



MONROE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

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

Monday-Thursday
Friday
Saturday & Sunday

9:30am-9:00pm
9:30am-5:00pm
10:00am-5:00pm

DECEMBER 2025 HAPPENINGS



PRINCETON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 1:00 P.M.

This brass quintet chamber concert is sure to get you in the holiday spirit! Enjoy seasonal holiday favorites from all over the world. Sponsored by the Monroe Twp Cultural Arts Commission. In person. Registration not required. First come, first seated.



CPR BASICS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 2 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. OR 5 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

St Peter's University Hospital presents an overview of CPR techniques and AED use, as well as how to help a choking adult, child and infant. This is not a certification course. In person. Register for only one session.



GAMEFEST SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

A celebration of all things gaming for all ages. There is something for everyone! Play tabletop board games, Dungeons and Dragons, chess, video games, & Pokémon. Bring your own board game to share or play one of the 60+ games in our circulating collection. Preregister for specific tournaments by player age on our website or by phone.



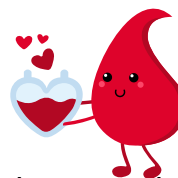
TREES: NATURAL STORMWATER MANAGERS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 11:00 A.M.

Learn how deforestation results in erosion, water quality degradation, rising temperatures and flooding. **Gary Lovallo**, member of the Monroe Shade Tree Commission, presents. Sponsored by the Monroe Township Environmental Commission. Hybrid. Attend in-person or register with an email to receive the link. Walk-ins welcome.



MUSIC FROM "A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS" SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 2:00 P.M.

Put a little boogie woogie in your wintertime celebrations! Join us for an afternoon concert of magical holiday jazz as the amazing **Patrick Kerssen Trio** plays the music of Vince Guaraldi's "A Charlie Brown Christmas". In person. Registration required.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23 1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood! The need for blood is increasing much faster than the number of donors. Your donation of blood can help to minimize the impact of these shortages and save the life of someone in need. Register at www.redcrossblood.org.

Continuing Programs

Mahjong Club (Chinese Style)

Friday, December 5, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Poetry Workshop

Monday, December 8, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Bereavement Support Group

Monday, December 8, 2:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Photography Club

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

In person. Registration not required.

Mix & Mingle Social for Adults with Special Needs

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

In person. Registration required.

Caregiver Support Group

Wednesday, December 10, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Genealogy Club

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

In person. Registration not required.

The Music Lounge

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

In person. Registration required.

Ray Charles

Creative Writing Workshop

Tuesday, December 16, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.

Winter Reading Showcase of participants' work

Caregiver Support Group

Wednesday, December 17, 7:00 p.m.

Online. Registration required.

Family Karaoke

Sunday, December 21, 2:30 p.m.

In person. Registration not 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.

Northstar Online Learning Open Lab Time

Wednesday, December 3

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Do you have a Northstar Online Learner Account? Would you like to practice independently at the Library along with other learners? Stop in to work on practice lessons. Class laptops are limited so you may bring your own laptop for practice. Please bring earbuds to hear video lessons. You may purchase earbuds at the School & Office Supplies Vending Machine for \$1.25 that supports the Friends of the Library. Northstar Digital Literacy Curriculum and North Star Online Learning provided by the New Jersey State Library. In person. Registration required.

Teen Tech Buddies

Drop in to get technology help from teen volunteers. Get help with your phone, tablet, or laptop, messaging and apps, or storing and downloading books! Drop in to the Library's Meeting Room on the dates and times listed below. Registration not required.

Sunday, December 28

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Monday, December 29

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 30

2:00 - 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.

Book Discussions

Book Café

Wednesday, December 3

11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Women Writers Book Discussion Group

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

In person. Registration required.

The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali

Banned Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, December 9, 11:00 a.m.

Hybrid. Registration required.

A Court of Thorns and Roses by Sarah J Maas

All You Need is Love Book Club

Friday, December 12, 11:00 a.m.

Hybrid. Registration required.

