

OCTOBER 2026 HAPPENINGS



OPEN GAME PLAY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Bring your favorite game and enjoy playing and meeting game enthusiasts. Come with friends or on your own. Participants should be familiar with the rules of the game they wish to play. Drop in. Registration not required.



HALLOWEEN MOVIE MUSIC SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Get into the Halloween spirit with Halloween movie soundtrack favorites performed by the **Patrick Kerssen Trio**! Enjoy singing along and learning fun behind-the-scenes facts about the music and the movies. In person. Registration required.

REVOLUTION TO REPUBLIC SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.



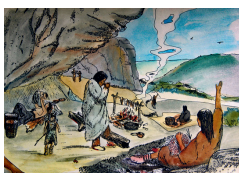
Monroe Township Historian **John Katerba** and **Kyle Johannesson** present Monroe's role during the American Revolution & how the Township helped serve as a cornerstone of the American Republic. In person. Registration required.

REVOLUTIONARY PRIDE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 2:00 P.M.

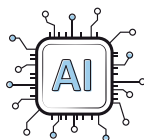


LGBTQIA2S+ people are no strangers to revolutions. So who were some of the queer people who lived during the American Revolution? Learn the history of people who have always been here and who have always been ready to fight. In person. Registration required.

FIRST PEOPLE: THE NEW JERSEY CONNECTION THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 1:00 P.M.



Historian **Walter Choroszewski** explores the Lenape through artifacts uncovered at New Jersey archaeological sites and historical accounts from the first encounters with European colonists in the 17th and 18th centuries. Sponsored by the Monroe Township Historic Preservation Commission. In person. Registration required.



AI ENABLED SCAM AND FRAUD FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 2:00 P.M.

Artificial Intelligence is reshaping how we work and connect with each other - but what does that actually mean for our every day lives, and what future are we heading towards? Join us as we discuss how AI is affecting a specific part of our lives: our digital and physical safety. In person. Registration required.



RECYCLING DOS & DON'TS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 11:00 A.M.

Carolyn Barna of Monroe Twp's Public Works Department will answer your questions about recycling. Sponsored by the Monroe Twp Environmental Commission. Hybrid. Attend in-person or register with an email to receive the link. Walk-ins welcome.

SERENATA LATIN MUSIC SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.



Join us for an afternoon of salsa, son, bolero, cumbia, bachata, and merengue, brought to life by the dynamic Latin music duo of **Anais Alonso** and **Tony Corsano**. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. In person. Registration required.

Book Discussions

Book Café

Wednesday, October 7

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

In person. Registration required.

Page Turners

Thursday, October 15, 11:00 a.m.

Hybrid. Registration required.

Under a Spell: Witches & Mythical Creatures

Women Writers Book Discussion

Monday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier

Coffee and a Book

Tuesday, October 20, 11:00 a.m.

Hybrid. Registration required.

The Irish Goodbye by Heather Aimee O'Neill

Silent Book Club

Wednesday, October 21, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Short Story Discussion Group

Thursday, October 22, 2:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

"Salvador Late or Early" by Sandra Cisneros in The Penguin Book of the Modern American Short Story and "Five Bridges" by Colm Tóibín

All You Need is Love Book Club

Friday, October 23, 11:00 a.m.

Hybrid. Registration required.

The Unhoneymooners by Christina Lauren



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

Veronica Roth

Thursday, October 1, 7:00 p.m.

A single choice can transform your destiny. Join us for an online conversation with #1 New York Times bestselling author Veronica Roth as we discuss her Divergent series, one of the most iconic young adult series of a generation, and get an exclusive sneak peek into her highly anticipated upcoming novel, The Sixth Faction!

Smithsonian Curator Carolyn Russo

Thursday, October 8, 2:00 p.m.

Acclaimed author and Smithsonian curator Carolyn Russo will discuss her book, The Ascent of Rauschenberg. Explore the towering legacy, unexpected inspirations, and creative heights of one of America's most influential artistic icons.

David Epstein

Tuesday, October 13, 2:00 p.m.

Bestselling author David Epstein discusses his latest book, Inside the Box. We are constantly told to "think outside the box" to innovate, solve complex problems, and reach our goals. But what if the secret to true breakthrough creativity and peak performance actually lies in working within our limitations?



