

JUNE 2026 HAPPENINGS



MEDICARE 101 **THURSDAY, JUNE 4** **6:00 P.M.**

Navigate the options available, understand plans and supplements, and determine what plan best suits your needs. Presented by Jacki Spear, Medicare Specialist. Registration required.



LOST IN THE GLOW: **ENERGY & LIGHT** **POLLUTION** **SATURDAY, JUNE 13** **11:00 A.M.**

Learn to save energy and why curbing light pollution is better for the planet's health. Presented by Surabhi Jain Agarwal & Tejas Desai. Sponsored by the Monroe Township Environmental Commission. Hybrid. Attend in-person or register with an email to receive the Zoom link. Walk-ins welcome.



LEST WE FORGET **MUSEUM OF SLAVERY** **TRAVELING EXHIBIT** **SATURDAY, JUNE 6** **1:00 P.M.**

This compelling exhibit unveils slave artifacts, Jim Crow objects, bill-of-sale documents and more to reveal the contributions of African American slaves in the building of America. Registration not required.



KATHAK: INDIAN **CLASSICAL DANCE** **TUESDAY, JUNE 16** **3:00 P.M.**

Kathak is an Indian classical dance form with a tradition of storytelling through interpretive movement. No prior dance experience required. Open to adults and curious minds of all backgrounds. Registration required.



SPIRIT OF '76 **TUESDAY, JUNE 9** **2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.**

James J. Kimble, professor of Communication, Media & the Arts at Seton Hall University, presents the forgotten history of Archibald Willard's iconic painting *Spirit of '76*. Registration required.



FROM REVOLUTION TO **REPRESENTATION** **SATURDAY, JUNE 20** **1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

Sharon Hallanan presents Constitutional Law and Voting Rights for Women in the past, present, and how they have evolved over 250 years. Registration required.

Book Discussions

Book Café

Wednesday, June 3

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

In person. Registration required.

Women Writers Book Discussion Group

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

In person. Registration required.

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Banned Book Discussion

Wednesday, June 10, 3:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Gender Queer by Maia Kobabe

Coffee and a Book

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

Hybrid. Registration required.

Speak to Me of Home by Jeanine Cummins

Page Turners

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

Hybrid. Registration required.

The theme for June and July is American Reading Challenge - Book Titles from all 50 States in order of statehood. June is Delaware (1787) to Arkansas (1836). July will be Michigan (1837) to Hawaii (1959).

Short Story Discussion Group

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

In person. Registration required.

"Story" by Lydia Davis in The Penguin Book of the Modern American Short Story

"What Would I Do For You, What Would You Do For Me?" by Emma Binder

All You Need is Love Book Club

Friday, June 26, 11:00 a.m.

Hybrid. Registration required.

The Silent Treatment by Abbie Greaves

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

Smithsonian Curator Mary Savig

Wednesday, June 3, 2:00 p.m.

Smithsonian Curator Mary Savig presents the history and significance of craft at state fairs—from blue-ribbon quilts to sculpted butter cows, and so much more!

Matt Dinniman

Thursday, June 11, 7:00 p.m.

Matt Dinniman, *New York Times* bestselling author of the Dungeon Crawler Carl series, will speak.

Ted Page

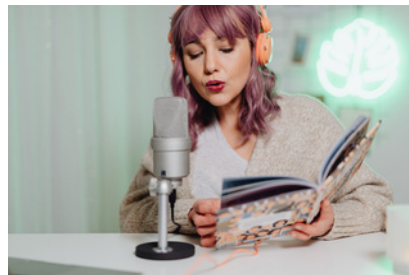
Thursday, June 18, 2:00 p.m.

Storyteller and popular blogger Ted Page discusses his book *Good Grandpa: Stories from the Heart of Grandfatherhood*.

Sana Javeri Kadri & Asha Loupy

Tuesday, June 23, 2:00 p.m.

The Diaspora Spice Co. Cookbook celebrates beautiful, simple, and seasonal cooking with 85 recipes adapted from India and Sri Lanka's best family spice farms.



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.

Continuing Programs

Intro to Chinese Style Mahjong
Wednesdays, June 3 & 10, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.
Two-part series - Must attend both sessions.

Mahjong Club (Chinese Style)
Friday, June 5, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Magic the Gathering Casual Play
Sunday, June 7, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.

Poetry Workshop
Monday, June 8, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Photography Club
Tuesday, June 9, 3:30 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.

Mix & Mingle Social for Adults with Special Needs
Tuesday, June 9, 5:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Creative Writing Workshop
Wednesday, June 10, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Genealogy Club
Wednesday, June 10, 2:00 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.

