

JULY 2026 HAPPENINGS



PAWS & RELAX: ADULT COLORING WITH LUCY WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 2:00 P.M.



Take a break and unwind with adult coloring in the calming company of **Lucy**, a gentle hypoallergenic certified therapy dog. All materials provided. In person. Registration required.

COMPOSTING: TURN FOOD SCRAPS INTO GARDEN GOLD SATURDAY, JULY 11 11:00 A.M.



Learn how to produce nutrient-rich compost for your garden soil. Presented by the Master Gardeners of Rutgers. Sponsored by the Monroe Township Environmental Commission. Hybrid. Attend in-person or register with an email to receive the Zoom link. Walk-ins welcome.



FARMERS MARKET THURSDAYS JULY 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 2:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Shop for local, seasonal produce, baked goods, prepared foods, and artisanal goods at the Farmers Market! Enjoy live music every week.



WOMEN IN PRINCETON'S HISTORY WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 2:00 P.M.

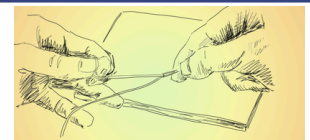
Eve Mandel of the Historical Society of Princeton presents the contributions of the diverse and influential women in Princeton's history, including immigrants, enslaved women, working women, and community leaders. Through their service to others, these trailblazers played key roles in the town's development. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Monroe Township. In person. Registration required.

LEST WE FORGET MUSEUM OF SLAVERY FRIDAY, JULY 10 2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.



Gain a deeper understanding of the horrors of slavery in America via a display and discussion of slave artifacts, bill-of-sale documents and Jim Crow objects in this special traveling exhibit. Discover the stories behind the artifacts on display as Museum Director and Curator **Gwen Ragsdale** discusses the exhibit and the museum's mission. Presented by the Monroe Township Historic Preservation Commission. In person. Registration required.

SIMPLE BOOKBINDING WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.



Learn how to make a beginner-friendly pamphlet-stitched notebook. You'll be able to create small booklets and notebooks for any occasion with a simple everyday bookbinding method. For adults 18+. All materials provided. In person. Registration required.

Book Discussions

Book Café

Wednesday, July 1

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

In person. Registration required.

America's 250 Book Discussion

Tuesday, July 7, 11:00 a.m.

Hybrid. Registration required.

1776 by David McCullough

Literary Book Club

Thursday, July 9, 11:00 a.m.

In person. Registration required.

Nine Stories by J. D. Salinger

Women Writers Book Discussion Group

Monday, July 13, 7:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Page Turners

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

Hybrid. Registration required.

American Reading Challenge: Book Titles from all 50 States in order of statehood

Non-Fiction Book Discussion

Monday, July 20, 2:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Daughters of the Bamboo Grove: From China to America, a True Story of Abduction, Adoption, and Separated Twins by Barbara Demick

Cozy Mystery Book Club

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

Hybrid. Registration required.

A Matter of Pedigree by Leslie Meier

Short Story Discussion Group

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

In person. Registration required.

"China" by Charles Johnson in The Penguin Book of the Modern American Short Story and "This Time and the Next" by Noel Quiñones

Virtual Author Talks

The library showcases a virtual author talk series each month featuring bestselling, award-winning, and highly acclaimed authors from around the world. The featured writers and thought leaders will cover a wide range of genres.

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



www.monroetwplibrary.org/authortalks

Karin Slaughter

Tuesday, July 14, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a thrilling evening with acclaimed author Karin Slaughter as we chat about her North Falls series, consisting of "We Are All Guilty Here", in which two teenage girls vanish in rural Georgia, and her upcoming sequel, "The Secrets We Hide".

Reyna Grande

Thursday, July 16, 2:00 p.m.

In her ambitious new memoir, "Migrant Heart: Essays About Things I Can't Forget", beloved bestselling author Reyna Grande illuminates the hidden cost of the American Dream and the complex journey of healing that follows survival.

Dr. Marisa Franco

Tuesday, July 28, 2:00 p.m.

Join us in virtual conversation with bestselling author Dr. Marisa Franco, one of the world's leading experts in human connection. Her book, "Platonic: How the Science of Attachment Can Help You Make-And Keep-Friends", explores the science of different attachment styles and how they impact our relationships—often in ways we don't realize.



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.