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

Poetry Workshop

Monday, October 5, 11:00 a.m.

In person. Registration required.

Genealogy Club *guest speaker*

10 Best Tips for Finding Your Ancestors

Wednesday, October 7, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.

The Music Lounge

Thursday, October 8, 3:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Carole King

Magic the Gathering Casual Play

Sunday, October 11, 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.

Photography Club

Tuesday, October 13, 3:30 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.

Mix & Mingle Social for Adults with Special Needs

Tuesday, October 13, 5:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Creative Writing Workshop

Wednesday, October 14

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Paws & Relax: Adult Coloring with Lucy the Therapy Dog

Wednesday, October 14, 2:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Canasta

Monday, October 19, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Support Groups

S.H.E. (Strong, Healthy & Empowered)

Women's Wellness

Thursday, October 1, 2:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Bereavement Support Group

Monday, October 5, 1:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Spouse Caregiver Support Group

Tuesday, October 13, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Caregiver Support Group

Wednesday, October 14

11:00 a.m.

Typically, in person but will take place online via Zoom Oct & Nov 2026.

Registration required.

Caregiver Support Group Online

Wednesday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.

Online. Registration required.

Caregivers Unwind

(Formerly called A Time for Me Caregivers Support Group)

Thursday, October 15

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

In person. Registration required.

Hope in Healing Chronic Illness Group

Thursday, October 15, 2:00 p.m.

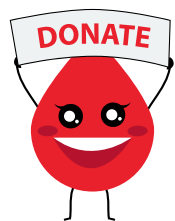
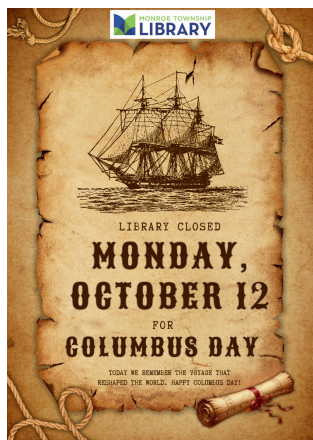
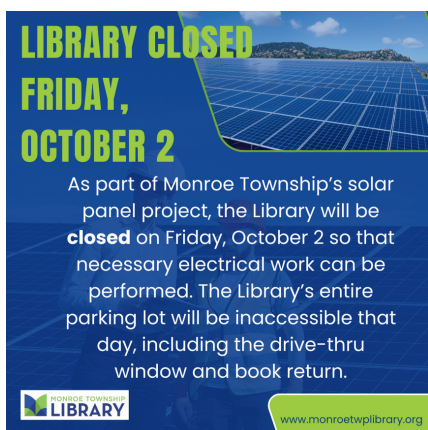
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Library Holiday & Closing

The Library will be closed on **Friday, October 2** so that necessary electrical work can be performed in preparation for the Township's solar panel project and on **Monday, October 12** in observance of Columbus Day.



Blood Drive

Sunday, October 18

10:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Films

World Cinema Wednesday

Wednesday, October 7, 2:30 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.

The Official Story (1985, Argentina)

International Film Discussion

Thursday, October 8, 2:30 p.m.

Online. Registration required.

The Official Story (1985, Argentina)

Friday Afternoon Movie

will return next month

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

Wednesday, October 7

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

In person. Registration required.

Internet Basics

Wednesday, October 14

3:30 - 5:00 p.m. OR 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Microsoft Excel Worksheet Basics

Wednesday, October 21

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

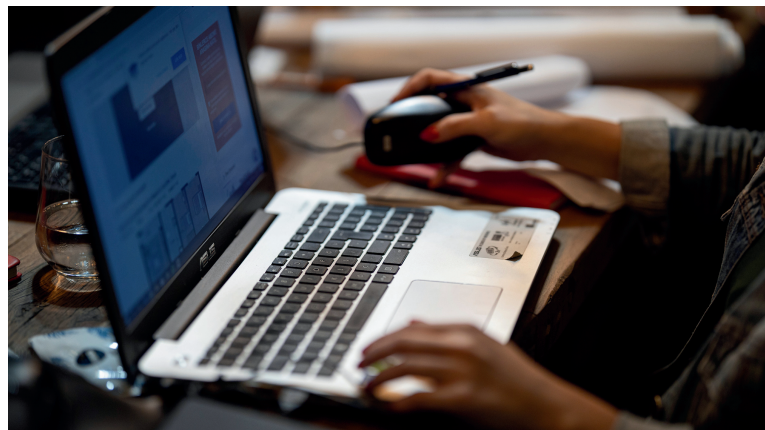
In person. Registration required.

