MONROE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

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Monday-Thursday	9:30am-9:00pm
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Saturday & Sunday	10:00am-5:00pm

DECEMBER 2026 HAPPENINGS



STATE OPERA OF NEW JERSEY: MUSIC FROM THE HISPANIC WORLD
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
1:00 P.M.

This lecture performance focuses on music that originated in Spain and traveled to Latin America. The program will contain music by composers such as Ponce de Leon, Camille Saint-Saëns, Enrique Granados and others. Ending the program will be an exciting medley of Romanzas and duets by 19th century composers active during the golden age of Zarzuela (Spanish dramatic music) in Spain and Cuba. In person. Registration not required. Open seating. Sponsored by the Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission.



TWELFTH NIGHT
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15
11:00 A.M.

Discover the history of winter celebrations, from ancient solstice festivals and the Roman feast of Saturnalia to the boisterous holiday traditions of Colonial America. Explore a time of feasting, dancing, drinking songs, games and Twelfth Night festivities enjoyed by everyone from ordinary colonists to George Washington and other Founding Fathers. Historian and musician **Linda Russell** brings this lively history to life through traditional songs, poems and music. In person. Registration required. Sponsored by the Monroe Township Historic Preservation Commission.



PRINCETON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: SOUNDS OF THE SEASON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10
1:00 P.M.

The Princeton Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet presents "Sounds of the Season". Embrace the season with jubilant carols, classics, and holiday favorites. In person. Registration not required. Open seating. Sponsored by the Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission.



REMEMBER THE LADIES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17
11:00 A.M.

From women whose names are familiar to those whose stories have largely faded from our collective memory, **T.J. Fallon**, host of the *Dead History* channel, brings to life these remarkable women and offers a fresh perspective on the American Revolution. In person. Registration required. Sponsored by the Monroe Township Historic Preservation Commission.



THE FOUR Rs OF RECYCLING
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
11:00 A.M.

Presented by **Mihir Majmundar**, Chairperson of Monroe Township Environmental Commission. Sponsored by the Monroe Township Environmental Commission. Hybrid. Attend in-person or via Zoom. Walk-ins welcome. Zoom link is available in the event listing on the Library's website.



BOOMERS VS. ZOOMERS TRIVIA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 28
2:00 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

We're hosting a Boomers vs. Zoomers pub-style trivia event with category rounds including questions from both generations and teams of up to 4 players. In person. Registration required.

Book Discussions

Book Café
Wednesday, December 2
11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Women Writers Book Discussion
Monday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.
The Eights by Joanna Miller

Coffee and a Book
Tuesday, December 15, 11:00 a.m.
Hybrid. Registration required.
The Travelling Cat Chronicles by Hiro Arikawa

Page Turners
Thursday, December 17, 11:00 a.m.
Hybrid. Registration required.
Family Dynamics

Short Story Discussion Group
Thursday, December 17, 2:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.
"River of Names" by Dorothy Allison in The Penguin Book of the Modern American Short Story and "Love of My Days" by Louise Erdrich

All You Need is Love Book Club
Friday, December 18, 11:00 a.m.
Hybrid. Registration required.
The Last Love Note by Emma Grey

Fantasy & Science Fiction Reading Group
Tuesday, December 22, 6:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.
The Left Hand of Darkness by Ursula K. Le Guin



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

Helen Scheuerer
Thursday, December 3, 7:00 p.m.
Join us for a conversation with bestselling fantasy author Helen Scheuerer as we delve into her thrilling new novel, *Kiss of the Black Flame*.

Ana Hebra Flaster
Tuesday, December 8, 2:00 p.m.
Join author and essayist Ana Hebra Flaster to discuss her memoir *Property of the Revolution: From a Cuban Barrio to a New Hampshire Mill Town*.

Robin Ha
Thursday, December 10, 2:00 p.m.
Cooking authentic Korean food at home doesn't have to be intimidating or complicated. Explore Robin Ha's New York Times bestselling book, *Cook Korean!: A Comic Book with Recipes* with the author in an online conversation.

Smithsonian Curator Matthew Shindell
Tuesday, December 15, 2:00 p.m.
The Moon captivates our collective imagination, serving as a calendar, a mythic deity, an artistic muse, and a scientific frontier. Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum curator Matthew Shindell presents his book, *Lunar: A History of the Moon in Myths, Maps, and Matter*.

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

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

Photography Club
Tuesday, December 8, 3:30 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.

Mix & Mingle Social for Adults with Special Needs
Tuesday, December 8, 5:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Creative Writing Workshop
Wednesday, December 9
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Genealogy Club
Wednesday, December 9, 2:00 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.