The Monroe Township Library will be closed on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Revolutionary Lives Traveling Exhibition Thursday, July 30 - Tuesday, August 11

Drop into the Library's meeting room during library hours to view this exhibition of the everyday New Jerseyans whose lives, labor, and choices shaped the Revolutionary era and how the ideals of liberty, equality, and justice influenced life 250 years ago and remain relevant today. Sponsored by the Monroe Township Historic Preservation Commission. This exhibition is a project of RevolutionNJ, a partnership between The New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the New Jersey Department of State, and Crossroads of the American Revolution Association Inc. In person. Registration not required.



Scavenger Hunt

**MONROE TOWNSHIP
HISTORY HUNT**
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Celebrate Monroe Township's role
in America's Revolutionary past!**

Explore Monroe Township's Revolutionary War history with a Monroe Township History Hunt! This self-guided adventure highlights ten historic locations throughout the Township, including the encampment sites of General George Washington and General Charles Lee.

Participants can visit Dey Farm anytime between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to receive two commemorative pins and a lanyard.

Maps are available at the library.

Monroe Township Public Library
4 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township

Dey Farm Historic Site
401 Federal Road, Monroe Township

The Township of Monroe Celebrates
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
250th Anniversary
MONROE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REV250
LIBRARY OF THE SEA

Bookmobile & Outreach

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!

BUNDLES OF JOY
A library delivery service for Monroe residents welcoming a new child—by birth, adoption or foster care.

MTPL

Monroe Township Public Library AT HOME SERVICES

Unable to visit the library?

At Home Services ensures you stay connected to the resources you love.

Why choose home delivery

- Health or mobility issues
- Sensory sensitivities
- Recovery from surgery
- Lack of transportation
- Immunocompromised conditions
- Special needs
- Vision impairment
- Other life circumstances



MONROE TOWNSHIP
LIBRARY

What We Offer

- Personalized selection of books, audiobooks, DVDs and more
- Regular deliveries and pickups at your doorstep
- Notary services by appointment
- Talking Book and Braille
- Temporary or permanent service



Available to all Monroe Township residents
Contact us for more details:

732-521-5000 ext. 135 | ahs@monroetwplibrary.org

Scan the QR
code for a
schedule and
more info.



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Make & Create

Design Your Own Beach Tote

Sunday, July 12, 12:00 p.m. OR

Monday, July 13, 2:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required. Register for one session.

Crafty Creations: Shadow Box

Wednesday, July 8, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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

In person. Registration required.

Meet Your Sewing Machine

Monday, July 13, 3:00 p.m. OR

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

In person. Registration required.

Sit-N-Stitch

Friday, July 17, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.



Creativebug is an online learning platform that offers a variety of arts and crafts video workshops. Learn techniques in areas such as painting, knitting, crocheting, sewing, and screen printing. Craft from the comfort of your own home. All you need is an internet connection and your library card! Visit www.monroetwplibrary.org/databases.

Library Chef

Enhance your kitchen skills with expert-led classes, from the comfort of your home with **Library Chef** for adults, teens and kids.

All recipes, instructions, and equipment lists are available on the Library Chef platform. It's free and easy to join—just visit app.librarychef.com or scan the QR code to create your account or sign in if you already have one! No Zoom required—just great cooking and fun! If you miss an event, our archive keeps the culinary adventure alive for you to explore at your convenience.

LIBRARY CHEF **JULY PROGRAMS** — AT YOUR LIBRARY —

(••) LIVE ONLINE! | FREE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD!

WEDNESDAY JULY 8	WEDNESDAY JULY 15	WEDNESDAY JULY 15	WEDNESDAY JULY 22
AROUND THE WORLD: COOL DOWN MOCKTAIL TRIVIA Night	COOKING for One or Two?	INTRO TO Chair Yoga	PEACH JAM: Peach Season is Coming!
<ul style="list-style-type: none">SIP ALONG Watch a simple mocktail demo you can make at home!TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE Trivia from around the world!WIN PRIZES! Play along and enter for a chance to win exciting prizes!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reduce food wasteSave money on groceriesRepurpose leftovers creativelyPlan meals more efficiently	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Improve flexibilityIncrease balanceReduce tensionSupport relaxation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SIMPLE & FUN Easy-to-follow steps!FRESH & FLAVORFUL Make the most of peach season!PERFECT FOR ANY OCCASION Enjoy or share with loved ones!
🕒 7:30 PM ET • 6:30 PM CT • 4:30 PM PT	🕒 6:00 PM ET • 5:00 PM CT • 3:00 PM PT	🕒 7:30 PM ET • 6:30 PM CT • 4:30 PM PT	🕒 7:30 PM ET • 6:30 PM CT • 4:30 PM PT

ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE | **WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD** | **LIVE ONLINE! FROM HOME** | **WATCH, LEARN, AND COOK ALONG!**



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Continuing Programs

Creative Writing Workshop

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

In person. Registration required.