The Music Lounge
Thursday, June 11, 3:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.
David Bowie

Family Karaoke
Sunday, June 14, 2:30 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.

Get Your Mahj On (American Style) *new!*
Wednesday, June 24, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Support Groups

Bereavement Support Group
Monday, June 1, 1:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Veterans' Support Group
Tuesday, June 2, 2:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Caregiver Support Group
Wednesday, June 10, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Spouse Caregiver Support Group
Wednesday, June 17, 11:00 a.m.
In person. Registration required.

Caregiver Support Group
Wednesday, June 17, 7:00 p.m.
Online. Registration required.

A Time for Me Caregivers Support Group
Thursday, June 18, 11:00 a.m.
In person. 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 Word Basics
Tuesday, June 2
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. OR 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Microsoft Excel Worksheet Basics
Monday, June 22
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. OR 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Internet Basics
Monday, June 29
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. OR 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.



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Films

World Cinema Wednesday Wednesday, June 3, 2:30 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.
Hotel Mumbai (2018, India)

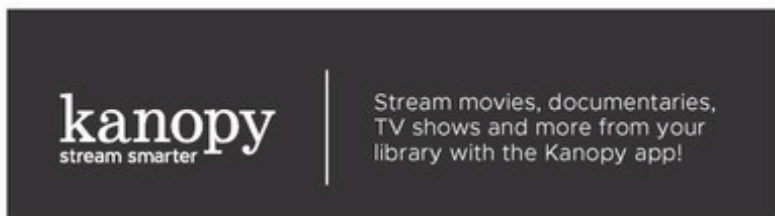
International Film Discussion Thursday, June 11, 2:30 p.m.

Online. Registration required.
Mustang (2015, Turkey)

Friday Afternoon Movie Friday, June 26, 2:30 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.
Rebel Without a Cause (1955)

Kanopy



STEP 1 INSTALL KANOPY

Install Kanopy on your device or visit Kanopy.com. Then follow the prompts to find your library, enter your library card and create an account.

STEP 2 SEARCH

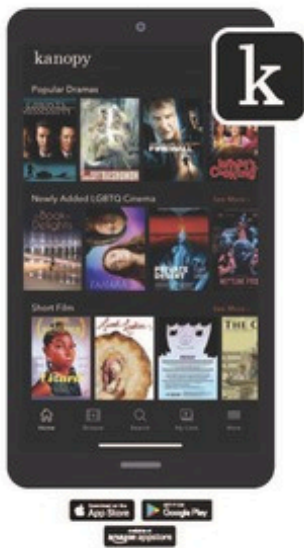
View your library's curated lists of films on the home tab, browse by category or search for specific titles.

STEP 3 WATCH

Tap play to begin streaming. Things you watch use Tickets. Each month you receive a set number of tickets from your Library.

STEP 4 ENJOY

Unfinished movies appear in My Lists alongside titles you add to your Watchlist.



Comics Plus

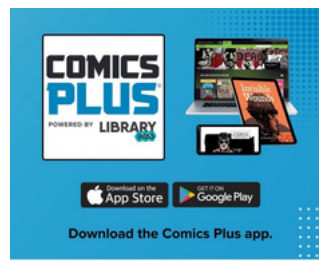


The Monroe Township Public Library is excited to offer unlimited access to thousands of digital comics, manga, and picture books through Comics Plus!

With your library card, you can enjoy:

- Unlimited, simultaneous access
- No holds
- No waitlists
- No monthly borrowing limits

There's something for every reader. Children's, Teen, and Full Collections are available. Your library card will determine which content is available to you. Visit our website www.monroetwplibrary.org/comics to get started.



If you would like to read on a mobile device, download the Comics Plus app from your device's app store first.

MONROE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
#ReadAllTheComics

New to manga? Check out our [manga glossary](#) and learn the lingo!



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Make & Create

Crafty Creations: Quilled Fridge Magnet

Wednesday, June 3, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Sit-N-Stitch

Friday, June 5, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.

Open Sewing

Thursday, June 11, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. OR

Monday, June 22, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

World Wide Knit in Public Day

Saturday, June 13, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.

Design Your Own Personalized Mug

Sunday, June 21, 12:00 p.m. OR

Monday, June 22, 1:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Sew a Velcro Snack Pouch

Thursday, June 25, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Open Maker Hours

Mondays, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Fridays, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.

On Display

Lobby Display Case

A showcase of the Battle of Monmouth Revolutionary Soldiers presented by the Monroe Township Historic Preservation Commission will be on display throughout the month of June 2026.

Fine Arts Gallery

Nature photography of **Sherwin James** will be on display in the Fine Arts Gallery through June 2026.