The Music Lounge
Thursday, December 10, 3:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.
Fleetwood Mac

Magic the Gathering Casual Play
Sunday, December 13, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.

Poetry Workshop
Monday, December 14, 11:00 a.m.
In person. Registration required.

Paws & Relax: Adult Coloring with Lucy the Therapy Dog
Wednesday, December 16, 2:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

American Mahjong Open Play
Friday, December 18, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.

Canasta
Monday, December 21, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Support Groups

S.H.E. (Strong, Healthy & Empowered) Women's Wellness
Thursday, December 3, 2:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Spouse Caregiver Support Group
Tuesday, December 8, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Caregiver Support Group
Wednesday, December 9
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Caregiver Support Group Online
Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 p.m.
Online. Registration required.

Caregivers Unwind
(Formerly called A Time for Me Caregivers Support Group)
Thursday, December 17
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.



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Health Programs

Hackensack Meridian Health Wellness Clinic
Friday, December 4, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Hackensack Meridian Health is offering tests for:
- Blood Sugar
- Blood Pressure
- Total Cholesterol
- Pulse
- Stroke Risk Assessment

and individualized health education and resources. Book a timeslot for this clinic by phone or in person.
In person. Registration required.



Jeopardy-Themed Cancer Screening
Monday, December 14, 2:00 p.m.
Jeopardy-themed cancer-screening presentation with **Sara Mehta**, MPH Community Cancer Control Specialist, from *Rutgers Cancer Institute Community Outreach and Engagement*.
In person. Registration required.

Walgreens Vaccine Clinic
Saturday, December 19, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Walgreens will be providing flu, covid, and shingles vaccines.
In person. Registration not required.

Red Cross Blood Drive
Wednesday, December 23, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
With volunteer administrative assistance from the Monroe Township High School Red Cross Club. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: **MTHWRCC** to schedule an appointment.
In person. Registration required.

Technology

Getting Started with Computers
Wednesday, December 9
3:30 - 5:00 p.m. OR 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Internet Basics
Wednesday, December 16
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. OR 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Microsoft Excel Worksheet Basics
Wednesday, December 23
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. OR 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Microsoft Word Basics
Wednesday, December 30
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. OR 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Films

World Cinema Wednesday
Wednesday, December 2, 2:30 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.
Faat Kiné (2001, Senegal)

International Film Discussion
Thursday, December 10, 2:30 p.m.
Online. Registration required.
Faat Kiné (2001, Senegal)

Friday Afternoon Movie
Friday, December 18, 2:30 p.m.
It's a Wonderful Life (1946)



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Make & Create

Crafty Creations: Polymer Clay Ornament
Wednesday, December 2, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 9, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Open Sewing
Thursday, December 3, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. OR
Monday, December 7, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Sit-N-Stitch
Fridays, December 4 & 18
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.

Design Your Own Personalized Apron
Sunday, December 6, 12:00 p.m. OR
Monday, December 7, 2:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Crafty Creations: Open Quilling
Thursday, December 10, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Sewing Project Class: Snap Tray
Thursday, December 10, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

(RE)Make It!: Repurposing Old Maps
Monday, December 21, 2:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

creativebug

Create from Home with Creativebug!
Looking for your next creative project? Explore Creativebug, your library's online resource for thousands of arts and crafts classes. Learn a new hobby, discover fresh inspiration, or build on skills you already have, all from the comfort of your own home, anytime! Visit www.creativebug.com. All you need is your library card number and PIN.

Virtual Cooking Classes with Library Chef



Cucumber Boats and Cups
Wednesday, December 2, 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Crostini & Bruschetta
Wednesday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.

Winter Superfoods Made Simple
Wednesday, December 16, 7:00 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

Friends of the Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 1, 2:00 p.m.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, December 15, 6:30 p.m.

Pop-Up Shop

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
December 5: Park Lane Jewelry (high end fashion jewelry for all budgets) & **Holiday Gifts by Silvia** (gifts for teachers, hairdressers, nurses, and more)



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

POP-UP SHOP
@ Monroe Twp Library

Bookmobile & Outreach



Check out the Bookmobile schedule by scanning the QR code 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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Holidays & Closings

Tuesday, December 1
Library opens at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 24
Thursday, December 31
Library closes early

Friday, December 25
Friday, January 1
Library Closed



On Display

Lobby Display Case
Handmade wooden items created by members of the Greenbriar Woodworking Club will be on exhibit through the month of December 2026.

Fine Arts Gallery
Astrophotography and deep sky photography by **Dr. Ujjwal Datta** will be on display through December 2026.