Microsoft Word Basics

Tuesday, October 27

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

In person. Registration required.



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Make & Create

Crafty Creations: Quilled Notebook Cover

Wednesday, October 7, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Sit-N-Stitch

Friday, October 16, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

In person. Registration not required.

Design Your Own Personalized Bandana

Friday, October 16, 2:00 p.m. OR

Sunday, October 18, 12:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

(Re)Make It: Bedazzle Your Favorite Book

Monday, October 19, 2:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Open Sewing

Monday, October 19, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. OR

Thursday, October 22, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Crafty Creations: Diwali Candle Holders

Thursday, October 29, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

In person. Registration required.

Sewing Project Class: Pillowcase

Thursday, October 29, 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

Apple and Goat Cheese Filo Triangles

Wednesday, October 7, 6:00 p.m.

New Jersey Author Talk:

On the Rocks: The Primadonna Story

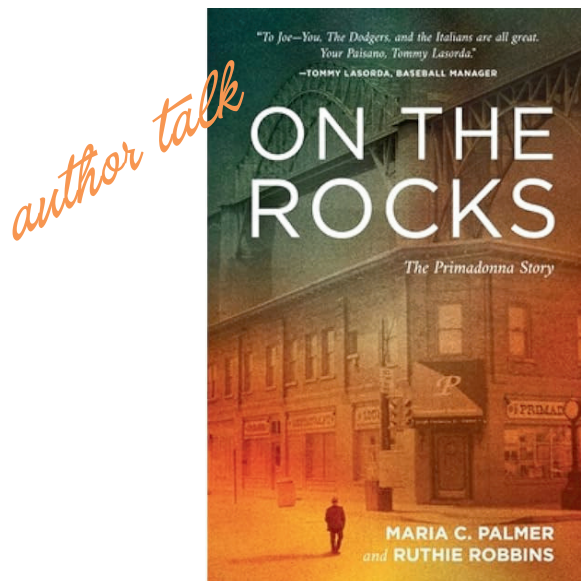
Wednesday, October 7, 7:00 p.m.

Spooky "Eye" Deviled Eggs

Wednesday, October 14, 7:30 p.m.

Intro to Sound Bowls with Melissa

Wednesday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.



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, October 20, 6:30 p.m.

Friends of the Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 27, 3:00 p.m.



Pop-Up Shops

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

October 3: Park Lane Jewelry high end fashion jewelry for all budgets

October 17: Morphic Mesh 3D 3D pop culture prints, giant Lego, flexi, magnets and keychains

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 Monroe Township Friends of the Library will be celebrating Friends of the Library Week in the Lobby Display throughout the month of October.

Fine Arts Gallery

Original quilt designs/wall hangings by Monroe resident Brenda LaDuke will be on display in the Fine Arts Gallery through October 2026.

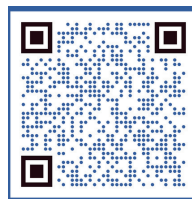
Bookmobile & Outreach

See the Book Bike at **Hometown Heritage Day** on Sunday, October 4 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Dey Farm Historic Site at 401 Federal Road.

Visit the Bookmobile at **Octoberfest** on Sunday, October 18 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Community Center at 120 Monmouth Road.



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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Harvest Market

Save the date for the Tuesday before Thanksgiving for the Harvest Market!



Historic Bus Tour

Saturday, October 17
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

For adults 18+. Registration required. Join Township Historian **John Katerba** for a guided 1.5-hour bus tour of historic Revolutionary sites throughout Monroe Township. The tour departs from the Monroe Township Public Library at 10:00 a.m., with a mid-tour break at Dey Farm, and returns to the library at approximately 11:30 a.m. Tour highlights include the David Brainerd Bethel Site, Monroe Oak, Red Tavern/Applegate Site, Paul Miller House/Farm, John Anderson House, Joseph Story/Hoffman Cemetery, State Home Site, Lakeview House, and the Manalapan Lake Dam. Cosponsored by the Historic Preservation Commission.

