



MONROE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

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Saturday & Sunday

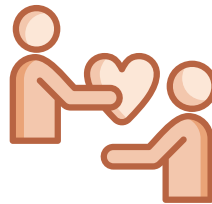
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OCTOBER 2025 HAPPENINGS



**CHRIS KOSSEFF TRAVELS
WITH A CAMERA**
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2
3:00 P.M.

Photography of encounters with creatures all over the world, travel to wild places and engaging stories of how the images were captured. In person. Registration required.



**A HAND TO HOLD:
COMPASSIONATE CARE**
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2
6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Support for families facing a terminal diagnosis, grief, and loss. In person. Registration required.



BIGFOOT: DO YOU BELIEVE?
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
3:00 P.M.

Bigfoot, Sasquatch, Grassman, Skunk Ape, or Big Red Eye - whatever you call this creature - **Mike Familant** has probably tried to track it down, capturing impressive evidence along the way. In person. Registration required.



**RETIREMENT PLANNING
WORKSHOP**
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8
7:00 P.M.

Retirement planning and strategies. If married, spouses are urged to attend. In person. Registration required.

AFTER HOURS EVENT!
**SCREAMBOAT: FILM
SCREENING AND Q&A**
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10
6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.



After the film, stay for Q&A with director **Matt Garcia-Dunn**. *Film is not rated. Contains gore, violence, and swearing. Recommended for teens ages 14 and up, with parental permission. In person. Registration required.



**HIDDEN THREAT OF
MICROPLASTICS**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11
11:00 A.M.

Surabhi Agarwal of Monroe Township's Environmental Commission will explain where microplastics come from, their impact on our health & environment, and simple steps to reduce them. Hybrid. Attend in-person or register with an email to receive the link. Walk-ins welcome.



BOHEME OPERA NJ
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16
1:00 P.M.

Lecture performance featuring the songs and stories from the productions of Gilbert & Sullivan. In person. No registration req'd.



MEDICARE INFO SESSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20
10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Medicare changes, types of plans available, options from different carriers, info on state and federal assistance programs, enrollment periods, and more. In person. Registration not required.

Continuing Programs

Mahjong Club (Chinese Style)

Friday, October 3, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Family Karaoke

Saturday, October 4, 1:00 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.

Poetry Workshop

Monday, October 6, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Bereavement Support Group

Monday, October 6, 2:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Open Mic Night

Monday, October 6, 6:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Caregiver Support Group

Wednesday, October 8, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Creative Writing Workshop

Wednesday, October 8, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Genealogy Club - Guest Speaker Elyse Ross

Wednesday, October 8, 2:00 p.m.

Online. Registration required.

Investigative Genetic Genealogy: A Cold Case Scenario

The Music Lounge

Thursday, October 9, 3:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Jim Croce

Photography Club

Tuesday, October 14, 3:30 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.

Mix & Mingle Social for Adults with Special Needs

Tuesday, October 14, 5:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Caregiver Support Group

Wednesday, October 22, 7:00 p.m.

Online. Registration required.

Technology

Device Advice

Get one-on-one help with library resources or basic technology questions, like email, e-readers, basic smartphone operations, library catalog & databases. Open to adult Monroe Library cardholders and residents. Limit one session per cardholder per month. Registration required.

Getting Started with Computers

Tuesday, October 7

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. OR 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Topics to be covered: What are computers? What kinds of computers are there? What is on a computer? How do you control a computer? Finding your way around the computer. Adults 18 and over. In person. Registration required. Register for just one session.

Microsoft Excel Worksheet Basics Class

Wednesday, October 15

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

What is a worksheet? Learn to open and save a new workbook, parts of the Excel screen, entering and formatting data, calculating data, copying, deleting, and moving data. In person. Registration required. This session is designed for Adults Learners.

Internet Basics

Wednesday, October 22

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. OR 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Topics to be covered: Connecting to the internet, using the internet, browsers and websites, finding what you need online, finding what you need within webpages, staying organized and staying safe online. Adults 18 and over. In person. Registration required. Register for just one session.



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.

Book Discussions

Book Café

Wednesday, October 1, 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Women Writers Book Discussion Group

Monday, October 6, 7:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali

Page Turners

Thursday, October 16, 11:00 a.m.

Hybrid. Registration required.

Nordic Thrillers

Banned Book Discussion Group

Thursday, October 16, 3:00 p.m.

Hybrid. Registration required.

Looking for Alaska by John Green

All You Need is Love Book Club

Friday, October 17, 11:00 a.m.

Hybrid. Registration required.

Talking at Night: A Novel by Claire Daverley

Coffee and a Book

Tuesday, October 21, 11:00 a.m.

Hybrid. Registration required.