Cultural Arts

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





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DECEMBER 2026 AT A GLANCE

● In person ○ Online ◐ Hybrid

Tue, Dec 1
10 AM — Library Opens at 10 AM
1 PM — State Opera of New Jersey: Music from the Hispanic World ●
2 PM — Friends of the Library Board Meeting ●

Wed, Dec 2
11 AM & 1 PM — Book Café ●
2:30 PM — World Cinema Wednesday "Faat Kiné" ●
6 PM - 8 PM — Crafty Creations: Polymer Clay Ornament ●
7:30 PM — Cucumber Boats and Cups ○

Thu, Dec 3
2:00 PM — S.H.E Women's Wellness ●
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM — Open Sewing ●
7 PM — Author Talk: Helen Scheuerer ○

Fri, Dec 4
10:30 AM – 12 PM — Sit-N-Stitch ●
1 PM - 4 PM — Wellness Clinic ●
2 PM – 4 PM — Mahjong Club (Chinese) ●

Sat, Dec 5
10 AM - 4 PM — Pop-Up Shops Park Lane Jewelry & Holiday Gifts by Silvia ●

Sun, Dec 6
12 PM — Design Your Own Personalized Apron ●

Mon, Dec 7
2 PM — Design Your Own Personalized Apron ●
3 PM - 5 PM — Open Sewing ●

Tue, Dec 8
2 PM - 3:30 PM — Spouse Caregiver Support Group ●
2 PM — Author Talk: Ana Hebra Flaster ○
3:30 PM — Photography Club ●
5 PM — Mix & Mingle Social for Adults with Special Needs ●

Wed, Dec 9
11 AM - 12:30 PM — Caregiver Support Group ●
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM — Creative Writing Workshop ●
2 PM — Genealogy Club ●
3 PM - 5 PM — Crafty Creations: Polymer Clay Ornament ●
3:30 PM & 6:30 PM — Getting Started with Computers ●
7 PM — Caregiver Support Group Online ○
7:30 PM — Holiday Crostini & Bruschetta ○

Thu, Dec 10
1 PM — Princeton Symphony Orchestra: Sounds of the Season ●
2 PM — Author Talk: Robin Ha ○
2:30 PM — International Film Discussion "Faat Kiné" ○
3 PM — The Music Lounge ●
6 PM - 8 PM — Crafty Creations: Open Quilling ●
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM — Sewing Project Class: Snap Tray ●

Sat, Dec 12
11 AM — The Four Rs of Recycling ◐

Sun, Dec 13
2 PM – 4:30 PM — Magic the Gathering ●

Mon, Dec 14
11 AM — Poetry Workshop ●
2 PM — Jeopardy-Themed Cancer Screening ●
7 PM — Women Writers Book Discussion ●

Tue, Dec 15
11 AM — Twelfth Night ●
11 AM — Coffee and a Book ◐
2 PM — Author Talk: Smithsonian Curator Matthew Shindell ○
6:30 PM — Board of Trustees Meeting ●

Wed, Dec 16
2 PM — Paws & Relax: Adult Coloring with Lucy the Therapy Dog ●
3 PM & 6:30 PM — Internet Basics ●
7 PM — Winter Superfoods Made Simple ○

Thu, Dec 17
11 AM — Remember the Ladies ●
11 AM — Page Turners ◐
11 AM - 12:30 PM — Caregivers Unwind ●
2 PM — Short Story Discussion Group ●

Fri, Dec 18
10:30 AM – 12 PM — Sit-N-Stitch ●
11 AM — All You Need Is Love Book Club ◐
2 PM - 4 PM — American Mahjong Open Play ●
2:30 PM — Friday Afternoon Movie "It's a Wonderful Life" ●

Sat, Dec 19
1 PM - 4 PM — Vaccine Clinic ●

Mon, Dec 21
12 PM -1:30 PM — Canasta ●
2 PM — (RE)Make It! Craft Program: Repurposing Old Maps ●

Tue, Dec 22
6:30 PM — Fantasy & Science Fiction Reading Group ●

Wed, Dec 23
1 PM - 6 PM — Blood Drive ●
3 PM & 6:30 PM — Microsoft Excel Worksheet Basics ●

Thu, Dec 24
Library Closing Early

Fri, Dec 25
Library Closed

Mon, Dec 28
2 PM - 3:30 PM — Boomers vs. Zoomers Trivia ●

Wed, Dec 30
3 PM & 6:30 PM — Microsoft Word Basics ●

Thu, Dec 31
Library Closing Early

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