Cultural Arts

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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OCTOBER 2026 AT A GLANCE

THU	1	10:00 - 12:00	Open Game Play	In person
THU	1	2:00	S.H.E. Women's Wellness	In person
THU	1	7:00	Author Talk: Veronica Roth	Online
FRI	2		<i>Library Closed for Solar Project Electrical Work</i>	
SAT	3	10:00 - 4:00	Pop-Up Shop <i>Park Lane Jewelry</i>	In person
SAT	3	1:00 - 2:30	Revolution to Republic : Monroe's Role in the American Revolution and Beyond	In person
MON	5	11:00	Poetry Workshop	In person
MON	5	1:00	Bereavement Support Group	In person
WED	7	10:00 - 12:00	AMatter of Balance	In person
WED	7	11:00	Book Café	In person
WED	7	1:00	Book Café	In person
WED	7	2:00 - 3:30	Genealogy Club	In person
WED	7	2:30	World Cinema Wednesday <i>The Official Story</i>	In person
WED	7	3:00 - 4:30	Getting Started with Computers	In person
WED	7	6:00	Apple and Goat Cheese Filo Triangles	Online
WED	7	6:00 - 8:00	Crafty Creations: Quilled Notebook Cover	In person
WED	7	6:30 - 8:00	Getting Started with Computers	In person
WED	7	7:00	New Jersey Author Talk: On the Rocks: The Primadonna Story	Online
THU	8	1:00	First People: The New Jersey Connection	In person
THU	8	2:00	Author Talk: Smithsonian Curator Carolyn Russo	Online
THU	8	2:30	International Film Discussion <i>The Official Story</i>	Online
THU	8	3:00	The Music Lounge	In person
FRI	9	10:00 - 12:00	AMatter of Balance	In person
SAT	10	11:00	Recycling Dos & Don'ts	Hybrid
SAT	10	2:00 - 3:30	Halloween Movie Music - The Patrick Kerssen Trio	In person
SUN	11	2:00	Revolutionary Pride	In person
SUN	11	2:00 - 4:30	Magic the Gathering Casual Play	In person
MON	12		<i>Library Closed for Columbus Day</i>	
TUE	13	2:00 - 3:30	Spouse Caregiver Support Group	In person
TUE	13	2:00	Author Talk: David Epstein	Online
TUE	13	3:30	Photography Club	In person
TUE	13	5:00	Mix & Mingle	In person
WED	14	11:00	Caregiver Support Group - online this session	Online
WED	14	12:30 - 2:30	Creative Writing Workshop	In person
WED	14	2:00	Paws & Relax: Adult Coloring with Lucy the Therapy Dog	In person
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THU	15	11:00 - 12:30	Caregivers Unwind	In person
THU	15	2:00	Hope in Healing Chronic Illness Group	In person
FRI	16	10:30 - 12:00	Sit-N-Stitch	In person
FRI	16	2:00	AI Enabled Scam and Fraud	In person
FRI	16	2:00	Design Your Own Personalized Bandana	In person
SAT	17	10:00 - 11:30	Historic Bus Tour	In person
SAT	17	10:00 - 4:00	Pop-Up Shop <i>Morphic Mesh 3D</i>	In person
SAT	17	1:00 - 2:30	Serenata Latin Music	In person
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WED	21	6:30 - 8:00	Microsoft Excel Worksheet Basics	In person
WED	21	7:30	Intro to Sound Bowls with Melissa	Online
THU	22	2:00	Short Story Discussion Group	In person
THU	22	6:30 - 8:30	Open Sewing	In person
FRI	23	11:00	All You Need Is Love Book Club	Hybrid
TUE	27	3:00 - 4:30	Microsoft Word Basics	In person
TUE	27	3:00	Friends of the Library Board Meeting	In person
TUE	27	6:30 - 8:00	Microsoft Word Basics	In person
THU	29	4:00 - 6:00	Crafty Creations: Diwali Candle Holders	In person
THU	29	6:30 - 8:30	Sewing Project Class: Pillowcase	In person