Genealogy Club

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

In person. Registration required.

Mahjong Club (Chinese Style)

Friday, July 10, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Poetry Workshop

Monday, July 13, 11:00 a.m.

In person. Registration required.

Photography Club

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

In person. Registration not required.

Mix & Mingle Social for Adults with Special Needs

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

In person. Registration required.

Get Your Mahj On (American Style)

Tuesday, July 14, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Magic the Gathering Casual Gaming

Sunday, July 19, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.

Family Karaoke

Sunday, July 19, 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. Open to adult Monroe Library cardholders and residents. Limit one session per cardholder per month by appointment only.

Getting Started with Computers

Wednesday, July 8

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

In person. Registration required.

Internet Basics

Wednesday, July 15

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

In person. Registration required.

Microsoft Excel Worksheet Basics

Wednesday, July 22

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

In person. Registration required.

Microsoft Word Basics

Wednesday, July 29

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

In person. Registration required.

Support Groups

Veterans' Support Group

Tuesday, July 7, 2:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Caregiver Support Group

Wednesday, July 8

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Spouse Caregiver Support Group

On hiatus

Caregiver Support Group

Wednesday, July 8, 7:00 p.m.

Online. Registration required.

A Time for Me Caregiver Support Group

On hiatus



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Film

World Cinema Wednesday

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

In person. Registration not required.

As It Is In Heaven (2004, Sweden)

International Film Discussion

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

Online. Registration required.

Parasite (2019, South Korea)

Short Film Festival

Wednesday, July 22, 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.

Friday Afternoon Movie

Friday, July 24, 2:30 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.

Eddie the Eagle (2015)

Health Programs

Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 7, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Register at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter: **MTHWRCC** to schedule an appointment. With volunteer administrative assistance from the Monroe Township High School Red Cross Club.

Bone Density Screening

Tuesday, July 28

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Staff from St. Peter's University Hospital will conduct bone density screenings to identify osteoporosis risk. This is non-diagnostic and not beneficial for those already diagnosed with osteopenia or osteoporosis. In person. Registration required.



For Teens

Finding Your Dream Colleges

Wednesday, July 15, 6:00 p.m.

With thousands of distinct, attractive colleges across the country, there's plenty of best-fit schools waiting to welcome you. But how do you find them? And what are they looking for in applicants? We'll review what "dream colleges" means, the factors that comprise a best-fit school, and components of the application process—so that once you find your dream schools, you can apply with confidence. In person. Registration required.

Pathways In Medicine & Science: Exploring Careers That Change Lives

Saturday July 18, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Join us for an inspiring panel featuring professionals from different areas of medicine and science as they share their career journeys, daily responsibilities, and advice for students interested in healthcare, research, and STEM. This event is designed for middle and high school students who want to learn about the many paths available in the medical and science fields beyond just becoming a doctor. Students will have the opportunity to hear real experiences, ask questions, and discover how their interests in science, helping others, technology, and problem-solving can turn into meaningful future careers. In person. Registration required.

Killer Math: Cracking 700+ on the SAT

Tuesday, July 29, 6:00 p.m.

There's Vector Calculus, Differential Equations, and other PhD math—and then there's the seemingly impenetrable hard questions of the SAT Math Module 2. How do top scorers crack these puzzles in under two minutes apiece? We'll reveal some of the tips that our most in-demand tutors provide their already high-scoring students to help them earn the rarefied math scores that elite schools have come to expect of their applicants. In person. Registration required.



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Pop-Up Shop



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. This space is not intended to sell a service. Applications are available in the library and at www.monroetwplibrary.org/popup-shops

Meetings

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, July 21, 6:30 p.m.

Friends of the Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 28, 3:00 p.m.

On Display

Lobby Display Case

A collection celebrating the Colonial Days of New Jersey throughout the month of July 2026.

Fine Arts Gallery

The National Association of Women Artists (NAWA) will present **HerStory250**, an exhibition celebrating women's contributions to American history and their pursuit of the nation's founding ideals. Sponsored by the Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission, the exhibit will be on display in the Fine Arts Gallery throughout July and August 2026.

Cultural Arts

PRINCETON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
ROSSEN MILANOV, MUSIC DIRECTOR

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.

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!	

Visit the Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission website at www.monroetownshiparts.com or scan the QR code for information on all Cultural Arts events and sign up for the eNewsletter.



