

AUGUST 2026 HAPPENINGS



MICROPLASTICS AND FOREVER CHEMICALS: HOW TO AVOID THEM **SATURDAY, AUGUST 8** **11:00 A.M.**

Microplastics, tiny plastic fragments less than 5 millimeters in size, pose potential serious health and environmental risks. Sponsored by the Monroe Township Environmental Commission. Hybrid. Attend in-person or register with an email to receive the Zoom link. Walk-ins welcome.



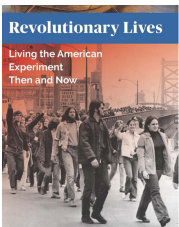
MEET THE WOLFDogs **MONDAY, AUGUST 17** **3:00 P.M.**

Meet the Wolfdogs of Howling Woods Farm. Learn about the lives and habits of wolves and wolfdogs with the experts from Howling Woods Farm and get to meet a real live wolfdog in person! Don't miss these majestic creatures at this special all-ages event! In person. Registration required.



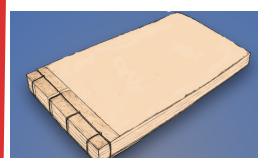
HERSTORY250 EXHIBITION **ARTIST GALLERY TALK** **SUNDAY, AUGUST 23** **2:00 P.M.**

Meet the artists and gain insight into their artistic journey and inspiration behind their work currently on display in the Library's Fine Arts Gallery. Sponsored by the Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission. In person. Registration required.



REVOLUTIONARY LIVES **TRAVELING EXHIBITION** **THROUGH** **TUESDAY, AUGUST 11**

Drop in 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. In person. Registration not required.



BOOKBINDING FOR **ADULT BEGINNERS** **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26** **3:00 P.M.**

Learn how to make a Japanese-style 4-hole stitched notebook. You'll come away able to create hand sewn books inspired by traditional Japanese bookbinding designs. All materials provided. In person. Registration required.

Book Discussions

Book Café

Wednesday, August 5

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

In person. Registration required.

Coffee and a Book

Tuesday, August 18, 11:00 a.m.

Hybrid. Registration required.

The Original Daughter by Jemimah Wei

Page Turners

Thursday, August 20, 11:00 a.m.

Hybrid. Registration required.

The theme for August is Summer Camp; books set at or about summer camp.

Fantasy & Science Fiction Reading Group

Tuesday, August 25, 6:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

The Left Hand of Darkness by Ursula K. LeGuin

Short Story Discussion Group

Thursday, August 27, 2:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

"Pet Milk" by Stuart Dybek in The Penguin Book of the Modern American Short Story and "The Hare" by Ismael Ramos (translated by Jacob Rogers).

All You Need is Love Book Club

Friday, August 28, 11:00 a.m.

Hybrid. Registration required.

Every Tom, Dick & Harry by Elinor Lipman



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

Legacy of Julia Child's Kitchen

Tuesday, August 4, 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a conversation that's sure to warm your heart (and make your stomach rumble), as we delve into the legacy of cooking icon Julia Child with Smithsonian curator and public historian Paula J. Johnson, author of *Julia Child's Kitchen: The Design, Tools, Stories, and Legacy of an Iconic Space*. The book includes interviews with chefs who knew Julia well, commentary on her favorite culinary tools and kitchen gadgets, and a stunning array of photos.

Beronda Montgomery

Tuesday, August 25, 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a riveting conversation with award-winning biologist Beronda Montgomery as we discuss her book, *When Trees Testify: Science, Wisdom, History, and America's Black Botanical Legacy*.

Lucy Foley

Thursday, August 27, 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a thrilling conversation with acclaimed author Lucy Foley as we delve into her brand-new Miss Marple mystery, *Murder at the Grand Alpine Hotel*.



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

Paws & Relax: Adult Coloring with Lucy the Therapy Dog
Wednesday, August 5, 2:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Mahjong Club (Chinese Style)
Friday, August 7, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Poetry Workshop
Monday, August 10, 11:00 a.m.
In person. Registration required.

Photography Club
Tuesday, August 11, 3:30 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.

Mix & Mingle Social for Adults with Special Needs
Tuesday, August 11, 5:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Genealogy Club
Wednesday, August 12, 2:00 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.

The Music Lounge
Thursday, August 13, 3:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.
Johnny Mathis

Get Your Mahj On (American Style)
Friday, August 14, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Magic the Gathering Casual Play
Sunday, August 16, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.

Support Groups

Veterans' Support Group
Tuesday, August 4, 2:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

S.H.E. (Strong, Healthy & Empowered) Women's Wellness
Thursday, August 6, 2:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Spouse Caregiver Support Group Online
Tuesday, August 11, 2:00 p.m.
Online. Registration required.

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

Caregiver Support Group Online
Wednesday, August 12, 7:00 p.m.
Online. Registration required.