Rock Paper Scissors by Alice Feeney

Short Story Discussion Group

Thursday, October 23, 2:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

"A Conversation with My Father" by Grace Paley

"A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings" by

Gabriel García Márquez

Films

World Cinema Wednesday

Wednesday, October 1, 2:30 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.

The Russian Ark (2002, Russia)

International Film Discussion

Thursday, October 9, 2:30 p.m.

Online. Registration required.

My Sailor, My Love (2022, Irish)

Virtual Author Talks

Register, submit questions to the authors, view upcoming author talks and previously recorded content at:

www.monroetwplibrary.org/authortalks

Smithsonian Latino Center, Nuestra America

Thursday, October 2, 2:00 p.m.

Smithsonian Institution professionals discuss Nuestra América and highlight inspiring stories of Latinos throughout history, as well as their contributions to the cultural, social, and political character of the United States.

Leigh Bardugo

Thursday, October 9, 7:00 p.m.

The New York Times bestselling author **Leigh Bardugo** will discuss the new release of her popular YA "Six of Crows" series, *Six of Crows* (The Dregs Edition).

Malala Yousafzai

Wednesday, October 22, 7:00 p.m.

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate **Malala Yousafzai** will talk about her astonishing memoir, "Finding My Way", sharing how she navigated life as someone whose darkest moments threatened to define her narrative—while seeking the freedom to find out who she truly is.

Philippa Gregory

Wednesday, October 29, 2:00 p.m.

The "queen of British historical fiction," **Philippa Gregory** will discuss her newest novel "Boleyn Traitor" (forthcoming October 14, 2025).



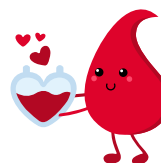
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Health & Wellness

Chair Yoga

Thursday, October 9, 6:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, October 12, 10:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Register at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter:

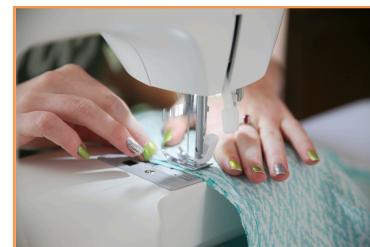
MonroePublicLibrary to schedule an appointment.

Youth First Aid and Safety Workshop

Tuesday, October 21, 6:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

For ages 9 and up



Make & Create

Crafty Creations: Quilling Special

Wednesday, October 1, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. OR

Wednesday, October 22, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Make a Rope Bowl/Coaster

Thursday, October 16, 6:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Sit-N-Stitch

Fridays, October 3 & 17, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.

Open Sewing

Monday, October 20, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. OR

Thursday, October 23, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Virtual Cooking Classes with Library Chef

What's Cooking This OCTOBER?

LIVE Register with your library card or sign in to your account! **LIVE**

Choosing, Prepping, and Enjoying Apples

Join our live online class to learn how to pick, prep, and enjoy the best apples for cooking and snacking all season!

**WEDNESDAY
OCT 8, 2025
7:30 PM EST**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Caraway Seed Sourdough Crackers

Crispy sourdough crackers infused with aromatic caraway seeds — a flavorful, crunchy snack!

**WEDNESDAY
OCT 15, 2025
7:00 PM EST**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Healthy Halloween Habits

Celebrate Halloween without the sugar crash! Learn smart swaps, blood sugar tips, and healthy habits for all ages.

**WEDNESDAY
OCT 22, 2025
7:30 PM EST**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Enhance your kitchen skills with expert-led classes, from the comfort of your home with **Library Chef**. Go to www.monroetwplibrary.org/databases and select Library Chef to create an account or sign in if you already have one on Library Chef—it's free and easy! No Zoom required! Missed the live class? No problem! Watch previous classes at app.librarychef.com or scan the QR code.



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Library Closed for Columbus Day Monday, October 13

Meetings

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

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

Bookmobile & Outreach

Check the Bookmobile schedule to find a stop near you and learn more about **At Home Services**. It's not just for seniors. New baby at home? No vehicle? Health or mobility issues? We bring library services to your door!



Come see us!

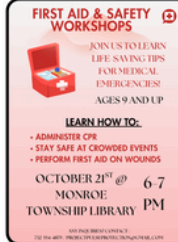
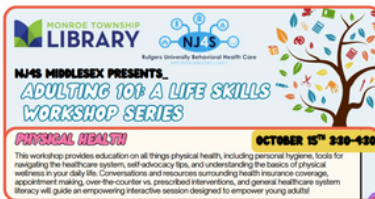
Octoberfest

Sunday, October 19
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Monroe Community "Rec" Center
120 Monmouth Road, Monroe Township



October Teen Programs

@mtpL_teens



On Display

Lobby Display Case
Friends of the Library

Fine Arts Gallery
Frank Genova and **Michael Pascucci** will display their paintings and sculptures in the Fine Arts Gallery through October 2025.