Virtual Cooking Classes with Library Chef



Joint & Bone Health: Nutrition & Minerals

LIVE

Wednesday, June 3rd
7:30 PM ET • 6:30 PM CT • 4:30 PM PT

Learn how everyday nutrition can support strong bones, healthy joints, mobility, and overall wellness through key minerals and simple food choices.



LIVE

"Pickled Watermelon Rind"

Wednesday, June 10th
7:30 PM ET • 6:30 PM CT • 4:30 PM PT

SPICE CLUB

"Turn kitchen scraps into something special! Learn how to transform leftover watermelon rind into a sweet, tangy, and spiced pickle featuring star anise."



Family Meal Challenge

LIVE

Wednesday, June 17
6:00 PM ET • 5:00 PM CT • 3:00 PM PT

"Can you create a delicious family meal in just 20 minutes on a \$15 budget?"

Join this fast-paced, practical session to learn how to plan, prep, and cook an affordable meal with ease. Perfect for busy households looking for real solutions.

JOIN US AND TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE!



Breathwork Basics with Audra

LIVE

Wednesday, June 17
7:30 PM ET • 6:30 PM CT • 4:30 PM PT

Join us and take a mindful pause

Learn how mindful breathing can help calm the nervous system, reduce stress, and improve focus. Audra guides participants through simple, practical techniques for everyday relaxation.

Enhance your kitchen skills with expert-led classes, from the comfort of your home with **Library Chef**. Go to our website at www.monroetwplibrary.org/databases and select Library Chef to create an account or sign in if you already have one –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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Meetings

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

Friends of the Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 23, 3:00 p.m.

Pop-Up Shop



Saturday, June 20
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Banana Nut

Handmade banana bread products including mini, small and regular loaves. Many flavors to choose from including sugar-free and gluten-free options.



The Monroe Township Library Foundation provides Pop-Up Shop rental space on select Saturdays between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Local residents who have their own direct sales businesses are welcome to submit an application to sell their merchandise. This space is not intended to sell a service. Interested vendors should visit the Circulation Desk or our website for an application.



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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. No vehicle? Recovering from surgery? New baby at home? Health or mobility issues? We bring library services to your door!



Farmers Market

FARMERS MARKET



THURSDAYS
JUNE 25 - SEPT 10
2:30 - 6:30 PM

MONROE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY PARKING LOT
WWW.MONROETWPLIBRARY.ORG/MARKET

Join us for the start of our 5th season on Thursday, June 25, from 2:30–6:30 p.m. Welcome returning favorites and discover new vendors offering fresh produce, baked goods, specialty foods, handmade items, and more.

This season’s market features live music, children’s activities, food trucks, dessert trucks, knife sharpening, and visits from Monroe Township Commissions. The lineup changes weekly, so every visit offers something new!

The Friends of the Monroe Township Library will hold a book sale during the Farmers Market, so be sure to browse for bargain-priced books while you shop.

For more information, visit www.monroetwplibrary.org/market. Stay in the know by signing up for the Farmers Market newsletter and following the Market social media accounts on both Facebook and Instagram.

Cultural Arts



250th Celebration Concert

Featuring the Princeton Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet

Thursday, July 2 at 6pm
Thompson Park Gazebo, Monroe Township

Join us for an evening of patriotic tunes at this all-American concert!



Presented by the Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission.



Free and open to the public.

Visit the Monroe Township Cultural Arts website at www.monroetownshiparts.com and sign up for the newsletter so you never miss a single thing!

MONROE TOWNSHIP CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

2026 FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

AT THE GAZEBO ON THE LAKE

THOMPSON PARK

MONROE TOWNSHIP, NJ

THURSDAYS ~ 6:00 PM



Grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of Commissioners through a grant award from Middlesex County Cultural and Arts Trust Fund



JULY 9

OCEAN AVENUE STOMPERS

Bringing the heat with bold horns, killer rhythms and an unstoppable vibe.

JULY 16

ENJOY!

Rock & Roll, R & B and Country from the '50s to the present.

JULY 23

THE WOOD VIBRATIONS

High energy acoustic-rock with a multi-generational repertoire.

JULY 30

DRAGONFLY

Contemporary Rock/Pop, '70s, '80s, '90s Classic Rock, Country, Motown, and more.

AUG 6

CARNABY ST. BAND

'50s British Invasion and American Artists.

AUG 13

HIDDEN GEMS

Singing, dancing & performing talents of India & Bollywood!