Hope in Healing Chronic Illness Group
Thursday, August 20, 2:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.



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Films

World Cinema Wednesday

Wednesday, August 5, 2:30 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.

The Teacher (2023, Palestine)

International Film Discussion

Thursday, August 13, 2:30 p.m.

Online. Registration required.

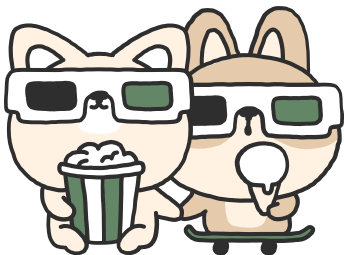
The Teacher (2023, Palestine)

Friday Afternoon Movie

Friday, August 28, 2:30 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.

Mrs. Doubtfire



Teens

Killer Reading/Writing: Cracking 700+ on the SAT

Wednesday, August 12, 6:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Check out the Teen Page on the Library's website and follow us on instagram @MTPL_teens for more.

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

Monday, August 10

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

In person. Registration required.

Internet Basics

Monday, August 17

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

In person. Registration required.

Microsoft Excel Worksheet Basics

Monday, August 24

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

In person. Registration required.

Microsoft Word Basics

Monday, August 31

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

In person. Registration required.



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Make & Create

Open Sewing

Monday, August 3, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. OR
Thursday, August 6, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Paint the Monroe Oak

Monday, August 3, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Crafty Creations: Quilled Dragonfly Earrings

Wednesday, August 5, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 12, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Sit-N-Stitch

Fridays, August 7 & 21, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.

Make a Wax Paper Lantern

Sunday, August 9, 12:00 p.m. OR

Monday, August 10, 2:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Sew a Craft/Garden Apron

Thursday, August 27, 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.



Virtual Cooking Classes with Library Chef

Beat the Heat: No/Low Cook

Wednesday, August 5, 7:30 p.m.

Tofu Basics: Spicy Tofu Lettuce Wraps

Wednesday, August 12, 7:30 p.m.

Small Knife vs Big Knife: Cleaning Fruit and Fruit Kebobs

Wednesday, August 19, 6:00 p.m.

Meditation Basics with Melissa

Wednesday, August 19, 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST PROGRAM at YOUR LIBRARY		LIVE ONLINE SESSIONS	
FREE with your Library card.			
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5		BEAT THE HEAT: NO/LOW COOK SOON TO BE FOOD FAV'S Participants will create fresh Caprese Stuffed Avocado and DIY Summer Rolls using simple techniques. Learn knife skills!	7:30 PM ET 6:30 PM CT 4:30 PM PT
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12		TOFU BASICS: SPICY TOFU LETTUCE WRAPS Make this quick, flavorful plant-based wrap that's light, tasty, and satisfying.	7:30 PM ET 6:30 PM CT 4:30 PM PT
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19		SMALL KNIFE VS BIG KNIFE: CLEANING FRUIT AND FRUIT KEBOBS Learn the easy way to prep fruit safely and make fun, healthy kebobs.	6:00 PM ET 5:00 PM CT 3:00 PM PT
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19		MEDITATION BASICS WITH MELISSA Learn beginner-friendly meditation techniques to reduce stress, improve focus, and cultivate calm in daily life.	7:30 PM ET 6:30 PM CT 4:30 PM PT

LIVE. LEARN. CONNECT.
All from the comfort of home.

EASY TO JOIN.
Just log in and enjoy!

FREE with your library card.

FUN. EASY. INSPIRING.
We can't wait to see you online!

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

Friends of the Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 25, 3:00 p.m.

Pop-Up Shops

Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

August 8: Scentsy and Diamond Bloom

Scentsy carries flameless fragrance products, diffusers, room sprays, pet care products and more! **Diamond Bloom** presents quartz jewelry and crystals, including bracelets, necklaces, earrings, and rings.

August 15: Amazing Robin Gifts

Amazing Robin Gifts features gift boxes with stationery items, candles, premium teas, and art prints.

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

On Display

Lobby Display Case

The Lobby Display Case will feature photos of library staff pets in recognition of International Cat Day, National Spoil Your Dog Day, and Clear the Shelters Day.

Fine Arts Gallery

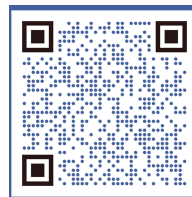
The National Association of Women Artists (NAWA) will present **HerStory250**, an exhibition celebrating women's contributions to American history and their pursuit of the nation's founding ideals. Sponsored by the Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission, the exhibit will be on display through the end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

Bookmobile & Outreach

Visit the Library at **National Night Out** on Tuesday, August 4, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Thompson Park Lake Area.



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!



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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 every Thursday from 2:30–6:30 p.m. through September 10th. Enjoy 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, 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

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!