People We Meet on Vacation by Emily Henry

Coffee and a Book

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

Hybrid. Registration required.

The Same Bright Stars by Ethan Joella

Page Turners

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

Hybrid. Registration required.

Books with a Bite (Cooking/Holiday)

Short Story Discussion Group

Thursday, December 18, 2:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

"Bicycles, Muscles, Cigarettes" by Raymond Carver in The Penguin Book of the Modern American Short Story

"Bridling" by Nadia Davids

Virtual Author Talks

Brought to you via digital live-stream in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium. Register, submit questions to the authors, view upcoming author talks and previously recorded content at:

www.monroetwplibrary.org/authortalks

Sue Hincenbergs

Tuesday, December 2 at 2:00 p.m.

Buckle up for a wild ride and join us as we sit down for an online chat with debut author **Sue Hincenbergs** to discuss her novel *The Retirement Plan*. When the only thing standing between three best friends and a sunny beachfront retirement condo are their husbands, what ensues is a diabolical plan. You won't want to miss this darkly humorous debut, filled with both laugh-out-loud and genuinely tense moments, as our headstrong wives pursue their dream retirement at all costs.



The Legacy of Julia Child's Kitchen

Tuesday, December 9 at 2:00 p.m.

will be rescheduled



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Make & Create

Open Sewing

Monday, December 1, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. OR
Thursday, December 4, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Crafty Creations: Quilling

Wednesday, December 3, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. OR
Wednesday, December 10, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Sit-N-Stitch

Fridays, December 5 & 19, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.

Ugly Sweater Ornament

Thursday, December 11, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Design Your Own Personalized Towel

Sunday, December 14, 12:00 p.m. OR
Monday, December 15, 2:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Open Maker Hours

Mondays, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Fridays, 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.

Films

International Film Discussion

Thursday, December 11, 2:30 p.m.
Online. Registration required.
Full Time (French, 2021)

World Cinema Wednesday

Wednesday, December 17, 2:30 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.
Ernest & Celestine

Friday Afternoon Movie

Friday, December 19, 2:30 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.
It's a Wonderful Life



Virtual Cooking Classes with Library Chef

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.



LIVE STREAMING

3 Online Live Classes This December!

JOIN OUR LIVE ONLINE CLASSES THIS DECEMBER AND BRING A LITTLE HOLIDAY FUN, FLAVOR, AND MINDFULNESS INTO YOUR HOME!

CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES

Celebrate national chocolate month. Lets Make Chocolate Truffles, a simple delicious treat, easy to make and bring to your holiday parties.

WED, DEC 3RD
7:00 PM EST

LIVE MEDITATION: RELAX, FOCUS, ENERGIZE!

Join us for a live meditation to relax, boost focus, and recharge your energy. Simple techniques you can use anytime!

WED, DEC 10TH
7:30 PM EST

ZUCCHINI CUPS FILLED WITH CREAMY SPINACH

Join us to make Zucchini Cups filled with creamy, flavorful spinach a fun way to get your veggies in!

WED, DEC 17TH
7:30 PM EST



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Holiday Hours

Thursday, December 11	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (delayed opening)
Wednesday, December 24	Library closing early
Thursday, December 25	Library Closed
Friday, December 26	Library Closed
Wednesday, December 31	9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (early closing)



Meetings

Friends of the Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 2, 2:00 p.m.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 p.m.

On Display

Lobby Display Case

History of the Holmes-Tallman-Baker Brown House presented by the Monroe Township Historic Preservation Commission

Fine Arts Gallery

Images from the Peace Corps Experience by Nancie Gunkelman

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!



Pop-Up Shops



Cultural Arts Commission

NEW JERSEY FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA
DAVID WROE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS!