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JUNE 2026 AT A GLANCE

MON	1	1:00	Bereavement Support Group	In Person
TUE	2	2:30	Veterans' Support Group	In Person
TUE	2	3:00 - 4:30	Microsoft Word Basics	In Person
TUE	2	6:30 - 8:00	Microsoft Word Basics	In Person
WED	3	11:00	Book Café	In Person
WED	3	1:00	Book Café	In Person
WED	3	2:00 - 4:00	Intro to Chinese Mahjong Session 1 of 2	In Person
WED	3	2:00	Author Talk: Smithsonian Curator Mary Savig	Online
WED	3	2:30	World Cinema Wednesday <i>Hotel Mumbai</i>	In Person
WED	3	6:00 - 8:00	Crafty Creations: Quilted Fridge Magnet	In Person
WED	3	7:30	Joint & Bone Health: Nutrition and Essential Minerals	Online
THUR	4	6:00	Medicare 101	In Person
FRI	5	10:30 - 12:00	St-N-Stitch	In Person
FRI	5	2:00 - 4:00	Mahjong Club (Chinese Style)	In Person
SAT	6	10:00 - 12:00	Historic Guided Bus Tour of Monroe Township (registration is full)	In Person
SAT	6	1:00	Let Us Forget Museum of Slavery Traveling Exhibit	In Person
SUN	7	2:00 - 4:00	Magic the Gathering Casual Play	In Person
MON	8	11:00 - 12:30	Poetry Workshop	In Person
MON	8	7:00	Women Writers Book Discussion Group	In Person
TUE	9	2:00 - 3:30	Spirit of '76	In Person
TUE	9	3:30	Photography Club	In Person
TUE	9	5:00	Mix & Mingle for Adults with Special Needs	In Person
WED	10	11:00 - 12:30	Caregiver Support Group	In Person
WED	10	12:30 - 2:30	Creative Writing Workshop	In Person
WED	10	2:00	Genealogy Club	In Person
WED	10	2:00 - 4:00	Intro to Chinese Mahjong Session 2 of 2	In Person
WED	10	3:00	Banned Book Discussion	In Person
WED	10	3:00 - 5:00	Crafty Creations: Quilted Fridge Magnet	In Person
WED	10	7:30	Pickled Watermelon Rind	Online
THUR	11	2:30	International Film Discussion <i>The Mustang</i>	Online
THUR	11	3:00	The Music Lounge	In Person
THUR	11	6:30 - 8:30	Open Sewing	In Person
THUR	11	7:00	Author Talk: Matt Dinniman	Online
SAT	13	11:00	Lost in the Glow: Energy and Light Pollution	Hybrid
SAT	13	11:00 - 3:00	World Wide Knit in Public Day	In Person
SUN	14	2:30	Family Karaoke	In Person
TUE	16	11:00	Coffee and a Book	Hybrid
TUE	16	3:00	Kathak: Indian Classical Dance	In Person
TUE	16	6:30	Library Board of Trustees Meeting	In Person
WED	17	11:00	Spouse Caregiver Support Group	In Person
WED	17	6:00	Family Meal Challenge: 20 Minutes, \$15 Budget	Online
WED	17	7:00	Caregiver Support Group	Online
WED	17	7:30	Breathwork Basics	Online
THUR	18	11:00	Page Turners	Hybrid
THUR	18	11:00	A Time for Me Caregivers Support Group	In Person
THUR	18	2:00	Short Story Discussion Group	In Person
THUR	18	2:00	Author Talk: Ted Page	Online
FRI	19		Library Closed for Juneteenth	
SAT	20	10:00 - 4:00	Pop-Up Shop <i>The Banana Nut</i>	In Person
SAT	20	1:00 - 3:00	From Revolution to Representation	In Person
SUN	21	12:00	Design Your Own Personalized Mug	In Person
MON	22	1:00	Design Your Own Personalized Mug	In Person
MON	22	3:00 - 5:00	Open Sewing	In Person
MON	22	3:00 - 4:30	Microsoft Excel Worksheet Basics	In Person
MON	22	6:30 - 8:00	Microsoft Excel Worksheet Basics	In Person
TUE	23	2:00	Author Talk: Sana Javeri Kadri & Asha Loupy	Online
TUE	23	3:00	Friends of the Library Board Meeting	In Person
WED	24	10:00 - 12:00	Get Your Mahj On (American Style Mahjong)	In Person
THUR	25	2:30 - 6:30	Farmers Market	In Person
THUR	25	6:30 - 8:30	Sewing Project Class <i>Micro Snack Pouch</i>	In Person
FRI	26	11:00	All You Need Is Love Book Club	Hybrid
FRI	26	2:30	Friday Afternoon Movie <i>Rebel Without a Cause</i>	In Person
MON	29	3:00 - 4:30	Internet Basics	In Person
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