuang (R.F. Kuang) chats with us about her novel, Yellowface, which grapples with questions of diversity, racism, and cultural appropriation, as well as the terrifying alienation of social media.

Continuing Programs

Caregiver Support Group
Wednesday, May 8, 11:00 a.m.
In person. Registration is not required.

Creative Writing Workshop
Wednesday, May 8, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Music Lounge
Thursday, May 9, 3:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Mahjong Club
Friday, May 10, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Poetry Group Workshop
Monday, May 13, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Socrates Café
Monday, May 13, 7:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Photography Club
Tuesday, May 14, 3:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Mix & Mingle Social for Adults with Special Needs
Tuesday, May 14, 5:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Genealogy Club
Wednesday, May 15, 2:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Pop-Up Shops

Meraki Soaps
Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
handmade soaps & body butters

Joyous Totes
Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
handbags, fanny packs, wristlets

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.
Sit-N-Stitch  
Fridays, May 3 & 17, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
In person. Registration required.

Open Scrapbooking & Paper Crafting  
Monday, May 6, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
In person. Registration required.

Learn to Sew: Insulated Lunch Bag  
Monday, May 13, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday, May 23, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
In person. Registration required.

Make It: Pressed Flower Vase  
Monday, May 20, 3:00 p.m.  
In person. Registration required.

Crafty Creations: Intermediate Quilling  
Wednesday, May 22, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
In person. Registration required.

Crafty Creations: Basic Quilling  
Wednesday, May 29, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
In person. Registration required.

Make & Create  

Crochet Along  
Tuesdays, May 21 & 28, 2:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays, May 22 & 29, 6:30 p.m.  
In person. Registration required.

Join Monroe Township Public Library’s first Crochet Along! The Crochet Along will run from May 21 through July 10 for a nice, relaxed project with plenty of time for you to make the pattern. The Sampler Afghan project will be broken into smaller parts with goals to achieve by each check-in session. Start the pattern at any time you wish. The check-in goals are there for those that like deadlines but are not requirements for participation.

First Session:  
• Plan to have your hook(s) and yarn when you come to this session.  
• We will go over the pattern and the timeline for the project.

Check In Sessions:  
• Come and see how everyone is progressing.  
• Ask questions about the pattern, crochet with other participants and/or get assistance with your work. Drop in for a few minutes or plan to stay for the entire hour.  
• Goal: Have at least 2 squares completed  
• Assignment: Keep working on the squares
Teens

Self-Care for High School Students
Tuesday, May 7, 6:00 p.m.
Virtual. Registration required.

English Language Instruction

Adult English Language Learners Class
Mondays, May 6, 13 & 20, 6:00 p.m.
(no class on May 27)
In person. Registration required.

On Display

Lobby Display Case
South Asian Indian folk-art & paintings
Fine Arts Gallery
Posthumous exhibit honoring the artwork of Lucy Toplansky and Leo Erlich

Meetings

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m.

Friends of the Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 28, 4:00 p.m.

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.

Music

Princeton Symphony Orchestra Festival Lecture
Tuesday, May 14, 1:00 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.
Sponsored by the Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission.

Film

World Cinema Wednesday
Wednesday, May 1, 2:30 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.
Los Lobos (Mexico, 2019)

International Film Discussion
Thursday, May 9, 2:30 p.m.
Virtual. Registration required.
Return to Dust (China, 2022)

Friday Afternoon Movie
Friday, May 24, 2:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.
Mr. Mom (1983)

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.

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**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.
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