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JULY 2026 AT A GLANCE

WED	1	11:00	Book Café	In Person
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WED	1	2:00	Paws & Relax: Adult Coloring with Lucy the Therapy Dog	In Person
WED	1	2:30 - 5:00	World Cinema Wednesday <i>As It Is in Heaven</i>	In Person
THU	2	2:30 - 6:30	Farmers Market	In Person
FRI	3		Library Closed	
SAT	4		Library Closed	
TUE	7	11:00	America's 250 Book Discussion	Hybrid
TUE	7	1:00 - 6:00	Blood Drive	In Person
TUE	7	2:30	Veterans' Support Group	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 - 3:30	Genealogy Club	In Person
WED	8	3:00 - 5:00	Crafty Creations	In Person
WED	8	3:00 - 4:30	Getting Started with Computers	In Person
WED	8	6:30 - 8:00	Getting Started with Computers	In Person
WED	8	7:00	Caregiver Support Group	Online
WED	8	7:30	Cool Down Mocktail Trivia Night	Online
THU	9	11:00	Literary Book Club	In Person
THU	9	2:30	International Film Discussion <i>Parasite</i>	Online
THU	9	2:30 - 6:30	Farmers Market	In Person
FRI	10	2:00 - 3:30	Lest We Forget Museum of Slavery	In Person
FRI	10	2:00 - 4:00	Mahjong Club (Chinese Style)	In Person
SAT	11	10:00 - 4:00	Pop-Up Shop <i>Avi Crochet</i>	In Person
SAT	11	11:00	Composting: Turn Food Scraps Into Garden Gold	Hybrid
SUN	12	12:00	Design Your Own Beach Tote	In Person
MON	13	11:00	Poetry Workshop	In Person
MON	13	2:00	Design Your Own Beach Tote	In Person
MON	13	3:00	Meet Your Sewing Machine	In Person
MON	13	7:00	Women Writers Book Discussion	In Person
TUE	14	3:30	Photography Club	In Person
TUE	14	5:00	Mix & Mingle Social for Adults with Special Needs	In Person
TUE	14	6:30 - 8:00	Get Your Mahjong On (American Style)	In Person
TUE	14	7:00	Author Talk: Karin Slaughter	Online
WED	15	2:00	Women in Princeton's History	In Person
WED	15	3:00 - 4:30	Internet Basics	In Person
WED	15	3:00 - 4:30	Simple Bookbinding	In Person
WED	15	6:00	Finding Your Dream Colleges	In Person
WED	15	6:00	Cooking for One or Two?	Online
WED	15	6:30 - 8:00	Internet Basics	In Person
WED	15	7:30	Intro to Chair Yoga	Online
THU	16	11:00	Page Turners	Hybrid
THU	16	2:00	Author Talk: Reyna Grande	Online
THU	16	2:30 - 6:30	Farmers Market	In Person
THU	16	6:30	Meet Your Sewing Machine	In Person
FRI	17	10:30 - 12:00	Sit-N-Stitch	In Person
SAT	18	1:30 - 3:00	Pathways in Medicine & Science	In Person
SUN	19	2:00	Magic the Gathering	In Person
SUN	19	2:30	Family Karaoke	In Person
MON	20	2:00	Non-Fiction Book Discussion	In Person
TUE	21	11:00	Cozy Mystery Book Club	Hybrid
TUE	21	6:30	Library Board of Trustees Meeting	In Person
WED	22	11:00 - 4:30	Short Film Festival	In Person
WED	22	3:00 - 4:30	Microsoft Excel Worksheet Basics	In Person
WED	22	6:00 - 8:00	Crafty Creations	In Person
WED	22	6:30 - 8:00	Microsoft Excel Worksheet Basics	In Person
WED	22	7:30	Peach Jam	Online
THU	23	2:00	Short Story Discussion Group	In Person
THU	23	2:30 - 6:30	Farmers Market	In Person
FRI	24	2:30	Friday Afternoon Movie <i>Eddie the Eagle</i>	In Person
TUE	28	10:00 - 11:30	Bone Density Screening	In Person
TUE	28	2:00	Author Talk: Dr. Marisa Franco	Online
TUE	28	3:00	Friends of the Library Board Meeting	In Person
WED	29	3:00 - 4:30	Microsoft Word Basics	In Person
WED	29	6:00	Killer Math: Cracking 700+ on the SAT	In Person
WED	29	6:30 - 8:00	Microsoft Word Basics	In Person
THU	30	2:30 - 6:30	Farmers Market	In Person



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