

## FEBRUARY 2026 HAPPENINGS



### HARRIET TUBMAN LIVING HISTORY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 2:00 P.M.

**Millicent Sparks** brings history alive with her portrayal of Harriet Tubman. Millicent concludes her portrayal by answering questions from the audience in character as Harriet Tubman. Sponsored by the Friends of the Monroe Township Library. In person. Registration required.



### RECYCLE MY BATTERY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 11:00 A.M.

Recycling a single battery can save our soil, our water and our planet. Saving Earth starts one battery at a time — and that "one battery" can be yours. Presented by **Sri Nihal Tammana**. Sponsored by the Monroe Township Environmental Commission. Hybrid. Attend in-person or register with an email to receive the link. Walk-ins welcome.



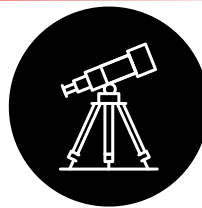
### HEALTHY EATING WITH THIRSTY RADISH TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 2:30 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

Healthy eating and wellness expert **Vanessa Young** presents simple ways to have a healthier relationship with food, improve meal planning, and bring more freshness and zest into your daily diet. In person. Registration required.



### MEDICARE 101 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21 11:00 A.M.

Learn to navigate the available options, understand plans and supplements, and determine what plan best suits your needs. Presented by **Jackie Spear**, Medicare Specialist and Senior Advisor. In person. Registration required.



### SIDEWALK ASTRONOMY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23 6:30 P.M.

Join us outdoors to observe the Moon, Jupiter, and Mars using a 10" Dobsonian telescope. Weather permitting. Registration not required. Rain date is Wednesday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 CHESS WITH A CHAMP 10:30 A.M.



International Master and reigning NJ State Chess Champion **Dean Ippolito** will teach a special class and live simulation, plus fun game challenges to warm you up before our first library-wide tournament. In person. Registration required.

### CHESS TOURNAMENT 11:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.



Join our informal Chess Tournament for all ages. Chess boards will be open all day, but official tournaments will begin at 11:30 a.m. Casual and beginner players are encouraged as well as experienced players! \*This event is casual and is not a rated or FIDE official event\*. Preregister in person or online.

## Continuing Programs

### **Mahjong Club (Chinese Style)**

**Friday, February 6, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

*In person. Registration required.*

### **Family Karaoke**

**Sunday, February 8, 2:30 p.m.**

*In person. Registration not required.*

### **Poetry Workshop**

**Monday, February 9, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

*In person. Registration required.*

### **Photography Club**

**Tuesday, February 10, 3:30 p.m.**

*In person. Registration not required.*

### **Mix & Mingle Social for Adults with Special Needs**

**Tuesday, February 10, 5:00 p.m.**

*In person. Registration required.*

### **Caregiver Support Group**

**Wednesday, February 11, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

*In person. Registration required.*

### **Creative Writing Workshop**

**Wednesday, February 11, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

*In person. Registration not required.*

### **Genealogy Club**

*We will not meet this month. Join us in March.*

### **The Music Lounge**

**Thursday, February 12, 3:00 p.m.**

*In person. Registration required.*

*Linda Ronstadt*

### **Caregiver Support Group**

**Wednesday, February 18, 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.

### **Microsoft Excel Worksheet Basics**

**Wednesday, February 11**

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

This class is for adults who are new to Excel or want to get reacquainted with Excel. Prerequisite: know how to use a computer keyboard and mouse. Topics include: What is a worksheet? Opening and saving a new workbook, Parts of the Excel screen, Entering and formatting data, Calculating Data, Copying, Deleting, and Moving Data. In person. Registration required.

### **Getting Started with Computers**

**Wednesday, February 18**

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

Learn basic computer skills. Topics to be covered are: 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.

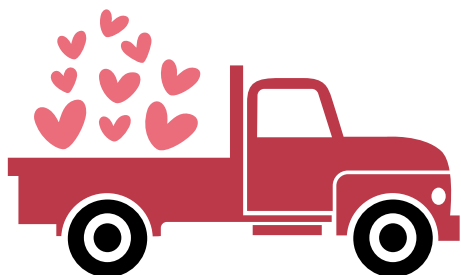
Registration required. Register for just one session. Registrants must have an email address to create a Northstar Digital Literacy Learner account.