RETURN OF THE 3 HOLIDAY TENORS

Sat, December 6 at 1 pm
Monroe Township Middle School Performing Arts Center (PAC)
1629 Perrineville Rd,
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

TICKETS & INFO

FREE

NO TICKETS REQUIRED
First Come, First Served



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DECEMBER 2025 AT A GLANCE

MON	1	3:00 - 5:00	Open Sewing	In person
TUE	2	2:00	Friends of the Library Board Meeting	In person
TUE	2	2:00	Author Talk: Sue Hincenbergs	Online
WED	3	11:00	Book Café	In person
WED	3	1:00	Book Café	In person
WED	3	1:00 - 4:00	Northstar Online Learning Open Lab Time	In person
WED	3	6:00 - 8:00	Crafty Creations: Quilling	In person
WED	3	7:00	Chocolate Truffles	Online
THU	4	1:00	Princeton Symphony Orchestra Concert	In person
THU	4	2:00 - 4:30	CPR Basics	In person
THU	4	5:00 - 7:30	CPR Basics	In person
THU	4	6:30 - 8:30	Open Sewing	In person
FRI	5	10:30 - 12:00	Sit-N-Stitch	In person
FRI	5	2:00 - 4:00	Mahjong Club	In person
SAT	6	11:00 - 4:00	GameFest	In person
MON	8	11:00 - 12:30	Poetry Workshop	In person
MON	8	2:00	Bereavement Support Group	In person
MON	8	7:00	Women Writers Book Discussion Group	In person
TUE	9	11:00	Banned Book Discussion Group	In person
TUE	9	3:30	Photography Club	In person
TUE	9	5:00	Mix & Mingle Social for Adults with Special Needs	In person
WED	10	11:00 - 12:30	Caregiver Support Group	In person
WED	10	2:00	Genealogy Club	In person
WED	10	3:00 - 5:00	Crafty Creations: Quilling	In person
WED	10	7:30	Find Your Zen: Quick Daily Meditation	Online
THU	11	10:00	<i>Delayed Opening • Library open 10AM - 9PM</i>	
THU	11	2:30	International Film Discussion <i>Full Time</i>	Online
THU	11	3:00	The Music Lounge	In person
THU	11	6:30	Ugly Sweater Ornament	In person
FRI	12	11:00	All You Need Is Love Book Club	Hybrid
SAT	13	10:00 - 4:00	Pop-Up Shop <i>Bundle Up Babe Boutique</i>	In person
SAT	13	11:00	Trees: Natural Stormwater Managers	Hybrid
SUN	14	12:00	Design Your Own Personalized Towel	In person
MON	15	2:00	Design Your Own Personalized Towel	In person
TUE	16	11:00	Coffee and a Book	Hybrid
TUE	16	6:00 - 8:00	Winter Reading Showcase	In person
TUE	16	6:30	Library Board of Trustees Meeting	In person
WED	17	2:30	World Cinema Wednesday <i>Ernest & Celestine</i>	In person
WED	17	5:00 - 8:00	Northstar Online Learning Open Lab Time	In person
WED	17	7:00	Caregiver Support Group Online	Online
WED	17	7:30	Zucchini Cups with Creamy Spinach	Online
THU	18	11:00	Page Turners	Hybrid
THU	18	2:00	Short Story Discussion Group	In person
FRI	19	10:30 - 12:00	Sit-N-Stitch	In person
FRI	19	2:30	Friday Afternoon Movie <i>It's a Wonderful Life</i>	In person
SAT	20	10:00 - 4:00	Pop-Up Shop <i>Jersey Artisan Co.</i>	In person
SAT	20	2:00	Music from "A Charlie Brown Christmas"	In person
SUN	21	2:30	Family Karaoke	In person
TUE	23	1:00 - 6:00	Red Cross Blood Drive	In person
WED	24		<i>Library Closing Early</i>	
THU	25		<i>Library Closed</i>	
FRI	26		<i>Library Closed</i>	
SUN	28	2:00 - 4:00	Teen Tech Buddies	In person
MON	29	2:00 - 4:00	Teen Tech Buddies	In person
TUE	30	2:00 - 4:00	Teen Tech Buddies	In person
WED	31	5:00	<i>Library Closing Early</i>	

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