Cultural Arts

The **Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission** promotes cultural activities emphasizing music, art, literature, drama, and dance by and for the citizens of Monroe Township to enhance the overall quality of life of the community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monroe Township
Cultural Arts Commission

2025-2026

**SUN
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2025**

**DIWALI
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS CELEBRATION**
Food ~ Entertainment ~ Diya Lighting
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Monroe Township Senior Center
12 Halsey Reed Road, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831

**THUR
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BOHEME OPERA NJ LECTURE SERIES
2026 DATES TBA
1:00 pm, Monroe Township Public Library
4 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831

**SUN
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2025**

**"DANCING DREAM"
ABBA TRIBUTE BAND**
4:00 pm, Monroe Township High School PAC
200 Schoolhouse Road, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831

**THUR
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2025**

PSO CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES
2026 DATES: WED., FEB. 4 - WED., MAR. 18 - WED., APR. 22
1:00 pm, Monroe Township Public Library
4 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831

VISIT THE MTCAC WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION ON ALL OUR EVENTS!

GO TO: <https://www.monroetownshiparts.com> Or Scan the QR Code

Please look for the links on the website to join our mailing list to receive our eNewsletter, and if interested, sign up to become a volunteer!

Contact Phone Number 732-521-5000 x180



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OCTOBER 2025 AT A GLANCE

WED	1	11:00	Book Café	In person
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WED	1	2:30	World Cinema Wednesday <i>The Russian Ark</i>	In person
WED	1	3:00	Crafty Creations: Quilling Special	In person
THU	2	2:00	Smithsonian Latino Center, Nuestra America	Online
THU	2	3:00	Chris Kosseff Travels with a Camera	In person
THU	2	6:30 - 8:00	A Hand to Hold: Compassionate Care	In person
FRI	3	10:30 - 12:00	Sit-N-Stitch	In person
FRI	3	2:00 - 4:00	Mahjong Club	In person
SAT	4	1:00	Family Karaoke	In person
SAT	4	3:00	Bigfoot: Do You Believe?	In person
MON	6	11:00 - 12:30	Poetry Workshop	In person
MON	6	2:00	Bereavement Support Group	In person
MON	6	6:30	Open Mic Night	In person
MON	6	7:00	Women Writers Book Discussion Group	In person
TUE	7	3:00 - 4:30	Getting Started with Computers	In person
TUE	7	6:30 - 8:00	Getting Started with Computers	In person
WED	8	11:00-12:30	Caregiver Support Group	In person
WED	8	12:30 - 2:30	Creative Writing Workshop	In person
WED	8	2:00	Genealogy Club	Online
WED	8	7:00	Retirement Planning Workshop	In person
WED	8	7:30	Choosing, Prepping & Enjoying Apples	Online
THU	9	2:30	International Film Discussion <i>My Sailor, My Love</i>	Online
THU	9	3:00	The Music Lounge	In person
THU	9	6:00	Chair Yoga	In person
THU	9	7:00	Virtual Author Talk: Leigh Bardugo	Online
FRI	10	6:00 - 8:00	Screamboat: Horror Movie Screening and Author Q&A	In person
SAT	11	11:00	Hidden Threat of Microplastics	Hybrid
SUN	12	10:45 - 3:45	American Red Cross Blood Drive	In person
MON	13		<i>Library Closed</i>	
TUE	14	3:30	Photography Club	In person
TUE	14	5:00	Mix & Mingle Social for Adults with Special Needs	In person
WED	15	6:30 - 8:00	Microsoft Excel Worksheet Basics	In person
WED	15	7:00	Caraway Seed Sourdough Crackers	Online
THU	16	11:00	Page Turners	Hybrid
THU	16	1:00	Boheme Opera NJ	In person
THU	16	3:00	Banned Book Discussion Group	Hybrid
THU	16	6:30	Rope Coaster/Bowl	In person
FRI	17	10:30 - 12:00	Sit-N-Stitch	In person
FRI	17	11:00	All You Need Is Love Book Club	Hybrid
MON	20	10:00 - 11:30	Medicare Information Seminar	In person
MON	20	3:00 - 5:00	Open Sewing	In person
TUE	21	11:00	Coffee and a Book	Hybrid
TUE	21	6:30	Library Board of Trustees Meeting	In person
WED	22	3:00 - 4:30	Internet Basics	In person
WED	22	6:00 - 8:00	Crafty Creations: Quilling Special	In person
WED	22	6:30 - 8:00	Internet Basics	In person
WED	22	7:00	Virtual Author Talk: Malala Yousafzai	Online
WED	22	7:00	Caregiver Support Group	Online
WED	22	7:30	Healthy Halloween Habits	Online
THU	23	2:00	Short Story Discussion Group	In person
THU	23	6:30 - 8:30	Open Sewing	In person
TUE	28	4:00	Friends of the Library Board Meeting	In person
WED	29	2:00	Virtual Author Talk: Philippa Gregory	Online

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