### **Internet Basics**

**Wednesday, February 25**

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

Learn Internet Basics. Topics to be covered are: 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. Registrants must have an email address to create a Northstar Digital Literacy Learner account.



**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.**

# Book Discussions

## Book Café

**Wednesday, February 4**

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

*In person. Registration required.*

## Women Writers Book Discussion Group

**Monday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.**

*In person. Registration required.*

*Atmosphere by Taylor Jenkins Reid*

## Banned Book Discussion Group

**Friday, February 13, 3:00 p.m.**

*Hybrid. Registration required.*

*All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson*

## Coffee and a Book

**Tuesday, February 17, 11:00 a.m.**

*Hybrid. Registration required.*

*The Retirement Plan by Sue Hincenbergs*

## Page Turners

**Thursday, February 19, 11:00 a.m.**

*Hybrid. Registration required.*

*Books to Keep You Warm (Steamy romance)*

## Non-Fiction Book Discussion

**Monday, February 23, 2:00 p.m.**

*In person. Registration required.*

*Framed: Astonishing True Stories of Wrongful Convictions by John Grisham & Jim McCloskey*

## Short Story Discussion Group

**Thursday, February 26, 2:00 p.m.**

*In person. Registration required.*

*"Girl" by Jamaica Kincaid in The Penguin Book of the Modern American Short Story*

*"Just Another Family" by Lori Ostlund*

## All You Need is Love Book Club

**Friday, February 27, 11:00 a.m.**

*Hybrid. Registration required.*

*The Love Elixir of Augusta Stern by Lynda Cohen Loigman*

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

## Vanessa Riley

**Thursday, February 5, 7:00 p.m.**

Vanessa Riley will discuss her newest book, *Fire Sword and Sea*, based on the folk story of the female pirate Jacquotte Delahaye.

## Lindsey Stewart

**Thursday, February 12, 2:00 p.m.**

Feminist philosopher Dr. Lindsey Stewart's book, *The Conjuring of America: Mojos, Mermaids, Medicine, and 400 Years of Black Women's Magic*, tells the stories of Negro Mammies of slavery; the Voodoo Queens and Blues Women of Reconstruction; and the Granny Midwives and textile weavers of the Jim Crow era.

## Smithsonian Curator Emeritus Tom Crouch

**Tuesday, February 24, 2:00 p.m.**

Take part in a conversation with Tom Crouch about the trials, errors, and incredible legacy of the Smithsonian's foundation in his book, *Smithson's Gamble: The Smithsonian Institution in American Life, 1836-1906*.



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## Make & Create

### Open Sewing Sit-N-Stitch

**Fridays, February 6 & 20, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

*In person. Registration not required.*

**Monday, February 9, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. OR**

**Thursday, February 12, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

*In person. Registration required.*

### Crafty Creations: Quilling

**Wednesday, February 11, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. OR**

**Wednesday, February 25, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

*In person. Registration required.*

### Sew a Cork Wallet

**Thursday, February 26, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 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, February 12, 2:30 p.m.**