FALL CONCERT AT DEY FARM HISTORIC SITE

401 Federal Road, Monroe Township NJ 08831

Thursday, September 17, 2026

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

DETAILS TO FOLLOW!



Visit MTCAC website by scanning QR code or going to <https://www.monroetownshiparts.com>
Contact phone number 732.521.5000 ext.180



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



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AUGUST 2026 AT A GLANCE

MON	3	3:00 - 5:00	Open Sewing	In person
MON	3	5:30 - 7:30	Paint the Monroe Oak	In person
TUE	4	2:00	Author Talk: Legacy of Julia Child's Kitchen	Online
TUE	4	2:30	Veterans' Support Group	In person
WED	5	11:00	Book Café	In person
WED	5	1:00	Book Café	In person
WED	5	2:00	Paws & Relax: Adult Coloring with Lucy	In person
WED	5	2:30	World Cinema Wednesday <i>The Teacher</i>	In person
WED	5	6:00 - 8:00	Crafty Creations: Quilled Dragonfly Earrings	In person
WED	5	7:30	Beat the Heat: No/Low Cook	Online
THU	6		S.H.E. (Strong, Healthy & Empowered) Women's Wellness	In person
THU	6	2:30 - 6:30	Farmers Market	In person
THU	6	6:30 - 8:30	Open Sewing	In person
FRI	7	10:30 - 12:00	Sit-N-Stitch	In person
FRI	7	2:00 - 4:00	Mahjong Club (Chinese style)	In person
SAT	8	10:00 - 4:00	Pop-Up Shop <i>Scentsy with Diamond Bloom</i>	In person
SAT	8	11:00	Microplastics and Forever Chemicals: How to Avoid Them	Hybrid
SUN	9	12:00	Make a Wax Paper Lantern	In person
MON	10	11:00 - 12:30	Poetry Workshop	In person
MON	10	2:00	Make a Wax Paper Lantern	In person
MON	10	3:00 - 4:30	Getting Started with Computers	In person
MON	10	6:30 - 8:00	Getting Started with Computers	In person
TUE	11	2:00	Spouse Caregiver Support Group	Online
TUE	11	3:30	Photography	In person
TUE	11	5:00	Mix & Mingle Social for Adults with Special Needs	In person
WED	12	11:00 - 12:30	Caregiver Support Group	In person
WED	12	2:00	Genealogy Club	In person
WED	12	3:00 - 5:00	Crafty Creations: Quilled Dragonfly Earrings	In person
WED	12	6:00	Killer Reading/Writing: Cracking 700+ on the SAT	In person
WED	12	7:00	Caregiver Support Group Online	Online
WED	12	7:30	Tofu Basics: Spicy Tofu Lettuce Wraps	Online
THU	13	2:30	International Film Discussion <i>The Teacher</i>	Online
THU	13	2:30 - 6:30	Farmers Market	In person
THU	13	3:00	The Music Lounge	In person
FRI	14	10:00 - 12:00	Get Your Mahj On	In person
SAT	15	10:00 - 4:00	Pop-Up Shop <i>Amazing Robin Gifts</i>	In person
SUN	16	2:00 - 4:00	Magic the Gathering Casual Play	In person
MON	17	3:00	Meet the Wolfdogs	In person
MON	17	3:00 - 4:30	Internet Basics	In person
MON	17	6:30 - 8:00	Internet Basics	In person
TUE	18	11:00	Coffee and a Book	Hybrid
WED	19	6:00	Small Knife vs Big Knife: Cleaning Fruit and Fruit Kebobs	Online
WED	19	7:30	Meditation Basics with Melissa	Online
THU	20	11:00	Page Turners	Hybrid
THU	20	2:00	Hope in Healing Chronic Illness Group	In person
THU	20	2:30 - 6:30	Farmers Market	In person
FRI	21	10:30 - 12:00	Sit-N-Stitch	In person
MON	24	3:00 - 4:30	Microsoft Excel Basics	In person
MON	24	6:30 - 8:00	Microsoft Excel Basics	In person
TUE	25	2:00	Author Talk: Beronda Montgomery	Online
TUE	25	3:00	Friends of the Library Board Meeting	In person
TUE	25	6:30	Fantasy & Science Fiction Reading Group	In person
WED	26	3:00	Bookbinding for Adult Beginners	In person
THU	27	2:00	Short Story Discussion Group	In person
THU	27	2:00	Author Talk: Lucy Foley	Online
THU	27	2:30 - 6:30	Farmers Market	In person
THU	27	6:30 - 8:30	Sew a Craft/ Garden Apron	In person
FRI	28	11:00	All You Need is Love Book Club	Hybrid
FRI	28	2:30	Friday Afternoon Movie <i>Mrs. Doubtfire</i>	In person
MON	31	3:00 - 4:30	Microsoft Word Basics	In person
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