



# MONROE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

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Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
(732) 521-5000  
[www.monroetwplibrary.org](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org)

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

## 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/authortalks](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org/authortalks)

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](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar) or scan the QR code. Questions? Call (732) 521-5000.





## Make & Create

### 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.*

### 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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# Library Closures

- **Wednesday, May 15** - closed from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for staff training.
  - The Library will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15th.
- **Sunday, May 26 & Monday, May 27** - closed in observance of Memorial Day.



## We're Still 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.

### 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](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org/golf).

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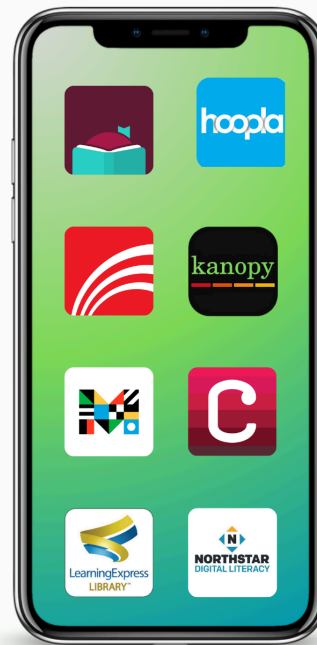
Check out Kanopy to view movies, foreign films, documentaries, and more (with no ads!)

#### CREATIVEBUG

Find videos, projects and patterns for drawing, sewing, knitting, jewelry, home decor, paper crafts, and more!

#### NORTHSTAR

Improve your digital literacy skills with free self-guided courses on computer basics!



To access these resources and more, visit

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A promotional graphic for a golf outing. It features a golf ball on a tee, a golfer in mid-swing, and a golf bag. The text 'Save the Date!' is written in a cursive font. Below the images, it says 'MONROE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024'. A small circular inset shows a group of people on a golf course. At the bottom, it states 'COST PER PERSON \$100'.



Greenbriar Golf Club



[www.monroetwplibrary.org/golf](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org/golf)



# May 2024 at a Glance

Wed	1	11:00	Book Café	Hybrid
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Wed	1	2:30	World Cinema Wednesday	In person
Wed	1	3:00	Author Talk: Douglas Brunt	Virtual
Thu	2	6:00 - 8:00	Book Sale Preview \$5 admission fee	In person
Fri	3	9:30 - 4:00	Book Sale	In person
Fri	3	10:30 - 12:00	Sit-N-Stitch	In person
Sat	4	10:00 - 4:00	Book Sale	In person
Sat	4	10:00 - 4:00	Pop-Up Shop Meraki Soaps	In person
Mon	6	2:00 - 4:00	Open Scrapbooking and Paper Crafting	In person
Mon	6	6:00	English Language Learners Class for Adults	In person
Tue	7	6:00	Support & Self-Care for High School Students	Virtual
Wed	8	11:00	Caregiver Support Group	In person
Wed	8	12:30 - 2:00	Creative Writing Workshop	In person
Wed	8	7:00	Author Talk: Nina Simon	Virtual
Thu	9	2:30	International Film Discussion	Virtual
Thu	9	3:00	Music Lounge	In person
Fri	10	2:00 - 4:00	Mahjong Club	In person
Sat	11	10:00 - 4:00	Pop-Up Shop Joyous Totes	In person
Sat	11	10:30 - 1:30	Plant Sale	In person
Mon	13	11:00 - 12:30	Poetry Group Workshop	In person
Mon	13	2:30	Get To Know Your Indo-American Neighbors	In person
Mon	13	3:00 - 5:00	Learn to Sew: Insulated Lunch Bag	In person
Mon	13	6:00	English Language Learners Class for Adults	In person
Mon	13	7:00	Socrates Café	In person
Tue	14	1:00	Princeton Symphony Orchestra Festival Lecture	In person
Tue	14	3:30	Photography Club	In person
Tue	14	5:00	Mix & Mingle Social for Adults with Special Needs	In person
Wed	15	9:00 - 1:00	<i>Library Closed for Staff Training</i>	
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Thu	16	11:00	Page Turners	Hybrid
Fri	17	10:30 - 12:00	Sit-N-Stitch	In person
Fri	17	7:00 - 9:00	Library's 35th Anniversary Party	In person
Sun	19	2:00	Classic Radio Road Show Performance	In person
Mon	20	2:00	Non-Fiction Book Discussion	Hybrid
Mon	20	3:00	Make It: Pressed Flower Vase	In person
Mon	20	6:00	English Language Learners Class for Adults	In person
Tue	21	2:30	Crochet Along	In person
Tue	21	6:30	Library Board of Trustees Meeting	In person
Tue	21	7:00	Author Talk: Rebecca F. Kuang	Virtual
Wed	22	2:30	Indo-American Dance, Dress and Culture	In person
Wed	22	6:00 - 7:30	Crafty Creations: Intermediate Quilling	In person
Wed	22	6:30	Crochet Along	In person
Thu	23	2:00	Short Story Discussion Group	In person
Thu	23	6:30 - 8:30	Learn to Sew: Insulated Lunch Bag	In person
Fri	24	2:30	Friday Afternoon Movie Mr. Mom	In person
Sun	26		<i>Library Closed for Memorial Day</i>	
Mon	27		<i>Library Closed for Memorial Day</i>	
Tue	28	2:30	Crochet Along	In person
Tue	28	4:00	Friends of the Library Board Meeting	In person
Wed	29	6:00 - 7:30	Crafty Creations: Basic Quilling	In person
Wed	29	6:30	Crochet Along	In person



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