*Online. Registration required.*

*The Marriage Escape (2020, Netherlands)*

### World Cinema Wednesday

**Wednesday, February 18, 2:30 p.m.**

*In person. Registration not required.*

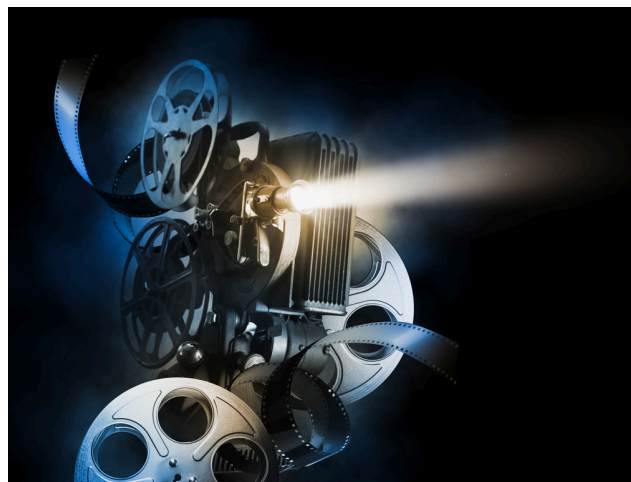
*The Rose Maker (2020, France)*

### Friday Afternoon Movie

**Friday, February 27, 2:30 p.m.**

*In person. Registration not required.*

*My Girl (1991)*



## Virtual Cooking Classes with Library Chef

● LIVE



### Upcoming February Live Cooking Classes

**FREE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD**



#### Sourdough Flatbread

Learn the essentials of sourdough baking and make a soft, flavorful flatbread from scratch. Free, live, online.

WED, FEB 4TH  
7:30 PM EST



#### Valentine's Day Special

Cook a restaurant-quality meal at home. Perfectly seared scallops with sage lemon brown butter over creamy polenta. Free, live, online.

WED, FEB 11TH  
7:30 PM EST



#### The \$10 Meal Challenge

Discover how to create a delicious meal on a budget. Fun, interactive cooking for all skill levels. Free, live, online.

WED, FEB 18TH  
6 PM EST

### Breathwork Basics with Audra

learn simple breathwork techniques to boost wellbeing.

● LIVE



**LIVE ONLINE CLASS**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 | 7:30PM EST**

**Free with your library card**

Enhance your kitchen skills with expert-led classes, from the comfort of your home with **Library Chef**. Go to [www.monroetwplibrary.org/databases](http://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](http://app.librarychef.com) or scan the QR code.



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# Holiday Hours

Monday, February 16 Library Closed for Presidents Day

## Meetings

**Friends of the Library Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 24, 2:00 p.m.

**Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 24, 6:30 p.m.

## On Display

### Lobby Display Case

*The photography of Rochelle Kapel will be on display in the Lobby display case throughout the month of February 2026.*

### Fine Arts Gallery

*The Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission Annual Juried Art Show will be held in the Fine Arts Gallery through February 2026.*

## Cultural Arts

The following events are sponsored by the Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission. Registration not required. Open seating. Scan the QR code for more information.



**PRINCETON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4**  
**1:00 P.M.**

Bergamot Quartet will perform on four hardanger fiddles, the traditional instrument of Norway.



**THE STATE OPERA OF NJ PERFORMANCE LECTURE**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**  
**1:00 P.M.**

The State Opera of NJ, formerly Boheme Opera NJ, performs ***Love Viennese Style***, the songs and stories from Johann Strauss II's operetta, "Die Fledermaus".



**JAMES AUSTIN TRIO JAZZ**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15**  
**3:00 P.M.**

Don't miss this afternoon of Jazz including interpretations of the songs of Stevie Wonder, alongside originals and standards performed by the James Austin Trio. In person. Registration required.

## Bookmobile & Outreach

Check out the Bookmobile schedule by scanning the QR code below to find a stop near you.



**At Home Services** is not just for seniors. New baby at home? No vehicle? Health or mobility issues? We bring library services to your door!



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# FEBRUARY 2026 AT A GLANCE

|     |    |               |  |           |
|-----|----|---------------|--|-----------|
| WED | 4  | 11:00         | Book Café  | In Person |
| WED | 4  | 1:00          | Book Café  | In Person |
| WED | 4  | 1:00          | Princeton Symphony Orchestra                             | In Person |
| WED | 4  | 7:30          | Sourdough Basics: Sourdough Flatbread                    | Online    |
| THU | 5  | 7:00          | Author Talk: Vanessa Riley                               | Online    |
| FRI | 6  | 10:30 - 12:00 | Sit-N-Stitch   | In Person |
| FRI | 6  | 2:00 - 4:00   | Mahjong Club   | In Person |
| SUN | 8  | 2:30          | Family Karaoke   | In Person |
| MON | 9  | 11:00 - 12:30 | Poetry Workshop  | In Person |
| MON | 9  | 3:00 - 5:00   | Open Sewing  | In Person |
| MON | 9  | 7:00          | Women Writers Book Discussion Group                      | In Person |
| TUE | 10 | 1:00          | The State Opera of NJ Performance Lecture                | In Person |
| TUE | 10 | 3:30          | Photography Club   | In Person |
| TUE | 10 | 5:00          | Mix & Mingle Social for Adults with Special Needs        | In Person |
| WED | 11 | 11:00 - 12:30 | Caregiver Support Group                                  | In Person |
| WED | 11 | 12:30 - 2:30  | Creative Writing Workshop                                | In Person |
| WED | 11 | 2:00          | Harriet Tubman Living History                            | In Person |
| WED | 11 | 3:00 - 5:00   | Crafty Creations: Quilling                               | In Person |
| WED | 11 | 6:30 - 8:00   | Microsoft Excel Worksheet Basics                         | In Person |
| WED | 11 | 7:30          | Seared Scallops over Creamy Polenta                      | Online    |
| THU | 12 | 2:00          | Author Talk: Lindsey Stewart                             | Online    |
| THU | 12 | 2:30          | International Film Discussion <i>The Marriage Escape</i> | Online    |
| THU | 12 | 3:00          | The Music Lounge   | In Person |
| THU | 12 | 6:30 - 8:30   | Open Sewing  | In Person |
| FRI | 13 | 3:00          | Banned Book Discussion Group                             | In Person |
| SAT | 14 | 11:00         | Recycle My Battery                                       | Hybrid    |
| SUN | 15 | 3:00          | James Austin Trio Jazz                                   | In Person |
| MON | 16 |               | <i>Library Closed</i>                                    |           |
| TUE | 17 | 11:00         | Coffee and a Book  | Hybrid    |
| TUE | 17 | 2:30 - 4:00   | Healthy Eating with Thirsty Radish                       | In Person |
| WED | 18 | 2:30          | World Cinema Wednesday <i>The Rose Maker</i>             | In Person |
| WED | 18 | 3:00 - 4:30   | Getting Started with Computers                           | In Person |
| WED | 18 | 6:00          | \$10 Meal Challenge                                      | Online    |
| WED | 18 | 6:30 - 8:00   | Getting Started with Computers                           | In Person |
| WED | 18 | 7:00          | Caregiver Support Group                                  | Online    |
| WED | 18 | 7:30          | Breathwork Basics  | Online    |
| THU | 19 | 11:00         | Page Turners   | Hybrid    |
| FRI | 20 | 10:30 - 12:00 | Sit-N-Stitch   | In Person |
| SAT | 21 | 11:00         | Medicare 101   | In Person |
| MON | 23 | 2:00          | Non-Fiction Book Discussion                              | In Person |
| MON | 23 | 6:30          | Sidewalk Astronomy                                       | In Person |
| TUE | 24 | 2:00          | Author Talk: Smithsonian Institution Curator             | Online    |
| TUE | 24 | 2:00          | Friends of the Library Board Meeting                     | In Person |
| TUE | 24 | 6:30          | Library Board of Trustees Meeting                        | In Person |
| WED | 25 | 3:00 - 4:30   | Internet Basics  | In Person |
| WED | 25 | 6:00 - 8:00   | Crafty Creations: Quilling                               | In Person |
| WED | 25 | 6:30 - 8:00   | Internet Basics  | In Person |
| THU | 26 | 2:00          | Short Story Discussion Group                             | In Person |
| THU | 26 | 6:30 - 8:30   | Sew a Cork Wallet  | In Person |
| FRI | 27 | 11:00         | All You Need Is Love Book Club                           | Hybrid    |
| FRI | 27 | 2:30          | Friday Afternoon Movie <i>My Girl</i>                    | In Person |
| SAT | 28 | 10:30         | Chess With a Champ                                       | In Person |
| SAT | 28 | 11:30 - 1:30  | Chess Tournament   | In Person |

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